

HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, NAVA RAIPUR (C.G.)

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 16.10.2022 AT 11:30 A.M.

The meeting of the Academic Council of the Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 16.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in hybrid mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNLU – Chairman
2. Prof.(Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, SRM University, Sonapat
3. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
4. Prof.(Dr.) A. David Ambrose, Former Head (RTD), Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras, Chennai
5. Shri R.K. Tiwari, Principal Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Law and Legislative Affairs Department
6. Prof.(Dr.) Uday Shankar– Member Secretary & Registrar, HNLU
7. Prof.(Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava–Professor & Dean, HNLU
8. Prof.(Dr.) Vishnu Konoorayar– Professor &Dean, HNLU
9. Prof.(Dr.) Jaya Vasudevan–Professor
10. Dr.Dipak Das, Associate Professor
11. Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Associate Professor & Dean, HNLU
12. Dr.Vipin Kumar, Dean (IRAP) – Associate Professor &Dean, HNLU
13. Dr. Avinash Samal, Assistant Professor &Dean (Social Sciences), HNLU
14. Dr. Ayan Hazra, Assistant Professor
15. Dr.Nirmal Kumar Shukla, Senior Advocate
16. Shri H.B. Agrawal, Senior Advocate
17. Shri Govind Ram Miri, Senior Advocate

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of HNLU & Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members present in the meeting and requested Prof.(Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, SRM University and Member to chair the meeting as a token of honour as a former Vice Chancellor of HNLU. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up and decided as under:

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1.	<p><u>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 12.06.2022.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 12.06.2022 is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 12.06.2022 was perused and confirmed by the Academic Council.</p>

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2.	<p><u>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 12.06.2022.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 12.06.2022 is placed for perusal.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 12.06.2022 was perused and confirmed.</p>
3.	<p><u>Academic Achievement at a Glance</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A brief presentation on successful conduct of the CLAT 2022 on June 19th, 2022 was presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the members (b) A brief presentation on the fifth Convocation of HNLU graduating 458 students of the 2020 and 2021 batches of HNLU held on July 31st, 2022 was presented by the Vice Chancellor to the members. (c) A brief presentation on the various academic programmes offline/online done by HNLU in June- October was presented to the members by Dr. Vipin Kumar, Dean at HNLU (d) A briefing on the health facility at HNLU including the first ever Health insurance scheme by HNLU among the Law schools were presented to the members. <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The members congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team at HNLU for the successful conduct of CLAT 2022 wherein the Chair, Prof. Paramjit S Jaswal said that it was the first ever litigation free CLAT and considered as the most balanced exam since the inception of CLAT in 2008. 2. The members also appreciated the Vice Chancellor and the faculty and his team for successful and seamless conduct of the convocation. 3. The members of the Council appreciated the effort of the Vice Chancellor and the faculty members of the University for the best efforts on the academic programmes. 4. While appreciating the proactive steps of the University on the health facilities, Prof. Paramjit S. Jaswal suggested for a comprehensive primary health centre including testing facilities. The Vice Chancellor responded saying that a study would be made on further strengthening of health facilities on the lines of the suggestion to implement in the coming academic year.
4.	<p><u>To recommend award of Degrees to the pass out students of B.A.LL.B (Honours).</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The students of B.A.LL.B.(Honours) graduating in 2022 are eligible for award of Degrees. The list of the eligible students of graduating batch 2022 is enclosed herewith.</p>

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	<p><u>Year of Graduating 2022</u> - 141 (One Hundred Forty-One) students of Batch-XVII (2017-2022).</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending award of Degrees to the pass out students of B.A.LL.B. (Honours) as above.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Academic Council took note of the 141 graduating students of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) of Batch XVII (2017-2022) and recommended the award of degrees to the pass out students. The AC empowered the Vice-Chancellor to undertake any corrections or changes required prior to the convocation.</p>
5.	<p><u>To recommend award of Degrees to the pass out students of LL.M.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>The students of LL.M. graduating in 2022 are eligible for award of Degrees. The list of the eligible students of graduating batch 2022 is enclosed herewith.</p> <p><u>Year of Graduating 2022</u></p> <p>a) 55 (Fifty-Five) students of Batch-XV (2021-2022). b) 01 (One) student of Batch-XIV (2020-21)</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending award of Degrees to the pass out students of LL.M. as above.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Academic Council took note of the 56 graduating students of LL.M. of Batch XIV ((2020-2021) and Batch XV (2021-2022) and recommended the award of degrees to the pass out students. The AC empowered the Vice-Chancellor to undertake any corrections or changes required prior to the convocation.</p>
6.	<p><u>Award of Gold Medals for UG and PG students of passing in 2022</u></p> <p>a) <u>To recommend award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of B.A.LL.B. (Honours) Degree Programme.</u> b) <u>To recommend award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of LL.M. Degree Programme.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>The University is in the process of finalizing the award of gold medals to the UG and PG students. The Final list will be placed by circulation to the Academic Council Members shortly.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>As regards the award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of B. A. LL. B. (Hons.) and LL. M. Program, the Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to finalize the list of eligible candidates for the award of gold medals and place the same by circulation among the members of the Academic Council for information.</p>

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7.	<p data-bbox="355 227 1477 294"><u>Proposal of Two Gold Medals to be sponsored by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal, Judge, High Court of Chhattisgarh.</u></p> <p data-bbox="355 327 451 360"><u>Notes:</u></p> <p data-bbox="355 393 1477 504">Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal has expressed his willingness to institute two gold medals to be awarded to the students of LL.M. from the passing out batch of 2022 onwards in the name of –</p> <ol data-bbox="355 537 1477 603" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri Jogi Ram Agrawal S/o Late Shri Kripa Ram Agrawal, Ratanpur 2. Shri Virendra Kumar Agrawal S/o Late Shri Jogi Ram Agrawal, Ratanpur <p data-bbox="355 637 1477 703">The criteria under which both the gold medals would be awarded are as follows :-</p> <ol data-bbox="355 736 1477 880" style="list-style-type: none"> i) Highest marks cumulative in Technology & Law – Specialisation - (including dissertation) for girl students of LL.M. ii) Highest marks cumulative in Intellectual Property Rights – Specialisation - (including dissertation) for boy students of LL.M. <p data-bbox="355 913 1185 946">The proposal is placed herewith for perusal and approval.</p> <p data-bbox="355 979 499 1013"><u>Decision:</u></p> <p data-bbox="355 1013 1477 1156">The Academic Council acknowledged the interest expressed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal for instituting two Gold Medals for LL.M. Students and in principle approved to institute two Gold Medals by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal in the name of:</p> <ol data-bbox="403 1190 1477 1400" style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Shri Jogi Ram Agrawal Gold Medal for securing highest marks (cumulative) in the area of specialization in Technology and Law (including dissertation) for girl students, and (b) Shri Virendra Kumar Agrawal Gold Medal for securing highest marks (cumulative) in the area of specialization in Intellectual Property Rights (including dissertation) for boy students. <p data-bbox="355 1433 1477 1532">The Academic Council directed the University administration to send a letter of gratitude to him for his generous contribution for academic encouragement.</p>
8.	<p data-bbox="355 1566 1477 1632"><u>Intimation of the MoU entered by the University: 11 National Law Universities</u></p> <p data-bbox="355 1665 451 1698"><u>Notes:</u></p> <p data-bbox="355 1731 1477 1942">The University has signed MoU with 11 NLUs across the country for academic collaboration in Legal Education in one single day covering major National Law Schools. Through this collaboration, HNLU has opened up opportunities for the faculties and students to formally engage in student and faculty exchange program and initiate collaborative research projects to advance the cause of legal education.</p> <p data-bbox="355 1975 1477 2030">The list of National Law Schools which have signed the MoU is placed herewith as annexure.</p>

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	<p>Accordingly, it is placed before the Academic Council for intimation.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council appreciated the efforts of the University by proactively engaging with other NLUs for taking up collaborative research projects to advance the cause of legal education and to engage in student and faculty exchange programs among the MoU partners.</p>
9.	<p><u>Intimation of Research Project / Workshop undertaken by the University –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>A. Women Police Station in State of Chhattisgarh – Supported by the National Commission for Women</u> <u>B. A Study of Patent Opposition System – in collaboration with Lakshmikumaran Sridharan (Supported by the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers in India)</u> <u>C. Workshop on Contemporary Technological Developments and Challenges in Prison management supported by Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.</u> <u>D. Eastern Region Law Review Consultation on the Family Courts supported by National Commission of Women.</u> <p><u>Notes:</u> The University has undertaken projects of national importance. Accordingly, the matter was briefed in detail by Prof. Uday Shankar, Registrar and placed before the Academic Council for approval post-facto. The Vice Chancellor also briefed about the Research project undertaken by Prof. Jaya Vasudevan, Controller of Examination at Hamburg and the impending participation as a Judge in the FDI Arbitration moot at London. Also the information was shared of the impending visit of Dr. Balwinder Kaur to the Stellenbosch University (South Africa) as an invited speaker on conference of Legal Clinical education.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Council appreciated for the projects taken by the University and expressed the best wishes for the future research work and placed its approval and continuation by professional efforts and report in future meeting.</p>
10.	<p><u>Proposal to start new programmes –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>A. Master’s Programme (M.A.) in Public Policy / IP Policy and Practice / Internet Governance / Corporate Governance</u> <u>B. Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Political Science/Economics</u> <u>C. Bachelor of Law (Three – Year Programme – LL.B (Hons.)</u> <p><u>Notes:</u> A. The University currently offers a five-year integrated B.A.LL.B.(Honours) Programme. The National Education Policy unveiled by the Government of India envisages multi-disciplinary Universities in place of single disciplinary university. Though the NEP at present does not cover legal education, it is presumed that this approach will be a reality in the coming days.</p>

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	<p>HNLU in order to cater to a larger audience and utilize its spare infrastructure resources proposes to offer undergraduate programme of Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) B.A. in Political Science, B.A. Sociology and Economics from the academic year 2023-24. These courses will also strengthen inputs required for the integrated law programme which has the components of social sciences. Further if these programmes are successfully implemented, it will also be an additional revenue source for the University. It is to be noted that in the central region comprising of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Maharashtra, the social science offerings are not in tune with the rest of the country and will attract bright students.</p> <p>B. The University also proposes to introduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) M.A. in Public Policy (b) M.A. in IPR Policy and Practice (c) M.A. in Internet Governance (d) M.A. in Corporate Governance <p>C. The University also proposes to introduce a Three-year LL.B. (Hons) Programme which has gained momentum amongst the law aspirants following the success of 5-Year integrated programme. The University proposes to apply for the same with the Bar Council of India after deliberations amongst the Academic Council Members.</p> <p>The detailed structure and deliverables of the new UG & PG Programmes is under preparation and the same will be circulated for deliberation in the next meeting of the Academic Council.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>While the members appreciated the efforts, one member observed that the priority for HNLU should be to move up in the ranking by strengthening the current programmes for NAAC and NIRF ranking. Further any move should be in tune with the statute of the University. Few members observed that one can explore the 3 Year LL.B course and Master's programme provided that necessary changes are incorporated in the statute. The overall view was to work for a comprehensive proposal to be vetted and analysed by members in a future meeting for a decision on these initiatives.</p>
11.	<p><u>Proposal of Means-cum-Merit Scholarship for the students of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programme</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>The draft scheme of Means-cum-Merit Scholarship for the students of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programme is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and approval. [Annexure-V]</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The proposal of Means- cum-Merit Scholarship scheme approved by the Academic Council.</p>

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12.	<p><u>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.</u></p> <p>A) <u>Student's Plea of extending the timings of the Reading Hall from the current timing:</u></p> <p>a. The AC in its meeting dated June 12, 2022 deliberated and decided to on the timings of the library section/ reading halls to be operational on working days and holidays.</p> <p>b. Now the Student body has placed a request through the Vice-Chancellor / Chairman of the Academic Council to extend the Book issuance time to 8.30 p.m. and the Reading Hall facility up to 1:30 a.m. on all days of the functioning of the University. The matter is placed for consideration of the Academic Council</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The council deliberated on the plea of the Student Bar Association for extension of time limit of the Library and reading hall and decided as under:</p> <table><tr><td>1.</td><td>Book Issuance</td><td>10:00 am to 08:30 pm on weekdays 10:00 am to 05:30 pm on Saturday</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Reading Hall(s)</td><td>10:00 am to 11:30 pm on all days</td></tr></table> <p>It is also resolved that the revised timing of the library and reading hall(s) will be subject to the following conditions:-</p> <p>1. The revised timing of library and reading halls are strictly for academic purpose and if students are found outside the vicinity of the library they are liable under the rules of the University.</p> <p>2. 30 minutes post closure of the reading hall will be given to reach the respective halls of residence.</p> <p>3. The Learning Resource Centre committee of the faculty will draft and administer other rules relating to usage of library and reading halls.</p> <p>4. The SBA will be responsible for proper student discipline in utilizing this opportunity of revised timing.</p> <p>5. The University administration is empowered to roll back the above in case of serious violation of discipline and inform the Academic Council.</p> <p>B) This item has been masked on the approval of the Academic Council based on the request of the parents but to be retained as part of the official record of the minutes of the academic council.</p> <p>C) <u>To consider transfer of Ph.D. Students enrolled in other Universities to HNLU</u></p> <p>The Ph.D. Ordinance of HNLU under provision 3.3 permits Ph.D. scholars enrolled in other institutions to transfer their research and completion in HNLU if their guide joins HNLU as full-time regular faculty and also such scholars pursuing Ph.D. in other institutions have joined full-time faculty in HNLU. The Council is requested to give its advice and opinion on this item.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>After deliberation on the agenda, the Academic Council resolved that in the light of the UGC Regulation, 2018, the Ph.D. Scholars may be permitted to</p>	1.	Book Issuance	10:00 am to 08:30 pm on weekdays 10:00 am to 05:30 pm on Saturday	2.	Reading Hall(s)	10:00 am to 11:30 pm on all days
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	<p>transfer from other institutions to the Hidayatullah National Law University, subject to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) submission of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the institution / University and the supervisor, where / under whom the scholar is enrolled ii) availability of slot taking into consideration the maximum number of research scholar already registered under the supervisor, whom the scholar is willing to choose as a supervisor. iii) And also to assess the candidates to match the rigour and standards of HNLU

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by the Vice Chancellor.

