

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

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SECOND ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 HELD ON 08.07.2021

AT 6.00 P.M.

The Second meeting for the Academic Year of 2021 of the Academic Council of the Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 08.07.2021 at 06.00 P.M. through Web-ex (online platform). The following members were present in the meeting:

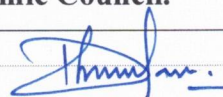
1. Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNLU – Chairman
2. Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan, Former Vice Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) - Member
3. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi – Member
4. Prof. A. David Ambrose, Former Head (RTD), Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras, Chennai – Member
5. Shri R.K. Tiwari, Principal Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Law and Legal Affairs Department – Member
6. Shri Shailendra Dubey, Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh & Member, Bar Council of India – Member
7. Dr. Nirmal Shukla, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur (C.G.) – Member
8. Shri Rajeev Shrivastava, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur (C.G.) – Member
9. Shri Kishore Bhaduri, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh – Member
10. Dr. Dipak Das, Associate Professor, HNLU – Member
11. Dr. Yamala Papa Rao, Associate Professor, HNLU – Member
12. Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Associate Professor, HNLU – Member
13. Dr. Ayan Hazra, Assistant Professor, HNLU – Member

The Honorable Vice Chancellor of HNLU & Chairman of the Academic Council

1. Introduced and greeted Prof. A. David Ambrose, Former Head (RTD), Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras, Chennai as the newly inducted member of Academic Council, HNLU by the Hon'ble Chancellor on 10th February 2021.
2. He also congratulated to Shri Kishore Bhaduri and Shri Rajeev Shrivastava for their designation as Senior Advocates of Chhattisgarh High Court.

3. The Chairman also placed the farewell wishes to Prof. Balraj Singh Chauhan for his successful stint at Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) the third law school he headed in his illustrious academic career.
4. The Chairman highlighted the Academic Achievements and initiatives taken by the University during July-2020 to July-2021 :
 - a. HNLU ranked 5th among the National Law Schools in the Country in the India Today Survey of best law institutes of 2021.
 - b. The appointment of full time Registrar in the rank of Professor of Law, Three (3) Full time regular Professors and Six (6) Associate Professors in the month of June-2021 as part of the Phase I recruitment process.
 - c. The selection of 18 Assistant Professors to be appointed shortly increasing the faculty strength from 34 to 52
 - d. The University also successfully conducted Convocation of 5 Batches (2015-2019) of 950 students of UG and PG and also awarded PhD Degrees.

<u>Sl.</u>	<u>Particulars of Agenda Item</u>
1.	<p>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Virtual Academic Council meeting dated 05.11.2020.</p> <p>Notes: Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 05.11.2020 are placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 05.11.2020 were perused and confirmed by the Academic Council.</p>
2.	<p>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 05.11.2020.</p> <p>Notes: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 05.11.2020 is placed for perusal.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 05.11.2020 perused and confirmed by the Academic Council.</p>



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3.	<p>To recommend award of Degrees to the pass out students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours).</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>The students of different batches of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) have completed their academic courses and are eligible for award of Degrees:-</p> <p>B.A. LL.B. (Honours)</p> <p>(1) Year of Graduation 2020-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 160 (One Hundred Sixty) students of Batch-XV (2015-2020). b. 10 (Ten) students of Batch-XIV (2014-2019) c. 06 (Six) students of Batch-XIII (2013-2018) d. 05 (Five) students of Batch XII (2012-2017) e. 01 (One) student of Batch XI (2011-2016) f. 01 (One) student of Batch VIII (2008-2013) <p>Accordingly, the matter was 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 recommended award of Degrees to the above list of students of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and the same to be placed before the forthcoming Executive Council for further action.</p>
4	<p>To recommend award of Degrees to the pass out students of LL.M.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>The students of LL.M. Batch-XIII (2019-2020) have completed their academic courses and are eligible for award of Degrees:-</p> <p>(1) Year of Graduation 2020</p> <p>49 (Forty-Nine) students of Batch-XIII (2019-2020)</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter was 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 recommended award of Degrees to the above list of students of LL.M. Batch-XIII (2019-2020) and the same to be placed before the forthcoming Executive Council for further action.</p>



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5	<p>To recommend award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Degree Programme.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>The students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) who have completed their academic courses and fulfilled the eligibility criteria are to be recommended for award of Gold Medals. Accordingly, the matter was placed with relevant documents for recommending the students who are eligible for award of Gold Medals.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Academic Council recommended award of Gold Medals to be placed before the Executive Council. Further, the members sought an amendment on the following aspect:</p> <p>In case of a disqualification of the topper of the class for a specific Gold Medal on any stipulated ground of the university norms, then the said medal may be awarded to the next eligible candidate who satisfies and fulfils University norms for such medal in both UG and PG categories.</p> <p>This to be incorporated as an amendment in the existing rules of Gold Medal award and to be implemented if feasible in the forthcoming convocation.</p>
7	<p>To recommend the implementation of detention policy.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UG programme at HNLU has to be completed by Students in a period of 7 years of getting admission where 5 years is the regular course time and 2 years outside the course time as per UGC mandate referred as N+2 timeline. • This has resulted in few students having huge backlogs sometimes running to 50+ papers after five years resulting in not completing the backlog in the stipulated N+ 2 years and later sending mercy petitions. • The General Council in its meeting on 9th January 2021 which permitted such two cases which have exceeded the timeline cautioned and advised to work out a process where the student's complete papers within the stipulated N+2 years. • The University proposes a similar detention policy at HNLU to bring in the rigor which will not lead to huge backlogs.

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	<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In principle the Members agreed to the detention policy prospectively from the forthcoming batch of 2021 onwards. 2. The members suggested that such a policy should also have provisions for exemptions on case-by-case basis of extraordinary situations of health/ bereavement of immediate family members resulting in not completing the exams in the stipulated years of promotion to be permitted by the Academic Council and later placed before the EC as per university regulations.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Chair.


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