

HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR

**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
On 05/11/2023 (Sunday) AT 12:00 Noon (Hybrid)**

The meeting of the Academic Council of the Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 05 November 2023 at 12:00 Noon.

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. Shri Rajnish Shrivastava, Principal Secretary to the Government of Chhattisgarh, Law and Legal Affairs Department
5. Prof.(Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava, Professor & Dean, HNLU
6. Prof.(Dr.) Vishnu Konoorayar, Professor, HNLU
7. Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Associate Professor & Dean, HNLU
8. Dr. Avinash Samal, Assistant Professor & Dean (Social Sciences), HNLU
9. Dr. Y. Papa Rao, Associate Professor, HNLU
10. Dr. Uttam Kumar Panda, Assistant Professor, HNLU
11. Dr. Nirmal Kumar Shukla, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur
12. Shri H.B. Agrawal, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur
13. Shri Govind Ram Miri, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur
14. Dr. Vipin Kumar, Registrar (I/c) & Dean (IRAP), HNLU - Member Secretary

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of HNLU & Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up and decided as under:

Sl.	Agenda Items
1.	<p>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 26.02.2023.</p> <p>Notes: Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 26.02.2023 is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>
2.	<p>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 26.02.2023.</p> <p>Notes:</p>

	<p>Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 26.02.2023 is placed for perusal.</p> <p>Regarding item no. 8(d), the student was granted the required concessions in April 2023 and took her written exams. Later in July 2023 after rejoining in her ninth semester, there were serious issues of her medical depression and her father was advised to have under home care and custody with some concessions on midterm exams. She has to write the final exams and the administration seeks any guidance/direction on this matter.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>Item 8 is confirmed</p> <p>Regarding item 8(d) as briefed to the Council, the following direction is issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. As an interim measure, to grant the required extraordinary medical leave during this semester (July - December 2023) based on the reports of medical treatment to be submitted by her parents. B. The student's Home assignments in lieu of Mid-Semester exams can be accepted. C. The student can be permitted to take her end semester exam as a day scholar with an escort from her family. D. The Parents of the student send a requisition to administration on the above aspects to receive the hall ticket from the Controller of Exam for the exam.
3.	<p>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 09.06.2023.</p> <p>Notes: Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 09.06.2023 is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>
4.	<p>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 09.06.2023.</p> <p>Notes: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 09.06.2023 is placed for perusal.</p> <p>Decision:</p>

	Confirmed
5.	<p>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 04/07/2023.</p> <p>Notes: Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 04.07.2023 is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>
6.	<p>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 04.07.2023.</p> <p>Notes: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 04.07.2023 is placed for perusal.</p> <p>Decision: Confirmed</p>
7.	<p>To recommend the award of Degrees to the graduating students of B.A.LL.B. (Honours) in the forthcoming Convocation.</p> <p>Notes: The students of B.A.LL.B.(Honours) graduating in 2023 are eligible for the award of Degrees. The list of eligible students for graduating batch 2023 is enclosed herewith.</p> <p>Year of Graduating 2023 - 150 (One Hundred Fifty) students of Batch-XVIII (2018-2023). - 5 (Five) students of Batch-XVII (2017-2022). - 1 (One) student of Batch-XV (2015-2020).</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending the award of Degrees to the pass-out students of B.A.LL.B. (Honours) as above.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council recommended the award of Degrees to the graduating students of B.A.LL.B. (Honours).</p>
8.	<p>To recommend the award of Degrees to the graduating students of LL.M. in the forthcoming Convocation.</p> <p>Notes: Year of Graduating 2023 - 90 (Ninty) students of Batch-XVI (2022-2023).</p>

	<p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending the award of Degrees to the pass-out students of LL.M. as above.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council recommended the award of Degrees to the graduating students of LL.M.</p>
9.	<p>Approval of award of Ph.D. Degree in the forthcoming Convocation.</p> <p>Notes: The Research Degree Committee of the University (RDCU) has approved the award of Ph.D. to four candidates, namely, a) Ms. Siddiqui Saima Jarrar Alam, b) Ms. Anju Harbansh, c) Ms. Anubha Dwivedi, and d) Mr. Sandeep Suman, based on the recommendation of the external experts for the written thesis and defended the Viva successfully, attended by invitees and external experts. The Ph.D. degree will be awarded in the forthcoming convocation.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending the award of Degrees in the forthcoming Convocation.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council recommended the award of Ph.D. Degrees.</p>
10.	<p>Perusal and approval of an amendment for procuring minimum CGPA for the award of Gold Medals.</p> <p>Notes: For the award of gold medals in different categories, the University is proposing a change in all medals, whether it is awarded on the basis of individual papers/group of papers or on the basis of overall performance.</p> <p>It is important to note that after this amendment, students must have secured a minimum of 5.00 GP/CGPA (i.e., 70% marks and above) instead of 4 CGPA in individual papers/groups of papers or on the basis of overall performance.</p> <p>In case a student does not have the required 5.00 GP/CGPA, he/she should not be awarded the gold medal despite having the highest score among the students.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is submitted for the perusal, deliberation, and approval of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council perused the matter and approved the amendment for procuring minimum 5.00 GP/CGPA in individual papers/groups of papers by a student for award of Gold Medals.</p>

11.	<p>Award of Gold Medals for UG and PG students for passing in 2022.</p> <p>a) To recommend the award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of the B.A.LL.B. (Honours) Degree Programme. b) To recommend the award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of the LL.M. Degree Programme.</p> <p>Notes: As per the recommendations of the Gold Medal Committee, the following is submitted for the perusal of the Academic Council: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The University has finalized the award of 29 gold medals out of 32 gold medals in B.A.LL.B. The list of eligible students (based on 5 CGPA criteria) for the award of gold medals is attached herewith. 2. The University is in the process of finalizing the following gold medals on the basis of 5 CGPA criteria:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Chancellor's Gold Medal, ii) Late Syed Afzaal Ahmed Rizvi Gold Medal, and iii) The Dinesh Prasad Shrivastava Memorial Gold Medal 3. The University has finalized the gold medals to be awarded to the eligible LL.M. students. The list of eligible students (on the basis of 5 CGPA) for the award of gold medals is attached herewith. <p>Accordingly, it is submitted for perusal and approval of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council recommended the award of gold medals in B.A.LL.B and LL.M. courses. The three gold medals to be finalised by the Gold Medal Committee on the basis of 5 CGPA and to be approved by the Vice-Chancellor for award.</p>
12.	<p>Any other item with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>A. To consider the request of a student for continuing his study in B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Course</p> <p>Notes: Mr. Namitesh Hela was admitted to B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Course on 28 June 2017 and attended the classes during his first, second and third semester till November 2018. During his stay at HNLU, he failed in all the subjects of first and second semester, and did not appear for any exam of third semester. He is required to complete all ten semesters (five years of course) within 8 years (N+3) i.e. up to June 2025. As per the available records, the student wrote for permission to continue his study in May 2021 and then again in June 2023 to which the University has already responded that as the candidate cannot complete the course before June</p>



2025, his admission should be canceled. On 16 August 2023, the student wrote again that his plea may be reconsidered.

Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and necessary instructions, please.

Decision:

The decision of the University is endorsed by the Academic Council and confirmed.

B. To consider the request of a student for providing an opportunity to appear in 5 papers beyond the stipulated time of 8 years

Notes:

Mr. Lucky Tandon who was admitted in 2014 was required to complete his B.A.LL.B. course up to 2022, that is, within 8 years (N+3). However, he had cleared only 51 out of 56 papers. Now, he has filed an application on 09 February 2023 with a plea to allow him a chance to appear in the Five Papers. Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and necessary instructions, please.

Decision:

The Academic Council directs the University administration to look into the relevant regulatory provisions of UGC/BCI and any precedent exemption and related conditions relating to the appeal.

C. To consider a plea of the student for re-issuance of Gold Medal

Notes:

Mr. Kevin James was awarded a certificate of merit along with a gold medal for Jurisprudence and Legal Methods. However, he has lost the gold medal but has the certificate. Now, he has raised a request on 31 May 2023 for re-issuance of Gold Medal by the University.

Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and necessary instructions, please.

Decision:

The Academic Council did not approve the plea of the student.

D. Proposal of Gold Medal to be sponsored by an alumnus of the University

Notes:

Mr. Syed Zeeshan, an alumnus of the University from batch 2012-2017, has expressed to institute a Gold Medal in name of his grandfather for the highest scorer in Criminal Law Honours along with Professional Ethics. The Gold Medal is proposed to be titled as "Late Syed Ishtiaq Hussain Memorial Gold Medal".

If approved, the modalities of the medal shall be finalised by the University and the grant shall be in accordance with the endowment as approved by the University from time to time.

For the perusal and approval of the Academic Council, please.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the institution of the Gold Medal as per the endowment rules of the University as amended from time to time. The modalities to be finalised by the Gold Medal committee of the University and approved by the Vice-Chancellor.



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