

18th Meeting of Academic Council
Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla
Minutes of the Meeting
June, 2 2023

The 18th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on June, 2 2023 at 10:00 A.M. The Meeting was presided by Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla.

Following members were present

1.	Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU	Chairperson
2.	Professor (Dr.) Manoj K. Sinha	Member
3.	Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar	Member
4.	Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Sindhu	Member
5.	Sh. I.N. Mehta	Member
6.	Dr. Amit Vaid	Member
7.	Dr. Girjesh Shukla	Member
8.	Ms. Navditya Tanwar	Member
	Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal	Secretary

Following member could not attend the meeting:

1. Professor (Dr.). V. Nagaraj

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 17th Meeting and Action Taken Report of the Academic Council held on February 24, 2023.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
	The Vice-Chancellor placed the Minutes & Action Taken Report of the 17 th Meeting of Academic Council before the members of the Academic Council.	The Vice-Chancellor explained the details of Minutes of last meeting as well as the Action Taken Report.	After brief deliberation over the minutes and Action Taken Report, the same were confirmed unanimously.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve the proposed changes in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
	The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item before the esteemed members of the Academic Council to consider and approve the proposed changes in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.	The Vice-Chancellor informed the esteemed members that Rule 8.1 of PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019 prescribes that students of UG course shall have to secure 45% marks to pass the paper(s). The passing marks prescribed for post graduate programme is 50% in each subject(s). The examination of each subject(s)/paper(s) of UG and PG course/programme consist of three components (Rule 4): (a) Internal Assessment consisting of written assignment and presentation- 25 Marks (b) Mid Term written examinations- 25 Marks (c) End Term examinations-50 Marks She further informed that the	After thorough deliberation, the members of the Academic Council unanimously approved the proposed amendments in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019 as specified below: 8.1 (a) A student of any undergraduate course shall have to secure 45% marks to pass the paper(s). The rule of 45% shall, separately, apply to each paper, except clinical papers, divided into two parts: Written Components consisting of End Term and Mid Term 75 Marks and Assignment and Presentation part 25

requirement of the above Rule 8.1 is that every student shall have secured 45% or 50% marks, as the case may be, to be declared passed in the subject. But the Rule does not specify that the student must have appeared and secured, separately, 45% or 50% marks, as the case may be, in each of the three components of the examination. As a consequence, there are students who skip one component of the examination and still are declared to be passed because they may get 45% or 50% marks even though he or she has failed in one component or has absented himself or herself in one component. This is obvious that such consequences whittle down the relevance and purpose of each component of the examinations.

She proposed that Rule 8.1 may be amended to make it compulsory that a student of UG and PG, as the case may be, to be declared passed shall have to secure 45% or 50% marks, as the case may be, separately, in each component of the examinations i.e., Assignment Presentation, Mid Term Examinations and End Term Examinations. If a student fails to secure 45% marks in any of the three components of the examination, he/she shall be declared failed in the subject. He/she shall have to re-appear as per Rule 8.3 Accordingly, Rule 8.5 may be amended to allow re-appear

Marks.

Grace marks shall be given in either of the part at the stage of preparation of final results where the student is unable to score 45% marks.

- (b) A student of post graduate Programme, shall have to secure 50% marks to pass the course/paper.

The rule of 50% shall separately apply to each paper, except Research Paper, divided into two part: Written Component consisting of End term and Mid term 75 Marks and Assignment and Presentation part 25 Marks.

In case of Dissertation, the student shall have to secure 50% marks separately in written submission and *viva-voce* thereof.

Grace marks shall be given in either of the part at the stage of preparation of final results where the student is unable to score 50 % marks.

Explanation:

Notwithstanding anything a student shall have to appear in all components: End Term, Mid Term and Assignment Presentation of the examinations. If a student absents himself/herself from any of the component: End Term, Mid Term or Assignment Presentation, He/She

examinations in the Assignment and Presentation component as well (15+10=25 Marks). However, the Assignment and Presentation, as part of re-appear examinations, shall be made by the students before a Standing Committee constituted under the Chairpersonship of Dean Academic Affairs.

Professor Manoj K. Sinha opined that the scheme/rule is implemented in almost all the Universities. The requirement that the student should appear in all components of examinations must be made mandatory but mandatory requirement of passing in each three components separately may not be adopted. Professor Anand Pawar suggested that scheme may be divided into two components.

She placed the proposed amendments before the esteemed members. The members discussed the proposed amendments in detail and resolved to approve subject to some modifications.

shall be declared to be 'fail' in that part and shall have to reappear for the all components of that part and shall be marked ® in accordance with Rule 8.2.

A research scholar of Ph.D. Course work shall be secure 50% marks in each paper, in written examinations of the Ph.D. course work to pass the paper(s)

Item No. 3	To consider and approve the proposal to insert Rule 7 (A) in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
<p>The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item before the esteemed members of the Academic Council to consider and approve proposal to insert Rule 7 (A) in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor submitted that evaluation of answer scripts or written assignments are sacrosanct acts performed by the examiners/faculty members. It is a sacred duty of the University to bring objectivity in the evaluation process as far as possible.</p> <p>She further apprised that the discretion and judgment of an examiner is regarded to be privilege of a teacher. However, individual judgments and subjectivity of examiners may have significant effect on outcomes of the evaluation process.</p> <p>She placed the proposed provision i.e., Rule 7 (A) in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019, which can control the exercise of discretion and reduce effect of subjectivity in the evaluation process.</p> <p>Hon'ble members opined that this is very relevant ethical issue relating to evaluation process faced by all Universities in India. The members discussed the proposed amendments in detail and resolved to approve the same.</p>	<p>After thorough deliberation, the members of the Academic Council unanimously approved insertion/addition of Rule 7 (A) in PART-IV, namely, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Examination Regulations, 2019 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019 as specified below:</p> <p>Rule 7A Evaluation -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In case where more than 85% marks is secured by any student in written component of examination, separately, Mid Term or End Term, the answer scripts shall be evaluated by second examiner. The rule relating to revaluation for calculating marks to be granted out of the difference in awarded marks by two examiners, shall be applicable. 2. In case, where more than 85% marks are secured by any student in assignment component the assignment of the student shall be revaluated by and presentation shall be made before the standing Committee

constituted by the Vice-Chancellor under the Chairpersonship of Dean Academic Affairs.

Item No. 4

Any other item with the permission of the chair.

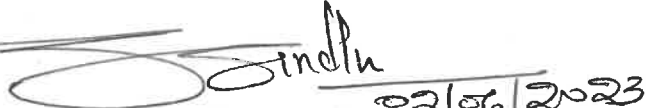
The Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting by expressing her gratitude towards the esteemed members of the Academic Council.



Prof. (Dr.) Manoj K. Sinha



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar

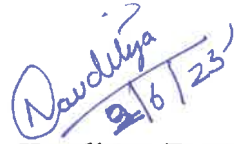

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