

**9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council**  
**Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**March 25, 2021**

*via Online Mode through Google Meet*

The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on March 25, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. *via Online Mode through Google Meet*. The Meeting was presided by Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla.

The following members were present:

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| 1. | Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU | Chairperson |
| 2. | Professor (Dr.) P.S. Jaswal                            | Member      |
| 3. | Prof. V. Vijayakumar                                   | Member      |
| 4. | Professor (Dr.) K.P.S. Mahalwar                        | Member      |
| 5. | Professor (Dr.) Raghuvinder Singh                      | Member      |
| 6. | Sh. Desh Raj Sharma                                    | Member      |
| 7. | Sh. I.N. Mehta   | Member      |
| 8. | Dr. Girjesh Shukla                                     | Member      |
| 9. | Dr. Alok Kumar   | Member      |
|    | Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal                                | Secretary   |

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

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| <b>Item No. 1</b>   |   | <b>To confirm the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Action Taken Report of the Academic Council held on December 22, 2020.</b>   |  |
| <b>Agenda Note</b>  |   | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Decision/Resolved</b>   |
| The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes & Action Taken Report of the 8 <sup>th</sup> 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.                         |
| <b>Item No. 2</b>   | <b>To Consider and approve the modifications/changes/additions in the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.</b> |  |  |
| <b>Agenda Note</b>  |   | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Decision/Resolved</b>   |
| The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council about the need for some modifications/changes/additions in the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019. |   | <p>The Vice-Chancellor informed esteemed members that the proposed insertion of Rules 3A to 3E are required for the smooth conduct of academic programmes, examinations as well as proper record keeping of various programmes and students enrolled therein by the Establishment Branch of the University.</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same. The Vice-Chancellor further authorize to rectify the clerical errors if any.</p> | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |

| Item No. 3  | To Consider and approve the Ph.D. publication policy and the same is to be incorporated/ inserted in PART-III Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme, 2019, of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.   |   |  |
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| Agenda Note   | Discussion  | Decision  |  |
| <p>The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council about the regulations governing the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme, do not contain rules/guidelines relating to publication of Ph.D. theses by a Ph.D. research scholar who have been successfully awarded Ph.D. degree. These publication rules may be inserted in the form of 12A after the existing Rule 12 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.</p> | <p>The Vice-Chancellor informed esteemed members that the regulations governing the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme, do not contain rules/guidelines relating to publication of Ph.D. thesis by a Ph.D. research scholar who has been awarded Ph.D. degree.</p> <p>One candidate has already submitted the Ph.D. thesis, therefore, it is the need of the hour that the regulation relating to publication of Ph.D. thesis may be inserted in the form of Rule12A after the existing Rule 12 in the PART-III of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme, 2019, of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.</p> | <p>The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.</p> |  |

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| <b>Item No. 4</b> | <b>To consider and approve the propose changes in Rule 8.1, Part IV of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Examinations Regulations 2019.</b> |
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| <b>Agenda Note</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Decision</b>  |
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| The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council about the need for some changes/additions in Rule 8.1, Part IV of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019. | The Vice-Chancellor informed that the proposed change in the Rule 8.1 of Part-IV: The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla Courses of Study, Admission, and Curriculum Regulation," 2019 is required as it did not provide for pass percentage in individual written examination of Ph.D. course work. | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |

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| <b>Item No. 5</b> | <b>To consider and approve conducting of online examination for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Semesters and LL.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, June-July 2021.</b> |
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| <b>Agenda Note</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Decision</b>  |
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| The Vice-Chancellor placed before the esteemed members the agenda item regarding conducting as well as scheme of online examination for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Semesters and LL.M. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester in the month of June-July 2021. | <p>The Vice-Chancellor informed that in the last end term examination of B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> semester &amp; LL.M. 1<sup>st</sup> semester contained Internal evaluation (50 Marks) which was done by way of two written project -assignments and presentations.</p> <p>It is submitted that teachers found that increasing the number of assignment lowered the quality standard of assignments and presentations, therefore, it is proposed that end term examinations organized as per the following scheme for both under graduate</p> | The Academic Council unanimously approved following proposal only for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Semesters and LL.M. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester, June-July 2021. |

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|  | <p>and post graduate courses for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Semesters and LL.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, June-July 2021 only:</p> <p>Internal evaluation: (25 Marks) by way of one written project -assignment and presentation/viva -voce in each subject.</p> <p>Written End Term Examinations (75 Marks) to be conducted online on the basis of open book examinations.</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.</p> <p>Prof. V. Vijayakumar suggested that the same may be applicable to the next academic session as well in case the COVID situation continuous.</p> |  |
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| <b>Item No. 6</b>  | <b>To consider the application of Mr. Aayush Raj, Ph.D. Scholar, Batch 2020-21 for Nomination of External Co-Guide for his Ph.D. Thesis.</b>   |  |
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| <b>Agenda Note</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Decision</b>  |
| Submitted that Mr. Aayush Raj, Ph.D. Scholar, Batch 2020-21 has requested <b>(Annexure-IV)</b> the University to nominate Dr. Shyamla Murthi, Associate Professor, NUSLR, Ranchi as Co-Guide of Ph.D. Thesis | The Vice-Chancellor apprise the members about the decision of Board of Studies which has rejected the application of Mr. Ayush Raj. The Board of Studies stated that the candidate is not conducting any inter-disciplinary study and in view of the Rule 5.2 of HPNLU Regulations for the | The Academic Council unanimously approved the decision of Board of Studies and rejected the application. |

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| <p>(application of Mr. Aayush Raj, Annexure-IV). His application was placed before the Board of Studies (BOS) for consideration. The Board of Studies in its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 has unanimously rejected <b>(Annexure-V)</b> the application on the ground that the Rule 5.2 of HPNLU Regulations for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme, 2019 expressly provides that <b>“External Supervisors are not allowed except in case of inter disciplinary studies”</b>. The BOS was of the opinion that the topic of Ph.D. Thesis of Mr. Aayush Raj is not inter disciplinary, therefore, external co-guide from the field of law cannot be nominated.</p> | <p>Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme, 2019 which expressly provides that “External Supervisors are not allowed except in case of inter disciplinary studies”, the application cannot be considered.</p> |  |
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| <b>Item No. 7</b>  | <b>To create the posts of Teaching Associate (Law) Assistant Professor (Law) and Professor (Law).</b> |  |
| <b>Agenda Note</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Decision</b>  |
| The creation of 04 posts of Teaching Associate (Law), 08 posts of Assistant Professor (Law) and 01 posts of Professor (Law) are required for smooth functioning. | The proposal as well as the recommendations of the Academic Council were deliberated upon.            | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |

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| <b>Item No. 8</b>  | <b>To consider and approve the selection procedure for direct recruitment to Teaching Posts (Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor). [Annexure-I]</b> |  |
| <b>Agenda Note</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Decision</b>  |
| The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item regarding selection procedure for direct recruitment to Teaching Posts (Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor). | The proposal as well as the recommendations of the Academic Council were deliberated upon.  | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |

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| <b>Item No. 9</b>  | <b>Any other item with the permission of the chair.</b>  |  |
| <b>Agenda Note</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Decision</b>  |
| The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item regarding selection procedure for direct recruitment to Teaching Posts (Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor).   | The proposal as well as the recommendations of the Academic Council were deliberated upon. Prof. K.P.S. Mahalwar appreciated the efforts of the University towards streamlining the selection procedure and adding the value of the research/publication work towards selection process. | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |
| 2. To consider and approve the List of Panel of Experts for different Selection Committees for making appointment for the post of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and other Administrative appointments. | The Members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved to approve the list of Panel of Experts and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make any addition whenever required.  | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |

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| To Consider and approve design and format of Marks-Sheets, Provisional Degree/Degree of Under-Graduate and Post Graduate Courses; and format of University Gazette Notifications for declaration of results of different courses. | The Academic Council deliberated upon the draft documents and approve the same. | The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval. |
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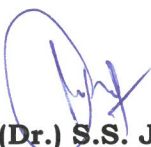
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