

14th Meeting of Academic Council
Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

Minutes of the Meeting
August, 27, 2022

The 14th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on August, 27, 2022 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.). V. Nagaraj	Member
4.	Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar	Member
5.	Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Sindhu	Member
6.	Dr. Amit Vaid	Member
7.	Sh. I.N. Mehta	Member
8.	Dr. Girjesh Shukla	Member
9.	Ms. Navditya Tanwar	Member
10.	Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal	Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 13th Meeting and Action Taken Report of the Academic Council held on May 29, 2022.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes & Action Taken Report of the 13 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 recommendations of the Board of Studies, (BOS) held on 17th August, 2022 regarding the introduction of Psychology and History as Social Science Subjects in B.A. LL.B. (FYIP) Hons.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the agenda item before the esteemed members of the Academic Council and proposed to consider and approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies, (BOS) held on 17 th August, 2022 regarding the introduction of Psychology and History as Social Science Subjects in B.A. LL.B. (FYIP) Hons.	The Vice-Chancellor informed the members about the need for introduction of Psychology and History as Social Science subjects in B.A. LL.B. Hons. The members were also informed that this was placed before the Board of Studies and Board of Studies recommended to do away with all major courses, the UG Curriculum must contain 58 papers in accordance with BCI Legal Education Rules 2019 and Psychology and History may be added in B.A. LL.B. Hons. and Psychology in B.B.A. LL.B. Hons. The Vice-Chancellor also placed revised curriculum	After thorough deliberation, the members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved to approved as under: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All major courses: Management, Political Science, Economics and Sociology be done away with. 2. The UG Curriculum should contain, for each programme 56 papers and the number of social science papers be accordingly reduced. 3. Two new courses in the UG Programme namely Psychology, having three papers and History, having two papers be added in B.A. LL.B. Hons. and three papers of Psychology in B.B.A. LL.B. Hons be added. <p>The esteemed members of council unanimously authorised the University to revise the curriculums accordingly.</p> <p>The Academic Council unanimously recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.</p>

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	<p>accordingly for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. Hons.</p> <p>The members thoroughly deliberated over the issue and unanimously resolved to approve the same.</p> <p>Prof. Manoj Sinha observed that BCI 2019 Rules are only draft and it is not to be mentioned. Further we need to reduce number of papers to 56 by decreasing number of social science papers.</p>	
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Item No. 3 To consider and approve the introduction of a new programme of Masters of Business Administration (Corporate Law).

Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
<p>The Vice Chancellor placed the agenda item to consider and approve the introduction of a new programme of Masters of Business Administration (Corporate Law) before the esteemed members of the Academic Council.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that in the light of National Educational Policy 2020, it is proposed to introduce Masters of Business Administration (Corporate Law). She also informed the members that this was also placed before the Board of Studies and Board of Studies suggested to fulfil all the requirements of AICTE while framing the curriculum and other issues relating to admissions and</p>	<p>After thorough deliberation, the members of Academic Council resolved to approve the introduction of Masters of Business Administration (Corporate Law). The agenda was unanimously approved with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The University is authorised to take a decision to whether to start the programme from present academic session or the next academic session. 2. If it is started in the present academic session the University's own entrance test be dispensed with and University can do admissions on the merit score of other agencies such as CMAT or take admission on merit of the

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	<p>examinations etc. The proposal for introduction of MBA (Corporate Law) was accordingly modified. Prof Manoj Kumar Sinha observed why not keep only MBA without law, as a model of NALSAR Etc. The Hon'ble vice chancellor informed that as per AICT the course has been formulated in the proportion of 70:30:20 courses of management, law and practical training. The second suggestion was related to the courses that relate to labour law papers may be renamed.</p>	<p>applicants, who may apply for admission to programme in the present academic session.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. From the next academic session the University may have its own National Entrance Test for the admission to the programme. 4. The courses related to labour law in the programme shall be revised in accordance with the Labour Code and a subject concerning industrial relations be added in the curriculum of the programme. <p>The Academic Council unanimously recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.</p>
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Item No. 4	To consider and approve holding Short Term Certificate Courses.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
<p>The Vice Chancellor placed the agenda item to consider and approve holding Short Term Certificate Courses before the esteemed members of the Academic Council.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor appraised the members of the objects mentioned in Section 4 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Act, 2016 and therefore, expressed the intention of the University to impart comprehensive legal education to the stakeholders. She explained that conducting of short</p>	<p>After thorough deliberation, the members of Academic Council resolved to approve the item and authorise the University to formulate different kinds of certificate courses accordingly.</p> <p>The Academic Council unanimously recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.</p>

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term certificate courses will benefit those who cannot join the degree courses due to many constraints. At the same time there are many persons who are already in jobs and who want to enhance their knowledge. Certificate Course/s will be a boon for them.

The members thoroughly deliberated upon the issue and resolved to approve the same.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha suggested that on the viability basis the University should start, in line with ILI courses in Cyber law and IPRs, ADRs, and 40 hours Mediation Courses all activities including examination, should be online. The latter two courses, in consultations with the High Courts and qualified mediators should be resource persons. Prof Anand Pawar suggested that the Council can authorise the University to formulate the diverse kind of courses and structure thereof.

Item No. 5 **To consider and approve one re-examination which was scheduled for 2nd June, 2022.**

Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
<p>The Vice Chancellor placed the agenda item to consider and approve one re-examination which was scheduled for 2nd June, 2022 before the esteemed members of the Academic Council.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor appraised the members of the students protest when the end term examinations of even semesters were scheduled in June, 2022 and they did not appear insisting upon conducting of examination online. She also informed the members that some students could not appear in the examinations scheduled on 2nd June, 2022 due to being COVID positive. She submitted before the esteemed members to approve to conduct the examination only for the students who could not appear due to being COVID positive and that such re-examination should not consider as 'Reappear' examination.</p> <p>The members thoroughly deliberated upon the issue and resolved to</p>	<p>After thorough deliberation, the members of Academic Council unanimously resolved to approve the conduct of the one special re-examination, for all papers which were scheduled/examinations held on June and August, 2022, for all the students after request/representations are made by students. The marksheet of students for these examinations shall not be marked as ®. This shall be a one time measure in the wake and aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic and it shall not be treated as a precedent in future. In future, any student abstaining from any examination, shall strictly be dealt with according to the examination regulations of the University.</p> <p>The Academic Council unanimously recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.</p>

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approve the same.
Prof Manoj Kumar Sinha and Dr. Amit Vaid suggested that the matter should be looked upon liberally for this year only and all such students should be allowed to undertake a special re-examination and their marksheets should not be marked as ®.

ITEM NO. 6

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.

Professor (Dr.) Manoj K. Sinha

Professor (Dr.) V. Nagaraj

Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar

Dr. Amit Vaid

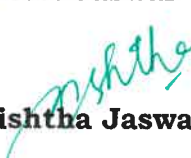
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