

7th Meeting of Academic Council (Emergency Meeting) Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

Minutes of the Meeting September, 15 2020

The 7th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on September 15, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. *via* Online Mode through Google Meet. Meeting was presided by Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla.

The following members were present:

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

Note: - Prof. V. Vijayakumar, Director, NLIU Bhopal could not attend the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 6th Meeting of the Academic Council held on June 25, 2020.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes & Action Taken Report of the 6 th Meeting of Academic Council before the members of the Academic Council.		The Vice-Chancellor explained the details of minutes of last meeting.	After brief deliberation over the minutes the same were confirmed unanimously.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve conducting of online examination for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th Semesters.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
<p>Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council that that as per UGC Guidelines <i>vide</i> D.O. No. F. 1 -I I 2020 (Secy) dt 6th July 2020. & Press Release dt. 18th July 2020, the end term examinations have to be completed by the end of September, 2020, therefore this emergency meeting has been called.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the matter was placed before COVID-19 Cell of the University and the Cell has recommended for conducting of 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th Semesters Examinations through online mode.</p>		<p>The members of the Academic Council deliberated the matter thoroughly. The Vice-Chancellor also emphasised that conducting of examinations when the students are physically present on the Campus is uncertain at present. The continuation of the present crisis will create backlog of examinations for the students.</p> <p>Professor P.S. Jaswal and Professor Raghuvinder Singh suggested that in case student fails to appear due to network/internet related issues he/she should be given 'special chance' to appear again and the same should not be treated as reappear.</p>	<p>The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal with amendment that where the student fails to appear due to network/internet related issues he/she shall be given 'special chance' to appear again and the same shall not be treated as reappear.</p>
Item No. 3	To consider and approve the modifications/changes/additions in the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Academic Regulations, 2019.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
<p>The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of the Academic Council about the required modifications/changes/additions in the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Academic Regulations, 2019.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about existing rules and read the following proposed amendments:</p> <p>1. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla</p>		<p>The Academic Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.</p> <p>Professor P.S. Jaswal</p>	<p>The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to</p>

Regulation for LL.M. (One Year) Degree Programme, 2019

Rule 10.2 Notwithstanding anything stated in Rule 7 of these Regulations, the Term Paper and Dissertation shall be evaluated out of 100 Marks and 200 Marks respectively, and the same shall be examined by external expert/s.

Explanation: External evaluation, with respect to Dissertation, shall consist of 150 marks for Written and 50 Marks for Viva-Voce conducted by the External Experts or External Members of Research Advisory Committee.

2. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla
Regulations for Doctorate of Philosophy Programme, 2019
Rule 7.2 Course Structure

- (a) LEGAL RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY (100 Marks, 04 Credit)
- (b) EMERGING TRENDS IN LAW (100 Marks, 04 Credit)
- (c) **Publication and Research Ethics (50 Marks, 02 Credits)**
- (d) Written Assignments: (Subject/area Specific)
- (i) Writing of One Research Paper containing not less than 5000 words.
- (ii) Conducting a pilot empirical research/field work.
- (iii) Review of literature containing not less than 30 pages (MS Default).

The performance of the student in written assignments shall be evaluated by Research Advisory Committee on satisfactory / unsatisfactory criteria.

Rule 7.5 Subject to Rule 7.4, at the end of the Course Work, Scholar shall be evaluated through Written Examinations and Presentation before the Research Advisory Committee. The Components for evaluation shall be as follows:

(A) Written Examinations: (Total 250 Marks)

- (a) Legal Research and Methodology (100 Marks)
- (b) Emerging Trends in Law (100 Marks)
- (c) **Publication and Research Ethics (50 Marks)**

(B) Written Assignments
(Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)

(C) Teaching Assignment (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)

Rule 9.2 Every scholar is required to submit the six-

suggested that from the proviso of the Rule 8.4 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Examinations Regulations, 2019 the expression 'preparation and' should be deleted.

the Executive Council for further approval.

monthly progress report on or before 31st December and 30th June in each Academic Session. Where the scholar fails to submit the report within the prescribed time, he/she may submit the same after depositing late fee prescribed in this behalf.

Rule 10.4 Prior to the submission of the thesis, the research scholar shall make a pre-submission presentation before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), and the same shall be open to all faculty members and research scholars for getting feedback and comments, which may suitably be incorporated into draft thesis under the advice of the supervisor.

3. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Examinations Regulations, 2019

In Rule 13 a new clause [13.7] is required to be added in following manner:

13.7: Maximum number of years for completing UG/PG Degree: -

A candidate who is enrolled in B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. Five Year Course (FYIC) shall have maximum 8 years to complete his/her degree.

A candidate who is enrolled in LL.M. One Year Programme shall have maximum 3 years to complete his/her degree.

Rule 14. CREDIT SYSTEM

Rule 14.3 Letter Grade shall mean the Alphabetical Grade/s determined on the basis of Grade Value obtained by the Student in a paper. The Grade Value on 10-Point Scale, and the letter grade to be given to the student, is on the basis of Grade Value obtained by the Student. The Table given below shows the marks range, grade value and corresponding letter grade.

(a) For B.A./B.B.A.LL.B.

Sr. No.	Marks Range (Out of 100)	Grade Value (10-point Scale)	Letter Grade
1	90 and above	10	A+(Outstanding)
2	80 and above but below 90	09	A(Excellent)
3	70 and above	08	B+(Distinction)

	but below 80		
4	60 and above but below 70	07	B (Good)
5	50 and above but below 60	06	C+ (Average)
6	45 and above but below 50	05	C (Pass)
7	00>45	00	F (Fail)

(b) For LL.M.

Sr. No.	Marks Range (Out of 100)	Grade Value (10-point Scale)	Letter Grade
1	90 and above	10	A+ (Outstanding)
2	80 and above but below 90	09	A (Excellent)
3	70 and above but below 80	08	B+ (Distinction)
4	60 and above but below 70	07	B (Good)
5	50 and above but below 60	06	C+ (Average)
6	00>50	00	F (Fail)

- No round off shall be allowed in calculating Marks Percentage.

For Example: In a paper, if a student secures marks in the range of 70-79, the Grade Value for that paper shall be 8, and the latter Grade for that paper shall be B+ (Distinction)

In the Rule 8.4 following explanation is required to be inserted:

Explanation: A Student who absents himself/herself from the assignment and presentation component of examination in a course shall have to pass the course out of 75 marks of written component of examination (i.e. in no case repeat submission of assignment and presentation shall be allowed).

Provided that in exceptional individual cases, the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of Controller of Examinations may allow a student to give written assignment submission and presentation on a later date then notified in the usual course or through Academic Calendar but prior to preparation and declaration of results.

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla Courses of Study, Admission, and Curriculum Regulations," 2019.

The Revised/Corrected Course Curriculum with Course Code is attached for consideration and approval. (**Annexure C**)

Item No. 4

To consider and approve the modifications in the nomenclatures of the following Centres:

Agenda Note

The Vice-Chancellor placed the Agenda Item and informed the Members of the Academic Council about inadvertent errors in the nomenclature of two Centres of the University as follows:

Sr. No.	Nomenclature of the Centre previously approved	Proposed Changes in the Nomenclature
1.	Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution and Professional Skills	Centre for <i>Alternative</i> Dispute Resolution and Professional Skills
2.	Centre for Child & Woman Studies	<i>Centre for the study of Women and Children</i>

Discussion

The Members of the Academic Council appreciated the rectification of the errors. The Academic Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.

Decision

The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Item No. 5

To consider and approve the constitution of Research Coordination and Development Committee. (RCDC)

Agenda Note

The Vice-Chancellor placed the Agenda Item before the Academic Council and apprised that there is a need of constitution of a committee to coordinate and develop research activities/programmes of the University especially minor/major project undertaken by individual faculty members of the University as well as undertaken in the name of the Centres/University.

Discussion

The Members of the Academic Council deliberated upon the Matter thoroughly.

Decision

The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal as well as the composition as under:
Dean Academic Affairs (Chairperson)
Finance Officer (Member)
Controller of Examinations (Member)
Two faculty members (Member)
The Faculty Member who is principal

		<i>investigator of the projects (Special Invitee)</i>
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The Academic Council recommended the proposal to the Executive Council for further approval.

Prof. (Dr.) P.S. Jaswal

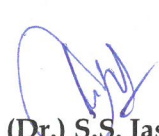
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