

10th Meeting of Academic Council
Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

Minutes of the Meeting

September 18, 2021

via Online Mode through Google Meet

The 10th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on September 18, 2021 at 10:00 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:

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. I.N. Mehta	Member
6.	Dr. Chanchal Kumar Singh	Member
7.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Sharma	Member
8.	Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal	Secretary

NOTE: The following esteemed members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. V. Vijaykumar, Member
2. Sh. Desh Raj Sharma, Member



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 9th Meeting and Action Taken Report of the Academic Council held on March 25, 2021.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
	The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes & Action Taken Report of the 9 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 Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for LL.M. (One-Year Degree Programme) Regulations, 2019. Part-II, of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Academic Regulations, 2019.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
	The Vice-Chancellor placed before the members of Academic Council the proposed changes in Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for LL.M. (One-Year Degree Programme) Regulations, 2019. Part-II, of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Academic Regulations, 2019.	<p>The Vice-Chancellor informed the esteemed members that the proposed changes of Rules 6, 7 and 8 are required for the smooth conduct of academic programmes and examinations thereof.</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and suggested the modification of the proposed rules in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That under Rule 6A.1., the requirement of submission of dissertation topic by 	<p>The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposed rules with the modifications suggested as under:</p> <p>The Academic Council also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to finalize the rules and incorporate the rules in the relevant parts of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Academic Regulations 2019 and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.</p>



students should be modified. The rule should prescribe that the students should submit the topic within two months of his/her admission to the programme.

2. That under the proposed rule 6A.3. the requirement of confirmation by BOS (Board of Studies) part should be done away with and the confirmation by RAC shall be taken to be final.
3. The members further suggested that the evaluation of dissertation should not be confined to the external expert members of RAC only. The Vice-Chancellor should be authorized to appoint/nominate external expert members as evaluators who are not members of the RAC, as well.
4. That the proposed rule 6D should provide for 10% similarity index



after applying permissible exclusions/filters as per the UGC guidelines. Further, the proposed 6D.2 rule should be deleted.

5. That the proposed Rule 7D relating to term paper, should accordingly be modified as proposed Rule 6D.
6. That the proposed Rule 8.4A prescribing the criteria of evaluation of dissertation namely the particular criteria, "originality of contents and authenticity of arguments" should have weightage of 10 instead of 40 and the weightage given to other criteria should accordingly be modified/adjusted by the Vice-Chancellor.
7. That the proposed Rules 8.4B and 8.4D relating to contents of dissertations and term papers, respectively, should be deferred.

The esteemed members unanimously suggested that the Vice-Chancellor should be authorized to edit / amend / modify all proposed rules in accordance with the above suggestions and incorporate them in the relevant parts of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Academic Regulations, 2019. The Vice-Chancellor is further authorized to rectify the typographical errors, if any.

Item No. 3

To consider and approve the format of the transcript and amendment of the Annexure B of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Examinations Regulations, 2019.

Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council about the amendment of the Annexure B of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Examinations Regulations, 2019, i.e., format of the transcript.	The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Item No. 4	To consider and approve the proposed changes in rules 10.5, 10.9 and 11.3 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Law, 2019	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council about the need for some changes/additions in Rule 10.5, 10.9 and 11.3 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.	The Vice-Chancellor informed that the proposed change in the Rule 10.5, 10.9 and 11.3 of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019. The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Item No. 5	To consider and approve the change of the title of Ph.D. Regulations and approve Regulations for LL.D. as sub-part of the Ph.D. Regulations inserted in the said regulations.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the esteemed members the agenda item that the University intends to introduce the Post-Doctoral Degree Programme in Law, i.e., LL.D. Accordingly, rules relating to LL.D. need to be approved and inserted as a sub-part of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy Programme in	The Vice-Chancellor informed the change in the title of Ph.D. Regulations so as to make Regulations for LL.D. as sub-part of the Ph.D. Regulations inserted in the said regulations. The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Law, 2019 and also the title of the regulations is proposed to be changed.		
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Item No. 6	To consider and approve the revised formats of degrees of B.A./B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Courses and LL.M. (one year) Programme of the University.	
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Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the esteemed members the agenda item regarding the revised formats of degrees of B.A./B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Courses and LL.M. (one year) Programme of the University	The Academic Council deliberated upon the draft documents and approved the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Item No. 7	To Consider and approve the constitution of IQAC for a period of two years.	
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Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision						
<p>The Vice-Chancellor placed before the esteemed members the agenda item regarding the XII Plan Guidelines of Establishment and Monitoring of the Internal Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs) in Universities (2012-2017) which provides for the composition of IQAC, which is as under.</p> <p>It further provides that the members at b) and c) of the above shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Academic Council of the University. The membership of such nominated members shall be for a period of two years. The following composition is proposed:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor</td><td>Chairperson</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>Prof. (Dr.) S.S.</td><td>Director</td></tr> </table>	1.	Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson	2.	Prof. (Dr.) S.S.	Director	The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.
1.	Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson						
2.	Prof. (Dr.) S.S.	Director						

	Jaswal, Registrar			
3.	Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Professor of Law	Member		
4.	Dr. Girjesh Shukla, Associate Professor, Law	Member		
5.	Dr. Alok Kumar, Associate Professor, Law	Member		
6.	Dr. Chanchal Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, Law	Member		
7.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor, Law	Member		
8.	Dr. Honey, Assistant Professor, Sociology	Coordinator		
9.	Dr. Deepika Gautam, Assistant Professor Management	Co- Coordinator		
10.	Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Controller of Examinations, RGNUL, Patiala, External Expert	Member		
11.	Mr. Ajay Kochhar, Chairman Bar	Member		



	Council of H.P., External Expert			
12.	Prof. (Dr.) Raghuwinder Singh, Dean and Chairperson Law Department, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, External Expert	Member		
13.	Mr. Bharat Barowalia, Research Scholar	Member		
<p>It is further submitted that membership of such nominated members shall be for a period of two years.</p>				

Item No. 8	To consider and approve the <i>ex post facto</i> sanction for the advertisement for the post of Assistant Professor of law on contract basis.		
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision	
The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item regarding the ex post facto sanction for the advertisement for the post of Assistant Professor of law on contract basis on full UGC scale.	The Vice-Chancellor informed the esteemed members that on the recommendations of the Academic Council, the Executive Council approved the proposed appointment of Assistant Professor(s) on contract basis on consolidated salary of Rs. 55,000/- in the meetings held on 25 th March 2021. She further informed that in order to attract good	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.	

	<p>candidates, the University has advertised two posts of Assistant Professor of Law on contract basis on full UGC scale.</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the <i>ex post facto</i> sanction for filling those posts on contract basis on full UGC scale. The members took note of the fact that the proposal to appoint Assistant Professors of Law on contract basis on full salary is most appropriate one in view of the fact that it will attract better meritorious candidates and providing full scale salary as per UGC will enable such contractual Assistant Professors to claim and count their teaching experience as such.</p>	
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Item No. 9	To consider and approve the amendment/addition of Himachal Pradesh National Law University Hostel and Discipline Regulations, 2019.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item regarding the proposed amendment/addition of Himachal Pradesh National Law University Hostel and Discipline Regulations, 2019.	<p>The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla is a residential University and the students cannot be allowed to stay outside, so there is a need to make such provisions in the Hostel Regulations and also to provide for conditions/guidelines where staying outside the hostel may be allowed in exceptional situations.</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.</p>	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

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Item No. 10	To consider and approve the proposal to initiate the development of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate through establishing MOOCs/SWAYAM Courses.
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Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item regarding the proposed initiate the development of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate through establishing MOOCs/SWAYAM Courses.	The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Reporting Item		
Reporting Item 1	The case of Ms. Nitya Sharma batch 2019-2020, Enrollment No. 1020192037.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor informed the esteemed members of the Academic Council that the list of students regarding their major courses for batch 2019-24 was notified. Ms. Nitya Sharma's name was reflected in the 'Sociology' group as per her google form data. She made a requested to change her major group from 'Sociology' to 'Political Science'. However, due to inadvertent error, the list was not rectified accordingly. In view of her request, she	The members deliberated upon the Reporting Item thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.



was allowed to continue in 'Political Science' group in anticipation of the meeting of the Academic Council.		
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Reporting Item 2		The case of Ms. Kajal batch 2020-2021, Enrollment No. 1020202152	
Agenda Note		Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor informed the esteemed members of the Academic Council that Dr. Ambika Harish inadvertently marked Ms. Kajal as absent in the assignment/presentation in the course of 'Law of Torts Law of Torts & MV Act and Consumer Protection Act' (1 st Semester, LB-101). As the result was already been declared, a corrigendum gazette notification was issued to modify the result of Ms. Kajal and the matter is reported, hereby, to the Academic Council		The members deliberated upon the Reporting Item thoroughly. The members unanimously took a serious note of the matter and resolved that the teachers have to perform their duties diligently. Therefore, an advisory should be issued to the concerned faculty member.	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal with the unanimous recommendation that any advisory should be issued to Dr. Ambika Harish that such lapses should not happen in future, and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.
ITEM NO.11		Any other item with the permission of the chair.	
		The esteemed members were informed by the Vice-Chancellor about the hard work done by the Examination Department and Controller of Examinations (COE). Particularly, members also noted that in this meeting of the Council, the most of the agenda mainly relates to framing of regulations and conduct of examinations which is very essential for academic standards and functioning of a University. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the members that the regulations were drafted by Dr. Chanchal Kumar Singh (COE).	

	The esteemed members unanimously appreciated and congratulated Dr. Chanchal K. Singh for the commendable work done by him and the Examination Branch of the University.
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Professor Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting by thanking all the esteemed members for sparing their precious time and making fruitful contributions.


Professor (Dr.) P.S. Jaswal

Professor (Dr.) K.P.S. Mahalwar

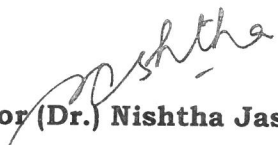
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