

**8th Meeting of Academic Council
Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla**

**Minutes of the Meeting
December, 22, 2020**

via Online Mode through Google Meet

The 8th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on December 22, 2020 at 11:00 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.	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

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 7th Meeting and Action Taken Report of the Academic Council held on September 15, 2020.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes & Action Taken Report of the 7 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 modifications/changes/additions in the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Academic Regulations, 2019.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
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.	The Vice-Chancellor informed that the proposed change in the Rule 3.2 of Part-I: The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla Courses of Study, Admission, and Curriculum Regulation," 2019 is required so as to bring it inconformity with CLAT notifications and eligibility criteria for seeking admission to Post-Graduate Programme. The Vice-Chancellor also informed esteemed members of the Academic Council that from this year more options have been opened for the LL.M. Courses. Earlier only specialisation in Constitutional Law and Criminal Law were offered. Now, the students are given the option for specialized groups of "Constitutional Law", "Criminal Law", Corporate and Commercial	The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

Law”, and “International Law”. Prof. P.S. Jaswal advised to rename the title of “International Law” as “International Law and Human Rights” which was confirmed by other members. The Vice-Chancellor also presented before the members the proposed changes in the Regulations for Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme, 2019. The members thoroughly deliberated upon the changes and unanimously resolved to approve the same. Regarding the Ph.D. Thesis/LL.M. Dissertation/ Term Paper Submission Forms, the members resolved on the suggestions of Prof. P.S. Jaswal & Prof. Mahalwar that the forms must contain security provisions like provision for photograph and Barcode/ Hologram.

Item No. 3

To consider and approve the Award of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject of Sociology, Political Science, Economics and Management.

Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
<p>Vice-Chancellor apprised the members of Academic Council about the request made by the faculty members from Social Sciences and Management to start Ph.D. Programme in Sociology, Political Science, Economics and Management.</p>	<p>The esteemed members of the Academic Council had made reference to the UGC Regulations 2016, wherein specific requirements for having Ph.D. courses is provided. They were of the view that there is no post graduate department of Social Sciences and Management in the University. There is only one teacher in each subject of Sociology, Political Science and Economics.</p> <p>The Members pointed out that for the purpose of permitting Ph.D. in Social Sciences/Management a post</p>	<p>The members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved that in view of the UGC Regulations and other MHRD guidelines, Ph.D. in Social Sciences/Management cannot be permitted. However, the faculty members of Social Sciences/Management may be allowed to work as Co-</p>

	<p>graduate department is required to be constituted in the relevant subject and the same is required to have requisite number of faculties (1 Professor, 2 Associate Professors & 4 Assistant Professors).</p> <p>The esteemed members suggested that the faculty members of Social Sciences/Management may be allowed to work as Co-Supervisors when the topic of the thesis of Ph.D. in Law is inter/multi disciplinary and this can be done with the due approval of the Board of Studies.</p>	<p>Supervisors when the topic of the Ph.D. in Law is inter/multi disciplinary, with the due approval of the Board of Studies.</p>
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Item No. 4 Any other item with the permission of the chair.

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