

12th Meeting of Academic Council
Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

Minutes of the Meeting

March 17, 2022

The 12th Meeting of the Academic Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on March 17, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. The Meeting was presided by Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla.

The following members were present (online):

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.) Sanjay Sindhu	Member
5.	Professor (Dr.) Raghuvinder Singh	Member
6.	Dr. Amit Vaid	Member
7.	Sh. I.N. Mehta	Member
8.	Dr. Chanchal Kumar Singh	Member
9.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Sharma	Member
10.	Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga	Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 11th Meeting and Action Taken Report of the Academic Council held on December 21, 2021.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
	The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes & Action Taken Report of the 11 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. All the esteemed members expressed serious concern for providing one unit of 60 students in B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) by Bar Council of India. Dr. Amit Vaid promised to do his best to get it done as early as possible. The members also approved to admit one more unit of 60 students (B.A. LL.B.) (F.Y.I.C.) w.e.f. the academic session 2022-23 in anticipation of the approval of Bar Council of India.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Policy for Grant of Financial Scholarship on Merit cum Means Basis to the students of B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. & LL.M.		
	Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
	The Vice-Chancellor placed before the members of Academic Council	The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that in the	After thorough deliberation, the members

to the Agenda Item for consideration and approval of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Policy for Grant of Financial Scholarship on Merit cum Means Basis to the students of B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. & LL.M. It was also requested to allow to change the nomenclature 'Financial Assistance' as approved by Finance Committee and Executive Council in the respective Meetings held on 20th February, 2020, to 'Financial Scholarship'.

respective meetings of Finance Committee and Executive Council held on 20th February, 2020, the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Policy for Grant of Financial Assistance on Merit cum Means Basis to the students of B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. & LL.M. was approved. She also informed the members that NAAC uses the term 'Financial Scholarship', therefore, it is requested to change the nomenclature from 'Financial Assistance' to 'Financial Scholarship'. The members deliberated upon the agenda item thoroughly and made certain suggestions. It was proposed to include the income limit of Rs. 4.5 lakhs as eligibility for determining the means criterion. The Committee members also suggested to remove certain information sought through the application form for the grant of scholarship. The

of the Academic Council resolved to approve the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Policy for Grant of Financial Scholarship on Merit cum Means Basis to the students of B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. & LL.M. Approve the Change in nomenclature. The members suggested some changes in the policy attached at **Annexure-2**. It was proposed to include the income limit of Rs. 4.5 lakhs as eligibility for determining the means criterion. The Committee members also suggested to remove certain information sought through the application form for the grant of scholarship. The members further suggested the income

	members further suggested the income certificate issued by Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.	certificate issued by Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar. The Academic Council unanimously recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.
Item No. 3	To approve the scheme of examination for UG Courses, PG and Ph.D. Programmes in Law as approved in the 9th Academic Council Meeting held on 25th March, 2021, to be applicable for academic session 2021-2022 (even semesters).	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the members of Academic Council the agenda item to approve the scheme of examination for UG Courses, PG and Ph.D. Programmes in Law as approved in the 9 th Academic Council Meeting held on 25 th March, 2021, to be applicable for academic session 2021-2022 (even semesters).	The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that due to COVID-19 Pandemic and consequent closure of the University, the Academic Council in its meeting held on 25 th March, 2021, had approved the scheme of the following Examination for UG Courses and PG programme through online mode on the basis of open book examinations: a) Internal evaluation: (25 Marks) by way of one written project assignment and presentation/viva-voce in each subject. b) Written End Term Examinations 75	After thorough deliberation, the members of Academic Council resolved as under: (1) The following scheme of Examinations will continue in the current (even semesters of UG courses and PG Programmes) (a) Internal evaluation: (25 Marks) by way of one written project assignment and presentation/viva-voce in each subject. (b) Written End Term

	<p>marks: to be conducted online on the basis of open book examinations.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the University shall re-open for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 3rd, 4th and 5th semesters and LL.M. from 21st March, 2022 and for B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. 1st and 2nd semester from 4th April, 2022. Due to change from online mode to physical classes again, the examinations have to be mandatorily conducted through offline mode and it will be difficult to conduct Mid Term Examinations in the current (Even Semesters of UG Courses and PG Programmes). Therefore, a request was made to the esteemed members to continue with the odd scheme of marks i.e., internal evaluation of 25 marks by way of one written projects/assignment and presentation/viva-voce in each subject, and written End Term Examination of</p>	<p>Examinations 75 marks: to be conducted offline.</p> <p>(2) Online mode of examinations shall be discontinued.</p> <p>The Academic Council unanimously recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.</p>
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	<p>75 marks.</p> <p>The members thoroughly deliberated over the issue and resolved to approve the same.</p>	
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Item No. 4	To consider and approve the proposal to conduct HPNLU, Annual Lecture Series.
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Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision
<p>The Vice Chancellor placed the agenda before the esteemed members of the Academic Council the Agenda Item to consider and approve the proposal to conduct HPNLU, Annual Lecture Series.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor informed the esteemed members that conducting of annual lecture series will be a annual features to be held in the months of May, June every year in which national and international eminent Jurists, distinguished Academicians, Hon'ble Judges etc. will be invited. She also informed that the approximate expenditure on the event will be Rs. 5,00,000/- per year.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor also requested the members to either suggest a good nomenclature for the lecture series or to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to determine some good nomenclature for it and report to the esteemed Academic Council in its next meeting.</p>	<p>The Academic Council, after thorough deliberation, unanimously resolved to approve the proposal to conduct HPNLU, Annual Lecture Series and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.</p>

ITEM NO. 5

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.

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