

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow

Minutes of the 28th Special/emergency Meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.06.2020 at 12.00 Noon

The following members were present in the meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.06.2020 at 12.00 Noon in the Council Room of the Administrative Block of the University:-

1.	Prof. S.K. Bhatnagar, Vice-Chancellor Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Chairman
2.	Mr. Manohar Singh, Advocate Nominee of Hon'ble Chairperson, General Council	Member
3.	Mr. Krishnkant Shukla, Nominee of Hon'ble Chairperson, General Council	Member
4.	Dr. V. Visalakshi, Head of the Department, Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Member
5.	Prof. Sanjay Singh, Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Member
6.	Dr. Vandana Singh, Associate Professor Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Member
7.	Dr. Monika Srivastava, Assistant Professor, Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Member
8.	Dr. Manish Singh, Associate Professor & CoE Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Special Invitee
9.	Mr. Sanjay K. Diwakar, Joint Registrar Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Secretary

Mr. Jaipal Singh, Nominee of Hon'ble Chairperson, General Council, Prof. S.K. Singh, Nominee of Bar Council of U.P. and Principal Secretary, Department of Law, Govt. of U.P. could not attend the meeting.

In the beginning of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. The Secretary of the Academic Council also extended the welcome to the Chairman and the members. Thereafter, following agenda item was taken-up for discussion with the approval of the chair:

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Agenda Item No. -1

Approval on the minutes of the committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to finalize the examination modalities and the Academic Calendar in the light of prevailing pandemic situation:

The lockdown promulgated by the Government of India to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic situation resulted into the closure of all the educational institutions all over the country since mid-March, 2020. The Academic Council was apprised that the teachers have conducted online teaching adopting various available modes. In the ordinary circumstances, the end semester examinations of the University could have been completed by the end of April 2020. But, due to the lockdown the physical pen and paper examinations could not be held till now.

Academic Council was also apprised of the various guidelines issued by the UGC on Examination and Academic Calendar (Annexure-1). The guidelines dated 27.05.2020 with a press release dated 09.06.2020 issued by the Bar Council of India were also placed before the Academic Council for perusal. The Academic Council was apprised that in order to deal with the emerging situation, the emergent meeting of the Academic Council had been convened to resolve on the modalities of examination and the academic calendar. The University had also constituted a committee to deal with the grievances of the students relating to their examination and academic calendar. The committee discussed the guidelines of the UGC and BCI along with the other NLUs pattern/format of examinations (Annexure-3) and recommended the modalities of the examinations of the University, accordingly.

Further, the Chairman placed certain additional recommendations in the meeting regarding the conduct of the examination due to COVID-19.

The recommendations of the committee and additional recommendations placed by the Chairman were put-up before the Academic Council for their consideration and resolution.

Resolved:

The Academic Council perused the guidelines of the UGC and BCI. The Academic Council also perused the modalities recommended by the committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor and modalities of other NLUs regarding conduct of examination in this pandemic situation. After due deliberation on the tough situation and requirement of the time, the Academic Council accorded its approval on the recommendations of the committee which were placed as Annexure-4.

The Academic Council also accorded its approval on additional recommendations placed by the Chairman.

The additional recommendations placed by the Chairman and recommendations of the committee are annexed with the minutes.



(Sanjay K. Diwakar)

Joint Registrar/

Secretary, Academic Council

Minutes approved.



(Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Bhatnagar)

Vice-Chancellor/

Chairman, Academic Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the committee related to Examination and Academic Calendar

A meeting of the committee related to examination and academic calendar was held on **08.06.2020** in the Vice Chancellor's chamber at 12 Noon. Following members were present:

1. Dr. V. V Isalakshi, HOD
2. Dr. Manish Singh, Controller of Examinations
3. Dr. Prasenjit Kundu
4. Dr. Samreen Hussain
5. Dr. Mridul Srivastava

Registrar, Dr. RMLNLU could not attend the meeting because of his Covid engagements.

The meeting was addressed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The gist of the responses of the final year students received by the HoD were also mentioned in the meeting. The UGC guidelines, BCI notifications, and examination patterns of other National Law Universities including those of the NLU Jodhpur, NLU Delhi, GNLU Gandhinagar, NLU Bhopal etc. were considered.

After due deliberations the following was resolved:

1. For Final Year (10th Semester)

(i) Evaluation of sessionals

The evaluation of the project and presentation of the respective subjects will be out of total 30 marks (20 for the project and 10 for the presentation). There will be no separate marks for the attendance.

(ii) End Semester Examination

- a. For each **optional paper** 03 long essay topics will be provided by the concerned teachers. Students shall attempt any 01 long essay topic from amongst the 03 so provided. A minimum of 2 questions for long essay shall be from the syllabus which was covered before the classes were suspended due to Covid-19.



- b. The students will have to submit their long essay within 48 hours in a hand written form. The scanned copy of the hand written answer shall be sent to the email id of the COE and a copy of the same will also be forwarded by the student to the concerned teacher. The email address of the COE on which the assignment has to be submitted will be given in the question paper.
- c. The word limit of the assignment shall be 2500-3000 words approx.

(iii) Seminar Papers

- a. After due submission of the seminar project the viva voce shall be conducted through online mode in the presence of two internal examiners. The viva-voce can be conducted on phone too.
- b. The seminar paper shall be evaluated out of 100 marks, the breakup of the same shall be as below:

Collection of material	10 marks
Review of material	15 marks
Rough Draft	10 marks
Final Project	35 marks
Viva-voce	30 marks

While preparing the final result of the final year students, the 50% weightage will be given to the total marks secured in 9th semester and 50% weightage will be given to the total marks secured in 10th semester.

For 1st year to 4th Year

- a. The evaluation of the project and presentation of the respective subjects will be out of total 30 marks (20 for the project and 10 for the presentation). There will be no separate marks for the attendance.
- b. In preparing the result of the students of 1st year to 4th Year for the provisional promotion, the 50% weightage will be given to the total

marks secured in the last immediately preceding odd semester and 50% weightage will be given to the total marks secured in the sessional (internal) evaluation of the current semester.

The provisional promotion will be subject to any direction given by the concerned regulatory educational/ professional bodies.

Note:

- (i) The other modalities shall be notified separately by the office of Controller of Examination.
- (ii) It is understood that a few students may not be able to appear in the online process due to connectivity issues or other similar reasons. They will be given an offline opportunity in the campus after the opening of the University.
- (iii) One opportunity shall be given to the students who appeared in online process and they want to improve their grades in any subject of the current semester after the opening of the University. The mode of the examination will be offline and the marks obtained in the improvement examination shall be "final". This will not be reflected as the second attempt in the marksheet and other official records.


(Dr. V. Visalakshi, HOD)



(Dr. Manish Singh, COE)


(Dr. Prasenjit Kundu)


(Dr. Samreen Hussain)


(Dr. Mridul Srivastava)

Minutes Approved


Vice Chancellor
11.06.2020

Placed in the meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.06.2020

Additional recommendations for resolution

1. Semester-wise results of BA.LLB. (Hons.) may be declared on rolling basis.
2. The repeat papers of the previous semesters of 10th semester students may be held by following the same pattern which is approved by the A.C. as per the BCI guidelines.
3. Covid-19 format for physical pen and paper examinations after reopening of the University may be as given below:
 - (a) The duration may be reduced to two hours.
 - (b) The number of the questions to be attempted may be reduced.

The modalities for the above physical examinations would be formulated by the Covid-19 Committee for Examinations and Academic Calendar.

4. The Examination and Academic Calendar Committee shall also decide the mode, format and schedule of the LL.M., Ph.D. and Post Diploma courses to be implemented by the University.
5. A standing committee of the members of the Academic Council comprising of:
 - (i) HoD - Chairperson
 - (ii) Dr. Vandana Singh
 - (iii) Dr. Monika Srivastava
 - (iv) Prof. S.K. Singh (external member)

is constituted to take policy decisions, if necessary.

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