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Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University

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Minutes of Academic Council meeting

The minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 20.10.2020 are being annexed herewith for kind perusal of the members. Comments, if any, on the recording of the minutes may kindly be sent within two weeks of issuance of the minutes.

(Anil Kumar Mishra)
Registrar

Secretary, Academic Council

Copy for information to the following AC members please:

1. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow.
2. Prof. S.K. Singh, Nominee, Bar Council of U.P./Dean, School of Law, Justice and Governance, GBU, Greater Noida.
3. Principal Secretary, Department of Law, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
4. Mr. Jaipal Singh, Rani Lakshmi Bai School, Sarvodaya Nagar, Lucknow.
5. Mr. Krishnakant Shukla, E-13, Lakshman Building Babuganj, Daliganj, Lucknow.
6. Mr. Manohar Singh, Advocate, 538 Kha/14, Rooppur, Kharara Ram Lila Maidan, Lucknow.
7. Dr. V. Visalakshi, Head of the Department, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow.
8. Prof. Sanjay Singh, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow.
9. Dr. Vandana Singh, Associate Professor, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow.
10. Dr. Monika Srivastava, Assistant Professor, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow.

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Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.10.2020 at 3.00 P.M.

The following members were present in the meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.10.2020 at 3.00 PM 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.	Prof. Sanjay Singh, Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Member
5.	Dr. V. Visalakshi, Head of the Department, 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.	Mr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Registrar Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow	Secretary

Mr. Jaipal Singh, Prof. S.K. Singh and Principal Secretary, Department of Law, Govt. of U.P. could not attend the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. Chairman also informed all the Hon'ble members that all the COVID-19 related protocols have been followed while organizing this physical meeting. Chairman introduced the Registrar to the members of the A.C. The Secretary of the Academic Council also extended the welcome to the Chairman and the members. Thereafter, following agenda items were taken-up for discussion with the approval of the chair:

Agenda Item No-1

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 03.08.2019, 09.11.2019 and 13.06.2020:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 03.08.2019, 09.11.2019 and 13.06.2020 were circulated earlier to the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council. As no comments were received from any of the Members, the Academic Council is requested to kindly accord their approval on the Minutes which are hereby annexed- *Annexure-1*.

Resolved:

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 03.08.2019, 09.11.2019 & 13.06.2020 were perused by the Hon'ble Members. The Academic Council accorded its approval on all the minutes.

Agenda Item No-2

Presentation of the 'Action Taken Report' on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its Meeting held on 03.08.2019, 09.11.2019 and 13.06.2020:

Action Taken Reports on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its meetings held on 03.08.2019, 09.11.2019 and 13.06.2020 are being placed as *Annexuer-2*; the Academic Council may kindly like to peruse the same.

Resolved:

The 'Action Taken Reports' on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its meetings held on 03.08.2019, 09.11.2019 & 13.06.2020 were perused by the Hon'ble Members and approved.

Agenda Item No-3

Consideration of the letter received from UGC to make two Credit Courses compulsory for all Ph.D. Students for pre-registration course work undertaken in the University:

A demi official letter no. F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) dated 28.12.2019 has been received from Secretary, University Grant Commission, New Delhi wherein he had apprised that University Grants Commission in its 543rd meeting held on 9th August, 2019 approved two Credit Courses for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled "Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)" to be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work. In this context, he has requested to ensure that the above two Credit courses may be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work undertaken in your University from the forthcoming academic session.

The copy of the letter received from Secretary, University Grant Commission is placed before the Academic Council as *Annexure-3* for kind consideration and approval.

Resolved:

During deliberations on the agenda item it was noted by all the Hon'ble Members that as the University Grants Commission vide above referred letter has made these two Credit Courses compulsory for all the Ph.D. scholars, therefore, the University has to follow these guidelines. The Academic Council accorded its approval on the proposal.

Agenda Item No-4

Consideration of the recommendations of the committee for the Revision in Donation from Individual/ Institution for incorporation of Gold Medal in the University:

A committee has been constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to review and frame the rules regarding instituting medals in the University. The meeting of the Committee was held on 08.10.2020 and the following revisions were recommended in the Chapter XI (e) (i) of the Academic Regulations - Part I of the Regulations. (*Annexure-4*):



"A Gold Medal may be instituted by an institution or individual upon the donation of a sum of not less than Rs. 1,50,000.00, a Silver Medal may be instituted by an institution or individual upon the donation of a sum of not less than Rs. 1,00,000.00 and a Bronze Medal may be instituted by an institution or individual upon the donation of a sum of not less than Rs. 75,000.00."

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on above decision made by the committee.

The matter of endowment-amount was mainly discussed.

Resolved:

The Academic Council considered the report of the committee. It was resolved to substitute Chapter XI (e)(i) of the Academic Regulations - Part I of the Regulations as below:

A Gold Medal may be instituted by an institution or individual upon the donation of a sum of not less than Rs. 2.0 lacs, a Silver Medal may be instituted by an institution or individual upon the donation of a sum of not less than Rs. 1.5 lacs. and a Bronze Medal may be instituted by an institution or individual upon the donation of a sum of not less than Rs. 1.0 lacs.

Agenda Item No-5

Consideration on the request of Sri Alak Majumdar for instituting a Gold Medal in the name of his son Late Jayanta Majumdar:

Mr. Alak Majumdar has requested for instituting a Gold Medal in the name of his son Late Jayanta Majumdar, our former student of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.). The committee has been constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to review and frame the rules regarding instituting medals in the University. The meeting of the Committee was held on 08.10.2020 and gave following resolution:

"The Medal Committee considered the request of Mr. Alak Majumdar for instituting a Gold Medal in the subject of Jurisprudence for the Topper of the Final Year in that particular subject."

The minutes of the above referred committee and the copy of the request letter of Sri Alak Majumdar are annexed herewith as **annexure -4 and 5** respectively.

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on above decision made by the committee.

Resolved:

During the deliberation on the issue it was resolved by the Academic Council that University would write a letter to Mr. Alak Majumdar apprising him about the decision of the Academic Council taken at agenda no. 4 above in regard to revision in donation amount. If he will agree to donate Rs. 2.0 lacs, then only the Gold Medal may be instituted as requested by him.

Agenda Item No-6

Consideration of the Establishment and Abolition of Departments:

In the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on 03.08.2019, it was resolved, vide item no. 15, to add 'Department of Legal Studies'. The minutes of the Academic Council were put up in the 35th meeting of the Executive Council. The Executive Council, vide item no. 13, resolved on the issue of the creation of the Department of Legal Studies as follows:

"The Executive Council perused the issue holistically and observed that there is no need of 11 departments in the University as of now.

It resolved to approve the recommendations of the Academic Council (vide agenda no. 15, 26th meeting of Academic Council, held on 03.08.2019) to revive and continue 'Department of Legal Studies' with Dr. V. Visalakshi as its Head of the Department since 17 June 2019.

It further resolved to get the structuring of the Departments and Centers reviewed".
(Annexure-6)

Therefore, the issue of the abolition/ retention of **11 departments** is to be discussed here. The issue is also related with the resumption of the Department of Humanities & Other Studies along with already duly approved 'Department of Legal Studies'. The 'Department of Humanities & Other Studies' had been approved in the 10th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30.10.2010.

Keeping in view the sense of the resolution of the Executive Council, it is proposed to abolish the departments from number (1) to (10) mentioned in the clause 2 of Chapter-I (Part-I - Academic Regulations - Organization for Teaching Departments of Studies); the posts allotted to these departments will get transferred to the Department of Legal Studies. As regards the nomenclature of the Department mentioned at number (11) needs to be considered. (Annexure-7)

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on the above proposal.

Deliberations

The Academic Council agreed that all the first ten departments in serial mentioned in the clause 2 of Chapter-I (Part-I - Academic Regulations - Organization for Teaching Departments of Studies) be abolished and be merged into the Department of Legal Studies (re-created vide item no. 15 in 26th A.C. meeting dated 03.08.2019 and vide item no. 13 of 35th E.C. meeting dated 09.11.2019) It further agreed that all the teaching posts sanctioned by the U.P. Government till 21.06.2013 should, therefore, be transferred to the "Department of Legal Studies". This was agreed upon that the nomenclature "Department of Humanities and Social Sciences" should be retained.

Prof. Sanjay Singh pointed out that centers will remain same and the senior teachers may be assigned the responsibilities to run these centers. The Academic Council agreed for the same.



Resolved:

(A) Resolved that the Departments mentioned from (1) to (10) in Clause (2) of Chapter-I of the Academic Regulations of Part-I of the Regulations are abolished. The Clause (2) is resolved to be amended as follows:

2. Till the Regulations do not provide the establishment of more Departments of Studies, the University will have the following Department of Studies:

- (i) Department of Legal Studies
- (ii) Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

(B) Consequently, all the teaching posts sanctioned till 2013 end are resolved to stand transferred to the "Department of Legal Studies".

A letter for this transfer may be sent to the U.P. Government.

(C) Consequently, Clause (A) of Chapter X of the "Academic Regulations" of "Part I" of the "Regulations" is resolved to be deleted.

(D) Consequently, Clause (B) of Chapter X of the Academic Regulations of Part I of the Regulations shall retain the names of the Centers only. The posts stand transferred as per (B) above.

Agenda Item No-7

Consideration of re-allocation of marks in forthcoming evaluation

In the last even semester of 2020, the internal marks were adjusted to exclude the marks for attendance as the University was closed due to Covid-19. As the University continues to remain closed, there is a need to consider the mode, format and allotment of marks for the end-semester examination (for odd semesters) due in November 2020 along with the marks for sessionals (internal assessment) for the same semester.

It may be recalled that it was resolved in the 28th Special Meeting of the Academic Council (held on 13.06.2020) that "evaluation of project and presentation of the respective subjects will be out of total 30 marks (20 for project and 10 for presentation). There will be no separate marks for attendance."

As regards the end-semester examinations for the odd semesters (2020), the recommendations resolved in the meeting of the Examination and Academic Calendar held on 03.10.2020 are annexed hereto for consideration and approval. (*Annexure-8*)

The letter no. 1028/Sattar-1-2020 dated 11.07.2020 of the State Government is also annexed herewith for considering to decide the matter. (*Annexure - 9*)

Therefore, it is proposed that same distribution of marks for sessionals may be allowed to continue.

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on the above proposal.



Deliberation:

The Chairman informed the Hon'ble Members that Bar Council of India vide their letter No. BCI:D:270/2020(541/2020 dt. 05.10.2020) dated 08.10.2020 has forwarded the extracts of the minutes of the BCI General Council meeting held on 05.10.2020 to the Registrar, Goa University and to Principal, VM Salgaocar College of Law, Goa. In these minutes, it is stated: '*Furthermore, the rules of Legal Education 2008 do not permit any examination to be held by online mode and the exception for conducting by either online mode is only for Final Year LL.B. students*'.

The Chairman further informed that University Examination and Academic Calendar Committee in its meeting held on 03.10.2020 has resolved to conduct end-semester examination in online mode.

Resolved:

The Academic Council resolved that the Standing Committee of the Academic Council/ Examination and Academic Calendar can decide it and the action may be reported to the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No-8

Considering the increase in seats of Evening PG Diploma programmes for implementation of EWS (UP) Reservation:

In the 26th Meeting of the Academic Council held 03.08.2019, it was resolved, vide item no. 20 (4) that in PG Diploma programmes (being run in the evening) also number of seats is required to be increased by maximum of 25% to accommodate candidates from EWS (**Annexure-10**), which was approved in the 35th meeting of the Executive Council on 09.11.2019.

Now, it is proposed that w.e.f. Academic Year 2020-21 in PG Diploma Programmes seats may be increased to 38 from present 30 to accommodate candidates from EWS (U.P.). Seat allocation to various categories, thereafter, shall be as follows:

Category	No. of Seats
SC of UP	08
ST of UP	01
OBC of UP	10
EWS (UP)	4
UR	15
Total	38

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on the above proposal.

Resolved:

The Academic Council accorded its approval on the proposal.



Agenda Item No-9

Consideration of the inclusion of Mediation as subject in B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme as per B.C.I. direction:

A letter no. BCI:D: 1897:2020(323/2020) dated 13.08.2020 was received from Secretary, Bar Council of India wherein Bar Council of India has notified that, from the academic session 2020-21, Mediation *with Conciliation* shall be course component/ compulsory paper/ subject for the pursuit of a LLB degree course, both for 3 years and 5 years Integrated course, (both Honours and non Honours). (*Annexure-11*)

The Head of Department informed that in B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme, the Mediation and Conciliation is incorporated in the compulsory subject namely "Alternative Disputes Resolution" in Unit-II. This subject is taught in VIIth Semester of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Programme in the present Monsoon Session of the Academic Year 2020-21.

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on the above proposal.

Resolved:

The Academic council took note of the above and accorded its approval.

Agenda Item No-10

Consideration on completion of Ph.D. degrees by the research Scholars of the University:

In the academic year 2019-20 and 2020-21 the following candidates have completed their Ph.D. degrees of the University:

S.No.	Name of the Research Scholar	Research Topic	Award Date
1.	Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava	Juvenile Justice Delivery Mechanism in India with Special Reference to Heinous Crimes - A Critical Analysis	27.01.2020
2.	Ms. Shweta Trivedi	Tackling the Problem of Honour Killing in India : A Critical Analysis of the Legal Framework	27.01.2020
3.	Ms. Ashna Singh K.	Climate Change Displacement: Existing Avenues and Need for a Regional Framework for South Asian and South-East Asian Region	17.08.2020
4.	Mr. Niloy Mukherjee	Khaled Hosseini's Portrayal of the Other: A Critical Study of the Representation of Diaspora and Women in His Novels.	17.08.2020
5.	Mr. Kaushendra Singh	Regulation of Initial Public Offers : An Analytical Study of Regulatory Framework with Special Reference to India	14.09.2020
6.	Ms. Smita Roy	A Sociological Understanding of Challenges of the Old Aged Persons: A Case Study of Lucknow District	16.10.2020
7.	Mr. Devendra	Cyber Offences in India : A Critical Legal Study	16.10.2020

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on award of the Ph.D. degrees as mentioned above.

Resolved:

The Academic Council accorded their approval on award of Ph.D. degrees as mentioned in the agenda. It was further resolved to include the names of concerned supervisors too while preparing the agenda in future.

Agenda Item No-11

Consideration on the approval on the Academic Calendar for the Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) III to X Semester and approval of the Academic Calendar of the Academic Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) I and II Semester and LL.M. I and II Semester:

The University carries out its Academic Activities in accordance with the Academic Calendar as approved by the Academic Council in the beginning of the each Academic Year. As the Academic Council meeting could not be convened since 13.06.2020, the Academic Calendar of the Academic Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) III to X Semester could not be approved by the Academic Council.

The Academic Calendar of the Academic Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) III to X Semester is placed with the agenda (*Annexure-12*) for approval of the Academic Council. The Academic Calendar of the Academic Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) I and II Semester and LL.M. I and II Semester starting from 02.11.2020 as per U.G.C. guidelines is also placed (*Annexure-13*) for approval of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on Academic Calendar of the Academic Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) III to X Semester and accorded its approval on the Academic Calendar of the Academic Year 2020-21 for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) I and II Semester and LL.M. I and II Semester.

Resolved:

The Academic Council accorded its approval.

Agenda Item No-12

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

Under this agenda item, the following matters were placed before the Academic Council for resolution:

- 1. To determine the number of seats of Ph.D. Programme for Academic Year 2020-21:**

While presenting this item before the Academic Council, the Chairman apprised the Hon'ble Members that in order to admit the Ph.D. scholars in every academic year the University has

been filling only 50% of available seats. The matter has been put up in the 19th meeting of Research Degree Committee on 01.09.2020.

Resolved:

The Academic Council, after due deliberation, decided the number of seats as per the following:

Discipline	Law	Humanities & Social Sciences				
		History	Political Science	Sociology	Economics	English
No. of Seats	14	04	03	04	01	02

2. Appointment of Clinical Psychologist:

During deliberation on this point, the Chairman informed that students taking admission in the University every year come from different places and backgrounds from India. There is likelihood of some students getting some psychological problems because after taking admission here so far from their native places, their social and cultural values may get disturbed. The Chairman also informed the Hon'ble Members that there has been some instances in this University earlier. It was also informed to the Hon'ble Members that during lockdown period on the directions of the University Grants Commission, the University constituted a Mental Health Cell to facilitate the students.

It was therefore, proposed to engage Clinical Psychologist in the University who may deliver the lectures, hold sessions and conduct personalized counseling sessions for the students.

Resolved:

The Academic Council, after due deliberation, accorded its approval to engage any Clinical Psychologist for which modalities may be formulated by the University.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Anil Kumar Mishra)
Registrar/

Secretary, Academic Council

Minutes approved.



(Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Bhatnagar)
Vice-Chancellor/
Chairman, Academic Council