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Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University

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Date: 17 February, 2021

Minutes of Academic Council meeting

The minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 15.02.2021 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

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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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Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow**Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.02.2021 at 3.00 P.M.**

The following members were present in the meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.02.2021 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.	Prof. S.K. Singh, Nominee, Bar Council of U.P.	Member
3.	Mr. Manohar Singh, Advocate 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, Mr. Krishnkant Shukla and Secretary-in-charge, Judicial Department, Govt of U.P. could not attend the meeting.

At the outset 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 items were taken-up for discussion with the approval of the chair:

Agenda Item No-1**Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.10.2020:**

The Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.10.2020 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 as *Annexure-1*.

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Resolved:

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 20.10.2020 were perused by the Hon'ble Members. The Academic Council accorded its approval for the same.

Agenda Item No-2

Presentation of the 'Action Taken Report' on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its 29th Meeting held on 20.10.2020.

Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.10.2020 are to be placed before the Executive Council for approval.

Resolved:

The point was noted by the Hon'ble Members.

Agenda Item No.-3

Matter relating to promotion of student due to COVID-19:

The representation of Mr. Uttkarsh Ranjan Rao, a B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) student of this University is being placed before the Academic Council as *Annexure-2* wherein he had requested the University to allow him to appear in the online examination of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) 8th semester organized in the month of January, 2020. Due to absence of any rule in this regard, it was decided to put the matter before the Academic Council for necessary directions.

In the above context, the following facts in respect to student's representation and the University Rules are being put-up before the Academic Council for perusal:

Facts in respect to the University Rules:

1. The Academic Council in its 28th meeting held on 13.06.2020 had accorded its approval on the recommendation dated 08.06.2020 of the Examination and Academic Calendar Committee. The Examination & Academic Calendar Committee had formulated the modalities of the online examination due to COVID-19 for 5th year students along with the promotion policy for the students of 1st to 4th year of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.). In respect to the promotion of students of 1st to 4th year of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), the Examination & Academic Calendar Committee had recommended that :

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- 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 the Controller of Examinations.**
- (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 mark sheet and other official records.**

The above recommendations of the committee were based on UGC/BCI directives regarding examination and promotion of students due to COVID-19.

2. The University Regulations in respect to promotion of students in to the next semester/year provides that:

Promotion to VII Semester:

- (a) A candidate who comes under the category 'Passed or Promoted' is eligible to be promoted to VII Semester if otherwise eligible.
- (b) Failed candidates shall not be promoted to the VII Semester. However, they shall be promoted to the VII semester when they become eligible to come under the category of either 'Passed' or 'Promoted' as explained above after passing the Failed papers in the subsequent available examinations as ex-students.

Promotion to VIII Semester:

All students who have put in the minimum percentage of attendance in VII-Semester and filled in the examination form in time and appeared in the examinations shall be promoted to VIII Semester.

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Promotion to IX Semester:

- (a) A candidate who comes under the category 'Passed or Promoted' in the VIII Semester is eligible to be promoted to IX Semester if otherwise eligible.
- (b) Failed candidates in the VIII Semester shall not be promoted to the IX Semester. However, they shall be promoted to the IX semester when they become eligible to come under the category of either 'Passed' or 'Promoted' as explained above after passing the Failed papers in the subsequent available examinations as ex-students.

Facts in respect to the representation of the student:

1. The student in question was failed in all the papers of 7th semester and in the internal assessment of 04 papers of 8th semester. As the student was failed in all the papers of 7th semester he could not secure the minimum CPI for promotion in next semester even after adding the weightage of previous semester in the 8th semester marks.
2. It is pertinent to mention here that due to the non-conduct of examinations on time due to COVID -19 pandemic, the student could not get the fair opportunity to reach the minimum 4.0 CPI/SPI required for promotion in next semester.
3. It is also pertinent to mention here that IXth semesters examination of Batch-2016 have been completed in the November, 2020. The concerned student had requested the University to allow him to appear in the said examination but his request was not considered by the University due to the reason that he was not promoted in the IXth semester.
4. Now the end -term examinations (which were proposed in the month of April, 2020 but could not be conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic) are being conducted in online mode from 16.01.2021 and the concerned student is appearing in the 8th semester's examination.
5. If the student got passing grades in the examination as given at 4 above and secures minimum 4.0 CPI, he will be eligible for promotion in IXth semester.

The Academic Council is requested to please go through the facts given in respect to student's representation and the University Rules and accord its approval on promotion of concerned student in IXth semester subject to the completion of conditions given at point number 4 and 5 above. On the fulfillment of above clause, the Academic Council may kindly accord permission to conduct separate remedial classes for the student concerned for IXth semester and to conduct his examination of IX semester alongwith the examination of Xth semester of the batch of 2016.

If the Academic Council accords its approval on the above proposal, the same process will be followed in all the similar matters.

The Academic Council is requested to consider the proposal.

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Resolved:

Resolved that in view of the situation generated by Covid-19 pandemic, the proposal for separate examination and remedial classes is approved with the direction that the other cases of hardships due to Covid-19 may also be dealt with in similar way.

Agenda Item No-4

Introduction of Part-time Ph.D. Programme:

The following proposal in respect to introducing Part-time Ph.D. programme in the University was put-up before the Academic Council in its 26th meeting held on 03.08.2019 under agenda item no. 20(7):

In the Chapter VI of the Regulations of the University relating to Admission to Ph.D. Degree, the following modifications are recommended by the Head of the Department based on the recommendations of the committee constituted as per resolution of the RDC for introducing the part-time Ph.D. programme:-

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3. General Conditions

- (i) The Ph.D. programme shall be full time.
- (ii) The research scholars shall be required to be present in the University during working hours and their presence shall be duly recorded in the University library. This will not be less than 75% of the entire working days of the University in an Academic Year.
- (iii) No research scholar registered for Ph.D. Degree shall take up simultaneously any other course of study or any full time employment; however this limitation will not apply to the teachers of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow or after the expiry of period of 3 years from the date of admission.
- (iv) The research scholar may be required to take teaching assignments and render help as may be required in the academic and co-curricular activities of the University.
- (v) The course work and other required work in the Ph.D. programme, including the Ph.D. thesis, shall be in the English language.
- (vi) All the research scholars registered for the Ph.D. programme shall abide by the regulations and rules framed by the University from time to time.

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3. General Conditions

- (i) The Ph.D. Programme shall be Full Time/ Part Time
- (ii) The course work and other required work in the Ph.D. programme, including the Ph.D. thesis, shall be in the English language.
- (iii) All the research scholars registered for the Ph.D. programme shall abide by the regulations and rules framed by the University from time to time.

'Full Time Ph.D. Programme'

- (iv) The research scholars shall be required to be present in the University during working hours and their presence shall be duly recorded in the University library. This will not be less than 75% of the entire working days of the University in an Academic Year.
- (v) No research scholar registered for Ph.D. Degree shall take up simultaneously any other course of study or any full time employment; however this limitation will not apply to the teachers of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow or after the expiry of period of 3 years from the date of admission.
- (vi) The research scholar may be required to take teaching assignments and render help as may be required in the academic and co-curricular activities of the University.

'Part Time Ph.D. Programme'

- (vii) Candidate pursuing Part Time Ph.D. Programme shall be subjected to all the provisions of these regulations except those exclusively meant for candidates pursuing 'Full time Ph.D. Programme'.
- (viii) Eligibility
 - a. A candidate who is working as full time employee of any Governmental or non Governmental organization including Judiciary, PSUs, Universities, Colleges, Police Dept. etc. or a professional.
 - b. All other eligibility shall be as mentioned in Para 1.
 - c. Provided that a Full Time Ph.D. Scholar may, during the period of his/her Ph.D. but before supplication of the thesis, make an application to the RDC, duly forwarded by the respective Ph.D. supervisor(s), for consideration as a part-time Ph.D. Scholar. Such an application can be made only once during the entire duration of the Ph.D. Programme. The RDC will have power to approve it.
 - d. Provided also that a Part-Time Ph.D. shall not be converted into a full-time Ph.D. and the process of conversion of full-time Ph.D. shall be irreversible.

The Academic Council did not accorded its approval on the proposal in its meeting held on 03.08.2019.

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The need of running a part-time Ph.D. programme is increasing day by day by the professionals, therefore, to facilitate to aspirant research scholars who don't have enough time to pursue full time Ph.D. programme due to their professional commitments, the proposal for introducing part-time Ph.D. programme in the University is again being placed before the Academic Council for approval.

In the light of the given scenario, the Academic Council is, therefore, requested to please consider and accord its approval on introduction of part-time Ph.D. programme in this University w.e.f. Academic Year 2020-21.

Resolved:

The Academic Council noted that the issue had been put up earlier too. On mentioning that a provision be made for enrollment of part time PhD for government officers and other professionals, the Academic Council pointed out that they can do their PhD after taking leave at least for two years and it was, further, pointed out that the mandatory one semester research course is a classroom activity which cannot be done in a part time mode. The Academic Council wanted that the condition of stay of two years in the beginning has to be put in the regulations.

Agenda Item No-5

Apprising the Academic Council about increasing one Ph.D. seat for unreserved PWD category in Law subject:

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 20.10.2020 has determined 14 seats for Ph.D. in Law subject for academic year 2021-21. Accordingly, the notification was issued mentioning the availability of 14 seats for Ph.D. in Law and the Research Entrance Test (RET) was convened. In accordance with result of the RET followed by interview the 14 candidates were selected for admission.

Later on two candidates namely Ms. Nishtha and Mr. Prabhat Dixit have submitted representations requesting allotment of one seat for PWD category in Law subject. There are total 61 seats of Ph.D. in Law subject. In accordance with the reservation policy total 3.05 seats are required to be reserved for PWD (5% of total seats) category and as of now only 2 candidates are registered in Ph.D. in Law under PWD category. Therefore, to follow the reservation rules, the University has increased 01 seat for PWD category in Law subject for Academic Year 2020-21.

Ms. Nishtha has filed a court case (writ petition no. 760 of 2021) in Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad at Lucknow bench. Hon'ble Court as per the inputs given by the University Counsel regarding increasing one seat for PWD category, vide their order dated 12.01.2021 (*Annexure-3*) has directed that the case of the petitioner may be considered against the said

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seat in accordance with the law, if she comes under merit. Accordingly, the University admitted one candidate under PWD category in accordance with merit.

Therefore, the matter regarding increasing 01 seat is being reported to the Academic Council.

Resolved:

The Academic Council noted the allocation of a PhD seat to PwD candidate.

Agenda Item No-6

Change in eligibility for admission to LL.M. programme of the University:

The University takes the admission into its B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. programmes through the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). The Common Law Admission Test for admission into Academic Year 2021-21 was convened on 28.09.2020. The consortium of NLUs has made some changes in the eligibility for admission into the LL.M. programme for all the National Law Universities from 2020 onwards which different from the eligibility decided by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.

The previous eligibility as given in the University admission brochure in respect to admission into the LL.M. programme and the eligibility as prescribed by the consortium of NLUs is given below:

Eligibility for Admission into the LL.M. programme	
Eligibility given in University brochure	Eligibility as prescribed by CLAT
1. The admission shall be based on the performance in the Common Law Admission Test-2020. However, to qualify for admission, the candidate must have passed LL.B. Degree or an equivalent Degree from a recognized University with at least 55% marks or equivalent grade (50% in case of SC/ST candidates of U. P.). 2. Candidates who have appeared in the LL.B. Degree exam must have passed/appeared in the final semester/ final year examination of the qualifying examination on the date of his/her admission.	1. An LL.B Degree or an equivalent examination with a minimum of Fifty percent (50%) of marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to General/OBC/PWD/NRI/PIO/OCI categories and Forty-Five percent (45%) of marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST categories. 2. Candidates appearing in the qualifying examination in April/May 2020 are also eligible to apply. 3. No upper age limit is prescribed for appearing in CLAT 2020. 4. Tie Breaker Rule : In case of equal marks, the break of tie shall be by the following procedure and order as under: i. Higher age; ii. Computerised draw of lots.

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As the Admission Test was conducted in the month of September, 2020, the University had already amended its admission brochure in accordance with eligibility prescribed by the CLAT and it was decided to report the same to the Academic Council.

The above is being reported to the Academic Council.

Resolved:

The amendment is noted. The eligibility conditions for admission in LLM course (being mentioned in the CLAT Brochure in last few years) are accepted for forthcoming admissions.

Agenda Item No-7

To consider and approve the resolutions of the Examination & Academic Calendar Committee meetings:

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 13.06.2020 had accorded its approval on the minutes of the meeting of the Examination & Academic Calendar Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to finalize the examination modalities due to COVID-19 which was held on 08.06.2020. The Academic Council has also accorded its approval on constitution of Standing Committee of the Academic Council to take appropriate measures in this regard.

Later on while according its approval on the minutes of the meeting of the Examination & Academic Calendar committee held on 03.10.2020, the Academic Council in its meeting held on 20.10.2020 had authorized these committees i.e. Standing Committee of the Academic Council and Examination & Academic Calendar Committee to decide upon the modalities of examination due to COVID-19 and action of these committees be reported to the Academic Council.

As directed the following actions taken by the Standing Committee/Examination & Academic Calendar Committee in its various meetings are being reported to the Academic Council as per the following for perusal and approval please:

S.No.	Date of meeting	Action taken	Remarks
1.	08.06.2020	In lines with the UGC guidelines and BCI notifications regarding examination pattern due to Covid-19 and the examination patterns of other NLUs, the committee formulated the modalities of examination for students of Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow.	The minutes of the committee were approved by the Academic Council on 13.06.2020.
2.	22.06.2020	The development after the last meeting of the Examination & Academic Calendar Committee were discussed and the dates for the Academic Calendar for 2020-21 were resolved.	The examinations were conducted in the month of June-July, 2020. The Academic Calendar- 2020-21 was finalized.





3.	24.06.2020	The examination modalities for LL.M and Ph.D. programmes were framed. In respect to the other PG Diploma courses it was also resolved to follow the same pattern as being followed for LL.B.,LL.M. etc.	Accordingly, examinations were conducted in the month of July, 2020.
4.	21.07.2020	As resolved in the last meeting held on 24.06.2020 the modalities for examination of PG Diploma courses were formulated.	Accordingly, examinations were conducted in the month of July-August 2020.
5.	19.08.2020	Modalities for repeat examinations for B.A.LL.B. (2015-2020 batch), LL.M. (2019-20 batch) were resolved. The same were also resolved for PG Diploma courses (2019-20 batch).	Accordingly, examinations were conducted in the month of October, 2020.
6.	03.09.2020	Modalities regarding promotion of students in next semesters were formulated in view of the guidelines of the UGC and the press release of the BCI dated 09.06.2020.	Accordingly, the students were promoted.
7.	03.10.2020	The modalities for new admissions and orientation & class routine were formulated in accordance with the UGC Guidelines in this regard. The format and modalities for End semester examination, Nov. 2020 for 3 rd , 5 th , 7 th & 9 th Semesters (BA.,LL.B.) were resolved.	Accordingly, orientation program was held online. Examinations were conducted in the month of November-December, 2020.
8.	22.10.2020	The meeting of the Internal Members of the Academic Council along with Examination & Academic Calendar Committee was held as per direction of the A.C. in its 29 th meeting (vide Agenda No. 11) jointly. The BCI/UGC directives regarding examination and other academic matters were discussed.	As per the directives, the necessary steps were taken.
9.	03.11.2020	Modalities regarding online examination of the End-Semester November 2020 Examinations, LL.M. First Semester Evaluation Pattern, and Internal Assessment marks distribution for the B.A.,LL.B. First Semester (2020-21) were resolved.	Accordingly, the examinations were conducted in the month of November-December, 2020
10.	09.11.2020	Modalities of end semester examinations November 2020 for 3 rd , 5 th , 7 th & 9 th semesters of B.A.,LL.B. were resolved.	Accordingly, the examinations were conducted in the month of November-December, 2020.
11.	08.12.2020	Resolved to hold pending end-semester examinations, April 2020 of 2 nd , 4 th , 6 th & 8 th Semesters of B.A., LL.B. in an online mode between 16 January and 24 January 2021. Matter regarding re-opening of University was also discussed.	Accordingly, the examinations were conducted in the month of January, 2021.

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The copies of the above-mentioned Minutes are attached as *Annexure-4*.

The Academic Council is requested to consider and approve these resolutions.

Resolved:

Resolved to approve the decisions of the Examination & Academic Calendar Committee taken in its various meetings in order to address the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

Agenda Item No-8

Modification in the Constitution of the Research Advisory Committee and its Functions

The existing composition of the Research Advisory Committee includes Head of the Department which is problematic and is not in consonance with the objectives of the committee as envisaged by the UGC. Therefore, the modifications are proposed in the composition of the committee along with in other provisions as per UGC guidelines.

In the Chapter VI of the Regulations of the University relating to Admission to Ph.D. Degree, the following modifications in Clause 4 are recommended:-

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4. CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

There shall be a Research Advisory Committee with the Research Supervisor as its convener along with the Head of Department and one Research Supervisor as its Members for the research scholar working under the concerned Research Supervisor(s):

The Committee shall have following functions:

- (i) to review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.
- (ii) to guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) she/he may have to do.
- (iii) to periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
- (iv) to require the research scholar to give presentation of the progress of his/her work. The Convener shall submit a six monthly report to the Research Degree Committee.
- (v) If after repeated recommendation, the research scholar fails to make any progress in his/her work, the Committee may recommend to the Research Degree Committee for cancellation of his/her registration.



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4. CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- (i) There shall be a Research Advisory Committee for each Ph.D. scholar. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee which will also consist of (a) Co-supervisor (if any), and (b) One subject expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (ii) This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (a) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
 - (b) To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/ she may have to do.
 - (c) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
- (iii) A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the Research Advisory Committee to the Research Degree Committee with a copy to the research scholar.
- (iv) In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the Research Degree Committee with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.

The Academic Council is requested to consider and approve the proposal.

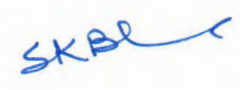
Resolved:

Resolved to approve the modifications in the composition and functions of the Research Advisory Committee under the PhD regulations.

Agenda Item No-9

Representation from Mr. Nitesh Gupta for the revival of his Ph.D. registration

The Ph.D. registration of Mr. Nitesh Gupta was cancelled in 2018. He made representation for revival of his registration but the R.D.C. maintained the status of cancellation as it is. Another representation was made by Mr. Nitesh Gupta asking that **R.D.C. cannot cancel his**



registration. The same was put up before the R.D.C. in its 20th meeting held on 21.12.2020; the Agenda item and resolution of the R.D.C. are reproduced below:

Agenda No. 7

Representation from Mr. Nitesh Gupta for the revival of his Ph.D. registration

Mr. Nitesh Gupta who took admission in PhD in Law in August 2014 has made another application for restoration of his candidature, cancelled earlier by the Research Degree Committee (RDC). He has also pointed out that his matter should have been placed in the Research Advisory Committee and the RDC is not competent to take such decisions.

Background:

1. Mr. Nitesh Gupta took admission in PhD in Law programme on 27-08-2014. He submitted his six monthly reports till June 2016. After that he did not submit any six monthly progress report.
2. (i) As per the decision of the Research Degree Committee (RDC) meeting held on 5-10-2017, notice no. 103 dated 11-12-2017 was sent asking him for submission of progress reports and fee. But, he did not pay any heed to the directive of the University.
(ii) Next, as per the decision of the RDC meeting held on 27-01-2018, another notice no.11 dated 19-02-2018 was sent to him repeating the same directive but he did not respond.
(iii) Again, as per the decision of the RDC meeting held on 18-04-2018, another notice with no. 23 dated 07-05-2018 was sent to Mr. Nitesh Gupta but he did not comply with the directions of the University.
3. Prof. Gurdip Singh, former Vice-Chancellor, was his supervisor who left this University on 31.10.2017. After his departure, there was no supervisor of Mr. Nitesh Gupta, however, Mr. Nitesh Gupta had already stopped submitting his progress reports after June 2016.
4. In the meeting of the RDC held on 09-10-2018, his registration was cancelled. As per the decision of the RDC on 09-10-2018, letter no. 2028-18 dated 27-11-2018 was sent to Mr. Nitesh Gupta informing the cancellation of his PhD registration.
5. Mr. Nitesh Gupta again gave an application for the revival of his PhD registration. The application was put up before the RDC in its meeting on 02-03-2019 where it was decided that the RDC stands by its previous decision. As per the decision of the RDC on 02-03-2019, letter no. 666-19 dated 25-04-2019 was sent to him informing him about the decision of the RDC.

The matter is put up before the RDC for its consideration. The candidate has also stated in his application that the Executive Council, and not the RDC, is competent to cancel his registration.

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The copy of the representation received from Mr. Nitesh Gupta is placed before the committee as *Annexure-06* and requested to please take decision on the matter of above applicant.

Mr. Nitesh Gupta submitted his progress reports till June 2016 and afterwards, he did not continue his research work. If he continued to conduct his research after June 2016, he may be asked to give the proof of it.

Resolution:

A letter may be sent to Mr. Nitesh Gupta asking him to inform about his research work in consultation with his supervisor.

In view of above, the Academic Council is requested to consider the matter and issue the appropriate directions.

Resolved:

The Academic Council discussed the matter of the continued absence of Mr. Nitesh Gupta and resolved that the Research Degree Committee has exercised its authority to cancel his PhD registration as per the University regulations.

Agenda Item No-10

Representation from Ms. Nupur Gupta for the revival of her Ph.D. registration

The Ph.D. registration of Ms. Nupur Gupta was cancelled in 2018. She made representation for revival of her registration but the R.D.C. maintained the status of cancellation as it is. Another representation was made by Ms. Nupur Gupta asking that **R.D.C. cannot cancel her registration**. The same was put up before the R.D.C. in its 20th meeting held on 21.12.2020; the Agenda item and resolution of the R.D.C. are reproduced below:

Agenda No. 8

Representation from Ms. Nupur Gupta for the revival of her Ph.D. registration

Ms. Nupur Gupta who took admission in PhD in Law in August 2014 has made another application for restoration of her candidature, cancelled earlier by the Research Degree Committee (RDC). She has also pointed out that her matter should have been placed in the Research Advisory Committee and the RDC is not competent to take such decisions.

Background:

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1. Ms. Nupur Gupta took admission in PhD in Law programme on 27-8-2014. She submitted her six monthly reports till June 2016. After that she did not submit any six monthly progress reports. She did not deposit the fee also.
2. (i) As per the decision of the Research Degree Committee (RDC) meeting held on 5-10-2017, notice no. 103 dated 11-12-2017 was sent asking her for submission of progress reports and fee. But, she did not pay any heed to the directive of the University.

(ii) Next, as per the decision of the RDC meeting held on 27-01-2018, another notice no.11 dated 19-02-2018 was sent to her repeating the same directive but she did not respond.

(iii) Again, as per the decision of the RDC meeting held on 18-04-2018, another notice with no. 23 dated 7-5-2018 was sent to Ms. Nupur Gupta but she did not comply with the directions of the University.
3. Ms. Nupur Gupta did not respond or act in accordance with the notices sent to her from time to time as pointed out above. Ms Nupur Gupta was abstaining from doing her research work as being not in touch with her supervisor in a full time course of PhD at Lucknow. She did not also submit her progress reports. She did not deposit the fee. In the meeting of the RDC held on 09-10-2018, Dr. Aparna Singh, her supervisor, had apprised, as per Agenda circulated before the meeting that Nupur Gupta "has not reported personally or through wire in the three years to develop any communication regarding the research activity". RDC cancelled her registration in this meeting. As per the decision of the RDC on 09-10-2018, letter no. 2029-18 dated 27-11-2018 was sent to Ms. Nupur Gupta informing the cancellation of her PhD registration.
4. Ms. Nupur Gupta again gave an application for the revival of her PhD registration. The application was put up before the RDC in its meeting on 02-03-2019 where it was decided that the RDC stands by its previous decision. As per the decision of the RDC on 02-03-2019, letter no. 665-19 dated 25-04-2019 was sent to her informing her about the decision of the RDC.
5. Every PhD candidate is required to show up her attendance to her supervisor for the continuous and regular supervision of her PhD research work. Ms. Nupur Gupta had not been doing that for a long period.

The matter is put up before the RDC for its consideration. The candidate has also stated in her application that the Executive Council, and not the RDC, is competent to cancel her registration.

The copy of the representation received from Ms. Nupur Gupta is placed before the committee as *Annexure-07* and requested to please take decision on the matter of above applicant.

During the discussions, a point was raised that Nupur Gupta may be asked to submit an affidavit that she has not been employed since or after she took admission.



Resolution:

Ms. Nupur Gupta may be asked to submit an affidavit that she was not employed during this period.

In view of above, the Academic Council is requested to consider the matter and issue the appropriate directions.

Resolved:

The Academic Council discussed the matter of the continued absence of Ms. Nupur Gupta and resolved that the Research Degree Committee has exercised its authority to cancel her PhD registration as per the University regulations.

Agenda Item No. - 11 (As Table Agenda)**Payment towards refreshment during the examinations of the University:**

There has been a practice in the university to provide refreshment to the faculty members, officials, staff members who are being deputed in the various examinations organized by the University. Despite of this the faculty members deputed to invigilate the examinations are being paid Rs. 100/- per meeting in accordance with the provision given in Chapter-IV (I) of Academic Regulations of the University.

Further, as per the provision given in Chapter-IV (IV) of Academic Regulations of the University all the Group-C & D employees deputed in the examination duties are being paid the honorarium as per the following:

SN	No. of students	No. of Class-3 Staff that can be deputed	Remuneration for Class-3 Staff actually deputed	No. of Class-4 Staff that can be deputed	Remuneration for Class-4 Staff actually deputed
(1)	Less than 500	04	Rs. 100/- per meeting	04	Rs. 50/- per meeting
(2)	For every 100 students exceeding 500	01	Rs. 100/- per meeting	01	Rs. 50/- per meeting

Recently, account wing of the University has pointed out that while the University is paying honorarium to all the concerned towards each task related to the examination, it does not seem justified to provide them with the refreshment additionally.

The Academic Council is requested to please provide necessary directions on the above.

Resolved:

The faculty gets the remuneration even if they check the answer sheets at their homes/chambers. But, since the time they are being asked to come to a designated




central room to check answers sheets in a closed place, the provisions are being made for their meals etc. along with the staff on duty. But, point has been raised about it as mentioned in the agenda item. The Academic Council resolved that the practice of treating the faculty/staff with meals etc. may be continued.

Agenda Item No-12 (As Table Agenda)

Consideration on completion of Ph.D. degrees by the research Scholars of the University.
In the academic year 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	Name of Supervisor
1.	Mr. Vivek Pachauri	Socio-Political Status of the Transgender from the Vedic age to the Nuclear Age	05.02.2021	Dr. Vandana Singh, Associate Professor
2.	Mr. Malay Pandey	Anti-Cartel Measures with Special Reference to India	12.02.2021	Dr. A.K. Tiwari, Associate Professor

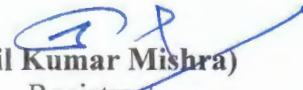
The Academic Council is requested to accord its approval on award of the Ph.D. degrees as mentioned above.

Resolved:


The Academic Council approved the award of Ph.D. degree to candidates listed in the item.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

1. Prof. Sanjay Singh informed the A.C. that the examination and running of the Certificate Course in Languages is hampered due to Covid-19. The same will be resumed when once normalcy returns.


(Anil Kumar Mishra)
Registrar/
Secretary, Academic Council

Minutes approved


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