## THE W.B. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

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# Minutes of the First Meeting of the Academic Council of W.B.NUJS held on 21st December 1999

- 01. The following members were present:
- 1. N.R. Madhava Menon, Vice-Chancellor
- 2. Prof. Amit Sen, nominee of Chairman, UGC, Dean, Faculty of Law Calcutta University.
- 3. Prof. V.S. Rekhi, Director, Law Institute University, Bhopal
- 4. Dr. R. Sudarshan, Senior Economist, UNDP, New Delhi

Mr. Balai Roy, Senior Advocate (nominee of the Govt. of West Bengal) and Mr. T.P. Singh, Sr. Advocate (nominee of the Bar Council of India) could not attend. Hon'ble Mr. Nisith Adhikary, Law Minister of West Bengal attended the first meeting on a special invitation by the Vice-Chancellor.

Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting.

02. The meeting began with a discussion on the Vision Statement prepared and circulated by the Vice-Chancellor.

While welcoming generally the concepts and ideas contained in the Vision Statement, the Council cautioned against the tendency of law graduates being carried away by the corporate mania of globalisation leaving the justice needs of people at the local level unattended or poorly responded. Education divorced from reality will do more harm than good. Law has become an extremely egoistic profession with ethical standards diluted and social responsibilities forgotten. It should be the function of legal education at NUJS to change this trend. In this regard the thrust on "justice education" as the goal of NUJS is to be welcomed.

The idea of organizing professional education under schools of studies with inter-disciplinary approach and a scientific thrust sounds interesting and useful. However, the boundaries of schools have to be fluid and flexible allowing interaction among them for facilitating the common goals for which the Law University is established. NUJS should also aim to establish a School for Panchayatraj and Local Government in the context of leadership West Bengal has given in this regard. Justice administration and access to justice at the local panchayat level should be a focus of study and research at NUJS.

Members regretted the sad state of legal education in the State which produces over 1000 law graduates every year in its three University departments and five affiliated

colleges. They wondered whether the 100 graduates intended to be trained at NUJS would be able to make a difference in the quality of legal services, if something urgent is not done for improving the standards of the rest as well. NUJS has a duty to attempt to improve the quality of education being imparted in other law teaching institutions in the region generally and in the State in particular.

03. The meeting then took up for consideration the Academic Regulations for Graduate and Post-Graduate courses and approved the same with some minor changes.

On the question of reservation of seats for admission to courses of study, a member asked whether reservation would be extended to sportsmen, handicapped, OBCs etc. After detailed discussion the meeting resolved to limit it only to SCs and STs.

The meeting endorsed the admission procedure and conduct of the admission test on April 16 though it wanted to accommodate the convenience of the students taking the High School/Pre-University exam in the State.

A member raised some doubt whether the science quotient of the LL.B.(Hons) course would be of graduate level to be able to justify the award of B.Sc.,LL.B.(Hons) Degree. The meeting wanted the Vice-Chancellor to frame the regulations for the science stream appropriately taking the issue into account.

O4. The meeting considered the proposal for setting up a School for Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration on which detailed notes were circulated and resolved to recommend it to the Executive Council. It was felt that to be able to carry out the teaching, research and extension activities, the School might require substantial funding and involvement of eminent jurists, judges, forensic scientists, police officers and behavioural science experts. The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that he could approach the Ford Foundation in New Delhi to extend funding support if the University agrees to which the Academic Council gave its approval.

The proposal on the School of Economic and Business Laws was deferred.

O5. After detailed discussion, the meeting approved the Service Regulations for teaching staff of the University and recommended the creation of a core team of 12 teachers in different categories to be filled according to need and according to availability of competent persons. The teachers at all levels would be under a contract similar to the one at the Bangalore Law School the terms of which were endorsed.

# THE W.B. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES Aranya Bhavan, Salt Lake

#### Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council of the W.B.NUJS held on April 20, 2000

The following members were present :-

- 1. N. R. Madhava Menon, Vice-Chancellor
- 2. Mr. Balai Roy
  Senior Advocate (nominee of the Govt. of West Bengal)
- 3. Prof. Amit Sen
  Dean, Faculty of Law, Calcutta University
  (nominee of Chairman, UGC)
- 4. Dr. R. Sudarshan Senior Economist, UNDP, New Delhi
- Dr. Gangotri Chakraborty Associate Professor, NUJS
- 6. Dr. Bhavani Prasad Panda Associate Professor, NUJS

The faculty members of NUJS were present as observers.

Professor V. S. Rekhi, Director, Law Institute University, Bhopal, and Mr. T. P. Singh, Senior Advocate (nominee of the Bar Council of India) could not attend.

The Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting and welcomed Mr. Balai Roy to the meeting.

- O1. The minutes of the First Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1999, and the actions taken thereon which were circulated along with agenda were confirmed.
- O2. The issue of inclusion of NRIs in the category of foreign students was discussed in detail. The Academic Council recommended that NRI students are to be treated as foreign students. If a non-resident Indian student, holding an Indian passport and who has studied abroad for the

qualifying examination will be treated as foreign student for the purpose of admission to B.Sc./B.A. LL. B. (Hons.) Degree admission.

O3. The proposal for starting a 3 ½ year Diploma Course in Business and Trade Laws was discussed. The Council observed that it would fill a vocational void and provide necessary vocational training to not only young students but also to a large number of employed personnel who desire to advance in their professions with legal qualifications. The Academic Council also recommended that a paper on Constitutional and Administrative Law be also added in the existing syllabus of the course.

An idea was proposed that if the course were to be of 3 ½ years' duration, six months more than ordinary degree course, the University may well consider awarding a degree such as BJS (Bachelor of Juridical Sciences) rather than a diploma.

The Council wanted the Faculty to examine the issue further and come up with the detailed regulations.

- O4. A proposal for a Diploma Course on Child Rights through distance education was discussed in detail and its acceptance was recommended by the Academic Council because the diploma course would be through distance education and would not take up much time of the faculty. At the same time the University would be fulfilling, to some extent, its commitment to social justice promotion.
- O5. A report on International Seminar on Access to Socio-Economic Rights to be held in December, 2000, under a project undertaken earlier by Professor Menon with the National Law School was noted by the Academic Council.
- Of. The Vice-Chancellor stated that the Environmental Law is a compulsory subject to study at LL.B. and LL.M levels involving projects and research work. He also pointed out that NUJS has entered into a partnership with the National Law School, Bangalore which involves no expenditure on the part of the University but would immensely benefit and enrich the activities of the School of Environmental Law and Sustainable Development. The Academic Council welcomed the partnership and accepted the proposal.
- O7. The Academic Council discussed the issue on reservation for disabled persons for admission to B.Sc./B.A. LL.B course laid down in the provision of PWD Act 95 (Section 39) on persons with disabilities. The Academic Council considered the issue with appropriate care and resolved that for admissions to the B.Sc./B.A. LL. B. (Hons.) course one seat may be reserved for a disabled candidate who fulfils the eligibility, taken admission test, and found capable to undertake studies at NUJS by

an Academic Committee specially constituted for the purpose by the Vice-Chancellor.

O8. The Vice-Chancellor proposed that with the commencement of academic activities, the University is likely to receive offers of instituting Chairs in different subjects, Scholarship for students, medals for students graduating with distinction in different subjects. The University should have a broad policy stipulating the endowment amount to be given by donors if the University were to accept the offer and administer the same. After discussion it was proposed to fix the amount as follows:-

1.	Professorial Chair		Rs.	50 lakhs
2.	Scholarship to Students		Rs.	5 lakhs
3.	Gold Medals and Awards	•••	Rs.	3 lakhs

The amount so received would be put in long term Fixed Deposit and the interest earned will be utilised for the expenses including administrative costs:

The donor's choice of name or title can, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, be annexed to the Chair, Award, Scholarship or Prize.

- 09. The proposal to hold joint admission test for B.Sc./B.A. LL.B (Hons.) and LL.M. with other Law Universities in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Bhopal, etc. was discussed. The decision on the subject was deferred in view of not having clear guidelines on roles and responsibilities and absence of any initiatives from the other institutions which were established earlier than NUJS.
- 10. The Academic Council discussed the issue of reservation for S.C/S.T for admission to the B.Sc/B.A.LL.B. course of the University. After detailed discussion it was recommended that there should be a minimum required standard set for the admission of S.C./S.T. students against the reserved seats. This cannot be arbitrarily set. However, taking note of the Bar Council"s requirement of 40% marks when students are admitted on the basis of entrance test, the minimum limit could be 10% less than the marks obtained by the last person admitted in a given year from the General Merit List or 30% whichever is lower.
- 11. There is an age limit of 20 years for admission to the B.Sc./B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) course. However it was pointed out that some applicants may cross that limit by a few months at the time of admission. It was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor on applications made to that effect may allow students in excess of age up to six months in appropriate cases. Alternatively the cut off date to calculate age may be fixed at 31st December instead of 1st June.

Enclosure: Agenda Notes circulated at the meeting.

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#### Aranya Bhavan, Salt Lake

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Academic Council of the NUJS held on 19 August, 2000

The following members were present:-

- 1. Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon, Vice-Chacellor
- 2. Mr. Ashok Deb (Chairman, Executive Committee of Bar Council of India & Member, Legal Education Committee)
- 3. Dr. R. Sudarshan (Senior Economist, UNDP, New Delhi)
- 4. Mr.Balai Chandra Ray (Senior Advocate, Nominee of the West Bengal Government.)
- 5. Dr. Gangotri Chakraborty (Associate Professor, NUJS)
- 6. Dr. Bhavani Prasad Panda (Associate Professor, NUJS)

The members welcomed Mr. Ashok Deb who attended for the first time. The Vice-Chancellor informed the house that Professor V. S. Rekhi and Professor Amit Sen have requested leave of absence.

# Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19 August, 2000

Item No.	Item Description	Decision/Resolution	Actions Taken	Remarks
a.	Confirmation of the Minutes of Second meeting held on 20.4.2000	Confirmed		
	Matters arising out of confirmtion	Regarding item No. 7. regarding disabled persons, the Council opined that in view of the 1996 decision of the Supreme Court, as far as preticable and all other eligibility criterion being equal, rules should ordinarily be interpreted in favour of the disabled students and the standing Academic Committee constituted for this purpose should be advised accordingly.		
b.	Revision of Admission Regulation for B.Sc./B.A.LL.B. (Hons) Course from the year 2001-02.	The Council approved and recommended the Revised Regulations to the Executive Council subject to the following:  a. 170 marks for written test and only 30 marks for group discussion/interview.  b. The cut off marks for SC/ST should be as per the norms incorporated by the Council in item 10 of its Second meeting.		
C.	Introduction to B.J.Sc. degree course from 2001-2002.	The introduction of the new course with the changes made was approved and recommended to the Executive Council for introduction from the academic year 2001-2002.  The changes recommended are the	W	,
		following:-  (a) Instead of four broad areas for Specialisation in the third year of B.J.Sc. course, only two be adopted - one on "Economic Laws and Governance" and the other on "Public Law and Governance".	<b>1</b> %-	

		(b) The total No. of seats be kept at 40 (with 60 in B.A./ B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) Degree making a total of 100 which was the intake in current year) of which 5 against reserved categories.  (c) Those who have completed the course but have not secured distinction or pass grades may be declared "completed with (such and such) marks" which is the actual score obtained by the candidate, instead of "completed and promoted on compassionate, grounds"  (d) In view of the above, all promotions from one semester to the other be made automatic.  (e) If the award of "Honours" to those undergoing placement training is to be academically justified, such candidates should be asked to submit a thesis or dissertation to be completed while on placement and it should be found to be satisfactory. As such B.J.Sc. (Hons.) degree be conferred only on those who complete successfully 6 months of placement training as well as submit a satisfactory dissertation on completion of such		
	·	training.  (f) The syllabii as revised by the Academic Council is appended to the minutes (Appendix I)		
d.	Progress on proposals in respect of :-	•		
	(a) School of Criminal Justice and Administration;	Reported and noted	÷	
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	(c) School of Technology, Law and Sustainable Development; and	,	Ų"	

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NOTE: The meeting appreciated the donation of a complete set of Australian Law Report by one of its members, Mr. Balai Chandra Ray, Sr. Advocate.

The Academic Council thereafter joined the P. G. Committee to screen the applicants for M. Phil and LL. D. Degrees. After hearing the candidates and detailed discussion, the Council recommended admission of four M. Phil scholars and one for LL. D. research.

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## I. Syllabii and Teaching Methods

- 1.1. B.J.Sc. (Hons. and Pass) courses have a common required (compulsory) curriculum and an optional/specialised curriculum, the latter being different to different areas of specialisation. The required part will extend to two years in the case of full-time B.J.Sc. Programme and three years in the case of part-time B.J.Sc. Programme.
- 1.2. The common, required curriculum consists of sixteen (16) subjects distributed as follows:

#### Full-time 3 years B.J.Sc. Degree

#### First Semester:

- (1) Legal Method and Elements of Indian Legal System
- (2) The Indian Constitution and Scheme of Constitutional Governance
- (3) Economics with emphasis on Economic Analysis of Law
- (4) Sociology emphasising Law and Social Change

#### Second Semester

- (5) Law of Contract including Special Contracts
- (6) Law of Tort and Consumer Protection
- (7) Criminal Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration
- (8) Family Law and Family Courts

#### Third Semester

- (9) Property Law
- (10) Public International Law and the U.N.System
- (11) Environmental Law and Administration
- (12) Legal Research and Writing including Drafting and Conveyancing

#### Fourth Semester

- Administrative Law and Local Self-Government Law (13)
- (14)Civil Procedure
- (15) Criminal Procedure
- (16)Evidence
- Final Year: SPECIALISATION IN ECONOMIC LAW AND GOVERNANCE 1.3.

#### Fifth Semester

- Company Law and Administration (17)
- Banking Insurance Laws (18)
- (19) Intellectual Property Law
- International Trade Law and International Commercial Arbitration (20)

#### Sixth Semester

- Insolvency/Bankruptcy Law (21)
- Labour Law and Personnel Management (22)
- Competition Law (Anti-monopoly Law) and Regulatory Systems (23)
- Cyber Law and IT Management (24)
- 1.4 Final Year - SPECIALISATION IN PUBLIC LAW AND GOVERNANCE

### Fifth Semester

- Police Sciences and Criminal Justice Administration (17)
- Interviewing, Counselling and ADR Systems (18)
- Public Interest Law and Human Rights Advocacy (19)
- Judicial Administration, Management of Courts and Legal Services (20)Delivery Systems

# Sixth Semester

(21) Legislative Drafting and Law Office Management

International Human Rights Law and Enforcement Systems (22)(23)

Prison and Correctional Administration

Justice to Juvenile, Wenter and Disabled persons: Theory and Practice. (24)

NOTE: (a) The thrust on specialisation subjects will be towards administrative and functional issues where seminars, projects and group exercises will form the major strategy for learning.

Those who opt for the Six-month placement training scheme seeking (b) B.J.Sc. (Hons.) Degree will have to submit a dissertation on a Faculty approved topic on completion of training and get a satisfactory grade in order to qualify for the Honours Degree.

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# LIST OF EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

- 1. Prof. L. Lakshminath
  College of Law
  AndhraUniversity
  Visakhapatnam.(A.P.)
- 3. Prof. R. Venkat Rao
  College of Law
  Andhra University
  Visakhapatnam (A.P.).
- 5. Prof. H. C. M. Patro, Law Faculty Andhra Universtiy Etcherla, Srikakulam Andhra Pradesh
- 7. Prof. V. Hemalatha Devi Law Faculty, S.V. University Tirupati (A.P.)
- Prof. Nagerswara Rao Law Faculty
   Osmania University Hyderabad.
- 11. Prof. B. B. Pande Campus Law Centre, Delhi University Delhi
- 13. Prof. P. K. Sarkar
  Professor & Head
  Law Faculty
  Utkal University
  Bhubaneswar (Orissa).
- Prof. Jai GovindNational Law School of India UniversityBangalore.
- 17. Prof. V. S. RekhiDirectorNational Law Institute UniversityBhopal.
- 19. Prof. Balbir SinghDirectorNational Law School of India UniversityBangalore.
- Prof. Amit Sen
   Member
   West Bengal Human Rights Commission
   Calcutta.

- 2. Prof. D. P. Verma
  Law Faculty
  Banaras Hindu University
  Varanasi (U. P.)
- 4. Prof. Pawanjit Jaiswal Professor of Law & Head Panjab University Chandigarh.
- 6. Prof. Hargopal Reddy
  Law Faculty
  Nagarjuna University
  Guntur, (A.P.)
- 8. Prof. B. M. Shukla Rtd. Dean of Law Gujarat University Ahmedabad.
- 10. Prof. N. S. J. Rao
  Law Faculty
  Berhampur University
  Berhampur (Orissa).
- 12. Prof. G. P. Panda
  Rtd. Faculty of Law.
  (Berhampur University)
  Town Hall Road
  Berhampur (Orissa)
- 14. Prof. J. D. Pati
  Professor and Principal
  M. S. Law College
  Utkal University
  Cuttack.
- 16. Prof. M. P. Singh
  Campus Law Centre
  Delhi University, Delhi,
- 18. Prof. K.Chandra Sekhar Pillai Head, Deptt. Of Law Cochin University Cochin.
- 20. Prof. M. K. Balachandran Director Amity Law School Delhi.

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#### 'Aranya Bhayan' Salt lake KOLKATA

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- 3. Mr. Ashok Deb (Chairman, Executive Committee of Bar Coucil of India & Member, Legal Education Committee.)
- 4. Professor K. N. Chandrasekhara Pillai
   (Dean, School of Legal Studies
   Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.)
- 5. Professor Amit Sen( Member, West Bengal Human Rights Commission Kolkata)
- 6. Mr. Balai Chandra Ray
  (Senior Advocate, Nominee of the West Bengal Government)
- 7. Dr. Gangotri Chakraborty (Associate Professor & Registrar, NUJS)
- 8. Dr. Bhavani Prasad Panda (Associate Professor, NUJS)

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that Professor Chandrasekhara Pillai has been nominated under Section 13 (d) in the place of Dr. R. Sudarshan (UNDP) who is now working in Jakarta. The Committee welcomed Professor Pillai.

# Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Academic Council Held on 7th September, 2001

Item No.	Item Description	Decision/Resolution	Actions Taken	Remark
1.	Confirmation of the Minutes of Third meeting held on 19.8.2000	The council perused the minutes of its 3" meeting held on 19" August, 2000 and resolved that the minutes be confirmed.		
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!	Matters arising out of confirmation		The Vice-Chancellor reported on the following:	
i	. Disability Reservation		In the light of the new Supreme Court decision, the Council may consider the desirability of continuing with reserved sents for disabled	
			The Council recommended to the Executive Council that reservation may not continue but disabled may be given preference when other requirements are equal or even among eligible candidates.	
	Revision of Admission Regulation for B.Sc./B.A.LL.H. (Hons) Course from the year 2001-02		The Council was informed that the Executive Council had difficulty in approving the scheme for admission proposed by Academic Council because of administrative problems. The Academic Council concurred with continuing the admission based on test only.	
	Introduction to B. J. Sc. Degree Course from 2001-2002		It is kept in abeyance on the recommendation of the Executive Council until the University moves to its own campus and have infrastructural facilities.	
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	Appointment of Professor K. L. Bhatia		Matter of extension of time to join for another two months is being taken up with the Executive Council	
2.	Scheme of Scholarship/Freeships for poor students.	Vice-Chancellor informed the council that NUJS has adopted a policy from the very beginning that it would endeavour to find ways and means to prevent students having to discontinue studies because of their inability to pay the fee structure of this University. Towards this end a Scholarship Scheme and Rules there under have been framed by the University. An amount of Rupees Ten Lakhs has been received from the M. K. Nambyar Trust, New Delhi to the Scholarship fund. The amount has been put on long term deposit to yield maximum interest. The University expects to raise this fund to the level of a crore of rupees so that at least an interest amount of rupees ten lakh will be available every year for disbursement as scholarship to needy student.  The Council resolved that the Scholarship Scheme and Rules there under be approved for immediate implementation.		
3.	Panel of External Examiners for LL. M. Examinations including dissertation and fees payable therefor.	The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the LL. M. class of 2000 is into its third semester. The answer scripts of the LL. M. examination is evaluated by external examiners. At present the examiners are given a sum of Rs. 50/- per script or at least a minimum of Rs. 250/ The LL. M. students will now write their dissertation in their fourth semester for which a panel of examiners will have to be recommended and fee payable is to be fixed.  The Committee resolved to recommend the following names in the panel of examiners: -	a)	

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}		1. Dr. N. S. Gopalakrishnan		
		2. Dr. S. K. Verma		,,
] 		3. Dr. Moolchand Sharma		
		4. Dr. C. M. Jariwala		
		5. Dr. M. C. Bijawat		
		The Council approved Rs. 1500.//- as fees payable for LL. M./M.Phil. dissertation evaluation.		
4.	Amendment to Regulations regarding Project work, Viva Voce and end-semester examinations for B. A./B.Sc.LL.B. (Hons.) Course	The Vice-Chancellor informed the Coucil that at NUJS every student is required to undertake a project in each subject. NUJS faculty has recommended regulations for project evaluation, integrated Viva voce examination and end of semester examinations keeping in mind the work culture, continuous evaluation and need for quality performance.		
		After considering the regulations in detail, the Council resolved to approve the scheme and recommended its adoption.	,	
		However, the Council recommended slight variation in allotment of marks to each of the three stages. The recommendation is:-		
		(i) initial consultatin with outline -5 marks;		
		(ii) First Draft - 15 marks		
		(iii) Final presentation or report - 10 marks	3	
	,	It was also recommended that teachers should be required to guide the students in execution of projects for which sometime every week should be prescribed.		
		The idea of appointing LL. M./M. Phil.	¥*	

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5.	Research and publications from the School of Criminal Justice and Administration	scholars as Resident Tutors for such guidance was also recommended. Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council about the progress made by the School of Criminal Justice Administration in its research and indicated that the Year Book and Monographs are on the anvil and are being readied.  The Council noted the progress with		
		appreciation and directed to have a web site for the school which will help collect information from States.		
6.	Consider proposal for permitting final year LL. M. students to study the last semester in a recognized Indian/foreign law school where facilities for writing dissertation on approved topic is available.	The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that one LL. M. student has already signified his willingness to avail the scheme in writing.  After considering the scheme at length, the Council resolved to approve the scheme and recommended its adoption.		
7.	Proposal for University Placement of LL. B. students at law offices during the summer vacation of April/May and regulations therefor.	The Council considered the proposal in detail and resolved to approve the same and recommended its adoption.  If some student who is not sponsored by the University goes on his own on placement, he should be required to report the place he has gone, the work he did to the University for record.		
8.	Admission Scheme for various courses for 2002-03.	The Council noted the report of admissions of 2001-2002 and approved the programme for admission for the session 2002-2003.	15	
9.	Admission of students from backward States.	The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that recently some proposals have been received from some quarters if NUJS can admit a limited number of students from North-Eastern and backward States willing to make a	¥	

		Foundation Grant towards the University. A scheme is proposed for the purpose should the Council agree. The Council considered the proposal and resolved to defer the matter for the time being in view of it ending up in quotas to the detriment of quality. However, in principle there are no two opinions that NUIS should seek all available avenues short of 'quota' to help improve the quality of legal education in backward States particularly in the North-East.	
10	Minutes of P. G.	The Council noted the minutes of the P. G. Council.	
11.	Any other matter.  a. Additional Agenda Item No. 1: Norms and Procedure for Award of B.Sc. LL. B. (Hons.) Degree	The Council considered the norms and procedure and approved the same. The Science-related courses should be open to other students as well. However, the B. Sc. L.L. B. (Hons) Degree will be conferred only on satisfactory completion of the required number of courses.	
	b. Additional Agenda Item No. 2. Eligibility for admission into B.A./B.Sc. LL. B. Course	The Council discussed the matter and approved the proposal. Namely:  (a) No compartmental pass is eligible;  (b) At least 35% in each subject of 4-2 or Intermediate exam and  (c) The average score not to be less than 50%.	
	c. Additional Agenda Item No. 3 Award for teachers for outstanding performance	To acknowledge and reward excellence, NUJS should institute an annual award with a citation for excellence in legal education.	
	d. Additional Agenda Item No. 4. Career advancement for social science teachers	The Council approved the norms	3,6
	c. Additional Agenda ltcnt No. 5. Code of Conduct for teachers	The council examined the Code of Conduct and resolved to approve the same with minor modification.	*

# W.B. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

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Minutes of the fifth Meeting of the Academic Council oF NUJS held on 12 April, 2002.

The following members were present:-

- 1. Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Vice-Chancellor, NUJS.
- Professor V. S. Rekhi Director, National Law Institute University, Bhopal.
- Professor K. N. Chandrasekhara Pillai Dean, School of Legal Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.
- 4. Professor Gangotri Chakranborty Professor & Registrar, NUJS

Mr. Balai Chandra Ray, Advocate General, West Bengal, could not attend the meeting due to certain unavoidable reasons and requested leave of absence. Prof. Amit Sen and Mr Ashok Dev also requested leave of absence.

# MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF NUJS HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2002

Item No.	Agenda Items	Decision/Resolution		
1.		, ,	Actions	Remarks
<b>J</b> .,	Confirmation of the minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2001.	The council discussed the minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2001 and confirmed it.  The Vice-Chancellor reported the following action taken:	taken	
		(a) In the admission of 2002-2003 two disabled students, one in LL. M. and another in LL. B. had taken admission.		
		(b) The admission test for session 2002-'03 took place on 27.1.2002 and the admission process is continuing satisfactorily.		·
		(c) The matter of introduction to B.J.Sc. Course is to be taken up with the Executive Council again on 13.4.2002.		
		(d) Three students received scholarship during the 2001- '02 session.		
		(e) The regulation relating to evaluation of projects is further amended as follows:		
		(I) Initial consultation with first draft — 10 marks		
	,	(ii) Final submission along with first draft + 20 marks	}	
	l	(f) SCJA had published 1 <sup>st</sup> volume of Criminal Justice 2001- WEST BENGAL		
		(g) The Scheme of Ll. M. students studying final semester abroad has been approved by Executive Council on 8.8.2001.		
	{	(h) The placement of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year B.A. LL. B. (Hons) students had been done with lawyers' offices in different cities. Certain criteria evolved in this regard was detailed for approval.		;
		(i) The classes for Science-Technology and Law Course were conducted in fourth semester with the help of a number of scientists invited from other institutions.		
		The experience is being analysed for necessary changes for the future.		
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2. Amendment to Section 13 of the Schedule of WB NUJS Act -Membership of the Academic Council

Two amendments are proposed. These are intended to enlarge the membership so as to have two representatives from the Science and Technology areas and to comprehend non-specified categories of teachers in clause (f) and (g) of Section 13.

The Vice-Chancellor proposed the following amendments to Section 13 of the WB NUJS Act regarding membership to the Academic Council: -

- I. Clause (dd) to be added after clause (d) to the effect that
  - (i) The Vice Chancellor of one of the Technological Universities or Director of Technological Institutes in the State of West Bengal to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor; and
  - (ii) The Vice Chancellor of the West Bengal Health University or the Director of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Kolkata to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- II. (i) Clause (f) which includes all Professors in the membership of the Academic Council may be expanded to mean all Additional Professors as well.
- (ii) Clause (g) which specifies membership of one representative each from the categories of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors may include Lecturers as well one from Law and one from Social Sciences.

The University has now over a dozen Lecturers in position of whom three are in Social sciences.

The Council noted and approved the same and forwarded the amendments to the Executive Council with its recommendation for approval.

3. Consider the Revised Academic Regulations

The revised Academic Regulations were approved and recommended to the Executive Council for approval.

4. Introduction of B. J. Sc. Course

There has been an increasing demand almost from the inception of NUJS to introduce courses suitable for persons in the legal field who do not want to practice in court. For example, Advocate's Clerks, Judge's Researchers, NGO workers, Legal officers, Para legals et al. With a view to satisfy this increasing market force, the idea of B. J. Sc. Course was mooted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive

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Council, held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2000. the Executive Council had noted and approved the course and desired that a detailed syllabi be formulated by the Academic Council along with Regulations for consideration of the Executive Council. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2000, the Regulations were framed and syllabi approved and recommended for approval of the Executive Council. The Regulations and syllabi were again placed before the 4th meeting of the Executive Council on 16th September 2000 for introduction in 2001-2002 session the Council deferred the matter on the ground that adequate number of teachers and required space was not there. With more number of teachers now available and space being available since initially the course will be in the afternoon shift after 02.30 p.m. and since the new academic block was expected to be ready for use in November-December 2002, the matter was again placed before the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2002. During this intervening period the demand for such a course is further increased.

The Council recommended that the regulations may be considered for lateral entry into mainstream LL. B. course at a later stage and deferred the matter till such time.

5. Report on the introduction of Human Rights Diploma programme starting with a Certificate Course.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the University is planning to introduce Human Rights awareness and legal literacy programmes for quite some time. There have been requests in this regard from city schools and colleges. The Faculty felt that a course designed for citizenship education directed for youth in schools and undergraduate colleges will be appropriate to begin with. The Academic Council recommended a Human Rights Diploma Course earlier. It is now proposed to make it a Certificate Course which can be later developed into a Diploma Course in the IInd Phase. One such exercise of short duration of one month had already been conducted in St. Xavier's College during March 2002 which was well received.

The Council recommended the proposal.

6. Report on the Scholarship awarded to students from NUJS Scholarship Fund

The Registrar reported that NUJS Scholarship fund was instituted in the year 2001. A Scholarship Committee has been constituted to consider the eligibility of the applicant. The Committee awarded scholarship to the following three students for the session 2001-2002:

- 1. Shree Abhijeet Kumar Lala
- Ms. Preety Pandey
- Shri Souvik Bose.

The Scholarship is paid out of the interest earned out of Scholarship Endowment Fund which was created with generous contributions from the M. K. Nambyar Memorial Trust, New Delhi.

The Council noted the same.

7. Report upon the Moot Court achievements of the Moot Court Society of NUJS.

The Council was appraised of the achievement of students in Moot Courts and the success of Moot Court Society. The Council noted the same with appreciation.

8. Guidelines for appointment of Part-time/Visiting/Adjunct Teaching and Research Staff in the Schools of NUJS

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that for integrated teaching and research in allied subjects as well as to develop interface studies of social and professional relevance, NUJS has embarked upon the setting up of Schools of Studies within the University. Several research projects (sponsored) have been taken up in each of these Schools. A number of Extension and training/continuing education activities have been organized by these Schools for judges, police, probation, prison, juvenile justice officials. Teaching of under-graduate and post-graduate courses are being developed through integrated strategies by these Schools.

So far, the following Schools have been set up with minimal infra-structure and staff which are likely to be expanded with the shifting of NUJS to its new campus later this year (2002): -

- 1. SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION (SCJA)
- 2.. SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC LAW AND GOVERNANCE (SELG)
- 3. SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, LAW AND DEVELOPMENT (STLD) "
- 4. SCHOOL OF PUBLIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE (SPLJ)
- 5. SCHOOL OF LEGAL PRACTICE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (SLPCE)

All regular teachers in the University have been assigned to one or other of the above Schools depending on their specialisation and areas of interest. While the regular teachers form the core staff of each School, it is necessary to supplement and enrich the expertise available for integrated learning and specialised interface studies to have experts from the practising profession, from other disciplines and from retired persons with vast experience. They may be available in Kolkata for longer periods of teaching and research as compared to people outside the city. Others may come for periods ranging from one week to one month or more every year for giving their expertise in teaching and research undertaken by the Schools. It is necessary to have approved guidelines for engaging their services and the honorarium payable to them.

## **Positions and Guidelines**

# EMERITUS PROFESSOR

The University may designate distinguished scholars and invite him on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

# 2. <u>EMERITUS FELLOW</u>

To be offered to superannuated functionaries of teaching and research institutions who worked as Professors or equivalent positions for at least five years in a reputed organization of higher learning. Any Faculty of the School concerned may propose the name giving the justification, the tasks to be assigned, the bio-data of the expert, his availability etc. which will be considered in the Faculty Meeting of the University. Once approved by the Faculty, a Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor shall decide on the eligibility and terms on the following broad guidelines:

- (a) Emeritus Professor to be appointed for 3 years extendable upto the age of 72 years
- (b) Such person will involve in teaching and research assigned by the School for not less than 20 hours a week.
- (c) Appointment on contract terminable on one month's notice by either side.
- (d) NUJS to provide office and facilities in the School concerned.
- (e) An honorarium not exceeding Rs. 20,000/- per month based on work assigned and productivity may be offered.
- (f) Other conditions to be mutually negotiated and settled.

#### 3. VISITING PROFESSOR

Visiting Professorship is intended to utilise the expertise available with external experts on which the University's strength is inadequate. Whenever any faculty member thinks that the University must seek such an appointment for temporary periods he/she

may initiate the process as stated above. When the Faculty Meeting approves it, the Vice-Chancellor may constitute the Committee as above and decide the matter subject to the following:-

- (i) In case of a superannuated person the horiorarium payable shall be limited to not more than Rs. 15,000/- per mensem to be decided on work assigned and needs of the University...
- (ii) In case of a person on deputation/sabbatical or otherwise the honorarium payable shall be settled on mutual negotiation according to U.G.C. rules applicable.
- (iii) Appointments as Visiting Professors shall be for a maximum period of two years extendable for another year in rare cases.
- (iv) Other conditions will be similar to Emeritus Professor modified suitably to meet the needs of the University.

#### 4. ADJUNCT PROFESSOR/GUEST LECTURER

Adjunct Professors or Adjunct Lecturers are not paid regular monthly honorarium or appointed for fixed periods. Their services are used for teaching and training and not ordinarily for research. They are usually Kolkata based lawyers, judges, scientists and executives whose expertise and experience are found useful in supplementing and complementing the teaching of one or more subjects.

The normal payment for such persons is Rs. 150/-per lecture of 50 minutes' duration. The University normally arranges two lectures together and pays the actual travelling charges or a sum of Rupees Two Hundred towards taxi fare. If the person is from outside Kolkata the University extends local hospitality including accommodation and food normally through its hostel/Guest House.

On the request of a Faculty member/School, the Vice-Chancellor will approve inviting of Adjunct Professors/Guest Lecturers for specified number of lectures and authorise payments according to the guidelines given above.

# 5. VISITING FELLOW/ RESEARCH FELLOW

Visiting Fellow or Research Fellow are scholars associated mainly for sponsored research projects on flexible terms within the parameters of the scheme usually for the duration of the project. They are strictly not employees of the University excepting for the period employed under the project. Apart from research, the School/University may assign them such other tasks depending on their expertise and experience including guidance of students projects, organizational support for training programmes etc. The honorarium payable for Visiting Fellow/Research Fellow shall ordinarily be limited to Rs. 10,000/- per month. If under special circumstances the Project Co-ordinators find the experience and expertise of the person concerned require a higher honorarium the Vice-Chancellor may appropriately decide the sum subject to the conditions of sponsorship of the project in which case such person may be designated as SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW or SENIOR VISITING FELLOW as the

Such persons shall work under the overall supervision of the Project Co-ordinator and the Project Advisory Committee.

# 6. VISITING SCHOLAR

For teachers and researchers seeking affiliation with NUJS for short periods ranging between two weeks to two semesters under academic exchange programmes or under Memorandum of Understanding with institutions of repute may be accorded the status of Visiting Scholars. The University may extend the academic facilities and provide guest accommodation in the Halls of Residence. If it is outside the terms of academic exchange or MOU, the University may charge such fee from the Visiting Scholar as is found appropriate in the circumstances which may be decided by the Vice-Chancellor.

#### 7. <u>TEACHING ASSISTANT</u>/ <u>RESEARCH</u> <u>ASSISTANT</u>

The University may employ persons with post-graduate qualifications in Law or related subjects as Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant to support the academic programmes of the University on consolidated salary per month of Rs. 7000/- and Rs. 6000/- respectively. (enhanced to Rs. 8000/- and Rs. 7000/- in the second year of service). They will work under the projects and assist the research, teaching and extension activities under supervision of senior teachers. Their appointment shall initially be for one year extendable for another year at the end of which they are either selected (if such selection takes place during the period) or their services terminated automatically unless under the project their services are required in very rare cases. If they are

eligible otherwise under the rules, they may be on the discretion of the University admitted to research degrees offered by the University.

#### 8. **ASSISTANT LECTURER**

There is no position of Assistant Lecturer at present in the University. In so far as a direct appointment to Lecturer in the scale of Rs. 8000-275-13,500/- is found to be risky in view of the poor quality of LL. M. education in the country, it is felt expedient to create a cadre of Assistant Lecturers in the scale of Rs.6000-225-11,800/- to provide an opportunity to young scholars who are prepared to work hard and qualify themselves to become Lecturers within 2 or 3 years. To begin with half of the sanctioned post of Lecturers may be treated to include Assistant Lecturers as well. The qualifications for Assistant Lecturers will remain the same as Lecturers excepting that the National Eligibility Test may not be essential as they can qualify NET while serving as Assistant Lecturers. Otherwise this will be yet another cadre at the induction level to prepare the teachers for a University for excellence like NUJS.

The Council considered the guidelines and recommended it to the Executive Council for its approval.

Teaching of Practical training Subjects – Equipping Teachers

The curriculum for LL. B. prescribed by the Bar Council of India contains four papers of Practical Training of 400 marks involving teaching of a variety of skills necessary for professionals and instruction in ethics for the bar. Very few law colleges and law departments in the country have teachers or materials for teaching skills and ethics. With the result the subjects are either left to advocates invited on ad hoc basis or taught poorly thereby undermining the importance BCI attached to these clinical courses. In the light of the above, NUJS wants to do the following for which the advise of the Academic Council is sought:-

- (a) Have these subjects taught by full time trained teachers supplemented by practicing advocates under the School of Clinical Education and Professional Development. A post of Assistant Professor in Clinical Education may be created for the purpose. If necessary, the person may be sent for training for a semester or two to such law schools in India or abroad to acquire expertise in skills teaching.
- (b) A Centre for Legal Aid and Advocacy under a retired District Judge may be set up to organize educational opportunities for students while providing free legal services (short of litigation) to clients seeking such services. The Centre can promote legal literacy, support lok adalat, conduct

para-legal training and give research assistance in PIL cases.

- (c) A moot Court hall and client interviewing/counselling chamber properly fitted with multi-media equipments be set up to give strategic support to clinical education. A mobile unit for legal literacy/lok adalat support be also organized in due course.
- (d) In association with BCI and other Law Universities in the country, NUJS may help institutionalize clinical teaching in law colleges by supply of materials, training of teachers and showing of expertise for the purpose.

The Council approved the proposal and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to formulate detailed guidelines for implementation.

The Executive Council may be asked to approve the infrastructure necessary as above.

10 & 12 Information Systems for e-learning in Law and for its application in legal and professional development

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Appointment of a person experienced in Information Technology networking for development of the e-library of NUJS.

(Items 10 and 12 were considered together)

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the information technology and computation science have revolutionized teaching/learning and research particularly in higher education. Legal education is slowly but steadily following the road map set by engineering and management education in adopting electronic library and information sciences. The availability of legal databases and on-line services have facilitated this process. Legal education in future will be heavily dependent on its capacity to access e-information systems.

Keeping the above prospects in view, NUJS, conceived as a centre for excellence is proposing to set up a state-of-the-art information system in its permanent campus in Salt Lake, now nearing completion. The type of services and systems contemplated in this regard include the following: -

- (a) Adequate number of Computers for students and faculty both in academic and hostel blocks interconnected through local area net-work. A Computer Laboratory with 50 to 60 computers is to be part of the Laboratory.
- (b) Internet access and connectivity at selected points in the hostel, academic and administrative blocks (Internet kiosks)

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- (c) The server (hardware and accessories) developed or bought should be capable of being upgraded to enable NUJS to link up with other law teaching institutions in the country with a view to maximize learning opportunities and promote joint research activities.
- (d) The website of NUJS will have to develop sufficient space to accommodate what are called course portals (descriptions of subjects and courses) and basic reading materials to enable self-study and guided instruction through distance mode (virtual class room).
- (e) Eventually a direct satellite link may have to be established to facilitate web-supported legal education between NU3S on the one hand and learners distributed in different places on the other. This will also provide facilities for multi-media learning and networking of institutions involved in social engineering through instrumentalities of law and policy.

With constant and continuing changes in IT and computer science, the law on the subject has started changing as We have Information Technology Act now supplemented by the Convergence Bill which embraces radio broadcasting with telephony, television and internet. To be able to keep the application of information systems with developments in technology, NUJS needs to plan comprehensively and pursue aggressively the goals of elearning. Preparing the infra-structure towards this in terms of men and materials is the aim of this unique venture. In order to give technical inputs in this evolving enterprise, NUJS needs to have an MOU with engineering faculty capable in IT and Information Systems. Engineering Faculty of Jadavpur and the IIIT at Trivandrum are likely partners in this enterprise with whom negotiations are on.

The Council approved the project and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to have consultancy for planning, enter into MOU and appoint a consultant accordingly for effective inputs for the purpose. The Council further recommended the matter for approval of the Executive Council.

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 Consider the proposal made by Tata Iron and Steel Company.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Council that the Tata Iron and Steel Co. approached the University asking for assistance regarding the export and import of steel and matters relating to anti-dumping and subsidies. It is difficult for them to understand the law and the legal system prevalent in United States and the European Union. They are also to understand the Indian Laws and policies regarding export and import of steel and issues relating to anti-dumping and subsidies etc. in the context of WTO regulations. They have sought the help of the University in

understanding how litigation can be avoided whenever possible without losing their just rights and/or the preference of appeal wherever necessary.

The Company have also referred a case to the University for the University's comments on legal issues involved. NU3S is in the process of developing its capacity (library, curriculum, research etc.) on trade related laws while teaching on Business Laws in the LL.B curriculum is being organised. The School of Economic Law and Governance (SELG) of the University with a small team of teachers and researchers s putting together its plan of work in this regard. Consultancy work on practical aspects of international trade will help in building professional capacity to teach, train and research on emerging issues of vital importance to the country. However, SELG will have to hire special research staff and assemble materials to be able to do it at a professional level. Possibly Tata Steel is willing to help us build that capacity while getting our research support for their immediate problems. Thus it can turn out to be a mutually helpful arrangement.

In the above context, Academic Council examined the offer, approved it and forwarded for approval of the Executive Council.

# ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- To consider the revised list of external Examiners/Selection
   Committee Experts
- 2. To consider the application of Mr. Rahul Kumar

With increase in number of subjects as options it was felt necessary to add a few more names to the existing list of experts. The Academic Council considered the revised list and approved it.

Shri Rahul Kumar appeared in the NUJS National Admission Test and secured 38<sup>th</sup> position and as such has been placed in the first list. However, on scrutiny it is found that Rahul has secured only 33 marks in mathematics.

The Academic Regulation of NUJS requires that in order to be eligible for admission a candidate must:

- (a) Secure 50% marks in the aggregate in 10+2 examination
- (b) Have at least 35% marks in each subject, and
- (c) Secure a position of merit at the NUJS national admission test.

In view of this Rahul is not eligible for admission. Rahul has applied for relaxation of this rule as he is not eligible to

take a supplementary examination having missed his only chance in 2002 as, according to him, he was working very hard for NUJS admission test for which he had set his heart. The case was placed before the Academic Council for its consideration.

In the meantime Rahul has sent a fax that he is taking the CBSE exam.

In view of his having 61% in aggregate and have secured 38<sup>th</sup> position in the National Admission Test and his representation dated 10.3.2002, the Council recommended that individual requirement of 35 marks may be condoned by 2 marks, and he may be admitted.

3. Seeking Strategies towards excellence

The Academic Council shared the concern expressed by the Vice-Chancellor and unanimously feels that the quest for excellence cannot be pursued in vacuum. The suggestions made in the proposal are minimum that needs to be adopted at the earliest if the University is to develop into an Institution of Excellence. The Academic Council humbly but strongly recommends that the Executive Council may consider approving the following proposals on priority.

- (a) Appointment of Assistant Lecturers on trial for two years with an option for termination at the end of one year and promotion at the end of two years.
- (b) Offer LL. M. Programme with scholarship and promise of recruitment under the above scheme, also facilitate their study abroad for one semester.
- (c) Twinning with reputed foreign Law Schools for Academic exchanges
- (d) Recruit retired teachers, judges, civil servants and reputed advocates
- (e) Develop e-learning

The Council approved the proposal and recommended the same for approval by the Executive Council.

4. Continuing Legal Education
Programmes – Proposal to have
joint activity with NUJS pending
the establishment of M. K.
Nambyar SAARC School of
Legal Sciences

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that M. K. Nambyar SAARC School for Legal Sciences is sponsored by the SAARC LAW Association and financed by the M. K. Nambyar Trust, New Delhi. It is yet to establish its infrastructure and is unlikely to get it ready before 2005. Meanwhile, the Steering Committee of the MKN School of Legal Sciences desired to have few continuing education programmes for the legal profession in the SAARC region, organized in association with NUJS, Kolkata for which it is

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seeking to have an MOU valid for a period of two years. The expenses involved in executing the programmes will be entirely met by the MKN School and the NUJS responsibility will be to lend its name, premises and faculty resources for which an institutional fee will be paid by, the MKN School to NUJS. Being an international activity of advanced professional education, NUJS will be greatly benefited by this collaboration in building its own academic capacities and promoting scholarships in areas which will remain undeveloped otherwise. The arrangement being limited to a two-year period, it will provide an occasion to review the advantages for both sides and decide accordingly.

The joint academic programmes contemplated during the two-year period are : -

- Post-graduate programme on subjects such as International Trade Law and Advocacy, Information Technology and Media Law etc.
- Joint Seminars and Workshops once or twice a year in any SAARC country on topics of professional importance.

Once the proposal is approved in principle the details will be worked out and administered by the Vice-Chancellor, NUJS under the guidance of the Executive Council, NUJS. The programmes will run on an experimental basis for two academic years, namely 2002-'03 and 2003-'04 by which time hopefully the M. K. Nambyar SAARC School of Legal Sciences will have established itself to continue the programmes under its own auspices.

The Academic Council approved the programme and forwarded for consideration of the Executive Council.

 Inauguration of the new campus of NUJS, Salt Lake, Kolkata

The Vice-Chancellor informed that though the building will not be ready for occupation till March, 2003, it is expected that the physical structure will be more orcless completed by October/November 2002. The proposal is to formally organize the inauguration of the new campus in October/November 2002 so that the remaining works may be completed quickly in the next couple of months and shifting schedule may be prepared conveniently in order to commence academic work there for the year 2003-'04.

To mark the occasion a scholarly volume containing papers to be presented at the two-day Conference may be published for commercial circulation. Allied Publishers, a leading publisher with world wide network may undertake the job at their costs giving royalty on sales to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that on consultation with some scholars, the theme of the proposed Conference suggested is :

#### "INDIAN LEGAL THOUGHT AND THE QUEST FOR JUSTICE"

The idea in proposing this topic is to re-visit the principles of Indian Jurisprudence long forgotten in modern legal discourses but still living in the customs and traditions of the people. The object is to explore the relationship between law and culture, law and philosophy, law and literature, law and history etc. in the context of the values of the social reform movements in different parts of India culminating in the Constitution of India. The assumption is that law and justice in the final analysis have to keep its rapport with the culture and ethos of the people if they are to fulfil their goals in society.

The theme will be explored by jurists, philosophers, and historians with available evidence and will try to relate them to the emerging process in which a Unified System is tending to dominate legal culture irrespective of the perceptions and experiences of the people.

The academic advantage arising out of this exercise is to produce select teaching materials not available in conventional books to provide support to the "Justice education" agenda of NUJS. An Academic Chair on Indian Legal Thought may also be the product of this Conference.

The Academic Council approved the theme and programme of the inaugural ceremony and recommended for approval of the Executive Council.

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# Aranya Bhavan Salt Lake Kolkata

The Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council of the NUJS held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 at the Conference Room of the University.

The following members were present: -

- ✓1. Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Vice Chancellor, NUJS
- 2. Mr. Balai Chandra Ray Advocate General, West Bengal
- Prof. N. Chandrasekhara Pillai
  Dean, School of Legal Studies
  Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.
- 4. Mr. Asok Deb Member, Bar Council of India, Kolkata
- 5. Professor Mrittunjay Bhattacharyya Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Technology Salt Lake, Kolkata.
- 6. Dr. V. K. Kashyap
  Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory
  Govt. of India, Kolkata.
- 7. Professor Gangoth Chakraborty Professor, NUJS
  - 8. Mr. Nandan Nawn Lecturer in Law, NUJS
  - 9. Mr. M. V. Shiju Lecturer in Law, NUJS

Professor V. S. Rekhi, Director, National School of Law, Bhopal was unable to come.

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Mr. Satrajit Chaudhuri, Registrar NUJS, was present.

# MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE NUJS HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER, 2002

Item No.	Agenda Description	Resolution	Actions
1.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2002.	The Minutes of the 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th April were confirmed	Taken
2.	Setting up a Legal Service Clinic	The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the School of Legal Practice and Development of NUJS has the mandate of professional development of the students on its agenda. The School had undertaken several training programmes for professionals like Judicial Officers and Police Officers in collaboration with the School of Criminal Justice and Administration.  The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the University was arranging for a permanent <i>Lok Adalat</i> in its campus and the matter was under active consideration of the Chairman of National Legal Services Authority and the Chairman of State Legal Service Authority.  To begin with the University may set up a Legal Services Clinic under the supervision of Mr. N. Konar, a retired District Judge, now an Adjunct Professor in NUJS. Certain activities other than litigation may be taken up by the Clinic involving the students to enable them the skills of lawyering while rendering legal aid to poor.  Resolution:  The Council approved the proposal and forwarded it to the Executive Council for approval.	
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3. Publication of Journal and Working Papers/Projects

It was mentioned that the University is planning to bring out the first issue of its journal in February 2003. The research that is undertaken in the various School of the University producing working papers which the University would like to bring out as working paper series.

#### Resolution:

It was agreed that an annual volume named *Indian Journal of Juridical Sciences* would be published each year in March. The Council further approved the proposal submitted by the Allied Publishers and forwarded the matter for approval of the Executive Council.

To consider the case of Md. Shahjahan for LL.M. admission who has secured less than 50% marks in LL.B.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the University regulations stipulated that to be eligible for admission into LL.M. class one was required to have 50% marks in LL.B. Md. Shahjahan has approached the University for admission with 47% marks on the ground that he belongs to the minority community. It was explained to him that there was no reservation for minority communities. However, he has appealed that the matter be considered by the Academic Council of the University.

#### Resolution:

The matter was considered by the Council but it declined to accede to the request of Md. Shahjahan on the ground that it would set up wrong precedent and would affect the academic excellence of the University.

5. Certificate/Diploma Course in Human Rights, Access to Justice and Citizenship Education

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that under the School of Public Law and Jurisprudence, NUJS has set up a **Centre for Human Rights**. In association with the Legal Services Clinic of the University, CHR has been organizing legal literacy programmes and human rights education courses in the city colleges and habitations. In response to social demand and realizing the social responsibilities of a center for legal learning CHR and LSE have now proposed to introduce a one year certificate course which leads to another year's course for a diploma programme on 'Human Rights, Access to Justice and Citizenship Education'. The certificate course is to be of one year duration and the diploma course of two years, eligibility for diploma course being successful completion

of the certificate course. The course is proposed to be taught through distance mode, supported by contact classes. Details of the proposal along with a tentative syllabus of the certificate course were discussed.

#### Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal and forwarded to the Executive Council for its consideration.

6. LL.M. Examination - Dissertation

The Academic Council discussed the various rules for evaluation of LL.M. dissertation and examiners thereof.

The Council laid down that for evaluation there shall be one internal examiner and one external examiner. The pass marks shall be 'B' grade or 50% marks. If there is a difference of 15% between internal and external examiner, a third external examiner will be appointed whose decision shall be final. There should also be presubmission seminar without which the student shall not be allowed to submit his dissertation. Weightage shall be given to identification of research topic, organization of materials, research methodology and conclusions arrived at.

#### **Resolution:**

The Academic Council approved the proposal.

#### Additional Agenda Items

AA.1

Re-structuring of Library Management The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the Library of a Law School shall be different from other libraries in many respects. The Librarian was not only required to be familiar with legal data but also should know how to acquire and organize them for better access to legal students. At NUJS those managing the law library has another important responsibility, viz. getting the students to do their projects semester after semester. The Vice-Chancellor therefore requested the Council to consider the following proposal:

- (a) At NUJS the library management be entrusted to a faculty member by rotation to be assisted by persons trained in library service. The designation of the Librarian be changed to Legal Information Officer (LIO). The status (salary etc.) of the Chief LIO be that of a Professor of Law, that of the Deputies of an Assistant Professor or Lecturer or an Assistant Lecturer of Law. Their designation be Deputy Legal Information Officer (DLIO) or Assistant Legal Information Officer (ALIO) as the case may be. His tasks will include apart from management of library resources, teaching research guidance and publication.
- (b) To start with one position of DLIO and two of AILO be created with scale of pay of the Assistant professor and Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer, respectively.
- (c) Besides, four positions of Library Assistants be created in the scale of Rs.4500-125-7000 to be filled by persons with library science qualifications and four positions of Library Attendants in the scale of Rs.2550-55-2660-60-3200 to be filled by persons with pre-University or equivalent qualification and some library experience. Computer use experience would be a desirable qualification for all positions in the library.

#### Resolution:

The Council approved the proposal and recommended it for consideration of the Executive Council.

AA.2

Endowment on "Law and Economics"

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Professor Kaushik Basu, Professor of Economics in Cornell University, USA, desired to set up an endowment with Rs.3 lakhs in the University in the name of his father, Shri K.C. Basu, a lawyer of repute in Calcutta and who was also the Mayor of the City and Speaker of West Bengal Assembly. The endowment would be to promote scholarship in law-economics interface. Prof. Basu desired that the University could organize a lecture series

every year to be known as "Keshab Chandra Basu Lecture in Law and Economics". Prof. Basu volunteered to bring distinguished Professors from different parts of the world for the first few years. The University could spend Rs.25,000/- or so every year to organize these lectures which would be published later to earn royalty to the University.

The proposal was accepted and it was referred to the Executive Council for consideration.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

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### NUIS BHAVAN SALT LAKE, KOLKATA

# SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

JUNE 30, 2003 - AT 3.00 P.M.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Agenda Item No. 1..

Academic Council held on 25th October, 2002

Agenda Item No. 2. Intake of students to B.Sc./B.A. LL. B.

Course: Increase of seats to hundred

from 2003-2004

Agenda Item No. 3. Additions and Alterations to Examination and

Promotion Regulations for LL.B./LL.M./M.Phil

Agenda Item No. 4. Student Attendance - Condonation of shortage thereof -

Condonation of less than 75% of attendance for some

students

Agenda Item No. 5 Regulation for Student Exchange Programme

Agenda Item No. 6 Study Leave to Faculty -

Agenda Item No. 7. Disbursement of Scholarship for 2002-'03

Agenda Item No. 8. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair Present Address:

WB National University of Juridical Sciences, 'NUJS BHAYAN'

12, LB- Block, Sector - III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata -700098

NUJS/AC/M-7/03

16 June 2003

То All Members of Academic Council

Sub: Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2003.

Sir.

The Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, 30th June, 2003 at 3.00 P.M. in 'NUJS Bhavan' Salt Lake, Kolkata . You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting. Agenda papers for this meeting is enclosed for your kind perusal.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully.

( Gangotri Chakraborty ) REGISTRAR

Enclosures:

# **Amendment to the Constitution of Academic Council**

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
- (b) a nominee of the Chairman of the Bar Council of India from among the members of its Legal Education Committee
- (c) a nominee of the chairman of the University Grants Commission from among the members of its Law Panel
- (d) two distinguished law teachers nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
- (dd) (i) The Vice Chancellor of one of the Technological Universities or Director of Technological Institutes in the State of West Bengal to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor
  - (ii) The Vice Chancellor of the West Bengal Health University or the Director of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Kolkata to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (e) a nominee of the Government of West Bengal
- (f) All Professors and Additional Professors Of the University
- (g) a representative each of the Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers of the University (one from Lawone from Social Sciences)

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# "NUJS BHAVAN" \*\*\* SALT LAKE, KOLKATA

# Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council of NUJS held On 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2003 at NUJS Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata

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The Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council of NUJS held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2003 at NUJS Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata. The following members were present:-

- 1. Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Vice-Chancellor, NUJS
- Prof. K. N. Chandrasekhara Pillai
   Dean, School of Legal Studies
   Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.
- 3. Prof. V. S. Rekhi
  Former Director of National School of Law, Bhopal.
- 4. Mr. Asok Deb Member, Bar Council of India, Kolkata.
- 5. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma Faculty of Law, Delhi University, Delhi.
- 6. Dr. V.K. Kashyap
  Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory
  Govt. of India, Kolkata.
- 7. Prof. Gangotri Chakraborty Professor & Registrar, NUJS
- 8. Mr. Nandan Nawn Lecturer in Economics, NUJS
- 9. Mr. M. V. Shiju Lecturer in Law, NUJS

Mr. Balai Chandra Ray, Advocate General, West Bengal, could not attend the meeting due to preoccupation and also Prof. Bikash Sinha, Vice-Chancellor of West Bengal university of Technology, Salt Lake, was unable to attend the meeting as he was out of India.

### MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF NUJS HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2003 AT NUJS BHAVAN SALT LAKE, KOLKATA

Item No.	Agenda Description	Resolution	Action Taken		
1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2002.	The Council deliberated upon the minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2002 and approved the same with an observation that the University's research and Publications should be widely circulated to benefit legal education everywhere.			
2	Intake of students to B.Sc./B.A. LL.B. Course: Increase of seats to hundred from 2003-2004	Normal intake of students to B.Sc./B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Course of NUJS is 80 except the first batch, of which 10 are NRI sponsored/Foreign students paying higher tuition fees. It is observed in the preceding three years that a few students abandoned the course midway leaving seats vacant for remaining period of the course of study. The position so far is as follows:  Batch Intake Dropout Present Strength			
	2003-2004	2000 Class 100 07 93			
		2001 Class 80 13 67			
-		2002 Class 80 04 76			
		The number 80 was found to be too large for a single section and too small for splitting them into two sections. However, in the interest of better teaching the Faculty Council has always insisted on two sections in each class. It was not possible in the temporary location at Aranya Bhavan due to lack of space. The classes for the 2003-'04 session began in NUJS Bhavan where arrangements for two sections were easily made. In NUJS Bhavan ten LL. B. class rooms (5 yrs. X 2 Sections) each with a capacity to seat 62 students have been set up. This will enable two sections in each class so that interaction between teachers and students are much more effective. With such arrangement it is possible to accommodate few more students in each class (year).			
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It was proposed before the Executive Council to restore students intake to 100 with effect from the academic session 2003-2004. This would mean 50 students in each division of a given class. It was further submitted before the Executive Council that should the above proposal be approved, then the intake under general category be maintained at the present level of 60, the SC/ST category at 10 while raising the NRI category from 10 to 30. The University has not so far opened up for foreign students and there are enquiries from SAARC countries. The NRI students also are admitted on the basis of Admission Test and a merit list drawn up for this purpose. Besides they have to pay the higher fees prescribed which incidentally will augment University's meager resources for better amenities to student, induction of expert faculty from abroad even if for short periods.

The matter was placed before the 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on February 1, 2003. The Executive council approved the proposal to admit 100 students with effect from academic session 2003-2004 with 60 seats in the General category, 10 seats in the SC/ST category and 30 seats in NRI/Foreign student category.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council noted the matter with approval. Further, the Council was of the view that total number of seats could be further raised to 120 students and the class be divided into three sections of 40 students each which would facilitate better teaching. This, however, was subject to availability of faculty. There should be reasonable restriction put on NRI quota but ST/SC quota could be raised. This was further subject to the fact that NUJS is a residential University and should the seats be raised further hostel accommodation should also be made available.

The Council appreciated that sixteen States had been represented in the students admitted in the current year i. e. 2003-'04.

Additions and Alterations to Examination and Promotion Regulations for LL.B./LL.M./M. Phil

With experience of conducting examinations in the preceding three years of the University certain amendments were felt necessary in the examination regulations of LL. B. LL.M./M.Phil. courses. The Examination Regulations are modified accordingly and submitted.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council approved the modified regulation with some marginal changes in the language of the provisions. (Copy enclosed in Annexure - I).

4 Student
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The Regulation relating to attendance of students at NUJS reads as follows:-

"Regulation 8.A.b.: If a student does not attend in any course, including elective/seminar courses, for at least 75% of the total classes held, he/she shall be declared ineligible for promotion and shall not be allowed to appear in the examination in the said course and shall be required to re-register for the course when it is offered by the University next time in the normal course.

Regulation 8.A.e: A student claiming permissible attendance make-up on account of authorized participation in co-curricular activities may submit the application in the given proforma to the subject teacher concerned within three days from the date of absence from the class. The make-up may be claimed on the following grounds:

- (i) representing the University in any inter-college, inter-University national or international events;
- (ii) attending on the instructions of the Class Coordinator any University activity
- (iii) attending any programme on Legal Aid Support Service under instruction from the teacher in-charge of Legal Aid Clinic

Provided such attendance make-up shall not exceed 10% of the total classes held in that subject.

(iv) Students seeking attendance make-up on medical grounds shall submit applications in the given proforma supported by a certificate from a qualified medical officer/hospital/University doctor. The exemption from attending on medical grounds shall be given only when the student has been advised bed rest or is hospitalized. Even in such cases the condonation shall not exceed 10% of total classes held in that subject."

The following students failed to secure the required minimum of 75% attendance in the subjects mentioned against their names even after the Vice-Chancellor allowing the additional benefit of 10% of the total classes held in those subjects on medical grounds.

1.	Mr. Sarathi Dasgupta - (Roll No. 2214)	Economics - II Contract - I

2. Mr. Sourabh Dutta - Economics - II (Roll No. 2215)

3. Ms. Pamela Kar - Narrowly covers all (Roll No.2088) subjects

4. Mr. Vishroff Mukherjee - Joined the semester (Roll No. 2247) late by 34 days

5. Mr. Debjyoti Ghosh is not able to cover even after 10% condonation by the Vice-Chancellor

Their cases were considered by the Faculty in the Faculty Council Meeting and it was unanimously decided as follows:

- 1. Mr. Sarathi Dasgupta: Detained from writing examination in Economics II and Contract-I.
- 2. <u>Mr. Saurabh Dutta</u>: Detained from writing examination in Economics II. Mr. Dutta was on NUJS scholarship which is decided upon merit and financial position of a candidate. The Faculty recommended forfeiture of his scholarship with immediate effect.

- 3. <u>Ms. Pamela Kar</u>: Was allowed to write the examination on a provisional basis as she is barely able to reach the 75% even after 10% condonation of the total classes held. The Council felt that Ms. Kar should make up the marginal difference in the next semester in addition to the minimum requirement of 75% in that semester failing which she shall not be allowed to write the end semester examination of that semester.
- 4. <u>Mr. Debjyoti Ghosh</u>: Since he remains short of attendance by a huge margin, he was detained from writing the end semester examination.

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Subject	% before condonation	% after condonation	Remarks
	Mr. Sarathi	2214	Economics	COLLEGIA	CONDONACON	
1	Dasgupta			62.50%	72.5%	2.5%
			Contract			
	l		Sociology			
			Pol. Science			
			Fam.Law			
2	Mr. Sourabh Dutta	2215	Economics	61.25%	71.25%	3.75%
			Contract	65.88%	75.88%	
			Sociology	73.86%	83.86%	
			Pol. Science	69.88%	79.87%	
			Fam.Law	67.96%	77.96%	<del>                                     </del>
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3	Mr. Debjyoti Ghosh	2286	Economics	47.5%	57.5%	17.5%
			Contract	50.59%	60.59%	14.41%
			Sociology	48.86%	58.86%	16.14%
			Pol. Science	53.01%	53.01%	11,99%
			Fam.Law	46.60%	56.60%	18.40%
4	Mr. Vishroff Mukherjee	2247	Economics	53.75%	81.13%	After 34 days deduction
			Contract	58.8%	81.96%	
			Sociology	56.82% 7	78,12%	
			Pol. Science	55.42%	76.66%	
			Fam.Law	62.14%	82.05%	<u> </u>
			Without 34 days deduction			
5	Ms. Pamela Kar	2088	Corporate Law II	65.29%	74.28%	0.72% difference
	1	<del>                                     </del>	Ag & LSG Law	68.92%	+	dillerence
	1	<del>                                     </del>	Ag & LSG Law	68.92%	78.92%	<del> </del>
		<del> </del>	Jurisprudence	70.%	80%	<del> </del>
	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	I.P.Law	66.25%	76.25%	<b>!</b>
			Forensic Science	74.07%	76.25%	<del> </del>

Ordinarily these cases are considered in the Academic Council which sends its recommendations to the Executive Council. Generally, the Academic Council meets before the Annual General Council Meeting. The students and their guardians have

requested that the matter be directly placed before the Executive Council for early decision. Their representations in short are:

Sarathi Dasgupta:

Short, painful spell of chronic diseases yet was of bonafide belief that he will not fall short of attendance. Has history of psychological sickness.

Sauray Dutta:

Has submitted a letter of apology.

Vishroff Mukherjee:

Underwent knee surgery.

Debjyoti Ghosh:

Death of grandfather and granduncle, suffered from

multiple headed carbuncles.

As decisions in this regard become a precedent and affect academic standards and administration, the Faculty felt the matter be reported to the Executive Council for appropriate decisions.

The Executive Council referred the case of Sri Debjyoti Ghosh to the Academic Council with the observation that Mr.Debjyoti Ghosh's case was in "direct violation" of the requirement of Bar Council of India regarding attendance.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Vice-Chancellor presented the case of Mr. Debjyoti Ghosh to the Council. The Academic Council observed that Mr. Debjyoti Ghosh's case was in direct violation of the requirement of minimum attendance by the Bar Council and as such his attendance shortage could not be condoned.

5 Regulation for Student Exchange Programme The Warwick Law School at University of Warwick, England, has offered an exchange programme for LL. B. students wherein selected students from NUJS would be able to study upto one year at Warwick and the students from Warwick would be able to study for one year at NUJS. The students would choose courses preferably optional, of equal credits as required in their home institution. Ordinarily students would opt after their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study in their respective Universities. The student would not have to pay any additional tuition fees for this study abroad but would have to arrange for their own travel and accommodation. The credit value of each course would be worked out mutually by the Universities and presented before the academic Council. The programme, if approved of, will take effect from 2004-05 Session.

The course structure of NUJS in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years provide for over 80% of subjects under optional scheme with a view to give some degree of specialization to the students. Many of these specialized subjects are offered at Warwick which has experts to teach and a well developed library

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to research and study. As such the exchange programme will be greatly beneficial to our students. Besides it will help develop the capacity of NUJS to teach modern courses which are in demand in legal education. Warwick is reputed for its technology-related law courses. Warwick law school is rated as one among the best three in U. K. Dr. Upendra Baxi and Reena Patel are two Indian law teachers in its Faculty. NUJS Faculty strongly recommends an MOU with Warwick for which it sought approval from the Executive Council. The Executive Council gave its approval on 29.3.2003.

The Regulations governing the exchange programme was placed for consideration of the Academic Council.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council approved the Regulation framed for the student Exchange programme. The Council also approved the case of Mr. Subhankar Dam who wanted to study a Semester in Leicester University, U. K.

The Council further suggested that there should be clear written understanding between NUJS, the Institution in which the student wanted to study and the student himself regarding the courses opted for, assessment criteria mutually agreed upon by the two institutions and conferment of degrees. Such arrangements may vary from case to case and is to be reported to Academic Council. The Council suggested some changes in the Regulation which was adopted in the meeting. (Copy enclosed in Annexure - II)

6 Study Leave to Faculty

With the growth of the University and its activities teachers are often seeking study leave for doing research both in India and abroad. Regulations relating to Study Leave was placed for consideration.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council approved the Regulation with certain modifications which were adopted at the meeting (Copy enclosed in Annexure - III)

7 Disbursement Of Scholarship for 2002-'03

Following students received scholarship for the year 2002-2003:

	<u>Name</u>	ID. No.	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Shri Abhijit Kumar Lala	2059	Rs. 15,000/-
2.	Shri Sauvik Bose	2094	Rs. 10,000/-
3.	Ms. Poornima Krishnamurty	- 2157	Rs. 10,000/-

The scholarship was disbursed out of the interest proceeds of the NUJS Students Scholarship Fund instituted n the year 2001. Donations received in the fund so far is Rs. 16,30,776/-.

The Academic Council noted with approval.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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Application made by Mr.
Anurag Kumar Agarwal for Faculty position at NUJS

Mr. Anurag Kr. Agarwal was selected for the post of teaching Assistant at NUJS in the recruitment process of 2001-2002 session. He has obtained LL. M. degree both from Harvard University and Lucknow University. He is awaiting the award of LL. D. from Lucknow University. He is also a graduate mechanical engineer. He has taught subjects like Intellectual Property, Business Management and Litigation Management. He is keen to teach Arbitration also. He is presently with M/s. Rajinder Narain & Co., New Delhi. Application of Mr. Agarwal was placed before the Council.

He has made a request that NUJS reconsider the offer specially keeping in mind that he will not be able to survive with family at Kolkata on the salary of Teaching Assistant.

Mr. Agarwal appears to be suitable for taking up Intellectual Property Clinical Course and Advance Intellectual property Seminar Course. These are very important courses requiring teachers who have experience in practicing these laws.

Since we have just concluded this year's faculty selection and his request letter came late, it could not be processed through the normal Selection Committee. However, if the Academic Council considers it appropriate, in view of his qualifications and in view of his selection in an earlier round of selection which he could not avail, the University may offer him the post of Assistant Lecturer instead of Teaching Assistant so that he may be persuaded to join NUJS. The Academic Council may kindly consider the proposal and recommend it to the Executive Council for consideration.

#### **RESOLUTION**

The Council recommended the proposal to offer an Assistant Lecturership to Mr. Anurag Aggarwal for approval of the Executive Council.

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Appointment by Invitation of Dr. M. P. Singh NUJS has been seeking the services of senior law teachers for quite sometime. In view of the University entering the fourth year of its operation where it has to organize advanced optional courses for its senior batches of students, it is imperative that one or two senior professors are put in place immediately. In the recent selection of faculty, University could not receive suitable applications for senior positions. On informal contact Professor M. P. Singh, former Dean of Delhi Law Faculty and Scholar in Constitutional/Administrative Laws who is now in German Institute of Advanced Studies, Berlin, has shown interest provided Delhi University permits his leave. To be able to explore the possibility, a formal offer of appointment is to be made which can only be through invitation.

The C.V. of Professor M. P. Singh was placed before the Academic Council. The Council was requested to consider the proposal of inviting Dr. M. P. Singh as a Professor initially for a two-year period.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council approved the proposal and recommended the same for approval of the Executive Council.

# AA3 Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Media Law Endowment

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences received in April 2001 an endowment of Rupees Three Lakhs (Rs. 3,00,000.00) from the Founder Vice-Chancellor of NUJS, Professor N. R. Madhava Menon for promotion of scholarship in Media Law which he himself has been teaching at NUJS. The executive Council of the University vide Resolution No. 5 of 2.2.2002 approved the Media Law Endowment and directed it to be deposited in a new account by the name "Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Media Law Endowment Fund" to earn the best interest possible. During the last two years the Fund has already earned over Rs. 0.35 lakhs (as on 31.3.2003) by way of interest which is available to support activities earmarked under the Endowment.

The Academic Council of the University may like to consider and recommend one or more of the following activities to be organized by the University which, subject to the availability of funds in the Endowment Fund, may be decided by the Vice-Chancellor.

- (1) Award one or more "Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Media Law Scholarship" of the value of Rs. 6,000.00 each to under graduate or post graduate students of NUJS pursuing media law studies as part of their curriculum;
- (2) Award "Professor N. R. Madhava Menon Media Law Fellowship" to a scholar, jurist or journalist to lecture on Media Law to the Faculty and students of NUJS;
- Organize a seminar or Workshop involving lawyers and journalists as part of continuing education on Media-related law subjects;
- (4) Give an annual award to a Reporter/Correspondent for excellence in law reporting in Indian newspapers, journals or law reports; or
- (5) Any related activity, advancing scholarship in Media Law.

The University shall keep the endowment in perpetuity using only the interest earned for activities every year. There shall be included a brief report of the activities conducted under the Endowment in the Annual Report of the University.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council appreciated the gesture made by Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon, Vice-Chancellor, NUJS, and approved the Regulations framed for utilization to advance the objects of the Endowment.

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Mr. Keshab Chandra Basu Endowment on Law and Economics

Professor Kaushik Basu of Cornell University, U.S.A., sought the permission of the University to create an Endowment in the name of his late father Mr. Keshab Chandra Basu which was approved in principle by the Executive Council in its 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2002. Professor Basu gave a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs in two instalments, the second one after the meeting of the Academic Council on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2003. As such the matter could not be discussed for final approval of the Academic Council in that meeting. However, it was mentioned and noted. Now since the money is fully paid, the following terms evolved in consultation with the donor are being included in the minutes (for circulation and approval of the Academic Council and for submission to the Executive Council's final decision) so that activities under the Endowment can be undertaken.

The following are the terms of "KESHAB CHANDRA BASU LECTURE ON LAW AND ECONOMICS ENDOWMENT"

- The proceeds of the endowment will be used to promote Law-economics interface.
- > The University will organize a lecture series every year to be known as "Keshab Chandra Basu Lecture in Law and Economics" to be delivered by distinguished scholars of international repute.
- The fund received shall be lodged in a separate bank account under joint operation of the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of the University. The account will be subject to audit by the statutory auditors of the University.

Vice-Chancellor has invited Prof. Amartya Sen to deliver the first Keshab Chandra Bose lecture. He has accepted the invitation and is expected to deliver the lecture in December 2003. Date and other details are being firmed up.

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Constitution of the Planning Broad Every University is required by the U.G.C. to have a Planning Board/Committee to be able to anticipate development requirements and propose plans and estimates before the University bodies for consideration. These are integrated with the Five Year Plan assistance from UGC.

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NUJS is now in its fourth year of operation. In another year NUJS will be entitled to approach the UGC for grants under Plan and Special project activities. Meanwhile NUJS has to seek the National Accreditation Council's inspection and assessment which is a pre-requisite for seeking UGC grants. For these procedures as well as for planned development on the lines of the proposals approved by Executive Council in the Eighth Meeting, it is necessary to constitute a Planning Board with members from Academic Council/Finance Committee and Executive Council.

#### RESOLUTION

The Council approved the proposal and recommended for approval of the Executive Council and suggested that norms regarding its constitution, membership, meetings and functions may also be framed for placing before the Executive Council. The Council further suggested that the membership may comprise of a representative of the Government, an educationist of repute, one corporate personality. One member of the Faculty and another corporate personality may be made members of the board by co-option.

At the end of the meeting, Vice-Chancellor mentioned that it would be the last Academic Council Meeting under his Chair as he was contemplating relinquishing the office of the Vice-Chancellor of NUJS and taking up the office of Director in National Judicial Academy in September, 2003.

The Academic Council took the following resolution:-

"The Academic Council records its appreciation of the tremendous work done by Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon in making National University of Juridical Sciences a great institution in the country. The Council noted with deep appreciation the services rendered by Prof. Menon to Legal Education and Social Justice in India. The Council wished him all the best in his new assignment as Director of National Judicial Academy".

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#### **ANNEXURE - I**

#### **EXAMINATION RULES**

#### 1. Attendance

- 1.1. A student requires 75% attendance to be eligible to write the end semester examination.
- 1.2. Attendance will be given if student represents University in moot court, sports & cultural activities.
- 1.3. For project work data collection one day's attendance will be given for each subject if it is so certified by concerned teacher.
- On medical ground, attendance of 10% of total classes held in a subject will be given in case of hospitalization and for acute ailment only subject to discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.
- 1.5. Marks for attendance -

75% attendance 

⇒ 2.5 marks

76-80% attendance ⇒ 3 marks

81-85% attendance 

⇒ 3.5 marks

86-90% attendance ⇒ 4 marks

above 95% attendance⇒ 5 marks

1.6. For marginal shortage of one or two classes, the Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of Faculty Council may authorize extra classes to be conducted to make up such shortage in attendance.

#### 2. Project

- 2.1 Project topics should be finalized within seven days from the commencement of classes in a given semester.
- 2.2 Rough draft and final report will be submitted within 20 days and six weeks respectively from commencement of classes in each semester.
- 2.3 Once a project is finally submitted to examination committee, it will not be returned till the student passes out.
- 2.4 Project viva will be conducted after seven days of submission of first draft.
- 2.5 For submission of project(s) after notified dates 0.50 marks will be deducted for each day of delay.

- 2.6 Project may be substituted by memorial of national or international round of moot court if preparation of memorial clashes with preparation time assigned for projects. The student seeking such substitution, will be evaluated afresh by the teacher concerned on the basis of quality of memorial.
- 2.7 Examination Committee in consultation with Vice-Chancellor may give extension to the moot court team for submission of project if moot court or preparation for moot court clashes with preparation of project.
- 2.8 Marks for project -

Rough draft & Project viva - 10 (understanding of subject - 5 + clarity of answer - 5)

Final Report - 20 (content & Originality - 10 + style & methodology - 10)

#### 3. <u>Integrated Viva-Voce Examination</u>

- 3.1. Marks 5 per subject
- 3.2. A Student can speak on minimum of two and maximum of three topics
- 3.3. A Student is required to speak/discuss for 10 minutes (6 min. presentation + 4 min. defence)

#### 4. End Semester Examination

- 4.1. Marks 60 ordinarily; can be 50 whenever mid-term examination for 10 marks is arranged with approval of Examination Committee prior to commencement of term.
- 4.2. Two or three hours examination; Problem based mainly; Consultation of bare Acts may be allowed selectively based on merit.
- 4.3. End Semester Answer scripts will be coded with secret number by Examination Committee before sending for evaluation to the teachers. This is a temporary measure introduced on request of student body and may be revised at the instance of the Faculty Council and subject to approval of the Academic Council.

#### 5. PROMOTION

- 5.1 A student requires minimum 8 "C" grade out of 10 subjects offered in one year for promotion into the next class.
- 5.2. A student who has scored 39.5 marks or more but below 40 marks in any subject, the same will be rounded off to 40.
- 5.3. University will not conduct any repeat examination. Student who fails in a subject has to repeat the examination in that subject when it is offered again by the University.
- 5.4. A student who is not promoted, has to re-register himself/herself by paying Rs. 2000 for each subject.

- 5.5. If a student has a grievance with the marks awarded, he or she can ask for "consultation" by filling up prescribed form. In consultation, the teacher concerned requisitions the answer-book from Examination Section and discusses with the student why he/she got what he/she got. Even after consultation, if the student is not convinced, student can ask for re-evaluation of the paper by depositing Rs. 500 per subject provided it is done within 15 days of the notification of result.
- 5.6. Re-evaluation of a paper is done by external faculty who is selected by Vice-Chancellor. The marks awarded by external evaluator will be final. If there is a difference of 25% marks between internal and external evaluator, the case will be referred to second external examiner and the marks awarded by him shall be final. Otherwise, the student will be deemed to have secured whichever is the higher marks (of internal or external) and results declared accordingly.

#### 6. Credit

- 6.1. The Examination Committee in consultation with Vice-Chancellor decides the number of credits for a course.
- 6.2 Regular courses are three credit courses
- 6.3. University may offer one credit or two credit courses which will be offered to eligible students. These courses will be treated as extra credit courses to be reported in the mark card presented at the time of graduation. No exemption or extension will be given for these courses, provided if a student so desires three such one credit courses or other combination theory may be sought to be combined in lieu of one seminar course required under the Rules.
- 6.4. A student may study one or two semesters in any other University and apply for transferring the credit. This will be decided by Examination Committee, NUJS Faculty Committee on Academic Exchange and the Vice-Chancellor on case to case basis in consultation with the University in 'which' the student wishes to join.

#### Optional Courses/Seminar Courses

#### Marks break up \*

Attendance	<b>\$</b>	5
Presentation	⇔	20
Discussant/Respondent	⇔	5
Written Submission	⇔	30
End Semester exam	⇨	40

\*This is subject to modification when a faculty requests and the Examination Committee approves. However, it is to be decided and notified prior to the commencement of the course.

#### B.Sc. LL. B. Degree 7.

A student has to take a minimum of 10 science-related optional courses/seminar courses during the 5 year study to be eligible to get B.Sc. LL. B. Degree.

#### <u>Clinical Course - I</u> (Compulsory) 8.

8.1. Marks Break up -

Attendance - 5 Viva Voce

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Class Exercises - 25

Written Exam - 60

#### 9. Clinical Course - II (Compulsory)

9.1. Attendance

> Viva Voce 10

> Class Exercises 25

Written Exam

#### Clinical Course - III (Optional Clinics) 10.

Exam Committee on recommendation of clinical faculty to announce specialized clinical curses to be offered each semester

10.1. Attendance & participation **Exercises** 25 Viva-voce/seminar presentation-10 Written examination 50

Extension work 10

#### Clinical Course IV (Optional Clinics) 11.

Exam Committee on recommendation of clinical faculty to announce specialized clinical curses to be offered each semester

11.1. Attendance & participation **Exercises** 25 Viva-voce/seminar presentation-10 Written examination 50 Extension work 10

### Marks Distribution and Seminar Presentation for LL. M. Degree Course

- 1.1. (a) Marks Break Up Each subject of 100 marks will have the following distribution Written Examination - 70
  - (b) Paper presentations on three approved topics in each subject and written submission thereon 10 marks for each presentation or 30 marks for three seminar presentations in each subject.
- 1.2 A student is required to make a presentation before Faculty Council to finalize topic for dissertation in IV<sup>th</sup> Semester.
- 1.3 Dissertation will be evaluated by one external evaluator and one internal evaluator, both to be selected by Vice-Chancellor out of a panel approved by Academic Council. The marks secured by the student will be the average of the two examinations.

#### 2.3 THE M. PHIL. DEGREE COURSE

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

An applicant seeking admission for M. Phil. Degree Programme shall have an LL. M. Degree securing not less than a 'B' grade or 50% marks in the aggregate or its equivalent.

#### **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

Eligible candidates desirous of getting admission to M.Phil. Course shall apply to the Registrar in plain paper.

Selection for M.Phil. Course shall be based on merit as determined by the preregistration seminar of the candidates and interview to be conducted by the Experts Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose.

#### **DURATION OF THE COURSE**

The M.Phil. Course shall be of one year duration.

#### **FEES**

There will be no Tuition fee for the Course. However, Registration Fee of Rs. 1000/-shall be paid at the time of Registration and Examination Fee of Rs. 3000/- shall be paid at the time of submission of dissertation.

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

On completion of the Registration formalities, the P.G. Council shall constitute an Advisory Committee of three Members for each of the students admitted. Each student shall be assigned to a Faculty Member specialized in the area of law selected by the student for his/her dissertation, who shall be his Advisor and guide. The Advisor shall prepare a plan of work for the student indicating the

teaching, research, seminar and other assignments to be given by the students and supervise the progress of his/her work. The plan of work developed by the Advisor shall be subject to the approval of the Faculty and P. G. Council.

# TEACHING, RESEARCH AND SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS

Every student shall have teaching, research and seminar assignments conforming to the approved plan of work.

The "teaching" component of the assignment shall ordinarily contain preparation of syllabi and study materials for under-graduate classes or for a certificate/diploma course and/or summer training workshop/seminar; attending faculty meetings when invited; taking tutorial or group discussion classes in the under-graduate and post-graduate courses etc.

The research work shall include, inter alia, attending courses on Research Methodology and guiding project work and field work of students whenever assigned etc.

The Seminar assignments shall include presentation of not less than three Seminars, the third and final being presented as a prelude to the submission of the dissertation, discussing among other things, the findings of the research.

#### **EVALUATION**

Before the candidate submits his dissertation, the Advisory Committee shall evaluate his performance in the teaching assignments given to him and certify the satisfactory performance or otherwise. Only on receipt by the Registrar of a 'satisfactory' performance report from the Advisory Committee of the student, the latter shall be allowed to submit his/her dissertation.

The dissertation submitted by the student shall be referred to a panel of two external examiners for evaluation. In case of difference of opinion on the merit of dissertation, the dissertation shall be referred to a third external examiner for an opinion. The result of the evaluation by the examiner shall be indicated either as 'satisfactory' or 'not satisfactory' along with comments in the prescribed proforma.

#### **AWARD OF DEGREE**

The Degree of M.Phil shall be conferred on a student who, having completed satisfactorily the other requirements, receives a 'satisfactory' report on the dissertation from at least two examiners.

#### **GENERAL**

A candidate admitted to the M. Phil Degree Programme shall have to complete all the prescribed requirements within a maximum period of three years from and including the year of admission in order to be eligible for the award of the Degree.

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## STUDENT EXCHANGE AND CREDIT TRANSFER REGULATIONS

Whereas academic exchanges with educational institutions in India and abroad contribute to the enrichment of learning of students and whereas the principle has been approved by the University bodies, it is now proposed to formulate the following regulations to govern the student exchange programme.

- (a) Ordinarily permission to study in another institution will be granted only after completion of the third year of study in LL. B. (or first year of study in LL. M.)
- (b) The choice of subjects for programme outside shall be restricted to optional subjects and not to the Bar Council of India prescribed compulsory subjects.
- (c) The programme may either be arranged by the University under an MOU with another institution or by the student concerned through personal contact. However, the acceptance of the programme will entirely be decided by the University through the Vice-Chancellor appointed "Faculty Committee on Academic Exchanges". A student aggrieved by the decision may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor whose decision shall be final in the matter.
- (d) The duration of study under the scheme shall ordinarily be one semester provided in exceptional circumstances it may be extended for one more semester.
- (e) The choice of subjects to be studied shall be proposed by the student with justifications. The Faculty Committee on Academic Exchange will give due regard to the proposal but will have the power to alter them keeping in view the academic requirements and performance of the student concerned.
- (f) Ordinarily no student exchange will be considered unless it is proposed at least one semester in advance leaving sufficient time for the Faculty Committee on Academic Exchange to process the application and the Universities to arrange for examination promotion norms.
- (g) Ordinarily once the Committee has agreed on choice of subjects to be studied and the credits to be obtained by the student in the outside institution, NUJS Faculty Committee on Academic Exchange will be authorized to obtain the records from that institution and transfer it against the academic requirements of the student concerned. If it falls short in terms of NUJS regulations, the student will be required to study the subjects again and fulfil the regulations.

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- (h) NUJS will not have any financial obligation whatsoever in organizing programme. Whatever fees etc. have to be paid to the host institution will be paid by the student concerned. However, the Faculty Committee on Academic Exchange will examine and recommend to the University whether tuition fee payable to NUJS for the period can be proportionately waived in part or full. However, the University 's decision in this regard shall be final.
- (i) A student can avail of this facility only once during his under-graduate or post-graduate study as the case may be.
- (j) NUJS will not be responsible for any problem the student might face in the host institution. However, if the host institution writes to NUJS complaining of indiscipline or poor performance of the student in that institution, NUJS will proceed against the student concerned as if it was committed at NUJS.
- (k) The Vice-Chancellor will have the power to suitably interpret or modify these rules to advance the goals of the programme and the needs of an arrangement evolved in its implementation.
- (I) After receiving the request from the student, University will interact with the University offering the exchange to find out teaching method, evaluation system, credits to be awarded and then take a decision on the matter.

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#### STUDY LEAVE

1. (a) Study Leave means and includes leave with or without pay sanctioned by the University for a member of the academic staff to pursue study and research for periods varying between one month to one year or more in another institution.

Study leave is available only to a regular member of the faculty.

Regular member of the Faculty means a teacher employed on a scale of pay.

- 2. Type: Study leave is of two types:
  - (i) Short Study Leave i.e. leave not exceeding one to six weeks
  - (ii) Long Study Leave i. e. leave above six weeks
- 3. <u>Rules</u>: Study leave cannot be availed during the period of probation unless otherwise approved in special circumstances by the Executive Council. In such case remaining period of the probation will have to be completed by the faculty after rejoining the University on expiry of the period of leave.
- 4. Rules relating to short study leave:
  - (i) A faculty member may seek short Study Leave once every two years
  - (ii) The Study Leave facility is given entirely at the University's discretion and therefore cannot be claimed as a matter of right. If the teaching in the University is in any way hampered by the teacher's absence, it may be refused.
  - (iii) For taking short Study Leave at least one month's prior notice shall be given to the University.

- (iv) Persons availing short Study Leave shall endeavour to make alternative arrangements for the classes in consultation with the University.
  - (v) Short Study Leave is paid leave at the discretion of the University subject to scholarship/grant obtained by the teacher from outside.

#### 5. Rules relating to Long Study Leave

- (i) A faculty member shall become entitled to one year's Study Leave after completion of every five years of continuous service.
- (ii) Leave taken under clause (i) of this section will have lien on service but shall be without pay.
- (iii) At least six months notice shall be necessary for taking leave under this section
- (iv) If a faculty member who has taken leave under this section does not join the University on the date of expiry of such leave his/her service may be terminated.
- (v) Study Leave under this section may be extended by three months provided three months prior notice of such extension is given, subject to condition that no further extension shall be allowed.

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