

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF WBNUJS
held on 10th May, 2018 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, 12 LB Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700098.

The thirty second meeting of the Academic Council was held on Thursday, 10th May 2018 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 098.

The following members were present:-

1. HON'BLE JUSTICE MR. AMIT TALUKDAR,

Vice-Chancellor, Chairman, Academic Council, WBNUJS, Kolkata.

2. PROF. (DR.) POONAM SAXENA

Member, Academic Council.

3. PROF. (DR.) A. LAKSHMINATH

Member, Academic Council

4. PROF. (DR.) T. V. G. N. S. SUDHAKAR

Member, Academic Council.

5. PROF. (DR.) SANDEEPA BHAT B.

Member, Academic Council.

6. PROF. (DR.) ANIRBAN MAZUMDER

Member, Academic Council.

7. MS. VANEETA PATNAIK

Member, Academic Council.

8. DR. ANUPAMA GHOSHAL

Member, Academic Council

DR. SARFARAZ AHMED KHAN, Registrar (Acting), WBNUJS, was also present in the Academic Council Meeting.

PROF. (DR.) FAIZAN MUSTAFA, PROF. SAIKAT MITRA, MR. PRIYANKA GHOSH, MR. ASOK DEB, PROF. (DR.) M. K.

SINHA, PROF. (DR.) ARUP KUMAR PODDAR, (DR.) SREENIVASULU N. S. could not attend the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members and started the proceedings of the Academic Council Meeting.

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Minutes of the 32nd Academic Council Meeting

Sl. No.	Agenda Items	Resolution	Remarks/ Action taken
1.	The Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 04.01.2018 was placed for confirmation of the honourable members.	Hon'ble Members confirmed the minutes of the 31 st Meeting of the Academic Council held on 04.01.2018.	
2.	Ms. Shreyoshi Ray (ID No.: 211110) belongs to 2011 batch of LL.B course. Rest of students of her batch were conferred degree in the Eleventh Convocation dated 13th November 2016, whereas Ms. Shreyoshi Ray could not be conferred degree during the Convocation as she could not clear one of her subjects "Child Rights & Law" – taught by Ms. R. Goswami. Subsequently she cleared her subject of Child Rights and Law in March 2017 (result received from the course teacher on 10.03.2017 and it was published on 10.03.2017). Ms. Ray was issued a provisional degree certificate as she fulfilled the requirement of her degree, mentioning her year of graduation as 2017. Later on she appealed to the Vice Chancellor for revision of the year of awarding degree in the Provisional degree certificate and requested her year of graduation be made as 2016 in place of 2017. After consultation with the course teacher, Ms. Ruchira Goswami, Vice Chancellor decided that the date of submission of project to be considered, not	In light of the peculiar facts and circumstances and the documentary evidence put before the honourable members of the Academic Council, it was decided by the honourable members that the year of passing of Ms. Shreyashi Roy to be reckoned as 2016 and accordingly the Degree certificate of Ms. Shreyashi Ray to be corrected and forwarded to the Chancellor for his signature. An enquiry to be conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Jodhpur and Prof. (Dr.) A. Lakshminath, Pro Chancellor, CNLU, Patna into the circumstances which led to the delay in declaration of the result and fix the responsibility. Dr. Anupama Ghosal will be assisting the Committee.	

the date of publication of result.

The Vice Chancellor responded to her appeal and directed to reissue a provisional degree certificate mentioning the year of graduation as November 2016 without withdrawing the previous provisional certificate.

Since she could not qualify for degree because of not passing one subject in 2016, she could not be awarded the degree during the Convocation in 2016. However, she was eligible for her degree in the Twelfth Convocation held on 10th December 2017. But she was not present in the Convocation and could not take her degree.

Along with other degree certificates conferred during this convocation date of graduation in her certificate was also mentioned as date of graduation as 2017. Once she received the certificate, Ms. Ray brought to the knowledge that the year of awarding the certificate is wrong. A. R. (Academic) apprised the matter to the Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor directed orally to AR (Academic) to get a fresh degree certificate printed with the details of revised provisional certificate. Accordingly Academic section got printed the certificate and placed it before the Vice Chancellor and Prof. P. Ishwara Bhat also signed the certificate and asked me to provide facts of the case before sending it to the Chancellor of the University.

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	The facts of the case of Ms. Shreyashi Roy was placed (copy of the note attached as Annexure 8). After perusal of the facts, the Vice Chancellor did not forward the certificate to the Chancellor for his signature as he expressed that the date of awarding of the degree should be 2017 not 2016.		
3.	This has reference to the note put up by Prof. Arup Kumar Poddar, regarding a petition filed by Advocate Pinaki Ranjan Banerjee, of the Calcutta High Court, addressed to the Chancellor dated 09.09.2017 against Distance Education and Online Courses at WBNUJS.	Deferred. Prof. Patnaik objected with regard to the maintainability of the note as it has been addressed to the Chancellor and her dissent is recorded. With regard to Distance Education and Online courses at WBNUJS the members were of the opinion that additional clarity is required to the effectively deliberate on the matter. The same may be procured and put in the next meeting after considering the objection of Prof. Anirban Mazumder, Prof. Sandeepa Bhat B. and Prof. Vaneeta Patnaik it is decided that all future activities should be put on status quo as on date. Be it noted this would not be applicable to the course conducted by University alone without any private partnership.	Regis
4.	The University proposes to revise the total number and allocation of seats across PWD category for CLAT 2018 in pursuance of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.	The Hon'ble members approved the proposal.	

5.	<p>As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Chancellor, WBNUJS, following points of the recommendations of the Review Commission are placed before the honourable members for their perusal and decisions:</p> <p>Point Nos. Subject</p> <p>14 Strengthen Accountability Mechanisms</p> <p>15 Strengthen Grievance Redress</p> <p>16 Reform and Strengthen Career Advancement Policies</p> <p>17 Make Selection Processes Objective and Independent</p> <p>20 Introduce Specialized Streaming in the LL.B course</p>	This matter be deferred as it needs thorough study and detailed deliberations.	
6.	The University proposes to add new members as examiners and subject experts in addition to the earlier list as already approved by the Academic Council.	The list is approved in addition to the earlier list.	<i>Academic Secy</i>
ADDITIONAL AGENDAS			
A11.	<p>The Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS), a nodal body for administration of LL.M studies vide their meeting held on 07.05.2018 proposed further addition in the existing Regulations of LL.M course.</p> <p>1. Attendance requirement for LL.M (one year) course</p> <p>The CPGLS proposed that the minimum attendance requirement for the LL.M students shall be 70% physical attendance per subject per semester and the attendance requirement is compulsory. Any shortage of attendance, below the threshold limit of 70% per subject for each semester the concerned student will be debarred from appearing in the end semester examination.</p>	The Hon'ble members approved the proposed amendments.	<i>Academic Secy</i>

	<p>The debarred students shall not be allowed to take end semester examination in the same academic year. Further, a debarred candidate (due to shortage of 70% attendance or due to any academic misconduct) is to be allowed to take the debarred subject for examination in the next academic year only.</p> <p>2. Annotation of "R" beside a repeated subject on the transcript or marks statement Once a student writes a repeat examination in a subject, due to failure in the end semester examination or any other reason, annotation of an "R" is to be made beside the same on the transcript or marks statement for the concerned student.</p> <p>Above amendments/additions may be inserted as Para 6.1.A in the LL.M Regulations 2013 to be applicable prospectively from the academic year 2018-2019, if approved by the honourable members.</p>		
A42.	<p>As per the recruitment held in the last year, Mr. Balajinaika B. G. had been appointed as Assistant Professor in Law. Thereafter, having received an offer from Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, he resigned from the post of Assistant Professor in Law at WBNUJS from 24.02.2018. The University has accepted his resignation and has issued the release letter in his favour. The matter was submitted for perusal, information and directions of the honourable members of the Executive Council in their 60th meeting held on 07.04.2018. Resolution of the same (attached as Annexure 1AA) may be found as under:</p> <p>"The resignation is accepted and it is decided that the University shall proceed to fill in the subject vacancy (International Law) by adopting proper procedure for the same".</p> <p>Put up for perusal and further directions of the honourable members.</p>	The matter was noted by the Hon'ble members.	

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AA3.	<p>As per direction of the 60th meeting of the Executive Council (attached as Annexure 2AA), held on 07.04.2018, that Academic Council will make a list of permanent teaching posts which are lying vacant, in need to be filled up. The same to be placed before the Academic Council to make a list of vacant permanent teaching posts.</p> <p>With regard to the same, following information has been received on 08.05.2018 from the establishment section of the University:</p> <p>i) Vacant faculty position at WBNUJS at present (attached as Annexure 3AA)</p> <p>ii) Required qualification for recruitment of teachers and other academic staff at WBNUJS is as per UGC guidelines 2010</p> <p>iii) Pay scales of teachers at WBNUJS is as per UGC guidelines 2010</p>	<p>The Hon'ble members decided that the matter is to be taken up along with the recommendations of the Review Commission Report in the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>For next meeting</i></p>
AA4	<p>Creation of Controller of Examination Cell</p>	<p>The members of the Committee were of the opinion that there should be a separate Examination Cell to be headed by a Faculty Member who would be designated as Controller of Examinations and assisted by three other Faculty Members and necessary administrative staff.</p>	<p><i>Agreed</i></p>
AA5	<p>Representation from the 'Students' representative as representative of Ms. Shreyasi Ray</p>	<p>The Council heard Ms. Shreyasi Ray's case from the Students' Representative, Mr. Arjun Agarwal, President, Student Juridical Association.</p>	

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R1	<p>From 2017-18 batch of Ph.D. students sixteen candidates had qualified for Ph.D. course work out of which only 14 students have successfully provisionally registered themselves and are eligible for sit for course work examination in June 2018.</p> <p>Their permanent registration for Ph.D. course would be ascertained once they complete their course work and declared successful.</p> <p>List of students may be found as under for perusal of the honourable members.</p> <p>Sl. No. Name of the Candidates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mr. Arindam Mitra 2 Ms. Satavisha Haldar 3 Mr. Ashis Kumar Hazra 4 Ms. Sayantani Bagchi 5 Ms. Aparna Madhu 6 Ms. Noor Fatima 7 Ms. Anuleena Bhattacharjee 8 Mr. Ranadip Bhattacharya 9 Mr. Nitesh Kumar Panjiar 10 Ms. Amlanika Bora 11 Ms. Deeksha Sharma 12 Mr. Amrith Nath S.B. 13 Ms. Sumedha Verma 14 Ms. Sayanti Ganguly 	The Council noted the same.	
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The meeting ended at p.m.

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