

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SEVENTH
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC
COUNCIL OF WBNUJS**

held on

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The thirty seventh meeting of the Academic Council was held on Saturday, 15th February, 2020 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106.

The following members were present:-

- 1. PROF. (DR.) N. K. CHAKRABARTI**
Vice-Chancellor, Chairman, Academic Council, WBNUJS, Kolkata.
- 2. PROF. SAIKAT MAITRA**
Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT, Member, Academic Council.
- 3. PROF. POONAM SAXENA**
Vice-Chancellor, NLU, Jodhpur, Member, Academic Council.
- 4. MR. B. BADONIYA**
Director, CFSL, Kolkata, Member, Academic Council.
- 5. PROF. (DR.) ARUP KUMAR PODDAR**
Member, Academic Council.
- 6. PROF. (DR.) T. V. G. N. S. SUDHAKAR**
Member, Academic Council.
- 7. PROF. (DR.) SREENIVASULU N.S.**
Member, Academic Council.
- 8. PROF. (DR.) SANDEEPA BHAT B.**
Member, Academic Council.
- 9. PROF. (DR.) ANIRBAN MAZUMDER**
Member, Academic Council.
- 10. PROF. (DR.) KAVITA SINGH**
Member, Academic Council.
- 11. DR. LOVELY DASGUPTA**
Member, Academic Council.
- 12. DR. ANUPAMA GHOSHAL**
Member, Academic Council.

SMT. SIKHA SEN, REGISTRAR (ACTING), WBNUJS, was also present in the Academic Council Meeting.

PROF. (DR.) M.K. SINHA, PROF. (DR.) S. S. SINGH, SHRI ASOKE DEB, PROF. (DR.) FAIZAN MUSTAFA & DR. BIKRAMJIT DE were absent from the meeting.

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

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Agenda	Resolution
<p><u>1. Confirmation of minutes of 36th meeting dated 27.07.2019</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 27.07.2019 as attached (at Annexure-1) is placed for the perusal and confirmation of the honourable members.</p> <p>Encl: "Annexure-1" - Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Academic Council</p>	<p>Confirmed with suggestion that agenda to be circulated prior to meeting held.</p>
<p><u>2. Revision of Ph.D Regulation</u></p> <p>Over the period of time, Ph.D course is being continued. Considering all aspects, it was felt that the syllabus of the Ph.D course needs to be revised to cope with and to compete with other National Law School of the country. The revised syllabus is thus put up for the perusal and approval of the honourable members.</p> <p><u>Change of syllabi/subjects for Ph.D./M.Phil Entrance examinations</u></p> <p>The University conducts entrance examination every year for admission to the Research scholars for M.Phil/Ph.D. students as per the UGC guidelines. It is an All India test and students from all over country, even from foreign countries do apply and appear for the tests.</p> <p>It has been found that the syllabus/subjects as incorporated in the present Ph.D. regulations is not exhaustive and all pervasive.</p> <p>The University would like to change the syllabus/subjects for</p>	<p>The proposed amendment of Ph.D. Regulation is approved. This new regulation will be applicable for Ph.D. scholars who had been admitted from 2017 onwards.</p> <p>As regards admission test it is further resolved that 50% questions should be from three compulsory LL.M. subjects and other 50% should be from various law subjects or interdisciplinary subjects as the Research Advisory Committee will decide from time to time.</p> <p><u>Regulation 3</u> Constitution and function of the Research Advisory Committee be renamed as University Doctoral Committee. Accordingly necessary changes to be made.</p> <p>In Ph.D. Regulation Rule 6.5 following be substituted for the scholars for 2017</p>

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<p>Ph.D. and M.Phil entrance examinations.</p> <p>The proposed syllabus/subjects will be decided with the suggestions of the honourable members.</p> <p>Submitted for direction of the Hon'ble members.</p> <p>Enclo: "Annexure-2" –</p>	<p>onwards admitted batch. For each Ph.D. candidate there shall be one Research Advisory Committee consisting of at least four members, three members from the University and one would be an external member. Supervisor would be the Convenor and Chairperson of the Committee. The Vice Chancellor in consultation with the Supervisor shall constitute this Research Advisory Committee.</p>
<p><u>3. Revision of syllabus for the LL.M programme (One year)</u></p> <p>The University offers one year LL.M programme. The existing syllabus of the one year LL.M programme inadequate needs to be revised.</p> <p>Attached is the revised syllabus and Regulation for the LL.M course for the perusal and further direction of the honourable members.</p> <p>Enclo: "Annexure-3" -</p>	<p>Resolved that from the Academic Year 2020-21 the new specialisation area namely Criminal and Security Law be introduced. The restructured LL.M. subjects as placed before the members being approved.</p> <p>Further resolved that from the next Academic Year we will adopt the 10 point grade system and also incorporate the plagiarism rules in matters of projects and dissertations.</p>
<p><u>4. Proposal to round off the marks in decimal</u></p> <p>While preparing results of various examinations of LL.B & LL.M course, it is observed that marks in a particular component or any subject is given in a decimal and the aggregate stand also in a decimal form. That it becomes</p>	<p>In case of decimal 0.5 and above it will be rounded off to next digit and below 0.5 will not be rounded off.</p>

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difficult to award grade and prepare final result.

It is proposed that the decimal in any individual subject or in aggregate may be rounded off to the next one as per the arithmetical formulae for LL.B & LL.M programme i.e. if it is 39.50 then it will be rounded off to 40.00, 45.50 to be rounded off to 46.00 or 45.48 to be rounded off to 45.00 only

Submitted for the perusal of the honourable members and for their direction, please.

5. List of Graduated students for admission to degree during the forthcoming Convocation

List of Graduated students as on 01st February 2020 is put up in respect of

i) Ph.D

ii) LL.M

iii) B.A. LL.B (Hons.) for admission to degree during the forthcoming convocation of the University 2019-2020

Submitted for the perusal of the honourable members and for their direction

Encl: "Annexure-4" -

List of candidates proposed for admission to degree of Ph.D., LL.M. and B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) as placed before the members of the Academic Council is being approved and recommended to the General Council for award in the Convocation to be held in 05/04/2020.

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6. List of medal winners from the Graduated students for LL.B & LL.M students

The list of Graduated students who have won the University position and medals on the basis of their merit as prepared during the examination are put up for the perusal and approval of the honourable members.

- i) LL.B - 2014 Batch
- ii) LL.M – 2018-19 Batch

Encl: "Annexure-5" -

The list of graduated students recommended for medals in the basis of their merit as recommended by the Academic Section and the Medal Committee is being approved for LL.B. 2014 admitted batch and LL.M. 2018-19 admitted batch.

7. To discuss on distribution of medals as instituted by the Students Juridical Association (SJA)

Five medals have been instituted by SJA of the University with five different nomenclatures.

Following are the existing nomenclature of the medals:

- i) Best Student Leader Award
- ii) Best Student Debater Award
- iii) Best Student Mooter Award
- iv) Best Student Sportsperson Award
- v) Best Student Quizzer Award

Matter to be discussed for further direction.

It is recommended that two best student award be awarded in the Convocation and the Committee be constituted to select those students. As regards other medals the Vice Chancellor is authorised to discuss the matter with SJA so that medals be awarded in other programmes and not in the Convocation.

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8. Report of enquiry submitted by Prof. Saikat Maitra, Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT

The WBNUJS, appointed Prof. Saikat Maitra, Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT as one member enquiry committee to enquire certain matter of the University. Prof. Maitra has submitted the said report to the Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS.

Report will be placed on table during the meeting

For consideration and direction of the honourable members of the Academic Council.

The report submitted by Prof. Saikat Maitra, Vice Chancellor, MAKAUT on the Item No. 7, 8, 9 of the Academic Council 35th Meeting held on 10th May, 2019 placed before the members for consideration.

Resolved that the matters regarding Agenda No. 7, 8, 9 namely abolition of improvement exam and repeat examination of LL.B. course and also the swapping of elective courses are now under consideration of LL.B. Regulation Committee and hence that said report be placed before the Regulation Committee for consideration and to consider incorporation in the revised regulation under process.

9. Proposal to increase the honourarium for Ph.D thesis examination and viva-voce examination of Ph.D examination

The examiners of the thesis of the Ph.D course are paid Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand) as an honorarium since long which seems to meagre considering the volume of the thesis needs to examined.

It is proposed that the honorarium paid now may be increased to Rs. 5000 (Rupees five thousand) per thesis for the Ph.D. thesis evaluator and Rs. 3000/- for the examiner of viva-voce examination for Ph.D course from the financial year 2020-21.

The proposal to increase the fees for Ph.D. examination thesis be increased from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 5000/- and remuneration for examiner for viva-voce examination be increased from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 3000/-.

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Submitted for the perusal and further direction of the honourable members.

10. Recruitment of faculty classification of post and specialization of subjects

The University would like to propose to recruit the following faculty members as per the following classification of Post and specialization of subjects.

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Classification of post</u>	<u>Specialisation of subject</u>
1.	Professor 02 posts	i. Business and Commercial Law ii. Criminal Law
2.	Associate Professor 02 posts	i. Corporate Law ii. Public Law
3.	Assistant Professor 06 posts	i. Intellectual Property Right Law (IPR) ii. Human Rights Law

The Academic Council after considering the proposal for classification of posts and the specialization of subjects recommends that out of ten new posts approved by the Executive Council recruitment be made for as follows: two Professors with specialization Business and Commercial Law and Criminal Law, two Associate Professors with specialization in Corporate Law and Public Law and six Assistant Professors with specialization in Intellectual Property Rights Law, Human Rights Law, Criminal Law, International Law, Taxation Law and Constitutional Law.

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			iii. Business & Commercial Law iv. Cyber Law v. Taxation Law vi. Constitutional Law	
Required Academic qualification and pay and allowances will be offered as per the existing U.G.C. Rules Submitted for the perusal and further direction of the honourable members.				
<p><u>11. Constitution of a search committee for awarding honorary doctoral degree (Ph.D) – as per the clause 29 of the schedule of the WBNUJS Act 1999</u></p> <p>The University would like to propose to constitute a search committee for awarding a honorary doctoral degree leading to Ph.D.</p> <p>The honourable members are requested to peruse the proposal and give further direction to this effect.</p>				The Council constitute a Search Committee for awarding Honorary Doctoral Degree with the following members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justice Debasis Kar Gupta, In Chair, Former Chief Justice of High Court at Calcutta 2. Prof. Shri Krishna Deba Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Odisha 3. Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS as Convener
<p><u>12. Encryption on the Endowment Medals</u></p> <p>Nearly 75 endowment medals will be awarded along with certificate, certifying the medal winner & details of the donor of the endowment to the students who excel in the academic field in different subjects of the graduated batch. The contents of the endowment medals is full of descriptions of</p>				Resolved that encryption on the Endowment Medals be mentioned only the University name and the sponsor name in short and the details of the Endowment be written in the certificates to be awarded in the Convocation.

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the donors which needs to be encrypted in the medals and factually it is hardly visible the donors name and subjects etc. and other details in the medals.

In view of the above facts it is proposed that the every details of the donor of the endowment medal may be described in the certificate itself which is awarded along with the medals and medals should content only the name of the subject and short name of the donor in which the endowment has been made.

Submitted for the perusal and further direction of the honourable members.

13. To discuss regarding criteria to award of medal to the LL.M course

On perusal of the academic data it has been found that in International Environmental Law (LL.M course) there was only one student finally appeared in the final examination and scored the pass marks.

There is an endowment medal for International Environmental medal where as there is only one student.

In such circumstances where there is one student in a course whether the University shall award the medal or not.

Put up for the perusal and direction of the honourable members.

It is resolved from the next Academic Year for LL.B. course an optional/elective subject be allowed to be offered if it satisfies the minimum of six students and in case of LL.M. course minimum four students opted the paper within the date specified by the authority.

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<p>14. <u>Policy on Merit-cum-Means Scholarship</u></p> <p>Attached herewith please find the new policy on Merit-cum-Means Scholarship for the perusal and further direction of the honourable members.</p> <p>Enclo: "Annexure-6" -</p>	<p>The Merit-cum-Means Scholarship policy as suggested by Scholarship Committee constituted by this Academic Council considered and approved.</p>
<p>15. <u>Any other agenda/ matter with the permission of the chair</u></p>	
<p><u>Additional Agenda A1</u></p> <p><u>Issues and needs of the people with disability – Draft NUJS Disability Policy - 2020</u></p> <p>In terms of the direction of the University Grants Commission (U.G.C.) on the various aspects of the difficulties faced by the disable students, faculty, staff of an educational institute, the NUJS constituted a committee to endorse the problems, being faced by the disable personnel in this University and to prepare a draft policy on the disability and disable persons.</p> <p>The committee has submitted the draft policy highlighting the special attention required by the disable students, staff and faculty members.</p> <p>The draft policy on the issues and needs of people with disability is put up for perusal and direction of the honourable members.</p> <p>Annexure 6A -</p> <p><i>Jan 17.02.20</i></p>	<p>Deferred.</p> <p><i>nrkchakrabarti</i></p>

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There being no further points the meeting ended at 2:00 P.M.

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