

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

held on

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through video conferencing

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The thirty eighth meeting of the Academic Council was held on Tuesday, 21st July, 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.) FAIZAN MUSTAFA**
Vice Chancellor, NALSAR, Hyderabad, Member, Academic Council
- 6. PROF. (DR.) M.K. SINHA**
Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Member, Academic Council
- 7. PROF. (DR.) ARUP KUMAR PODDAR**
Member, Academic Council.
- 8. PROF. (DR.) T. V. G. N. S. SUDHAKAR**
Member, Academic Council.
- 9. PROF. (DR.) SREENIVASULU N.S.**
Member, Academic Council.
- 10. PROF. (DR.) SANDEEPA BHAT B.**
Member, Academic Council.
- 11. PROF. (DR.) ANIRBAN MAZUMDER**
Member, Academic Council.
- 12. PROF. (DR.) KAVITA SINGH**
Member, Academic Council.
- 13. DR. BIKRAMJIT DE**
Member, Academic Council.
- 14. DR. LOVELY DASGUPTA**
Member, Academic Council.
- 15. DR. SAURABH BHATTACHARJEE**
Member, Academic Council.
- 16. MS. ANKITA CHAKRAVARTY**
Member, Academic Council.

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

PROF. (DR.) S. S. SINGH & SHRI ASOKE DEB 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>1. <u>Confirmation of minutes of 37th meeting</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 15.02.2020 as attached is put up for the perusal and confirmation of the honourable members.</p> <p>Encl: "Annexure-1" – at page number 8</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>2. <u>Promotion of the student in the next higher class in the Winter Semester 2019 (LL.B) students</u></p> <p>The University authority, after due deliberation, in view of the prevailing Covid 19 situation in the country, where there is no possibility and probability to hold physical examinations to decide the promotion to the next higher class, resolved to provisionally promote the students of 2nd year to 4th year, who registered in the monsoon and winter 2019 subject to restriction of those students who have not attended any class during the monsoon semester 2019.</p> <p>Put up for the perusal and ex post facto sanction by the hon'ble members.</p> <p>Encl: "Annexure-2"– at page number 19</p>	<p>Actions taken by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Faculty Council Meeting as per Annexure – II is approved.</p>

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3. Evaluation pattern of the Winter Semester 2019 of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semester, students of B.A. LL.B course

It was decided by the competent authority of the university that in view of the Covid 19, pandemic situation and the problem of the students, the University will not conduct any online/ offline examination for the winter semester 2019 for the 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th semester students of B.A. LL.B course. However, marking patterns / assessment in lieu of examination will be as follows:

- i) 50% marks will be derived from internal assessment component and
- ii) 50% to be assigned on the basis of the average percentage of marks obtained by the student in all the courses upto Monsoon Semester 2019 as reflected in CGPA for which the results have been declared so far.

In the case of internal component where the component marks is less than 50% or more than 50% in that case internal marks obtained to be scaled up / scaled down to 50% as the case may be.

The student who obtained less than 50% marks will be allowed to re-do the project component as per direction of the concerned teachers, preferably within one month.

The evaluation pattern of the Winter Semester 2019 of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semester students of B.A. LL.B. course as per guidelines of the UGC and as detailed in Annexure 3 is approved.

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The students are allowed to improve only end semester examination component at the time of next semester regular examination. No student will be allowed to do internal component for improvement examination.

Submitted for the perusal of the hon'ble members and for ex post facto approval.

Encl: "Annexure-3" – at page number 20

4. Commencement of online classes for the Academic year 2020-21 pertaining to Monsoon semester of B.A.

LL.B programme

In view of the world wide pandemic Covid 19 particularly in India where the holding physical classes is prohibited by the Govt. of India and Bar Council of India (BCI), the University authority after due deliberation resolved to have only online classes for the LL.B program of monsoon semester 2020 with effect from 01 July 2020.

Put up for the information of the hon'ble members for their perusal and direction, if any.

Encl: "Annexure-4" – at page number 22

Decision of the Vice Chancellor to commence online classes from 1st July, 2020 is approved.

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5. To hold online examination for LL.B course 10th semester (final semester) of 2015 batch and LL.M (winter semester for 2019-20 batch)

In view of the Covid 19, pandemic situation where the holding of offline examination is not permissible, the appropriate authority of the University resolved to hold the online examination for the 10th semester examinations of LL.B course and LL.M winter semester considering their final and last semester and their placement will be in jeopardy if the results are not published.

Put up for the perusal of the hon'ble members and their direction, if any.

Encl: "Annexure-5" – at page number 23

Holding of online examination for LL.B. course 10th semester of 2015-20 batch and LL.M. 2019-20 batch on the basis of modalities as explained in Annexure 5 is approved.

6. Amendment of LL.D Regulation 2012 as amended in 2017 by circulation

Annexed herewith please find the proposed amendments in LL.D regulation 2012 as amended in 2017 for perusal of the hon'ble members and further direction please.

Encl: "Annexure 6" – at page number 33

LL.D. Regulation of 2012 as amended in 2017 is being further modified as LL.D. Regulation 2020, as proposed in Annexure 6 is approved with a minor change from the draft proposal that the candidate must have published as the first author a minimum of ten articles in the UGC CARE listed journals of which five preferably shall be published in SCOPUS listed journals. The LL.D. Regulation, 2020 will be implemented with effect from 2020-21 Academic Year.

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7. Admission of Degrees to students of 2015 graduated batch and Ph.D. students

Name of the students as per the attached list, who have successfully completed their graduation and Doctoral Programme thus declared pass and needs to be admitted during the forthcoming Convocation. Forwarded for approval of the Academic Council for their perusal and further direction.

Encl: "Annexure 7" – at page number 35

The list of students as in Annexure 7 of 2015-20 be conferred University degree in the next Convocation and similarly 03 (three) Ph.D. students in the list be conferred degrees in the next Convocation.

8. Amendment of M.Phil/ Ph.D. Regulations, 2017

Following amendments are proposed in existing regulation 2017 of M.Phil/ Ph.D which are attached as annexure and put for the perusal of the hon'ble members and further directions please.

Encl: "Annexure 8" – at page number 39

The proposed amendment in M.Phil/Ph.D. Regulations, 2017 as enclosed in Annexure 8 is approved subject to following changes:
 i)The nomenclature of the regulation would be M.Phil/Ph.D. Regulations, 2020.
 ii)The proposed executive integrated M.Phil/Ph.D. programme is deferred for further deliberation.
 iii)The candidates shall publish atleast 02 (two) research articles in the UGC CARE listed journals of which one is preferably in the SCOPUS listed journal.
 iv)The revised regulation will be effective from 2020-21 Academic Year.

9. Amendment of Academic & Examination Regulations, 2012 of B.A. LL.B. Course

Following amendments are proposed in existing Academic & Examination Regulation, 2012 and required amendments are attached as annexure and put for the perusal of the hon'ble

The Academic & Examination Regulations, 2020 as circulated being approved with minor modification as stated below:
1. Proposed Regulation No.4.4 Resolution:
 Due to reasons of privacy, copy shall not be circulated

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members and further directions please.

Encl: "Annexure9" – at page number 52

on email to the Faculty and Students.

A copy of the Minutes shall be kept at the Academic Section and to be made available for examination

2. Proposed Regulation No.11

Resolution:

This change to 4 Credits should be kept on hold and discussed more among the Faculty so that Appropriate Credits to be allotted to different courses be worked out so that the Course Curriculum could be fully in accordance with CBCS

3. Proposed Regulation No.63.4 & 63.5

Resolution:

A Window of One Month shall be given to students of the tenth Semester to apply for swapping.

10. Research Activities with Non Governmental Organisation (NGO's) and to enter into Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs') with NGO's on approval of the University authority

The University would like to undertake academic research activities with Non Governmental Organisation (NGOs) and Research Institutions and to accept expression of Interest if necessary, to make the academic research activities more effective.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) as received from the NGO's and Research Institutions to undertake academic research activities under the WBNUJS will be put up for the perusal of the hon'ble members.

Submitted for the perusal and further direction of hon'ble Academic Council members.

The research proposal in collaboration with TCG Centers for Research and Education in Science and Technology as placed before the members is approved and the proposed agreement can be entered with them in modification of institutional overhead charges in due course.

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<p><u>11. Draft Policy on the NUJS Policy for Specially Abled Persons, 2020</u></p> <p>The WBNUJS has a number of disabled students and also NUJS is committed to provide on accessible, supportive, safe and inclusive learning environment for all specially abled or disabled students.</p> <p>The University strives to ensure that the special ability does not become the reason; they are not afforded equal and appropriate opportunities to enter and participate fully in the activities of the University.</p> <p>In view of the above University has brought the NUJS Policy for specially abled persons, 2020 as attached in the annexure no. 11</p> <p>The draft policy for specially abled persons, 2020 is put up for perusal and further direction of the hon'ble members</p> <p>Encl: "Annexure 10" – at page number 112</p>	<p>A Sub Committee is constituted with the following members to review the policy for Specially Abled persons and to the report in the next meeting of the Academic Council.</p> <p>The members of the Committee are:</p> <p>i)Prof. (Dr.) N.K.Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor as Chairman ii)Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena iii)Prof. Anirban Mazumdar iv)Prof. Sandeepa Bhat B. v)Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee</p>
<p><u>12. Proposal for increase in the seats/ strength of one year LL.M programme from existing 42 to 60</u></p> <p>The WBNUJS having the one year LL.M programme with the strength of total 42, which seems low strength in view of new sanction of 10 teaching posts by the EC.</p> <p>The proposal to increase the present strength to 60 is submitted before the Hon'ble members of the Academic Council for their consideration and direction please.</p>	<p>Resolved that from the Academic Year 2021-22 the number of seats in one year LL.M. programme be increased from existing 42 to 60.</p>

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13. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

The Vice Chancellor thanked all the members for attending the meeting through video conferencing.

There being no further points the meeting ended at 13:35 P.M.


Mrs. Sikha Sen
Registrar


Prof. N.K. Chakrabarti
Vice Chancellor