

**THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES**

**Minutes of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Meeting held on 11 June 2024**

**In Room No. 119 at 5:00 p.m.**

The following members were present in person in the meeting with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as the Chair:

Prof. (Dr.) Sandeepa Bhat B. – Co-ordinator, IQAC  
Prof. (Dr.) Kavita Singh – Member  
Prof. (Dr.) Sreenivasulu N.S. -Member  
Mr. Ujjwal Kanti Karan – Executive Engineer, Bidhannagar Municipality  
Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan – Member  
Dr. Shameek Sen - Member  
Dr. M.P. Chengappa - Member  
Mr. Abhiroop Mukherjee - Member  
Mr. Tanmay Roy - Member

The following members were absent:

Shri Manish Jain, IAS – Principal Secretary, Departments of School Education & Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal  
Dr. S.K. Chakraborty – Member  
Dr. Bikramjit De - Member  
Ms. Malobika Sen - Member  
Mr. Kavan Patel - Member  
Mr. Samarth Sansar - Member  
Mr. Nishant Beniwal - Member

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members who were present in the meeting.

The following points were discussed and disposed of:

**Agenda No. 1**

**Approval of Minutes of the last meeting held on March 21 2024**

**Resolution:**

*All the members of the IQAC have approved the Minutes of the IQAC Meetings held on 21 March 2024 and 25 May 2023. It has been decided that one copy of the said Minutes is to be sent to the Office of the Registrar to place it before the Executive Council in its next meeting, and another copy is*



to be sent to the A.R. (Academics) to place the Minutes before the Academic Council in the next meeting.

## **Agenda No. 2**

### **Academic collaborations with King's College, London:**

#### **i. LL.M. Study opportunities at King's College London:**

*The members of the Academic Council are hereby informed that during a recent visit by the Vice-Dean International and Ambassador for International Engagement & Service from The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, a proposal was made for fifth and final-year students from WBNUJS to have the opportunity to pursue an LL.M. at King's College London immediately after completing their B.A. LL.B. undergraduate degree. The selection process for this opportunity will be conducted by WBNUJS, potentially through the CPGLS. The process for the academic year 2026-27 will commence in August/September 2024. After discussing the proposal, the Council decided that from the 2026 batch onward, eligible 4th-year students from the B.A./B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons) programs may be selected to join the LL.M. batch at King's College London each year. The selection of students will be carried out by WBNUJS, and the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to form a committee to review and oversee applications for this program.*

#### **ii. Research Collaboration with King's College London:**

*King's College London has proposed a research collaboration with WBNUJS in the fields of Finance, Digital Technology, and Criminology. Faculty members and Ph.D. research scholars from both institutions will have the opportunity to participate in research visits lasting from one to three months. During these visits, both institutions will provide access to their library facilities and connect researchers with faculty in relevant research areas, wherever possible, along with other research support. However, no financial grants will be offered for these visits; scholars and faculty members are encouraged to seek funding through their respective institutions. After thorough discussion, the members authorized the Vice-Chancellor to establish a five-member committee, composed of Professors and Associate Professors, after September 2024. This committee will oversee the selection of Ph.D. students in Law, non-law, and Forensic Science for the exchange program. Additionally, it was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with King's College London should be renewed promptly to formalize this collaboration.*

## **Agenda No. 3:**

### **Proposal of Financial support to Ph.D. scholars and Research Fellows of WBNUJS:**

*In the line of IITs and IIMs, it is proposed that Ph.D. Scholars registered within two years of PhD scholars and other research scholars working under sanctioned posts (excluding those engaged in specific research projects) will be eligible for a Travel Grant to support their participation in national and international conferences or for research visits to renowned foreign universities. This grant will cover the reimbursement of economy-class air tickets and registration fees, up to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 for international conferences/seminars and Rs. 20,000 for national events. Applications for this grant will be reviewed by the University Doctoral Committee on a case-by-case basis, and scholars must obtain prior approval before availing of this facility. Each PhD scholar is eligible to benefit from this opportunity only once during their research. For reimbursement, scholars are required to submit a detailed statement of their academic research or activity, along with supporting documents. Additionally, PhD scholars and other research scholars will receive the same monetary incentives for publications in SCOPUS or Web of Science-indexed journals, provided they cite WBNUJS.*





as their institutional affiliation and include a faculty member as a co-author. After extensive discussion, the members recommended that this proposal be forwarded to the Executive Council for final approval.

**Agenda No. 4:**

**Review and Proposal; for Strengthening Alumni Engagement Initiatives:**

The IQAC conducted a thorough review of existing alumni engagement strategies, with a focus on enhancing alumni involvement in academic, mentoring, and career support activities. The analysis highlighted the need for stronger connections between alumni and current students, particularly in terms of providing career guidance, networking opportunities, and potential collaboration in research projects. The committee proposed the creation of a structured alumni mentorship program, where alumni can provide guidance to current students on career choices, internships, and academic progression. In addition, a formal alumni networking platform will be developed to foster collaborations in research and industry projects. The panel also recommended organizing an annual alumni meeting and creating more avenues for alumni to contribute to curriculum enhancement through guest lectures, workshops, and industry panels. This proposal will be forwarded to the Executive Council for final approval and implementation from the next academic session.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

**Approved By:**

*Mr. Chandra Bhatti*

Vice Chancellor

WBNUJS

Kolkata

