

THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

Minutes of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Meeting held on 21 March 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

Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan – Member

Prof. (Dr.) Sreenivasulu N.S. -Member

Dr. Bikramjit De - Member

Dr. S.K. Chakraborty – 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

Mr. Ujjwal Kanti Karan – Executive Engineer, Bidhannagar Municipality

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 08 December 2023

Resolution:

All the members of the IQAC have approved the Minutes of the IQAC Meetings held on 13 September 2023 and 08 December 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

Analysis of Faculty Research Output and Funding Opportunities: Report on Academic and Administrative Activities:

The IQAC reviewed faculty research output, publications, and ongoing projects for the past academic year. A detailed analysis revealed that while the overall research productivity has been commendable, there is room for improvement in securing external funding and interdisciplinary research collaborations. The panel has decided to initiate a series of workshops to guide faculty members on writing competitive research grant proposals and identifying potential national and international



funding sources. Additionally, a research mentorship program will be established to encourage interdisciplinary research initiatives across departments.

Agenda No. 3

Evaluation of Infrastructure Development and Technological Upgradation:

The committee thoroughly analyzed the current state of university infrastructure, including classrooms, libraries, IT facilities, and laboratory spaces. The review highlighted that while considerable progress has been made in upgrading basic facilities, certain areas, particularly IT and digital learning resources, require further attention to meet modern educational standards. The panel has approved a phased plan for IT infrastructure enhancement, starting with upgrading classroom technology (smart boards, projectors) and expanding high-speed internet access across the campus. A budget has been allocated for the procurement of advanced digital learning tools, and a task force has been formed to oversee the implementation process.

Agenda No. 4:

To discuss the introduction of the P.G. Course on Criminology and Criminal Administration System (2 years):

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor formed a committee to explore the introduction of a Postgraduate M.A. program in Criminology and Criminal Administration. The committee presented a draft syllabus structure for the course, which was placed before the members of the Council for review. It was noted that no additional posts would be required to launch the course, as three positions in Criminology were already created for the B.Sc. LL.B. program in Criminology and Forensic Science, introduced in the academic year 2023-24. Additionally, two existing Assistant Professor positions are proposed to be reallocated as specializations in Criminology. These five faculty members would be sufficient to cover both the B.Sc. LL.B. and the M.A. programs in Criminology. It was also highlighted that no university in the eastern part of India currently offers an M.A. in Criminology, making this program the first of its kind in West Bengal and Eastern India. After thorough discussion, the Council approved the recommended course outline and syllabus, along with preliminary guidelines for the M.A. in Criminology. The program is planned to be launched, if feasible, by January 2025 or July 2025, subject to further consideration and approval.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Approved By:

Vice Chancellor

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