

# National Law University, Odisha, Cuttack

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Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on 05.05.2013

## Agenda Item No. 1

### Confirmation of the minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 with following observations:

- a. The optional paper named 'Forensic Psychology' will not be offered this semester. Council opined that though it is a good paper but we are not equipped well to offer this course. It was also observed that if the concerned teacher still wants to offer this course then he can offer this as non-credit course at this juncture.
- b. The Council observed that many of the discussions and decisions were not reflected in the minutes creating confusions. Prof. Vijaykumar suggested if we can prepare a format on a landscape paper with following columns: "Item", "Decision Taken" and "Action Taken". He also suggested either a professional stenographer or a electronic recorder can be used to record the discussions which can be used for preparation of minutes. It was unanimously decided by the Council that these suggestions of Prof. Vijaykumar will be incorporated.
- c. In respect of preparation of Course Plan/syllabi lecture hours etc., Prof. Vijaykumar retreated his previous suggestions that a Committee should be constituted to streamline courses for all the semesters to maintain uniformity and standard. In response to this the Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that now we have conducted a week long workshop to facilitate teachers to prepare the course outline and teaching plan. This kind of workshop will be done every semester for about three days. Experts from Industry Academics and Judiciary will be invited as resource persons.
- d. In relation to Agenda Item No. 4 the Vice-Chancellor informed the AC that a uniform Academic Calendar will be prepared keeping in mind four and half months of teaching. The odd semester will begin from 1<sup>st</sup> July till 15<sup>th</sup> of November and the even semester shall operate from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- e. In relation to Agenda Item No. 6, the AC unanimously decided that the results will be declared within ten days of the completion of the examination. The Vice-Chancellor also



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- informed the members that within five days of declaration of results, the same will be sent to the parents. The Council appreciated this initiative taken by the Vice-Chancellor.
- f. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that to maintain transparency in evaluating scripts by faculty members since the setting of question paper and evaluation of answer scripts are done internally, Key answers will be supplied by the faculty member to the examination department along with the results.
  - g. In relation to Item No. 7 Prof. Pinaki Nandan pointed out that since the structure of the B.B.A.LL.B. Programme has now been changed, it is no more required to offer "Financial Institutions and Market" as a course to B.B.A.LL.B.
  - h. In relation to Item No. 8 the Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that henceforth a fortnightly attendance-sheet shall be provided to faculty members and will be collected back by examination department on fortnightly basis. He also informed that attendance will sent to parent on regular basis. On this issue Prof. Vijaykumar suggested that either attendance can be uploaded on the University website or password can be given to parents and students so that only they can access the information. He also suggested that technology is already available in the market can be used by which parents can automatically receive attendance records on their cell phones.
  - i. In relation to Agenda Item NO. 9 the Vice-Chancellor informed the Council a Placement Officer guided by a committee of faculty members shall look after the internship and final placements of our students.
  - j. In relation to Item No. 10 the Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that special lectures by external resource persons can be conducted on Wednesday after weekly faculty meeting.

### Agenda Item No. 2

**To consider the nature of degree to be given to the outgoing students (Batch 2009-14)**

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his concerns about the nature to degree that the university shall provide to the outgoing students next year. Whether the degree that university will provide will be B.A.(Hons.)LL.B. (Hons.) or B.A.;LL.B.(Hons.) was discussed in detailed. The Academic Council resolved that it shall be B.A.; LL.B. (Hons.) & B.B.A.; LL.B.(Hons.). Prof. V. Vijay Kumar suggested that the specialization taken by the students can be added to the degree and



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hence degree will be "B.A.;LL.B(Hons.)-Specialization" and "B.B.A.;LL.B(Hons.)-Specialization" which was agreed by all members.

### Agenda Item No. 3

To consider the problem in evaluation of some students of Batch 2009-14

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that a committee has already been constituted consisting of following members to look into the matter and suggest corrective measures:

1. Prof. Rita Ray
2. Prof. Alekha Chandra Mohanty
3. Prof. A. B. Debasis Rout
4. Prof. Swapna Prabhu

Prof. Pinaki Nandan Pattanaik suggested that keeping the internal evaluation of 30 marks and mid-term examination of 20 marks same, the repeat exams of the end-term which would have happened out of 70 marks can be proportionally reduced to 50 marks, which other members agreed. The Vice-Chancellor requested Prof. Debasis to consider this in the meeting.

### Agenda Item No. 4

To consider the standardization of evaluation of under-graduate courses

The Council unanimously accepted the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor, which is as follows:

Serial No.	Heading	Marks Allotted
1.	Attendance	5
2.	Project Writing	20
3.	Viva-Voce/Presentation	5
4.	Mid-Term Examination	25
5.	End-Term Examination	45
6.		<b>Total</b>
7.	Repeat Examination	70

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### Agenda Item No. 5

**To consider starting of Master in Hospital Administration, Medical Law & Ethics.**

The Council considered the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor to start two year post graduate programme in Hospital Administration, Medical Law & Ethics and suggested that instead of offering a two year programme, the university can offer one year "Executive LL.M. Programme" in "Hospital Administration, Law and Policy". Similarly some more courses of this nature can be thought of.

### Agenda Item No. 6 & 7

**To consider the collaboration of NLUO with IIM Calcutta and IIT Bhubaneswar**

The Council unanimously resolved that signing of MOU with other institutions is a prerogative of the Vice-Chancellor and only to be subsequently reported to the Academic Council and Executive Council.

### Agenda Item No. 8

**To consider starting of One year LL.M programme with specialization in Commercial Law & International Trade Law**

The Council resolved that in principle we can go ahead with one year LL.M. programme with specialization in Commercial Law & International Trade Law. However, a detail discussion on the programme is required in the next Academic Council where we can discuss the course outlines and other incidental things. Council also decided that the intake of this programmed should not be more than 30.



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## Agenda Item No. 9

### To consider the introduction of new courses in B.A.LL.B. and B.B.A.LL.B.

The Academic Council deliberated in detail the value of cross-disciplinary approach to appreciate law and hence unanimously resolved that the proposal given by the Vice-Chancellor to introduce the following basic courses to both the streams.

<u>Semester</u>	<u>BALLB</u>	<u>BBALLB</u>
Semester IV	Legal History	Legal History
Semester V	Basic Principles of Accounting	Introduction to Political Science
Semester VI	Organization Behavior including Psychology	Introduction to Sociology

## Agenda Item No. 10

### To other item with the permission of the Chair

1. Vice-Chancellor informed the Council about the problems of attendance in some courses in this semester (January 2013-April 2013) due to which he had to condone the shortage of attendance. The Council unanimously approved this condonation as one time measure keeping in mind several administrative deficiencies. The Council requested the Vice-Chancellor to adopt strict measures to monitor the attendance.
2. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of members that Prof. Pinaki Nandan Pattnaik has submitted his Ph.D. thesis but it has not been sent for evaluation yet. The Council resolved that it is already too late now it can be sent for evaluation. Council also suggested that these are routine matters and it should be taken care of automatically without any undue delay. The degree to be awarded in Ph.d.(Interdisciplinary).
3. The Vice-Chancellor informed to Council that he has already taken the initiative to publish an official journal of NLUO and "Development in Law". The Council appreciated his efforts.
4. The Vice-Chancellor informed to Council that he is going to notify for the regular M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes. He also suggested that these M.Phil candidates can be used for preparation of Course outlines, compilation of study material and assist the regular faculty in conducting classes. The Vice-Chancellor also proposed to give some amount as stipend as to attract good students.
5. Prof. Vijaykumar on behalf of all the member of Academic Council congratulated Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj on taking charge as the Vice - Chancellor of NLUO and wished him luck in his endeavor to make this university one of the best in the country.

