

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON 18TH JULY, 2018

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the IQAC. He informed the members that the Convocation is scheduled to be held on July 28, 2018 and Hon'ble Sri E.S.L. Narasimhan, Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh will be delivering the Convocation Address as Chief Guest.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the University has revised the fee structure for the programmed offered through ODL mode. For the One year P.G. Diploma Programme the course fee was fixed as Rs. 30,000/- and for the 2-Year Master's Programmes it was fixed as Rs. 40,000/- p.a. The revised fee structure was approved by the Executive Council of the University at its meeting held on July 15, 2018. He further informed the members that the Course Structure for the One Year LL.M. Programme was re-structured and one mandatory paper is now offered in the second semester. As suggested the examinations for the mandatory and optional paper were scheduled in different periods.

As per the suggestion of the IQAC at its last meeting, the members discussed in detail and chalked out the following plan of action for the next academic year:

- To involve students in the task of curriculum development and further narrow the gap between teaching and learning
- To improve and restructure clinical programmes at NALSAR, by drawing upon expertise in India or abroad
- To close the gap between human and non-human animals by offering courses in areas like Animal Laws
- To continue inviting scholars and especially alumni to offer elective or seminar courses in emerging areas
- To increase the specialisations on offer in the Master's of Law program and to make the transaction of the course more intensive.
- To enhance academic support to both full and part-time doctoral scholars and to more integrally involve them in the activities of the University
- To start offering online courses through MOOCS
- To design training programmes for executives of governmental and non-governmental organisations
- To enhance faculty appointments to retain a suitable teacher -student ratio
- To explore strategies for encouraging faculty to undertake minor and major research projects and to enhance the activities of various advanced research centres
- To expand the infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing community
- To make the NALSAR campus and the residential facilities inclusive spaces for all

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2018

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the IQAC.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that he was selected for the Fulbright International Education Administration Seminar and going to visit the Universities and other institutions in United State of America during October 20 – November 3, 2018. The members congratulated him and expressed the view that his interaction with the top level administrators of Universities in USA will help us to understand the practices adopted by them and the University may think of implementing some of those practices at NALSAR.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that he has constituted an Expert Committee consisting of the following members to review of the curriculum for the proposed P.G. Diploma in Animal Laws:

1. Ms. Maneka Gandhi
2. Hon'ble Ms. Justice Anjana Mishra
3. Ms. Amala Akkineni
4. Mr. Raj Panjwani
5. Mrs. Vasanthi Vadi
6. Ms. Gauri Maulekhi
7. Ms. Soumya Reddy
8. Mr. N.G. Jayasimha

The Committee met on October 6, 2018 and suggested to offer P.G. Diploma on Animal Protection. The Committee reviewed and revised the curriculum for the said programme. The revised curriculum shall be placed before the University Bodies for their approval and the University proposes to offer the programme from the academic year 2019 – 2020.

The Vice-Chancellor further informed the members that the University invited Prof. Neta Ziv, Academic Director, The Israel Affordable Housing Center, The Housing, Community and Law Clinic, The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv Univ., Israel as Scholar-in-Residence from November 2018 till February, 2019. The members suggested that the University may take benefit of her experience and conduct Faculty Development Programmes for improvement of Clinical Legal Education at NALSAR. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the members that he is planning to constitute a Committee with Prof. Neta Ziv and some internal faculty members involved in teaching clinical courses and request them to suggest measures for improving the Legal Aid Clinics of the University.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the IQAC. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Prof. Neta Ziv, Academic Director, The Israel Affordable Housing Center, The Housing, Community and Law Clinic, Professor at The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv Univ., Israel is currently Scholar-in-Residence at NALSAR during this academic year. He informed the members that she conducted Faculty Development Programmes also.

He apprised the members that he had constituted a Committee consisting of the following members to suggest measures for improving the Legal Aid Clinics of the University:

1. Prof. Neta Ziv - Chairperson
2. Prof. Amita Dhanda
3. Prof. K. Vidyullatha Reddy
4. Prof. N. Vasanthi
5. Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar

The Committee has now prepared the Report. Then, he requested Prof. Neta Ziv to present the report of the Committee to the members.

The Committee considered the detailed report presented by Prof. Neta Ziv on the Clinical Legal Education. After detailed deliberations, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council for consideration and implementation of the same from the academic year 2019 – 2020.

The Committee resolved to recommend the following to the Academic Council:

- The existing clinical courses which are offered as mandatory will now be offered as taught courses. The Moot Clinic will be offered for 2 credits.
- The mandatory clinic papers will now have 14 credits instead of 16 credits as per the following scheme:
 - I Year : Moot Court Clinic (2 credits) over two semesters;
 - IV Year : Legal Ethics and Accounting (3+1 – 4 credits)
 - IV Year : ADR (4 credits)
 - IV Year : Drafting, Pleading, Conveyance (4 credits)
- The elective clinics proposed under new scheme will have a class size of 20 students and would be taught over two semesters with the total of eight credits as their work cannot be completed in the short duration of one semester.
- The Vice-Chancellor shall take necessary steps in creating requisite number of positions for these specialized legal clinics which will be offered as an elective.
- Adequate provision be made in the University's budget for the year 2019 – 2020 so that atleast some finances are allocated to the specialized clinics as outlined in the report of Prof. Neta Ziv Committee.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the IQAC. He informed the members that he has invited the Faculty Members of the Department of Management Studies as Special Invitees as the IQAC is going to discuss the Manual of Policies for the MBA Programme prepared by them.

The minutes of the meeting of the IQAC held on February 6, 2019 were read and approved. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Prof. Neta Ziv, Scholar-in-Residence has revised the Report on the Clinical Legal Education at NALSAR and the same is being placed before the Academic Council scheduled to be held on March 1, 2019.

The members discussed in detail the Manual of Policies for MBA. After deliberations by the members, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council the Manual of Policies with the following modifications:

- Considering the heavy academic pressure on the students for completing one major and one minor specialisation with 130 credits, the members suggested that the students may be asked to opt for the subjects of their interest out of the subjects offered and if they complete 114 credits they may be considered for award of the MBA Degree. Out of the courses completed if a student completes six subjects from one specialisation, the MBA will be awarded with that specialisation as major and if there are only four subjects from a specialisation, then he / she shall be awarded MBA with that minor specialisation. If a student does not complete six / four subjects from any specialisation, then a general MBA may be awarded to them. In case if a student is willing to do major and minor specialisation, he / she may be permitted to do the same. Accordingly, the relevant clauses with regard to choice of specialisation and award of degree be revised.
- As the students have to choose the subjects to arrive at a specialisation, the elective subjects will be on offer only when a minimum of eight students opt for it.
- Students should be provided with the reading material and should be asked to come prepared for the class. The attendance should be given to the student only when he comes prepared from the reading material to the class.
- To drop clause 4.5. (b) and (c) wherein the student is required to repeat the course / re-join the course during the next year if the attendance is less than 33% in one subject / three subjects respectively.
- To drop clause 5.2.8. which imposes penalty for intentional boycott of examination.
- With regard to 'Unfair means and malpractices in examination'; 'Conduct during examinations'; 'Policy on Plagiarism'; 'Discipline'; and 'Disciplinary Procedure', the Department of Management Studies should adopt the University Rules and Regulations as approved by the University Bodies and Authorities from time to time.
- To reduce the pressure on the students, members also suggested to review the evaluation system and to reduce the number of examinations. Members expressed the view that conduct of number of examinations in a trimester system would increase the pressure on the students and the Faculty Members and would not leave space for the teaching and learning process.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.