

Draft Minutes of

the Academic Council meeting dated 13th November, 2010 was held in the Conference Hall of National Law University, Orissa. Following were present:

1. Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Registrar
3. Prof. S.B Mishra
4. Dr. Afroz Alam (Head of the Department; School of Liberal Arts)
5. Mr. Yogesh Pratap Singh (Head of the Department, School of Law)
6. Mr. A.B Debasis Rout
7. Byasa Moharana

Written observations on the Agenda Items were received from:

1. Prof. Chandra Sekhar Pillai, Former Director, Indian Law Institute & Former Vice-Chancellor, National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, Kerala
2. Prof. Vijay Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai & Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

Item No.1

To consider the report of the Vice-Chancellor about the Academic activities of the University from its inception

The Vice-Chancellor in his opening remarks welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. He said that it is a historic moment for the University as it is the first meeting of newly established University. The Vice-Chancellor also thanked Prof. Chandra Sekhar Pillai and Prof. Vijaya Kumar who had sent their views on various Agenda Items and could not attend the meeting due to the cancellation of their flights. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members of the Academic Council about the developments of last one and half years and expressed his satisfaction that the National Law University, Orissa is emerging as a new destination of Legal Education. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the unique features of the courses offered by the University and expressed the satisfaction that the State Government under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister had extended all possible help to the University. The Vice-Chancellor also placed on record his appreciation and gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor and The Visitor of the University who are leading the University from the front and it is because their intervention and efforts that the Government has agreed to finance the entire infrastructure of the University. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Hon'ble Members that the construction work of the University has been given to M/s Hindustan Prefab Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise) and Hindustan Prefab Limited has engaged M/s Nagarjuna Construction Company as its sub-contractor. The Vice-Chancellor expressed the hope that if the construction work goes on smoothly as per the Bar Chart given by the M/s Hindustan Prefab Limited, we would be able to shift to our new campus in July, 2011. The Vice-Chancellor expressed the hope that all the members of Academic Council will express their views without any fear and will take decisions keeping in view the best interests of the University.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also placed on record his appreciation of help and supervision given by the First Chancellor, His Lordship Hon'ble Justice Dr. B. S. Chauhan, presently Judge, Supreme Court of India and His Lordship Hon'ble Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, the then Chief Justice of India and First Visitor of National Law University, Orissa. The Hon'ble Members of the Council also welcomed Prof. Faizan Mustafa as the ex-Officio Chairman of the Academic Council.

Item No.2

To report the conduct of National Law University, Orissa Admission Test for the year 2009 and 2010

The Academic Council noted the conduct of 1st and 2nd Admission Test by the University and appreciated the quality of question papers prepared by the University. The Council approved the admission process and approved the admission of the students on the basis two admission tests of 2009 and 2010.

Item No.3

To report the course plans of B.A. LL.B & B. B. A. LL.B

After detailed deliberations, Academic Council approved the course plans of B.A. LL.B and B.B.A LL.B for the Academic Sessions 2009-10 & 2010-11. The Council placed on record its appreciation of 'integration of knowledge' which is the hall mark of courses designed by the University. The Council also noted and approved introduction of Mass Communication and its integration with law.

Item No.4

To report the National Law University, Orissa Manual

The Council noted and approved the National Law University, Orissa Manual, 2010. The Council desired that detailed rules about attendance, medical leave etc. should be incorporated before the commencement of the next Academic Session.

Item No.5

To report the Academic calendar for the year 2009-2010 & 2010-2011

The Council noted and approved the Academic Calendar 2009-10 & 2010-11. The Council appreciated small numbers of holidays given by the University and placed on record its appreciation of having the maximum working days.

Item No.6

To report the appointment of examiners for the examinations conducted so far

The Council noted and approved the names of the Examiners and recommended the same for the ex-port facto approval of the Executive Council. The Council approved the principle of hundred per cent internal assessment.

Item No.7

To report the results of various examinations

The Council noted and approved the results of 1st & 2nd Semester and recommended the same for the approval of Executive Council.

Item No.8

To report the institution of Gold Medal in the memory of late Shri Dinabandhu Sahu

The Council approved the institution of a Gold medal in the memory of Sri Late Dinabandhu Sahu, an eminent Criminal Law Lawyer of the State.

Item No.9

Reporting of admission to the Ph.D Programme and the Ph. D. Regulations

The Council noted and approved the admission to the Ph. D Programmes for the Session 2009-10 & also approved the Ph.D Regulations.

Item No.10

To consider institution of Gold Medal in the name of Hon'ble Justice G.K.Mishra, former Chief Justice of Orissa

The Council considered the proposal of institution of Gold Medal in the name of Hon'ble Justice G. K. Mishra, former Chief Justice of Orissa and after detailed deliberations, the Council resolved to institute a Gold Medal after Hon'ble Justice Mr. G. K. Mishra which would be given to the students who will get highest marks in the Legal Methods Course.

Item No.11

To consider introduction of B.Sc. LLB course

The Council considered and approved the introduction of B.Sc. LL.B course from the Session 2011-12. As to the introduction of other courses particularly B.com LL.B, the Council constituted a sub-Committee of the following members:

1. Prof. S.B. Mishra (Convener)
2. Prof. Pinaki Nandan Pattnaik
3. Prof. A. B. Debasis Rout

Item No.12

To consider introduction of LL.M and P.G. Diploma courses

The Council considered the proposal of the University to introduce LL.M programme. The Council appreciated the unique LL.M programme proposed by the University. The Council appreciated and approved the proposal of giving stipend of Rs.15, 000/- to all LL.M. students and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibility of introducing one year LL.M. Course. The Council also considered views of Prof. Vijay Kumar, the Chancellor's nominee to the Academic Council and the Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Law University, Chennai who also favoured the introduction of LL.M Programme.

Item No.13

To consider the proposal for creation of various teaching positions for recommending the same to the Executive Council

The Council considered the creation of various teaching posts and after detailed deliberations approved the same for the consideration by the Executive Council.

Item No.14

To consider the qualifications for various teaching positions

The Council after detailed deliberations approved the University Grants Commission qualifications for the permanent posts & approved for contractual position relaxation of Ph.D or NET. If the Selection Committee is of the opinion that the candidates meets the standards and has aptitude for the class room teaching or has studied at reputed Foreign Universities or National Law Schools or taught at reputed Foreign Universities or National Law Schools.

Item No.15

To consider introduction of credit courses

The Council considered the introduction of Roman Law and Maritime Law as two credit courses and approved the same. The Council also approved introduction following credit courses:

- 1) Climate Change Law
- 2) Cyber Forensics
- 3) Energy Law
- 4) Election Law
- 5) Food Law
- 6) Law and Medicine
- 7) Law relating to Mines and Minerals
- 8) Refugee and Humanitarian Law
- 9) Water Law

Item No.16

To consider the joining of Common Law Admission Test by National Law University, Orissa

The Council considered the question of joining of CLAT and after detailed deliberations resolved to join CLAT. The Council noted the views of Prof. Chandra Sekhar Pillai, Former Director, Indian Law Institute & Former Vice-Chancellor, National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, Kerala and Chancellor's nominee to the Academic Council who in his communication has expressed the view that "I have been told by some students that the Orissa National Law University Test was the best last time. You could generate some funds for the University if you do it yourself. The Delhi National Law University has also not jointed CLAT. In these circumstances, I would submit that the Orissa National Law University may conduct the Test this year also". The Vice-Chancellor was authorized to take final decision in the matter after discussing the issue of formalities of joining with the convener of 2010-11.

Item No.17

Any other item

Mr. Byasa Moharana raised the issue of desirability of offering Honours courses in various Social Sciences and Management Study disciplines. It was resolved that once the University shifts to its permanent campus and economic stability is achieved, the introduction of such courses may be considered. The Council in the meanwhile constituted a Committee consisting of following members to consider the proposal of Hon'ble member:

1. Prof. Afroz Alam (Convener)
2. Prof. Byasa Moharana
3. Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh

Sanjay Kumar Pattnaik
20/11/10
Registrar