

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON JUNE 20, 2019**

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the IQAC. The minutes of the meeting of the IQAC held on February 26, 2019 were read and approved. He informed the members that the modifications suggested by the IQAC in the Manual of Policies for M.B.A. were placed before the Academic Council and the Executive Council at their meetings held in March 2019 and the same were approved. The modified Manual of Policies was implemented from the academic year 2019-2020.

To enhance and enrich the academic and research activities of the University, the IQAC proposed the following action plan for the next academic year:

- To offer the following courses:
  - B.B.A, LL.B. (Hons.) Programme
  - M.B.A. (Executive) Programme
- To offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC's) through SWAYAM platform. NALSAR has been identified as the National Resource Centre (NRC) for Law Teaching by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). As part of the Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teaching (MMNMT), NALSAR will be offering a Refresher Course for Law Teachers this year which will be transacted digitally through the 'SWAYAM' (self-learning) platform of MHRD, Government of India.
- To offer courses to IPS Probationers of National Police Academy and other trainee officers of the State Police Academy in the same lines as offered to the trainees at NISA.
- To offer courses through digital platforms as short-term online programmes for creating awareness on various legal issues.
- To offer short-term, long-term and practical hands-on training programmes for legal practitioners, administrators, policy makers and law enforcement authorities on cyber laws and cyber technologies through CntrlZ (NALSAR Cyber Forensic Lab).
- To offer Post-Doctoral Fellowships to undertake research on contemporary areas.
- To offer elective courses and seminar courses by inviting eminent academicians, Professors and other renowned Scholars from reputed Foreign Universities / Institutions.
  - Prof. Philippe Van Paijis, Belgium , accepted to offer a course on 'The history, philosophy, economics and politics of basic income' during June-October, 2019
  - Prof. Roberto Merrill, University of Minho, Portugal gave consent to offer a seminar course on 'Pre-distribution, liberal socialism and property-owning democracy' during June-October, 2019
  - Prof. Timothy D. Lytton, Distinguished University Professor & Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, United States will be offering a course on 'Regulatory Governance' during January – April, 2020
  - Prof. Tony Blackshield AO, Emeritus Professor of Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia will be offering a course on 'Comparative Constitutional Law' during January – April, 2020

- Dr Rosemary Huisman, Honorary Associate Professor in English, The University of Sydney and Life Member, Clare Hall, Cambridge UK will be offering a social science seminar course on 'Text and Context in the Study of Law and Literature' during January – April, 2020
- Prof. Cole W Durham Jr, Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies and Susa Young Gates Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, USA will be offering a social science seminar course on '**Law and Religion: National, international and Comparative Perspectives**' during January – April, 2020
- The IQAC suggested that the University should take initiatives to recruit faculty members. It is also suggested that the University should provide various academic and monetary incentives to attract competent faculty members and also to retain them.
- The IQAC suggested the following incentives schemes to be included in the present faculty incentive scheme.
  - To encourage faculty members to take up assignments / undertake research in reputed Foreign Universities. The University may also provide financial assistance for the said activity. A scheme may be developed for the Faculty Exchange Programme.
  - The University may also encourage faculty members to undertake research as Post-Doctoral Fellow.
- The IQAC also suggested that the University may organize international conferences in the areas of Aviation, Gender Issues, environment and other relevant areas.
- The University may conduct training programmes for the Advocates and Officers of various State and Central Government Organisations on legal and other related areas.
- The members suggested that the University may provide financial support for the research centres to undertake research on the relevant areas and also organize conferences, workshops and conduct training programmes for various stakeholders.
- The IQAC further suggested that the facilities for the student community may be improved specially to attend the medical emergencies on campus. The University may take initiatives to have a well-equipped Health Centre with full time Medical Officers and staff available throughout the day.
- The IQAC also suggested that the students may be encouraged to undertake Pro-bono Litigation work to help the poor and needy.
- The IQAC further proposed that the University may also organize training programmes for the Non-teaching staff to improve their skills.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

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

### **Action taken on the suggestions made in the last meeting:**

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the University is offering a Refresher Course for Law Teachers digitally through the 'SWAYAM' (self-learning) platform of MHRD, Government of India.

The Vice-Chancellor further informed the members that the University is taking steps to offer Post-Doctoral Fellowships at NALSAR. He further informed the members that the University is proposing Master's Programme for the Probationary IPS Officers of National Police Academy and also for the Probationary DSsPs of State Police Academy. The University is further proposing a PG Diploma programme for the trainee Sub Inspectors of the State Police Academy.

He also informed the members that the following Professors have offered elective course / seminar course during August, 2019:

- Prof. Philippe Van Pajis, Belgium offered an elective course on 'The history, philosophy, economics and politics of basic income'
- Prof. Roberto Merrill, University of Minho, Portugal offered a social science seminar course on 'Pre-distribution, liberal socialism and property-owning democracy'

Through Cntrl Z (NALSAR Cyber Forensic Lab), the University is offering 'Computer Forensic Investigation ("The power of five"-Five day course) during October and proposing to offer more courses during the next semester.

The University conducted 5-day Refresher Training Programme for the Advocates of Telangana State in association with Telangana State Advocates Welfare Trust, Hyderabad at NALSAR for three batches during May and June, 2019.

Also conducted Five-day training programme for Prosecutors of National Investigation Agency (NIA) during June, 2019 and has been conducting training programmes periodically for the Executives of Food Corporation of India.

### **Issues discussed and suggestions made**

The IQAC observed that the direct recruitment of faculty is long pending and suggested that the University should take immediate steps to conduct selection committee meetings at the earliest possible.

#### **ITEM NO. 1**

**TO CONSIDER BOOKS / BOOK CHAPTERS IN ADDITION TO RESEARCH PAPERS FOR THE MINIMUM REQUIRED PUBLICATIONS FOR THE FACULTY POSITIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

With regard to the research publications to be considered for the faculty selections, the IQAC suggested that as there is no authentic list of peer reviewed journals in the

area of Law, the IQAC suggested that the University in addition to the research papers in peer reviewed journals, may also consider the Book Chapters / Books published by reputed publishers for the minimum required publications for various positions in various departments in the University.

The members further noticed that the qualifications approved for the positions in Department of Management Studies do permit considering the Books / Research Papers for the required numbers of publications. In addition, it is suggested to consider book chapters also for all faculty positions.

#### **ITEM NO. 2**

#### **TO DECIDE RESEARCH SCORE TO BE AWARDED FOR THE PROJECTS SANCTIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT(S) / GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES / NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

After detailed deliberations, the IQAC suggested the following research score to be awarded for the research projects sanctioned by the Government(s) / Governmental Agencies / Non-Governmental Agencies subject to submission of the reports and the statement showing proof of their involvement in the said project:

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Research Score</b>
<b>Research Projects Completed Sanctioned by</b>	
Central Government	15
State Government and other Agencies	10
NGOs	05
<b>Research Projects Ongoing</b>	
Central Government	
State Government and other Agencies	
NGOs	

#### **ITEM NO. 3**

#### **CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF RESEARCH SCORE FOR THE MEMBERS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH PROJECTS OTHER THAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND CO-INVESTIGATOR**

The IQAC opined that the contribution made by any member as part of the research team should be acknowledged and credit should be given to them to encourage people to take part in the research projects. Hence, it is suggested that all the members involved in research projects in any capacity other than the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator may be awarded 30% of the research score each subject to production of documentary evidence.

#### **ITEM NO. 4**

#### **AWARD OF MARKS FOR THE MULTI AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS SENT FOR EVALUATION**

The IQAC suggested that the publications to be sent for evaluation to the external examiners as part of the selection process for the faculty positions should be sole authored. However, if a candidate chose to submit multi-authored publications for

evaluation, the IQAC suggested that the marks awarded by the examiners may be distributed among the authors as per the following criteria:

The marks awarded by the external examiners for the multi-authored publications shall be distributed as follows:

- a) Two authors : 70% of the marks for each author
- b) More than two authors : 70% of the marks to the First / Principal / Corresponding author and 30% of the marks for each of the joint authors

The IQAC further suggested that the University should issue the Notification for Career Advancement Scheme once in every six months.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON MARCH 4, 2020**

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

### **Action taken on the suggestions made in the last meeting:**

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the University completed the video recording of the modules for the Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) offered by NALSAR during this year through the 'SWAYAM' (self-learning) platform of MHRD, Government of India.

The Vice-Chancellor further informed that the Notification (Rolling) for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programme has been uploaded on the University website and the University will take steps to offer some fellowships for undertaking research on contemporary areas.

He further appraised the members that the University started the selection process for various faculty positions in all the departments. He informed the IQAC that the meetings of the Screening Committees have already been held for shortlisting of candidates for Assistant Professor and for evaluation of the credentials of the candidates for the post of Associate Professor and Professor. He also informed the IQAC that the Notification inviting applications from the faculty members under the Career Advancement Scheme has already been circulated to the faculty members.

He also informed the members that the following Professors are presently offering the elective course / seminar course during January – April, 2020:

- Prof. Timothy D. Lytton, Distinguished University Professor & Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, United States will be offering a course on 'Regulatory Governance' during January – April, 2020
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## **Issues discussed and suggestions made**

### **ITEM NO. 1**

#### **CRITERIA FOR AUGMENTATION OF RESEARCH SCORE FOR THE PUBLICATIONS**

As per the present Regulations, the research score for research papers would be augmented as follows:

Research Papers published in the journals ranked by SCImago / Scopus / Web of Science / Peer Reviewed Journals listed by the UGC (Impact factor to be determined as per Thomson Reuters / SJR list):

i.	Paper in refereed journals without impact factor	-	5 Points
ii.	Paper with impact factor less than 1	-	10 Points
iii.	Paper with impact factor between 1 and 2	-	15 Points
iv.	Paper with impact factor between 2 and 5	-	20 Points
v.	Paper with impact factor between 5 and 10	-	25 Points
vi.	Paper with impact factor > 10	-	30 Points

For the research papers cited by Supreme Court / High Court, the research score shall be augmented as follows:

i)	Cited by Supreme Court	:	30 Points
ii)	Cited by High Court	:	20 Points

The augmentation of the research score for the research papers will either be based on the impact factor as per Thomson Reuters / SJR or on the basis of the citation by the Supreme Court / High Court. If a research paper has impact factor and also cited by the SC / HC, then the highest score of any one should be taken.

The members after detailed deliberations decided to retain the existing provision as it is for the time being.

### **ITEM NO. 2**

#### **CREATION OF FACULTY POSITIONS FOR RESEARCH**

The IQAC suggested that the University should have exclusive research positions to strengthen its research activities under various research centres and contracted to bring out research publications in Scimago/ Scopus/ Web of Science/ Books published by OUP/ Butterworth/ Brill/ Cambridge/ Routledge / Hart / Sage/ Kluwer / Thomson Reuters . It is proposed to create the following positions on experimental basis:

1.	Assistant Professor (Research)	:	03
2.	Associate Professor (Research)	:	02
3.	Professor (Research)	:	01

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD (ONLINE) ON MAY 14, 2020**

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

He further informed the Members that due to Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns declared by Central and State governments, the University was closed in March, 2020. As the University Grants Commission has notified the Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown he had constituted three different Committees, consisting of Faculty Members along with student representative for the three regular programmes, i.e., B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. and MBA Programmes, to deliberate and recommend the examination pattern for the current semester and also the academic calendar for the next session. The Committees considering the UGC Guidelines, the concerns of all the stakeholders and after detailed deliberations with the students and faculty members have submitted their report suggesting the examination pattern for the current semester along with the evaluation scheme. The Committee constituted for the MBA programme has also provided the academic calendar for the next session. The reports of the Committees are attached as **Annexure – I, II and III** for consideration by the IQAC and further recommending their suggestions to the Academic Council meeting which is scheduled to be held on May 16, 2020 for issue of necessary directions.

The IQAC deliberated in detail on the reports submitted by various Committees and recommended the following to the Academic Council for their approval:

### **5-Year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme**

- The project and mid-semester exam score (which is for 50 marks) of each subject will be retained as it is. As in case of UG programme, the evaluation of most of the electives has already been completed and for the seminar papers, the submissions and presentations will be taken by the faculty members online. For the remaining 50 marks the up scaling/extrapolation will be done. Hence, the said scheme will be applicable only to the mandatory papers and the electives papers where only 50% evaluation has been completed.
- The UGC guidelines suggested consideration of the previous semester score but the Committee recommended consideration of the overall performance of the students till the last semester if the upscaling of current semester marks adversely affects their CGPA.

### **One Year LL.M. Programme**

- In the LL.M., there is one mandatory paper, elective papers, seminar papers and Dissertation during the current semester.
- For the mandatory taught paper, it is recommended to conduct an online exam which will be an essay of 2000 words based on the materials provided, by giving the students 48 hours' time. The essay is mainly to test the students on comprehension and learnings made during this semester rather than research or language and expression. 58 out of 60 students have consented to take this kind of examination.
- In case of elective papers which are common to the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. students, the criteria evolved for the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)



students shall be applicable to LL.M. students as well, if they have completed the required course work.

- For the elective courses, which are offered exclusively to the LL.M. students, it is recommended that the Faculty Members in consultation with the students may decide the pattern of the exam and conduct the online exam which may be take-home exam / essay / assignment etc. Same criteria may be followed in case of the students who have taken common electives offered to B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. but have not done the course work like B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students.
- For the Seminar Papers, it has been recommended that the presentations may be made to the concerned faculty member instead of panel of faculty members.
- The evaluation of the dissertations may be done by the internal faculty members and the name of the examiner may also be provided to the student in advance for taking feedback on their proposal and to write dissertation as per the expectations of the examiner.
- The viva on the dissertation shall be conducted after the evaluation but rather than usual pre-submission presentation.

### **Two Year MBA Programme**

Keeping in mind, the safety concerns of the faculty and students, the Committee was not in favour of conducting the pen - paper examination and recommended to devise a pattern as being adopted for B.A., LL.B. and LL.M. courses for the remaining 65% of the evaluation pending for the trimester.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.