INDIAN LAW INSTITUTE, NEW DELHI (Deemed University)

August 27, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on Monday the 26th August, 2019 at 5.00 p.m. in the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

The following members were present:

1.	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde Judge, Supreme Court of India	Chairman
2.	Prof. G. Mohan Gopal Former Director, NJA & NLSIU Chairman, NCMS Committee Supreme Court of India, New Delhi	Member
3.	Prof. Afzal M. Wani Professor, GGSIP University	"
4.	Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha Director, ILI	5)
5.	Dr. Jyoti Dogra Sood Associate Professor, ILI	"
6.	Dr. Deepa Kharb Assistant Professor, ILI	"
7.	Mr. Shreenibas Chandra Prusty Registrar, ILI	Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar, Professor, ILI due to his pre-occupation.

The Council took up the agenda for discussion and decided as under:

Item No. 1 To consider and confirm the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 24.04.2018.

The Council confirmed the above minutes.

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Item No. 2 To take note of the action taken report in respect of the above minutes.

The Council noted the action taken.

Item No. 3 To consider and approve the minutes of the meetings of the IQAC.

It was suggested that the IQAC of the Institute must ensure high quality of academic standard. For this, the Institute may analyse and adopt various quality parameters adopted in other academic institutions.

The Council approved the minutes of the meetings of the IQAC.

Item No. 4 To consider and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Studies

The Council approved the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Studies except Item nos. 5 to 10 of the minutes (of the BoS meeting held on 01st August, 2019). The Item nos. 5 to 10 of the above minutes is decided separately in this minute with certain modifications as specified in respective items below:

Item No. 5
To consider and approve the Academic Calendar and Admission Schedule of Ph.D., LL.M. and Post Graduate Diploma Programmes for the Academic Session 2019-2020 as recommended by BoS on March 29, 2019

The Council approved the same.

Item No. 6 To consider adoption of UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018

The Council considered adopting the above UGC Regulations with immediate effect.

- Item No. 7 To consider the changes in LL.M. Regulation regarding:
 - I. Minimum eligibility criteria for Readmission alongwith the subsequent Batch

The Council decided as below:

- a) That students, who have enrolled for the LL.M. Programme in a particular year;
 - i) have at least 50% attendance and;

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ii) submitted Internal Component (Class Test/ Assignment and Presentation/Seminar etc.);

shall be considered for readmission with the subsequent (maximum n+2) batch of students.

- have to appear for the Common Admission Test next year (if they wish) for getting admission to the LL.M. Course.
- Regarding waiving-off of fee in case of a student who wants to withdraw after getting detained due to shortage of attendance

After due deliberation, it was decided that the Director may take a decision on case-to-case basis after considering the recommendations of a Sub-Committee to be constituted by him for the purpose. The decision of the Director on the basis of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee shall be final and binding in all cases.

Ill Introduction of supplementary examination for LL.M. students who have failed in more than one subject in semester examinations as recommended by BoS on August 01, 2019 (Item No-6).

The Council decided that:-

- The candidate appearing in all papers in the first semester-end examination and have passed atleast two papers would be eligible to appear for backlog papers along with second semester-end examination.
- The same criteria will apply if a student appears in all papers of second semester and clears at least two papers, shall be allowed to appear in supplementary examination to be held in October. The student may also be allowed to take first semester backlog paper(s) which he/she could not clear in second semester-end examinations.
- In case the candidate is still unable to clear some papers of either first semester or second semester or both, then he/she will appear in normal course of odd and even semester examinations along with subsequent batches and complete the course in n+4 semesters.

Item No. 8 To increase the present Intake of Foreign Nationals as recommended by BoS on August 01, 2019 (Item No-5).

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After due deliberation it was decided that there will be no change in intake of foreign students as of now. The Council approved the regulations for admission of Foreign nationals and following development fee for PIO/NRI/Foreign National/Foreign Students (in addition to the normal admission fee for each course, i.e, LL.M., PG Diploma and Ph.D.)

@ USD 300 for Ph. D per year,

@ USD 200 for PG Diploma.

@ USD 500 for LL.M. One Year Programme

@ USD 100 for SAARC Countries

The Council also suggested to explore to have another category of foreign students, i.e., from OECD countries and higher development fee may be levied.

Item No.9 To consider the amendment in the Regulation of conduct of Post Graduate Diploma examinations

To allow the students to appear in as many papers in the next following examination in which they failed (as recommended by BoS on August 01, 2019) (Item No. 7)

The Council decided that:

- The candidate appearing in all papers in the annual examination would be eligible to appear for supplementary examination to be held in the month of September for backlog papers in annual examination.
- If the candidate fails to clear some papers in supplementary examination, then he/she will be allowed to appear in normal course (i.e., n+2 yrs.) for backlog papers in supplementary examination.

II) To amend evaluation pattern of the PG Diploma Courses

The Council approved the proposed evaluation scheme for P.G. Diploma Course. The End Term written Examination to be of 70 marks and internal assessment will be for remaining 30 marks on the basis of a term paper submitted by the student.

The Council suggested constituting a Sub-Committee to work out the modalities of the scheme so that the internal assessment is as rigorous and in line with the external process. This scheme will be applicable from the Academic Session 2020-21.

Item No. 10 To consider and approve the rules for 'Tie-breaking' during admission to decide inter-se merit among candidates having same overall marks as recommended by BoS on August 01, 2019 (Item No-8)

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The following clauses for 'Tie-breaking' during admission to decide inter-se merit among candidates having same overall marks in PG. Diploma, LL.M., and Ph.D programmes were discussed.

LL.M. Programme

- (i) Candidate securing more marks in the Legal Writing Skill and the Viva voce put together is to be ranked higher;
- (ii) In case where the marks obtained at (i) above are equal, the candidates senior in age is to be ranked higher; and
- (iii) In case where (i) and (ii) above are same, then the candidate getting more marks in Legal Writing Skill is to be ranked higher.

Post Graduate Diplomas

- (i) Priority shall be given to Law Graduate/CA/CMA/CS.
- (ii) Seniority in age.

Ph.D Programmes (not exempted)

- (i) Candidate securing more marks in the Paper II i.e., Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Indian Penal Code, Commercial Law etc and the Viva Voce put together is to be ranked higher;
 - (ii) In case where the marks obtained at (i) above are equal, the candidates senior in age is to be ranked higher; and
 - (iii) In case where (i) and (ii) above are same, then the candidate getting more marks in Paper II i.e., Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Indian Penal Code, Commercial Law etc is to be ranked higher.

The Council did not approve the criterion (ii) in all the above courses and suggested for admission to be strictly on the basis of merits and not age factor.

Item No. 11 To consider the Re-evaluation of Answer Sheets as recommended by BoS on August 01, 2019 (Item No-9).

The Academic Council deliberated and agreed that there is no requirement for re-evaluation in LL.M., as double evaluation process is already in practice which provides enough checks and balance in the evaluation process.

The Council decided to maintain status-quo in P.G. Diploma Courses evaluation process, i.e., there will be no re-evaluation of answer sheets of the candidates and only re-totalling will be done as per past practice. However, the re-totalling fee was revised to Rs.1,000/- and approved.

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Item No. 12 To approve the Syllabus of LL.M. as recommended by BoS on August 01, 2019 (Item No.-10).

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The syllabus of the LL.M. (I Year) Programme was placed on the table and after due deliberation the syllabus for the Foundational and compulsory specialization papers being offered by the Institute was approved. The Council took note of the fact that students have a wide range of electives in the 2nd semester and suggested that the provision of guest faculty offering elective courses may also be explored.

Item No. 13 To consider the award of Ph.D.

The Council approved the award of Ph.D to Ms. Mallika Ramachandran (ILI/Ph.D./2011/02) and Ms. Gauri V. Naik (ILI/Ph.D./2014/04).

Item No. 14 To consider to provide stipend to Non-JRF Ph.D. students.

The Council approved providing stipend to Non- JRF Ph.D. students subject to financial concurrence by the Finance Committee and directed to constitute a Sub-Committee to decide the functional modalities of the scheme.

Item No. 15 To report various Academic/ Research and other Activities undertaken by the Indian Law Institute after the last meeting of the Academic Council

The Council noted and appreciated various activities of the Institute.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Item No. 16 To consider the criteria for declaration of Topper in LL.M. Programme.

After perusing the facts and detailed discussion, it was decided that Ms. Swaril Dania who has secured 7.5 SGPA in both the semesters and hence scored CGPA of 7.5 (without rounding off) to be declared as the Topper of the batch (2018-2019).

It was also decided that the institute should declare CGPA in the format up to two decimal place in future (e.g. 7.45 etc), to avoid any such situations.

Item No. 17 To consider providing free of cost the Study materials of PG Diploma Courses to the students

The Council accepted the proposal of waiving off the charges of the study material for PG Diploma Courses.

Item No. 18 To consider the request of one Research Scholar for condonation of 48 days out of Residency period of 2 Years

The Council accepted the request of Ms. Aishwarya and condoned 48 days out of her residency period of two years.

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Item No. 19 To consider the request of two LL.M. (3 Yrs) students regarding extension of maximum permissible period of LL.M. (3Years) and permitting submission of Dissertation and Research Paper.

The Council considered their request and allowed them to submit their Dissertation and Research Papers within the time-frame to be decided by the Institute. No further request will be entertained.

Item No. 20 To consider the request for extension of period for submitting the result of qualifying degree for admission to various courses or allowing withdraw of admission with refund of fee.

The Council approved the withdrawal of the admission in such cases with full refund of fees.

Item No. 21 To consider the request for relaxing the provision of LL.M. being a prerequisite for pursuing Ph.D.

The Council did not agree to the request as LL.M. is an essential qualification prescribed to pursue Ph.D. in Law.

The Academic Council meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(S.C. Prusty)
Registrar

(Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha) Director, ILI

> (Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde). Judge, Supreme Court of India/ Chairman, Academic Council, ILI