



RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB
(Established under the Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006)
(Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)

Minutes of the meeting of the General Council of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, held on 31st July, 2019 at 04:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Krishna Murari, Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and Hon'ble Chancellor of RGNUL.

The following members were present :

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| 1. | HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI
Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and
Hon'ble Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab | Chairman |
| 2. | HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh | Member |
| 3. | HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY
Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh | Member |
| 4. | PROFESSOR (DR.) PARAMJIT S. JASWAL
Vice-Chancellor,
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala | Member |
| 5. | MR. ATUL NANDA
Advocate General of Punjab,
Chandigarh | Member |
| 6. | MR. SATISH KUMAR AGGARWAL
Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Legal and Legislative Affairs, Punjab, Chandigarh | Member |
| 7. | MR. SATISH CHANDRA, IAS
Representative of the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Chandigarh | Member |
| 8. | MR. HARPREET SINGH BRAR
Chairman, State Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana,
Chandigarh | Member |
| 9. | PROFESSOR (DR.) RANBIR SINGH
Vice Chancellor, National Law University,
Dwarka, Delhi | Member |
| 10. | PROFESSOR (DR.) R. VENKATA RAO
Vice Chancellor,
National Law School of India University, Bangalore | Member |
| 11. | MR. V.N. ZADE, IAS
Secretary Expenditure to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Finance, Punjab, Chandigarh | Member |
| 12. | MR. M.P. ARORA, IAS
Special Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Higher Education, Punjab, Chandigarh | Member |
| 13. | PROFESSOR (DR.) SHERRY SABBARWAL
Former Chairperson, Deptt. of Sociology,
Panjab University, Chandigarh | Member |

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| 14. | PROFESSOR (DR.) ANAND PAWAR
Professor of Law,
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala | Member |
| 15. | PROFESSOR (DR.) NARESH KUMAR VATS
Registrar,
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala | Secretary |

Hon'ble Chancellor welcomed all the members of the General Council and presented the Agenda Items as under :

ITEM (1) To confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting of the General Council held on 23.02.2019 (Annexure-1).

The Hon'ble Chancellor read out the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the previous meeting of the General Council held on 23.02.2019.

Decision:

The Hon'ble members of the General Council perused the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the previous meeting of the General Council held on 23.02.2019 (Annexure-1) and unanimously resolved to approve the same.

ITEM (2) To consider the recommendations of the Academic Council/Executive Council made in its meeting held on 25.07.2019, for conferment of the degrees and award of medals on the students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course, LL.M. (Post-Graduate) One year Course and Ph.D. Researcher, who after examination have been found eligible, as given below:

- (i) B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course (2014-19 Batch)
- (ii) LL.M. (Post Graduate) One Year Course (2018-19 Batch)
- (iii) Ph.D. Research Degree

Lists of above said eligible students are attached as Annexure-2.

The Hon'ble Chancellor read out that RGNUL is going holding its 5th Convocation on 07.09.2019 for the award of degree to the students who have been found qualified after examination and are eligible to receive their respective degree for the B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course (2014-19 Batch), LL.M. (Post-Graduate) One Year Course (2018-19 Batch) and Ph.D. Researchers who were found eligible after examination for conferment of degrees have been recommended by the Academic Council/Executive Council in its meeting held on 25.07.2019.

Decision :

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble members of the General Council unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Academic Council and the Executive Council made in their respective meetings held on 25.07.2019, for conferment of the Degrees and Award of Medals to the students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) FYIC, LL.M. (Post-Graduate) One Year Course and

Ph.D. Researchers, who have been found eligible after examination, as given below:

- (i) B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course (2014-19 Batch)
- (ii) LL.M. (Post Graduate) One Year Course (2018-19 Batch)
- (iii) Ph.D. Research Degree

Approved lists of above said eligible students are attached as Annexure-2.

ITEM (3)

To approve the recommendations of the Academic Council/Executive Council made in its meeting held on 25.07.2019, for selection of names of eligible students as per RGNUL Regulations for award of Chancellor's Medal, Vice-Chancellor's Medal, University Medal and Sponsored Medals at the RGNUL, 5th Convocation which is scheduled to be held on 07th September, 2019.

The Hon'ble Chancellor read out that :

1. RGNUL is holding its 5th Convocation on 07.09.2019 for the award of degree to the students who have been found qualified after examination and are eligible to receive their respective degree for the B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course (2014-19 Batch), LL.M. (Post Graduate) One Year Course (2018-19 Batch) and Ph.D. Researchers. Medals shall also be awarded to the eligible students as per conditions in the RGNUL Regulations.
2. The Vice-Chancellor has constituted a committee to identify the eligible students who fulfill the requisite condition of Regulations for award of Chancellor's Medal, Vice-Chancellor's Medal, University Medal and Sponsored Medals.

The list of the eligible recipients for award of different medals, approved by the Academic Council/Executive Council is enclosed at **Annexure-3** for consideration and approval of the General Council.

Decision :

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble members of the General Council unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Academic Council and the Executive Council made in their respective meetings held on 25.07.2019, for recommending the names of eligible students as per RGNUL Regulations for award of Chancellor's Medal, Vice-Chancellor's Medal, University Medal and Sponsored Medals as per Annexure-3, at the RGNUL, 5th Convocation which is scheduled to be held on 07th September, 2019.

ITEM (4)

To peruse and consider the constitution of RGNUL Students Bar Association submitted by the RGNUL Students consequent upon the Mutual Agreement signed between the students of RGNUL and the Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Hon'ble Advocate General, Punjab.

The Hon'ble Chancellor read out that in order to put an end to the ongoing strike of the RGNUL students w.e.f. 15.03.2019, with the intervention of Hon'ble Mr. Justice, U.U. Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble visitor, RGNUL, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Krishna Murari, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and Hon'ble Chancellor, RGNUL, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Grover, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Hon'ble member, General Council, RGNUL and Sh. Atul Nanda, Hon'ble Advocate General, Punjab and Hon'ble member General Council, RGNUL a mutual agreement between the representatives of the RGNUL students and Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Sh. Atul Nanda, Hon'ble Advocate General, Punjab was signed on 19.03.2019. (Copy of the agreement is attached as **Annexure-4**)

The Executive Council perused the above said agreement and unanimously resolved as under :

The Hon'ble Members of the Executive Council perused the agreement under reference. The Hon'ble Members expressed their serious concern about the whole incident by the RGNUL students which has viliated the Academic and Administrative atmosphere of the university.

The Members of the Executive Council were also of the view that since Executive Council is the Administrative Body of the university, the entire process should have been decided with the approval of the Executive Council.

Clause (3) of Mutual Agreement referred to above provides as under :

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3. Students' General Body :

The University has agreed to permit the students to constitute a Students' Representative General Body. For this purpose, the students are permitted to form an Interim Committee. The said committee shall be responsible for drafting and finalizing the Draft Charter within two (02) months which shall be submitted to the General Council of the University. Thereafter, the General Council of the university shall take a decision on the said draft within two months from the date of submission and the same shall be enforced in accordance with law.

In pursuance of the above said Clause (3), the RGNUL Students have sent Draft Constitution of RGNUL Students Bar Association (**Annexure-5**) through an email to all the members of the General Council of RGNUL. The Students have sent another email to know the progress in this regard.

The said draft constitution is placed before the General Council for perusal and further necessary action, please.

Discussion :

The Hon'ble Chancellor explained to the Members of the General Council that a copy of the Draft Constitution of RGNUL Student Bar Association has been received. However, the document needs a thorough reading because it will be applicable not only to the existing students but also to future students. The Hon'ble Chancellor further explained that he is aware about the existence of the Students Bar Association in other top National Law Universities of the country, which are working well. Therefore, it would be in fitness of things if we look into the Constitution of Student Bar Association of other universities and incorporate some prudent and beneficial provisions as they exist in other National Law Universities as they have been applicable for long without any problem. Accordingly, for the convenience sake, the Hon'ble Chancellor proposed that a Sub-Committee may be constituted consisting of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Grover (Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court), Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh (Vice-Chancellor, NLU, Delhi) and Prof. (Dr.) Venkata Rao (Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore) (all Hon'ble Members of the General Council). This was unanimously agreed to by all the Members of the General Council. The said Sub-Committee will look into in detail the Draft Constitution of RGNUL Student Bar Association as also the Constitution of Student Bar Association of NLSIU, Bangalore and National Law University, Delhi. The said Sub-Committee will suggest whether any change in the Draft Constitution of RGNUL Student Bar Association is required or not. This was unanimously approved by the Members of the General Council.

Decision :

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the General Council resolved that a Sub-Committee consisting of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Grover (Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court), Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh (Vice-Chancellor, NLU, Delhi) and Prof. (Dr.) Venkata Rao (Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore), (all Hon'ble Members of the General Council) be constituted to look into the Draft Constitution of RGNUL Student Bar Association and also consider the Constitutions of Student Bar Association of NLSIU, Bangalore and NLU, Delhi. The said Sub-Committee, after examining the Draft Constitution of RGNUL Student Bar Association shall submit its report to the General Council for further necessary action.

TABLE ITEM

ITEM (5)

To consider the amendment in the format of degree of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course, LL.M. (One Year Course), Ph.D. and LL.D. (Annexure-6) students only with reference to replacement of "Mr." in place of "Shri" and "Ms." in place of "Smt." as mentioned before the Father's Name and Mother's Name on the degree to make it uniform at par with international standard, as many of the students faced the problem at international level / foreign institutes at the time of taking admission for further higher studies or for other job opportunities.

Decision :

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the General Council resolved that in place of "Shri" and "Smt." in their degrees/certificates awarded by the RGNUL, words "Mr." and "Ms." be used before the name of Father and Mother respectively, in future.

ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

ITEM (6)

Under the other item with the permission of the Chair, the Hon'ble Members of the General Council brought to the notice of the General Council the fact that certain videos have become viral on the social media and the said videos point out that there was an incident of ragging on the intervening mid night of 30th and 31st July, 2019 in the Hostel of RGNUL. The Hon'ble Chancellor asked the Vice-Chancellor to explain about the incident in detail. The Vice-Chancellor explained that the incident happened at the previous mid night intervening 30th and 31st July, 2019. It was reported by the Security Guard on duty that some 1st year Students were called by 5th year students to their room in a different block. All the Members of the General Council expressed their serious concern that ragging in any form is strictly prohibited by law and such incident should not happen in the institution/university campus. The Hon'ble Members resolved

to direct the Vice-Chancellor to refer the matter to the Anti-Ragging Committee and proceed further as per the recommendations of the said committee.

Decision :

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the General Council unanimously resolved that the matter be referred to Anti-Ragging Committee constituted by the University. Further action, if any, shall be on the basis of recommendations of the said Committee.

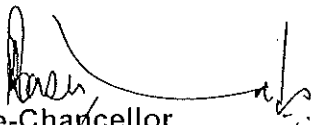
ITEM (7)

During the discussion, it was pointed out by the Hon'ble Members of the General Council that Students are putting a lot of undesirable stuff on the social media which lowers the reputation of the University. After detailed discussion and deliberation it was unanimously decided that an Advisory should be issued to students to not to misuse the social media in a manner which lowers the reputation and prestige of the institution.

Decision :


After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the General Council unanimously resolved that an Advisory be issued to all the students of the University that social media should not be used in a manner so as to lower the reputation and prestige of the University.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Chairman.


Vice-Chancellor


Registrar

Approved


Hon'ble the Chancellor
RGNUL