



GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

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4th IQAC Meeting

29 October 2020 at 3.30 PM

Meeting through: Webex Sisco Virtual Platform

Minutes of the Meeting

Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director-GNLU & Chairperson of the IQAC welcomed all the members of the IQAC at the 4th IQAC meeting.

The IQAC also took a note of the leave of absence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. K. Thakker (Retd.), Supreme Court of India and Ms. Manita Doshi, Partner –CAM. They expressed their inability to attend the said meeting due to prior commitment.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 1

Adoption of the Agenda & Verification of quorum

The IQAC verified the quorum and adopted the agenda.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 2

New Education Policy -2020

Resolution:

The members of the IQAC discussed the New Education Policy-2020. The progress and development with respect to the implementation of the NEP-2020 at GNLU shall be placed at the successive IQAC meetings for further deliberation



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and action. It was also noted that the aim of this policy can be achieved by adopting the following measures:


- 1) To follow the best practice(s) adopted by the top ranking global institutes/universities.
- 2) By utilizing the emerging technology and IT tools in the Indian Education System.

The University may come out with a handbook of the best practices(s), by studying the institutes/universities, ranked by the QS World University Ranking or the Times Higher Education Ranking.

On the basis of the discussion on the NEP-2020, the members of the IQAC made a few suggestion, keeping in view of quality assurance.

- 1) Good Academic Research Practices document issued by the UGC in the month of September 2020, is a very useful for Ph.D. scholar, it may be included as a part of curriculum, it may also be useful for the supervisor.
- 2) Internationalization of Campus.
- 3) Publication plays a major role in the National or International ranking, though GNLU have good publications, the University may further enhance and encourage the faculty members to publish their articles/papers in the UGC recognized Journals and Scopus and Web of Science. The faculty may be incentivized for the same.
- 4) It was also suggested that the University may focus on Students Welfare aspects for the students' exchange programme especially when the foreign students are visiting GNLU under student exchange programme. It was added that there are better possibilities from the developing countries to



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attract the students to study at GNLU. It was pointed out that climate of Gujarat is playing a major role for foreign students, for opting other national law universities(s).

- 5) It was also suggested to give mental and psychology counselling to help the students.
- 6) The University may focus on Vocational Training.
- 7) It was also suggested that local language knowledge is essential for the students who would like to become Judicial Officer.

With respect to the suggestion for Internationalization of the Campus, it was informed by Ms. Rajwanshi that the University is successfully moving in the said direction, and the present year itself i.e. 2020, the University signed 13 MoUs with the reputed Internationally University/Institute(s). The University is flexible with Credit transfer for student who avail the benefit of the student exchange programme. It was reported that in these Universities, wherein the students having succeeded in the exchange programme, will get a tuition fee waiver from the MoU partner university. The GNLU also encourages students from the SAARC Countries to study at GNLU and as incentive(s), scholarship is offered by the GNLU.

To attract the Foreign Students to study at Gujarat, the Govt. of Gujarat initiated the campaign “Study in Gujarat Programme” on the line of Central Govt. Scheme. The University participated in the said programme, and received a very encouraging response from it.

It was also informed that the University is in the process of signing a MoU with the US based University, i.e. University of Akron. It is in its final stage and is

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subject to the approval of the requisite council(s) of the University. In the successful signing of MoU, the University of Acron will open the first GNLU-Acron Research Centre at the University of Acron, which would be the first of its kind of research Centre which will be establish outside India and a unique achievement for the GNLU.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 3

Enhancing quality of Online Teaching

Resolution:

The members of the IQAC noted that the Pandemic changed the definition of teaching and learning. They appreciated the efforts made by GNLU and further emphasized to continue online classes combined with the Physical classes. The IQAC emphasized on the maximum use of technology for e-learning as it may be very useful for the students' fraternity.

The Director –GNLU appreciated the faculty members' for effectively adopting the online mode and completed the teaching learning syllabus within the timeline and delivering hassle-free online classes as per the timetable and academic calendar. The adoptive approach and dedication to deliver the duties in the pandemic situation was very well appreciated. At the same time the administrative staff was appreciated for their support and cooperation.

It was resolved that the University will start **gnluonline.ac.in** platform from the next week for faculty and students, as it will enable the faculty members to share

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the reading material to the students. The Faculty members will be given proper training for the smooth implementation.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 4
Online Assessment/Evaluation

Resolution:

The IQAC very well appreciated University's concern to utilize the online resources to its fullest extent. It was further informed that the software was not procured but through Service Level Agreement (SLA). It was informed that on trial basis, the software was appreciable however, there were issues with the service provider, hence, the University may require to award the services to L2 service provider, instead of L1 party.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 5
E- Governance

Resolution:

The IQAC took a note and appreciated the effort to establish the New ERP Solutions initiatives, as it is very useful for any progressing university/institute.

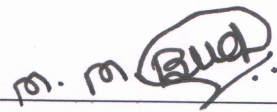
The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Director –GNLU.

Signature of IQAC Director:

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Prof. (Dr.) Shobhalata V. Udupudi

Signature of Member- Secretary, IQAC–GNLU:


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