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5th IQAC Meeting

Tuesday, 09 March 2021 at 1630 hrs.

Virtual Meeting - Cisco Webex platform

Minutes of the Meeting

Prof. (Dr.) Shobhalata V. Udapudi, Professor of Law & IQAC Director welcomed all the members of the IQAC at the 5th IQAC meeting.

The IQAC also took a note of the leave of absence of:

- 1) Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. K. Thakker (Retd.), Supreme Court of India
- 2) Mr. Udayan Vyas, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat
- 3) Ms. Manita Doshi, Partner –CAM & Alumni -GNLU
- 4) Mr. Rohan Lavkumar Shah, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat & Alumni –
GNLU

They expressed their inability to attend the said meeting due to prior commitment.

Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director-GNLU & Chairperson of the IQAC welcomed all the members of the IQAC on behalf of GNLU. He also on behalf of the IQAC welcomed the new member of the IQAC, Col. (Dr.) J. R. Sharma, MD, Stemvove Consulting. He also gave brief introduction of Col. J. R. Sharma to all the member(s) and Special Invitee(s). He opined that Col. J. R. Sharma having a vast experience in the area of accreditation will be definitely be a fruitful partner in GNLU's journey of enhanced quality education and research. It was further added that this is the forum where the quality initiative of the Institute/University can be

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discussed and formulated in real practice, to enhance the quality, in line with the global best practices, or GNLU can setup benchmark for other institute of the country.

The Director-GNLU also welcomed all the Special Invitee(s),

- (i) Dr. Willam Nunes, Associate Professor of Political Science-GNLU.
- (ii) Dr. Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor of Law-GNLU.
- (iii) Mr. Ashwin Madhavan- GNLU Alumni & Co-Founder and CEO, Enhelion Knowledge Ventures.
- (iv) Mr. Sharad Srivastava- Manager Projects, M/s, Global Infoways Pvt. Ltd.

He also appreciated and acknowledged the assistance rendered by Mr. Ashwin Madhavan during the pandemic for online classes without claiming charges for his *alma matter*.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 1

Adoption of the Agenda & Verification of quorum

Resolution:

The IQAC after verification of the quorum, adopted the agenda.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 2

Minutes of the 4th IQAC Meeting held on 29th October 2020

Resolution:

The IQAC took a note of the minutes of the 4th IQAC meeting and action taken report. The IQAC approved the same.

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Dr. William Nunes, Associate Professor of Political Science-GNLU was invited as the Special Invitee to the IQAC to apprise the members of the details of the Agenda Item No. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 3

Amended Guidelines for Academic Support Programme

Resolution:

Dr. Nunes elaborately explained the Academic Support Programme initiated in the Year 2010, the said programme received enormous response from the students. Dr. Nunes informed the IQAC about the functions, modalities, procedure for selection of Senior Students to deploy him for teaching task etc. However, over a period of time it was felt that to encourage more meritorious students to take part in teaching activities, under this programme if they may be incentivized in terms of financial benefit, it may give more qualitative results, as these Sr. Students are incentivized, the sense of responsibility may also be fixed. Accordingly, the guidelines are amended to incorporate the check and balance method. It was suggested by Col. J. R. Sharma, that the Sr. Students who are assigned teaching task, their eligibility criteria may be determined for future purpose(s) for better results and measurement may also be linked. The Students who are having superior result with A or A+ Grade may be selected for this activity. It was also observed by the members that only A or A+ students may not achieve the milestone, a faculty advisory committee should give preference to students who is more committed and able to achieve the results and having expertise in the particular subject.

The amendment in the guidelines in terms of honorarium/compensation was very well appreciated by the IQAC.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 4

Launch of the SRDC ADR Magazine

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Resolution:

Dr. William Nunes briefed the IQAC members that the SRDC Interest group came up with a proposal for SRDC ADR Magazine, with the aim to promote comparative interdisciplinary understanding of the dynamic changes taking place in this field. Dr. Nunes also informed about the published volumes and other volumes which are in process till date. The IQAC also very well appreciated this initiative. It was also suggested to keep records of achievements of Students Research Development Council and its outcome, academic research, publication in Scopus and Web of Sciences by the students', also to implement evaluation of teaching method under this programme to know the outcome and success ratio from this programme may be adopted, feedback may also be consider for betterment of the ASP. It was added by Col. Sharma that we can record their attainments as it would be useful for NIRF, NAAC etc. i.e. hard outcome, certain minutes of meeting, research flourished in measurable terms etc.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 5

Establishment of the GNLU Indian Bio-ethics Project.

Resolution:

Dr. Nunes gave information to the IQAC members about the Indian Bio-Ethics Project. The aim, members of the project, students' members details were shared with the IQAC.

Col. Sharma suggested that the vary name project should be treated as "Center" but it was resolved to continue with **GNLU Indian Bio-ethics Project**. However, the project may progress and mature beyond a project. The IQAC appreciated the initiative.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 6

The GNLU Student Law Review (GNLUSLR)

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Resolution:

Dr. Nunes informed that The GNLU Students Law Review is a students' run Law Review Annual Journal, and quality of the journal is ensured by the Faculty Advisory Committee focused on primary laws, which is open for academicians, and professionals. Col. Sharma suggested that in the editorial board to keep some good alumni who have keen interest with the research work and may be incentivized and recognized with the various mode to encouragement.

The Director –GNLU appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Willim Nunes and his team for his dedication and promptness for accomplishment of task(s) in stipulated timeline. It was further added that Dr. Nunes is an Editor of GNLU Flagship Journal which is amongst the very few law journal included in the UGC care list, which is regular in its publication cycle.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 7

Updates on

- (i) ERP
- (ii) LMS &
- (iii) RemotLog with cloud based technology

Resolution:

- (i) ERP

Mr. Sharad Srviastava, Manager Projects, M/s. Global Info venture Pvt. Ltd. gave a brief presentation on the product and how it would be beneficial to GNLU. The IQAC was very happy to note that GNLU has procured a good ERP for ease and to create more systematic database, reports and e-records.

- (ii) Updates on LMS:

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Mr. Ashwin Madhavan shared the modalities and utility of the LMS for the Teachers. Mr. Madhavan also clarified the certain queries of the members of the IQAC. The IQAC noted the implementation of LMS and its functions for better educational purpose and not more for evaluation.

(iii) Updates on RemotLog with cloud based technology:

Ms. Avani Vyas informed in and out of the RemotLog with Cloud based technology and how it is functioning and useful to the GNLU at large. The IQAC took a note of this quality initiative.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 8

MoUs signed by GNLU

Resolution:

Ms. Harsha Rajwanshi, Assistant Professor of Law, GNLU gave a detailed presentation on the International and National MoU signed by GNLU. It was informed that GNLU has in total 23 MoUs with the International Agencies/Universities. Out of these MoUs not only faculty but students' are benefitted for Students Exchange Programme(s) and Summer School Programme, as per the MoU, the institute partner has also waived tuition fees for GNLU students. The figures of Students Exchange, Faculty Exchange and Summer School Programme was narrated to IQAC members which was very well appreciated.

The Director-GNLU intimated further that the NITI Aayog and DG Shipping, Govt. of India, New Delhi have also forwarded their proposal to sign MoU with the GNLU, which is in pipeline and itself is a kind of remarkable achievements for GNLU. The MoU(s) with Indian Navy, Centre for Trade Law were also briefed to the IQAC.

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Dr. R. K. Singh appreciated the proposals received from NITI Aayog and DG Shipping, Govt. of India, New Delhi for collaboration with GNLU. He, however, raised a concern regarding the institutions/organisations with which GNLU should enter into MoUs, as MoUs speak a lot about the stature of the institution. He opined that collaborations could happen with local institutions in ways other than MoU; and that in future we should be more careful in choosing institutions/organisations with which GNLU should enter into MoUs.

The IQAC expressed their deep sense of satisfaction for efforts made towards internationalization of campus, for which such MoU would be a great advantage for GNLU.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 9
Coursera Campus Plan

Resolution:

Ms. Harsha Rajwanshi informed the members, about the Coursera Campus Plan, which was started in the Month of December 2020. Under this Coursera Campus Plan not only UG, PG Students but GNLU Faculty members can also participate and benefited, GNLU at its other training programmes also emphasized participants to enroll for Coursera Campus Plan courses/certificate course which may be useful to the participant for their professional career advancement.

The IQAC appreciated this initiative.

IQAC Agenda Item No.: 10

Commencement of New PG Diploma Courses

Resolution:

Dr. Udapudi and Dr. Nidhi Buch, Assistant Professor of Law, GNLU explained about the initiation and introduction of PG Diploma courses: i.e.

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- (i) PG Diploma in Biotechnology, Law and Policy &
- (ii) PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights respectively.

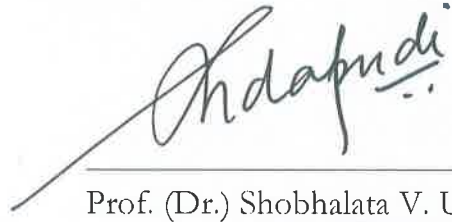
It was also informed that due to pandemic the said courses are running online, however, it was clarified that, it is not an online course(s), physical attendance is compulsory for these course(s). However due to the pandemic, at present the course is conducted online. The Course structure, fees, examination and enrollment details were shared with the members of the IQAC.

The IQAC appreciated and took a note of this initiative and introduction of the two PG Diploma courses: i.e.

- (i) PG Diploma in Biotechnology, Law and Policy &
- (ii) PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights.


The Meeting was concluded with Vote of Thanks by the Chairperson and the IQAC Director.

Signature of IQAC Director:


Prof. (Dr.) Shobhalata V. Udapudi

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Signature of Member- Secretary, IQAC–GNLU:


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