

## JK LakshmiPat University, Jaipur: Academic Council: Minutes: 16.12.2017

Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of JK LakshmiPat University, Jaipur held in the Board Room, JK LakshmiPat University, Jaipur on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 11.00 A.M.

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### Present:

Dr. R. L. Raina	Vice Chancellor, JKLU - In Chair
Prof. I. K. Bhat	Professor, MNNIT, Allahabad
Prof. Amit Bardhan	Professor, Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi.
Prof. Sushil Sharma (Through Video Conferencing)	Associate Dean and Professor Miller College of Business Ball State University, Muncie, USA.
Mr. Satendra Singh	Head: Global Strategy and Development Nokia Solution and Networks, Gurgaon.
Mr. C S Sadasivan	Chief of Marketing, JK Lakshmi Cement, New Delhi.
Mr. M.M.Singh	Executive Advisor, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., Gurgaon
Mr. Bijay Sahoo	Group President – HR Reliance Industries Limited, Mumbai.
Mr. Sanjay Jain	Company Secretary cum G.M. (Accounts) Mahindra World City, Jaipur
Mr. Asheesh Gupta	Pro VC - Development
Dr. Anupam Kumar Singh	Director – IET, JKLU
Dr. Manoj Kumar Bhatia	Associate Dean – IM, JKLU
Dr. S.C. Bhaduri	Professor – IET, JKLU
Dr. Ashwini Sharma	Associate Professor – IM, JKLU

CA. K.K. Maheshwari

Officiating Registrar (Non-Member Secretary)

Mr. Sanjay Singh

Deputy Registrar (Academics and Exams.)  
(Invitee)

1. Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for having spared their valuable time and support. Chairman further requested them for their continued guidance to take the University to the next level.
2. Leave of absence was granted to Prof. G.S.Gupta, Prof. S.K. Koul, Prof. A Sridharan, Prof. Asha Bhandarkar, Mr. C. Vasudevan, Mr. Sunil Duggal, Dr. D. Nagesh Kumar and Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta.
3. Chairman introduced newly inducted members to the Council as Mr. Satendra Singh, Head Global Strategy and Business Development, Nokia Solution and Networks, Gurgaon and Mr. C S Sadasivan, Chief of Marketing, JK Lakshmi Cement, New Delhi and welcomed them.
4. Chairman further introduced Mr. Asheesh Gupta, the newly joined Pro-Vice Chancellor (Development), JKLU, to the members.
5. Chairman also informed the members about Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha, as newly inducted BoM member.
6. Chairman briefed the Council about the formation of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) (of seasoned academics) to ensure that the University's programmes and curricula are contemporary and future-ready. AAB members will extend support on curriculum design, revision, delivery, etc.

Members of the AAB are as under:

- Dr. Dheeraj Sanghi, Professor of Computer Science, IIT, Kanpur and Former Director of LNMIIT, Jaipur.
  - Dr. Prabhu Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor, O P Jindal University, Raigarh (Chhattisgarh), Former Professor of Management and Asst. Dean, William & Mary University, Virginia.
  - Dr. Vijay Kumar, Dean, Penn Engineering and Professor, University of Pennsylvania, USA.
  - Dr. Rohit Verma, Dean, External Relations and Professor at Cornell SC Johnson School of Business, Cornell University, USA.
7. Action Taken Report based on the Minutes of the last Academic Council Meeting held on August 19, 2017 was reviewed and approved.
  8. Chairman briefed about the recent activities of the University including the following:

- JKLU Laurate Award - 2017 conferred upon Global Management Guru Prof. Ram Charan on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- Founder's Day Function held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017. Chief Guest was Sh. Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Government of Rajasthan.
- Timely application submission for Atal Incubation Centre.
- Time online data submission for NIRF.
- Efforts for getting approval u/s 35(1)(ii) of Income Tax Act, 1961.

9. On a query, Chairman briefed the Council about the progress on **SHODH-AMRIT - JKLU Journal of Engineering & Management**, a bi-annual peer-reviewed and refereed journal of the University. **SHODH-AMRIT** aims to provide an essence of research to bridge the gap between theory and practice. The journal provides a platform to academia, practitioners and thought leaders in the domains of Engineering and Management to share their research findings with the larger community.

Chairman further informed that the manuscript for the inaugural issue of the Journal was complete and being processed for printing. He also shared that following prominent academics had agreed to be on the Editorial Advisory Board of the journal:

- Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Koul,  
Professor & Deputy Director (Strategy & Planning),  
IIT Delhi, New Delhi.
- Prof. (Dr.) Prabhu Aggarwal,  
Vice Chancellor, O P Jindal University, Raigarh (Chhattisgarh).
- Prof. (Dr.) Ben Baliga,  
Graduate Director, Engineering & Management,  
St. Cloud State University, USA.
- Prof. (Dr.) Sushil Sharma,  
Associate Dean, Miller College of Business, USA
- Prof. (Dr.) M. C. Govil,  
Director, NIT Sikkim, Ravangla, South Sikkim.
- Prof. (Dr.) Shailendra Singh,  
Director, IIM Ranchi, Ranchi.
- Prof. (Dr.) Nidul Sinha,  
Professor, Electrical Engineering, NIT, Silchar, Assam.
- Prof. (Dr.) Allan Struthers,  
Professor, Mathematical Sciences,  
Michigan Technological University, USA

10. **Centre for Communication and Critical Thinking:**

Chairman briefed the Council about the Inauguration of "*Centre for Communication and Critical Thinking (CCCT)*", dedicated to developing Effective Communication and Critical Thinking skill-sets and competencies in the students of the University. The University is making a break from the traditional approaches followed at most Universities in India and is adopting best practices from Ivy League and top Universities in the world by bringing into the curriculum those competencies and courses which contribute to professional success universally. CCCT will offer courses to JKLU students across all years of graduate and undergraduate study as well as faculty (internal as well as external as FDPs/MDPs). The Center is an important step and one of the several innovations in our move to a contemporary and outcome focused curriculum at JKLU. Higher education is transforming around the world and we are working to leapfrog and adopt world-class approaches that offer students not only what is best in India but best in the world.

11. Chairman informed the Council about the status on the International Conference on "Green, Growth, Globalization, Governance and GST - 5G", scheduled during February 2 - 4, 2018 and invited the members to participate in the Conference and given the event wide publicity in their circles.

12. **Research Presentations:**

Presentations were made by HoD: Electrical Engineering, IET (Dr. Pushpendra Singh) and Programme Chair: MBA, IM (Dr. Ashwini Sharma) on research initiatives of faculty members in their respective departments / programmes / institutes.

Research agenda of IM had missed out on "Operation Research".

13. **Strategic Directions:**

Pro-Vice Chancellor (Development) briefed the Council about the future interventions in academics and administration in the University, as summarized under:

JKLU has articulated a vision which is aimed to create a distinctive position and recognizes our strengths/ starting point. Our aspiration is for JKLU to be recognized as onben of the most innovative higher education institutions in the country. Academically, this means that we contemporize our curriculum, drawing and building from not only the best in India but best in the world. At the core of our programs, we have major themes which are fundamentally changing the work and business will be done in the future: these include Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Automation, IOT and Design Thinking. We also incorporate a strong layer of building competencies which are crucial to success as a professional namely Critical Thinking, Effective Communication and Problem Solving. We ensure that our students across schools and programs have the flexibility and choice to take courses that give them a broader perspective, which also echoes the recommendation of other council members

to move towards a more choice based credit system. In order to do this, we will need to bring in good faculty, creating the right environment for them and also supplement teaching with using technology more effectively.

**14. Courses in IET:**

The courses on Critical Thinking (1-credit) and "Design Thinking" (2-credits) proposed from upcoming semester for B.Tech IInd Semester (common to all branches) in lieu of the current course "Professional Communicational Skill" (3-credit) were approved.

**15. Courses in IM:**

**The Council approved the following Courses:**

MBA 2016-18: Campus to Corporate (C2C)-LS11, Capstone Project-GN39, Business Round Table-GN38 (in lieu of Business Ethics, Corporate Governance & CSR, Business Etiquettes, Comprehensive Viva-II)

MBA 2017-19: Business Analytics-IT08, Managing Self-HR18, Business Round Table-GN38 (in lieu of Management Information System, Integration (Case, Analysis & Presentation), Comprehensive Viva-I).

**16. Suggestions from Members:**

To explore the certification and collaboration with Automotive Skill Development Corporation (ASDC), New Delhi.

Increased emphasis on 'Social Science' and 'Humanities' subjects under Choice Based Credit System for the students.

Incentives, other than monetary, to the faculty to motivate them for research.

Induction of faculty from Industry, based on their competencies and expertise. Ph.D. requirement need not be a constraint to appoint faculty from industry.

17. Next meeting of the Council was scheduled for May 26, 2018 (Saturday).

18. Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



**Vice Chancellor**

