

**NALSAR
UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

In compliance with the directions of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in PIL No.106 of 2013 and the Orders of the Hon'ble High Court dated 30.4.2013, the University organized the meeting to consider the short term and long term measures to reduce student stress.

The following were present:

1. Shri Ajay Misha, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government
2. Dr. G. Srinivas, Joint Secretary, UGC
3. Prof. C. Beena, Coordinator, Sahayam, Osmania University
4. Prof. B. Raja Shekhar, Professor of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad
5. Prof. Harish K. Vijra, Proctor, EFLU, Hyderabad
6. Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR
7. Prof. Amita Dhanda, Professor of Law (Special Invitee), NALSAR
8. Ms. Vasudha Nagraj, Secunderabad
9. Shri Rama Shankar Naik, IAS, Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education

Prof. Faizan Mustafa chaired the meeting.

The committee unanimously resolved the following:

'A' Short term measures:

1. UGC Task Force on suicides should be constituted by the University Grants Commission. The task force should be comparable to anti-ragging committee to monitor the academic and emotional distress.
2. Each instance of the suicide should be investigated by an internal committee constituted by the university with adequate representation from SC, ST, OBC and minority communities.
3. In all cases of student's detention or expulsion the disciplinary committee of the university should refer this matter to the Student Grievance Committee before taking a decision on detention or expulsion.

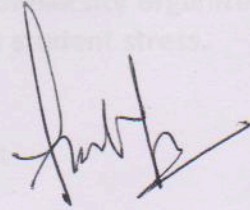
4. To hear appeals against the decision of Student Grievance Committee and also other complaints against the university, the university should put in place University Ombudsmen in accordance with Government of India G.O. No.12 dated March 23, 2013.
5. Since in big universities, the Academic Grievance Committee would not be able to deliver the desired result, the universities may be directed to constitute Academic Grievance Committee at the department level.
6. All universities in the State should put in place preparatory courses, bridge courses, (including peer learning system wherever possible) to support S.C. , S.T., OBC students, students with disabilities, first generation learners and economically backward students.
7. In addition to counselors to be appointed by the university, universities should also explore the possibility of using Restorative Justice techniques which have been successfully used by the NALSAR University of Law.
8. NALSAR should set up the Restorative Justice Centre which would also extend help to other Universities who desire such help and the University Grants Commission would give the necessary financial support to NALSAR for such a Centre.
9. The universities shall ensure that all courses are completed in accordance with the academic schedule of the individual universities and results are declared on time particularly the result of supplementary examinations.
10. The universities must take immediate steps to implement UGC Regulation on Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions, 2012 to ensure equality of opportunity and non-discrimination on university campuses.

'B' Long Term:

1. NALSAR in collaboration with Council for Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh shall organize a workshop to make a comparative study of Examination Rules of all the universities in the city of Hyderabad to explore the possibility of reducing the academic stress.
2. The universities should endeavor to put in place the systematic system of getting students' feedback on the quality of teaching, student services, and institutional infrastructure.

3. All committees constituted by the universities should preferably have external members from the SC, ST, OBC and minority communities.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



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