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The Registrar,
Fatima Jinnah Women University,
The Mall,
Rawalpindi.

Sub: Grant of permanent Recognition to Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi and its LL.B. degree in terms of Sections 13(1)(k) and 26(c)(ii) of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973.

Madam,

Please refer to application of your University, on the above cited subject.

I am directed to inform you that Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council, in its meeting held on 26-07-2024, considered the above matter, in presence of representatives of your University, the decision so taken by the Committee is reproduced hereunder for your kind information, compliance and necessary action please.

"Ms. Naseem Akhtar, Additional Registrar and Ms. Zahish Farid Khan, Incharge Department of Law, were present to represent the applicant University.

The Chair apprised that the Committee in its meeting held on 08-09-2023, while considering the matter of Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi seeking permanent recognition of its LL.B. programme, nominated Mr. Haroon-ur-Rashid, learned Member, Pakistan Bar Council to please undertake visit of the Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi and conduct its inspection to ascertain about infrastructure, physical facilities, Law Faculty (permanent and visiting) their qualification, number of students admitted in LL.B. programme as well as Library and Computer Lab etc. as per the "PBC Legal Education Rules, 2015".

He further apprised the Committee that Mr. Haroon-ur-Rashid, learned Member, visited the University on 08-05-2024 and submitted inspection report, wherein it is mentioned that University has shifted its law department at Chakri Rawalpindi and has total 960 students of six departments there and current law students are 193. The Chakri campus of University consists on 2 Blocks, each has 3 Floors with 14 rooms. Out of total 28 rooms, 10 class rooms allocated for law department each one has 50 students sitting capacity. Beside that it has Moot Court Room, Law Library and Computer Lab with 30 computers etc. A Separate Law Library is also available consisting worth of Law Books of Rs. 19 Lac including Law Journals from 2010 upto date and University allocates annual budget for law books of Rs.150,000/-. There are only three permanent Faculty Member including Ms. Zahish Farid Khan, Lecturer and Incharge department of law, who did LL.M. in 2019 and LL.B. in 2016 having total 8 years experience, out of these 3, one is on study leave, so there left only 2 permanent Faculty Members including HOD. The University conducts five days classes in a week by following time table of law classes i.e. Tuesday and Friday are being held at main campus and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at Chakri Campus.

During inspection, the learned Member found many deficiencies and reported that there are only five buses for transport facility to students from main campus to Chakri campus for more than 900 students, which do not cater their need, HOD law does not have requisite experience; therefore, new appointment having requisite experience should be made, lack of requisite number of permanent Law Faculty Members, the offices of HOD and Law Faculty Members are not proper, as per status/stature of their posts, since no separate staff room for law faculty exists, no class room exclusively for law classes is allocated but sharing basis class rooms are used, the Moot Court Room needs to be improved, no separate Computer Lab for department of Law exists, lack of proper internet facility, no separate register

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is maintained for record of law books, in 2nd Semester number of students are 56 but chairs available in class room are less than the number of students of class, serious electricity and Light issues exists in campus, the University has not maintained proper Cafeteria and no first aid facility is provided to students, separate law Library is not established, for better security system CCTV cameras are required to be installed, cleanliness problems; and drinking water facility is not available.

The Committee recalled that the applicant University had started legal education since 2016 with sub-standard Faculty, without recognition from the Pakistan Bar Council, on the basis of its Charter, which allows them to establish a Law Faculty and it applied lately for recognition, thereafter the Committee in its meeting held on 08-10-2020, on request of applicant University and in view of it being the public sector and women University and also keeping in mind future of the female students, condoned delay and recommended for one year provisional recognition.

The Committee asked regarding shifting of Law Department from the main campus to Chakri campus, why it is done in violation of undertaking submitted by the Univeristy. The representatives of the University informed that in PC-1 of 2016 & when law department was initiated, it was decided from initiation that six departments including Faculty of Law will move from main campus to Chakri Campus. They further informed that at the time of inspection, the University was shifting its law department from main to Chakri Campus and now Moot Room has been established and University is making efforts to make improvements with regard to infrastructure and Law Faculty as earlier Law Faculty could not be appointed due to ban of Government on appointments, however, Faculty will be appointed as soon as the Higher Education Department will allow it.

The Committee considered the matter thoroughly and expressed its dismay and serious concerns on the blatant violation of Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council by the University and its own undertaking since it unilaterly decided to shift Law Department from main Campus to Chakri Campus, lack of permanent and visiting Faculty Members including HOD Law, who does not have requisite experience as well as infrastructure and allied facilities, which do not meet the minimum criteria of the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules.

Therefore, it was decided to impose complete ban on new admissions in LL.B. programme of the Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, untill and unless it shifts back its Law Department from Chakri Campus to Main Campus, appoint qualified and experienced law faculty including HOD and fullfil all other deficiencies pointed out in inspection report, the University will not grant admissions in the LL.B. programme. However, if it fulfill all requirements fortnightly and intimate this Council, then its re-inspection may be conducted and matter may be considered early. Adjourned Accordingly."

It will be appreciated if deficiencies are fulfilled and improvements are made fortnightly and intimated this office, then the matter may be considered again at an early date.

Regards,


(Gulzar Ahmad)
Secretary