

**12th Meeting of Executive Council
Himachal Pradesh National Law University,
Shimla**

**Minutes of the Meeting
December 10, 2021**

The 12th Meeting of the Executive Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on December 10, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. The Meeting was presided by Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU Shimla.

The following members were present:

1.	Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Ranbir Singh, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi. (Joined through online Mode)	Member
3.	Prof. Parmjit Singh Jaswal, Former Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala	Member
4.	Prof. Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.	Member
5.	Sh. Ajay Kochhar, Chairman, Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh. (Joined through online Mode)	Member
6.	Professor Ajay Ranga, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla	Member
7.	Dr. Ruchi Sapahia, Associate Professor, HPNLU	Member
	Prof. S.S. Jaswal, Registrar, H.P. National Law University, Shimla	Member

Note: Following hon'ble members could not attend the meeting:

1. Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. LR-Cum-Secretary (Law) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. Secretary (Higher Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
5. Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
6. Sh. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General of Himachal Pradesh.
7. Professor Makarand R. Paranjape, Director, IAS, Shimla

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 11 th Meeting of the Executive Council held on September 18 th 2021.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
<p>The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes of the 11th Meeting of Executive Council along with the 'Action Taken Report' before the members of the Executive Council.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor explained the details of minutes of last meeting, and presented the 'Action Taken Report' and explained the Action Taken Report and Proceedings.</p> <p>The Esteemed Members deliberated the representation received from Dr. Ruchi Sapahia in relation to correction in the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 18th September, 2021.</p> <p>With respect to representation of the Dr. Ruchi Sapahia, the members opined that it's within the purview of the relevant rules and powers of the Selection Committee that it can grant advance increments/incentives to a candidate being selected.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Member, Professor Ranbir Singh, emphatically stated that if any one has any grievance against any decision of the Council he or she is free go to the Court.</p>	<p>After brief deliberation over the minutes along with the Action Taken Report, the same were confirmed. With respect to dissent given by Dr. Ruchi Sapahia, Member of the Executive Council, the Council unanimously reaffirmed that the council stand by its decision taken in the previous meeting held on 18th September, 2021. The Executive Council further unanimously decided that if any member of the Council has different opinion on any item or agenda he or she must express the dissent/opinion in the meeting and during the deliberation itself.</p>

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Item No. 2	To confirm the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Academic Council scheduled to be held on December, 10 2021	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes of the 11 th Meeting of Academic Council before the members of the Executive Council.	The Vice-Chancellor explained detailed Agenda Items considered and approved by the Academic Council in its 11 th Meeting. The Members of the Executive Council examined the agenda and deliberated the same.	The Executive Council unanimously approved the Agenda Item.
Item No. 3	To confirm the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled to be held on December, 10 2021.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes of the 9 th Meeting of Finance Committee before the members of the Executive Council.	The Executive Council deliberated the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting thoroughly.	The Executive Council unanimously approved the Agenda Item.

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Item No. 4	To amend Rule 2 of CHAPTER I of PART-II (Rules for Non-Teaching Employee) of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Executive and Service Regulations, 2020.		
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved	
<p>The Vice-Chancellor placed the Agenda item before the Finance Committee and proposed to amend Rule 2 of CHAPTER I of PART-II (Rules for Non-Teaching Employee), of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Executive and Service Regulations.</p>	<p>The Executive Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.</p>	<p>The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposed amendment in Rule 2 of CHAPTER I of PART-II (Rules for Non-Teaching Employee) of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Executive and Service Regulations, 2020 as proposed.</p> <p>Rule: 2 Composition of the Selection Committee: Appointments are to be made on the recommendations of the following Selection Committees:</p> <p>1.1 Selection Committee for Group 'A' Officers shall consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson) The Registrar One Professor of the University nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. One External Expert* <p>Note: * In case of appointment of Finance Officer/ Assistant Registrar Accounts, he or she should have good knowledge and experience in the field of financial/accounts. In case of appointment of other Group A officers, he/she should have good</p>	

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		<p>administrative experience.</p> <p>v. One Member of Executive Council nominated by the Executive Council or by the Vice-Chancellor with the approval of the Executive Council.</p> <p>1.1 Selection Committee for Group B, C and D Employee shall consist of</p> <p>i. The Registrar</p> <p>ii. The Finance Officer</p> <p>iii. Two nominees of the Vice-Chancellor not below the rank of the Assistant Professor/Assistant Registrar. (External or Internal)</p>
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REPORTING ITEM

Item No. 1	To consider and approve, the ex-post facto, approval for the permission given by the University to Professor Ajay Ranga to work from home for the period of 16th October, to 30th October, 2021 on health and environmental issues.
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Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor informed the members about the Reporting Item that Professor Ajay Ranga's had requested for permission to work from home for the period of 16 th October, to 30 th October, 2021 on health and environmental issues. The University had permitted the same. This item is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Council for ex-post-facto approval.	The Executive Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.	The Executive Council unanimously approved the Agenda Item.

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Item No. 5	Any other item with the permission of Chair.
<p>One of the Hon'ble Members informed the Council that the flagship print Law Journal, "Shimla Law Review", published by the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, has got listed in the UGC care list.</p> <p>All members unanimously appreciated the academic achievement. The council congratulated the Chief Editor, Editorial Advisory Board, the editor and Editorial Team. The hard work of students editors were also appreciated by the council. The Council observed that the appreciation should be communicated to the Editorial Teams and Students Editors appropriately by the University.</p>	
<p>The Vice-Chancellor informed the Esteemed Members of the Council that the Department of Justice, Government of India, has given a major project to the University titled, <i>"Role of Pro-Bono Lawyering in Ensuring Access to Justice: A Study with Special Reference to State of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Union Territory of Chandigarh and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir" under Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms</i>" The Department of Justice, Government of India has sanctioned an aggregate sum of Rs. 14,00,000 /- to the University to complete the Project.</p> <p>All Esteemed Members of the Council present in the meeting appreciated and congratulated the University.</p>	

CURRENT AGENDA

Item No.	To consider and approve the proposed amendment in the Rules No. 1 to 4 of Chapter-IV, of Part-I of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Executive and Service Regulations 2020.	
1	Agenda Note	Discussion
	The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the Composition of the Selection Committee for	<p>The Executive Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.</p> <p>1. Composition of the Selection Committee for Assistant Professor in the University: The Selection Committee for the post of Assistant Professor in the University shall consist of the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Vice-Chancellor or his/her nominee, who has at least ten years' experience as Professor, shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. b. An academicians not below the rank of Professor to be nominated by the



<p>the selection to various teaching posts are given in Rules No. 1 to 4 of Chapter-IV, of Part-I of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Executive and Service Regulations 2020. It is proposed that in line with the other National Law Universities in the country, the said rules needs to be amended.</p>		<p>Chancellor of the University.</p> <p>c. A Professor of Law of the University.</p> <p>d. Three experts in the subject concerned nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst a panel of names recommended by the Academic Council.</p> <p>e. An academician representing SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Women/ Differently-abled categories to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, if any of the candidates from any of these categories is an applicant and if any of the above members of the selection committee does not belong to that category.</p> <p>f. Four members, including two outside subject experts, shall constitute the quorum.</p>
		<p>2. Composition of the Selection Committee for Associate Professor in the University: The Selection Committee for the post of Associate Professor in the University shall consist of the following persons:</p> <p>a. The Vice-Chancellor or his/her nominee, who has at least ten years' experience as Professor, shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.</p> <p>b. An academician not below the rank of Professor to be nominated by the Chancellor of the University.</p> <p>c. Three experts in the subject/field concerned to</p>

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		<p>be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel of names approved by the Academic Council of the University.</p> <p>d. A Professor of Law of the University</p> <p>e. An academician representing SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Women /Differently-abled categories, if any of candidates belonging to any of these categories is the applicant, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, if any of the above members of the selection committee does not belong to that category.</p> <p>f. At least four members, including two outside subject experts, shall constitute the quorum</p>
		<p>4 Composition of Selection Committee for Professor in the University: The Selection Committee for the post of Professor in the University shall consist of the following persons:</p> <p>a. The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.</p> <p>b. An academician not below the rank of Professor to be nominated by the Chancellor of the University.</p> <p>c. Three experts in the subject/field concerned to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel of names approved by the Academic Council of the University.</p> <p>d. [deleted].</p> <p>e. An academician belonging to the SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Women/Differently-abled categories, if any of the candidates representing these categories is the applicant, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, if any of the above members of the selection committee does not belong to</p>

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		<p>that category.</p> <p>f. At least four members, including two outside subject experts, shall constitute the quorum.</p>
		<p>4. Composition of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for CAS: The Screening- cum-Evaluation Committee for Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) (Assistant Professor/Assistant Librarian from level 10 to 11 and to 12) on verification/evaluation of grades secured by the candidate through the Assessment Criteria and Methodology Proforma, shall consist of following persons:</p> <p>a. The Vice-Chancellor or the nominee of the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the chairperson of the committee,</p> <p>b. A Professor of Law of the University,</p> <p>c. One Subject Expert in the subject concerned nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from a panel of experts approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council.</p>

Item No. 2	To consider and approve the appointment of Computer Technician.		
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved	
The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the two posts of Computer Technician were advertised by the University. The Selection Committee conducted interview	The Executive Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.	The Executive Council unanimously approved the agenda item.	

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of the shortlisted candidate on 24 th November, 2021. The recommendation of the selection committee for appointment are placed before the Council for approval.		
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Item No. 3	To consider and approve the appointments to the Following Teaching Posts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assistant Professor of Law (Regular), 03 UR Posts & 01 EWS Post. 2. Assistant Professor of Law (Regular), 01 SC Category Post 3. Assistant Professor of Law (Contractual), 02 UR Posts 4. Research Associate Law (Contractual) 02 UR Posts 	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the Selection to these above-mentioned posts were done by the Selection Committee during 7-9 December, 2021. The results of the selection process were prepared and sealed by the Selection Committee in four separate envelopes. The sealed envelopes are to be presented before the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University for approval.	The Executive Council deliberated the matter thoroughly.	Hon'ble Members of the Executive Council considered the Item and recommendations of the duly appointed Selection Committee for the selection of Teaching and Research Associate Posts and after due deliberation, approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to place the same before the Hon'ble Chancellor for

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		consideration and necessary approvals.
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Professor Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting by thanking all the esteemed members for sparing their precious time and making fruitful contributions.


Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh
(Former Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi)



Prof. (Dr.) P.S. Jaswal
(Former Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL)



Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar
(Vice-Chancellor, MNLU, Nagpur)


Sh. Ajay Kochhar
(Chairman, Bar Council of H.P)


Dr. Ruchi Sapahia
(HPNLU, Shimla)


Prof. Ajay Ranga
(HPNLU, Shimla)


Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal
(Registrar, HPNLU)


Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal
(Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU)