

9th Finance Committee Meeting Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla

Minutes of the Meeting December 10, 2021

The 9th Meeting of the Finance Committee, HPNLU Shimla was held on December 10, 2021 at 11:00 A.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.	Sh. Ajay Kochhar, Chairman Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh (Joined through online mode)	Member
	Prof. S.S. Jaswal, Registrar, H.P. National Law University, Shimla	Secretary

Note: -

- 1. The Secretary (Finance) to Government of Himachal Pradesh could not attend the Meeting**
- 2. The Hon'ble Member, LR-Cum Secretary (Law) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh could not attend the meeting.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 8th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on December, 10 2021.		
Agenda Note		Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes and action taken report of the 8 th Meeting of Finance Committee before the members of the Finance Committee.		The Vice-Chancellor explained the details of the minutes of last meeting, and presented the Action Taken Report.	After brief deliberation over the minutes along with the Action Taken Report, the same were confirmed.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve the fixation of salary of Professor S.S. Jaswal.		
Agenda Note		Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the Finance Committee the agenda item for fixation of salary of Professor S.S. Jaswal.		The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Professor Jaswal's case was referred by Finance Committee to the Executive Council in its last meetings held on 18 th September, 2021. The Executive Council further referred it to Hon'ble Chancellor. When the matter was placed before the Hon'ble Chancellor, His Lordship directed that the Finance Committee and Executive Council must make specific recommendations before the matter is placed before him. Thus, the matter is submitted for the consideration and recommendations of the esteemed members.	The Finance Committee unanimously recommended for the protection of last pay drawn by Professor Jaswal and accordingly the agenda item was recommended to the Executive Council.

Item No. 3	To consider and approve the proposed changes in part IX of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Financial Regulation 2020 regarding online purchase of goods and things in certain circumstances.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor placed the agenda item before the Finance Committee proposed changes in part IX of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Financial Regulation 2020 regarding online purchase of goods and things in certain circumstances.	The Vice-Chancellor apprised the member about the difficulty which arises when certain items/goods required by the University are not available in the market. Sometimes, some items are available at cheaper rates with more variety online. Rule 2 (iv) of Part IX of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Financial Regulation 2020 provide for purchase of any item/good especially books'. In order to make specific provision (Rule 2A) for purchase of items/goods other than books up to the cost of Rs. 50,000/- is proposed for the consideration and approval of the esteemed members.	The Finance Committee unanimously approved the inclusion of Rule 2A in the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Financial Regulation 2020 The members recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. 4	To consider and approve the revision of payment of sitting fee/honorarium for attending different meetings of the University.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the Finance Committee to consider and	The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that in most of the NLUS,	The members unanimously approved the sitting fee/honorarium as under:

approve the revision of payment of sitting fee/honorarium for attending different meetings of the University.

sitting fee/honorarium is Rs. 5,000/- per sitting. Keeping in view the status of the esteemed members of different committees, the revision in payment is proposed for the consideration and approval of the esteemed members of the Finance Committee. The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve it.

To Professors, Vice-Chancellors or any other equivalent post

Existing Rate of Honorarium

Proposed Rate of Honorarium

• ₹ 3000 per sitting/minute or maximum Rs. 6000 per day plus TA/DA as per Rules.

• ₹ 5000 per sitting/minute or maximum ₹ 10,000 per day plus TA/DA as per Rules.

To Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, or any other equivalent post

Existing Rate of Honorarium

Proposed Rate of Honorarium

₹ 3000/- per sitting/minute or maximum ₹ 6000/- per day plus TA/DA as per Rules.

The members recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. 5	To consider and approve the charging of fee from students for issuance of confidential results.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the agenda item before the Finance Committee that the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Academic Regulations 2019, does not prescribe payment of fee for confidential results.	<p>The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Finance Committee that a fee of Rs. 1000/- may kindly be approved to be charged for each confidential result issued by the Examination branch of the University.</p> <p>The members deliberated upon the matter thoroughly and resolved to approve it.</p>	The Finance Committee unanimously approved the proposal and recommended it to the Executive Council for further approval.

REPORTING ITEM

Item No. 1	To consider and approve fee waiver and refund of fee to students of different batches during COVID-19 pandemic period and consequent closure of the University for students.	
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
The Vice-Chancellor placed before the Finance Committee the reporting item.	The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that since April 2020, the University is running all courses online. During this period, the traveler facility for local students (Shimla to Ghandal) had not been availed by these students. The University also did not incur rental charges for the traveler. It is also informed that though the University is a residential institution, in view of the non-availability	The Finance Committee unanimously approved the Reporting Item and recommended the same to the Executive Council for further approval.

of its own hostels, the University in 2016 had allowed local student to opt for staying at their parental home and travel to the University from home. Secondly, with respect to other students who were staying in hostels has been given concession from the said amount resulting from vacation of three private hostels. Thirdly, the students admitted in UG and PG Courses in the Academic Session 2020-21 were not provided hostel facilities.

Therefore, the University has waived, refunded or extended concession in fee proportionately to students falling under above three categories. A detailed report of the same, prepared by Finance Officer of the University is attached herewith. It is also to informed to the esteemed members that in view of the hardship caused by COVID-19 pandemic, the University has not imposed annual increment of Rs. 5000/- in fee for UG and PG courses for the Academic Session 2020-21 and 2021-22

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter


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Item No. 6	Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
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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


Sh. Ajay Kochhar


Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Jaswal


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