

Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla



**Minutes
of
The 2nd Meeting of the Governing Council
Held on
20th December, 2019**



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA
(Established Under the Himachal Act No. 16 of 2016)

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Governing Council of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla held on December 20, 2019 at 4.30 pm in the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Narayana Swamy, Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal Pradesh and Hon'ble Chancellor of this University.

The following members were present:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, L. Narayana Swamy, Chief Justice, High Court of Himachal Pradesh & Hon'ble Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla
 2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Tarlok Singh Chauhan, Judge, High Court of Himachal Pradesh.
 3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Chander Bhusan Barowalia, Judge, High Court of Himachal Pradesh.
 4. Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh.
 5. Sh. Vipin Singh Parmar, Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare Minister, Himachal Pradesh.
 6. Sh. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General, Himachal Pradesh.
 7. Prof. Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla
 8. Prof. Virendra Kumar, Former Director, Judicial Academy Chandigarh.
 9. Prof. R.D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Noida International University.
 10. Prof. Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi.
 11. Prof. Sikander Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, HPU, Shimla.
 12. Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry.
- Prof. S.S. Jaswal, Registrar, HPNLU, Shimla

Item No.	Agenda and Note
1.	<p data-bbox="427 271 1342 344">To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Governing Council held on December 31, 2019.</p> <p data-bbox="427 398 1433 640">The Vice-Chancellor read out the Agenda Item No.1 to the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council and explained that the 1st meeting of Governing Council was convened on December 31, 2016, but as per office record, no Minutes of the above said Meeting were prepared and signed. Registrar explained that since Minutes are not circulated and signed, therefore, it is not part of the Office Record.</p> <p data-bbox="427 692 555 723">Decision:</p> <p data-bbox="580 734 1433 936">Taking note of the fact that no minutes of the first meeting of the Governing Council was prepared, the Hon'ble Members considered this meeting as the first meeting of the Governing Council of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla</p>
2.	<p data-bbox="427 987 1422 1149">To consider Himachal Pradesh National Law University Budget Estimate for the Financial Year 2019-20 as approved and recommended by Finance Committee and the Executive Council in its meeting held on October 23, 2019.</p> <p data-bbox="427 1202 1433 1863">The Vice-Chancellor read out the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Budget Estimate for the financial year 2019-2020 as approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Council in their respective meetings held on 23rd October, 2019. On the enquiry of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chander Bhusan Barowalia regarding the deficit in the budget, the Vice-Chancellor informed that due to the fact that no grant was given by the State Government, the University has dealt with the issue of deficit by not making appointments in different Centres of the University, and despite the urgent need no buses have been purchased. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Tarlok Singh Chauhan advised to hire buses on outsource basis. A thoughtful deliberation took place on this issue and the worthy members resolved that the hiring of buses will be a costly affair. All the worthy members of the Governing Council unanimously agreed that the buses were the urgent need for the University as these are required for taking students to and from the hostels, for the outing of all the students twice in a month and their participation in other programmes like legal awareness programme. The Vice-Chancellor</p>

	<p>informed the Hon'ble Members that on the initiative of the Hon'ble Chancellor Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Narayana Swamy the University has sent a proposal to SJVN Ltd. for providing three buses under the mandate of Corporate Social Responsibility.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor informed the Hon'ble Members that University had not prepared any budget estimate and balance sheet for the financial year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19. Therefore, the University could not produce the balance sheet for the previous year before the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council unanimously resolved to approve and pass the Himachal Pradesh National Law University budget estimates for the Financial Year 2019-2020 as recommended and approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Council at their respective meetings held on 23rd October, 2019.</p>
3.	<p>Perusal and approval of the Annual Report (Academic Session 2018-19) of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla. [Annexure-III]</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor read out that Himachal Pradesh National Law University has been functioning since September, 2016, now it is in the fourth academic session. In terms of section 14(3) of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Act 2016 (16 of 2016) Annual Report for the Academic Session 2018-2019 has been placed before the Governing Council.</p> <p>Annual Reports includes:</p> <p>Part-I: Report on the Working of the University. This part of the Report is suitably divided into 03 Sections i.e.</p> <p>Section A- Academic Works</p> <p>Section B- Administrative Works</p> <p>Section C- Pending Works</p> <p>Part-II: Statement of Receipt and Expenditure and Balance Sheet (Audited for the Financial year 2017-18);</p> <p>Part-III: Financial Estimate of the University for the Financial Year 2019-20.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the unstinted support and efforts of the Hon'ble Chancellor as well as the role of SJVN Ltd. She informed the Members that the Himachal Pradesh National Law University has entered into MOU with the SJVN Ltd. The SJVN Ltd. will provide financial support of Rs. 10.80 Crore for the construction of a Block and Mess Block.</p>



	<p>The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Hon'ble Members regarding pending construction. She also informed that on the initiative of the Hon'ble Chancellor, the University has approached to National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, KOLDAM (NTPC) and University is in the process of having discussion with Ambuja, ACC and other available agencies.</p> <p>The worthy members of the Governing Council suggested that the University in coordination with the Advocate General should approach Industrial Department to the Government of Himachal Pradesh to find out the other agencies that can be approached for Corporate Social Responsibility.</p> <p>On the issue of grant to the University, the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council suggested for coordination between the University and the Ministers of the State. It was assured by the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education & Law, Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj that Government shall make budgetary provision for the University in the Annual Budget of the State of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>Professor Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law Delhi, suggested that for establishment of National Law University, there is a need of adequate regular state funding at least for the first 10 years. The Advocate General of the State stated that construction of the University is the liability of the State Government.</p> <p>Prof. Ranbir Singh also stated that in the University system, the representatives of the Government of Himachal Pradesh also participate as members of Statutory Bodies. These include The Chief Secretary, Secretary, (Finance), Secretary, (Higher Education), LR-Cum Secretary (Law), Secretary (Home), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The Hon'ble Members of the Council perused the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Annual Report for the Academic Session 2018-2019 and unanimously approved the same. The Hon'ble Members also unanimously appreciated the University and its Faculty Members for doing good work.</p>
4.	<p>Information regarding Infrastructure Development of the University.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor informed all the worthy members of the Governing Council that the University shifted to its own campus on June 28, 2019. The Administrative Block is already completed but certain modifications are being made. So far as the Academic Block is concerned, the classes have already started in the partially constructed block and necessary</p>

modifications, as required, are being made. The Members were also apprised that University's Hostel block for Girls and Mess Block is under construction and that the University has signed MOU with SJVN Ltd. for construction of another Hostel for which financial assistance of Rs. 10.80 Crore has been assured by SJVN Ltd.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Tarlok Singh Chauhan, suggested that University should fix its priority for construction. The copy of the same should be provided to Hon'ble Minister for Law and Education as well as Hon'ble Minister for Health to the Government of Himachal Pradesh since they are the Members of the Governing Council of the University.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council unanimously resolved that it was the responsibility of the State Government to provide grant for infrastructural development of the University. The Hon'ble Members also unanimously appreciate the efforts of the Hon'ble Chancellor Hon'ble Mr. Justice, L. Narayana Swamy and the Vice-Chancellor for making efforts to get financial support for the construction of University Blocks from different agencies under the mandate of Corporate Social Responsibility.

5.

To consider the Letter received from National Commission for Backward Classes.

The Vice-Chancellor read out the letter received from National Commission for Backward Classes, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, regarding making reservation for OBC/BC Category. The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the National Commission for Backward Classes had required personal appearance on 17th December, 2019, but it has been postponed to 20th January, 2020. It was also informed that Registrar will appear before the National Commission for Backward Classes on 20th January, 2020.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the University has not received any State Government policy for reservation with respect to OBC/BC Category. However, she assured that it will be implemented in the admission in the next Academic Session.

The Hon'ble Chancellor stressed that Government policy must be adopted in matters of appointments with immediate effect and for admission from next academic session. He also advised the Registrar to inform the National

	<p>Commission for Backward on his personal appearance that the University will implement the State Government policy for reservation with immediate effect.</p> <p>Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Tarlok Singh Chauhan, requested Hon'ble Education Minister to incorporate National Law University in the list of Educational Institutions of the State and provide all the copies of notifications of the Government of Himachal Pradesh to the National Law University for necessary action and implementation.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>After through deliberations, Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved to refer the matter of revisiting the reservation policy of the University in matters of appointments as well as admission to Academic Council as well as Executive Council of the University. Hon'ble Members also resolved that as per the recommendations and approval of the Academic Council and Executive Council the reservation policy shall be implemented by the HPNLU, Shimla.</p>
6.	<p>Reporting Item/s</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor read out the reporting items to the Hon'ble Members of the Council.</p> <p>Following Regulations adopted in 2019 replacing the earlier Regulations of 2016 were placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Council and the same were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Courses of Study, Admission and Curriculum Regulations, 2019. 2. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Examinations Regulations, 2019. 3. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulation for LL.M. (One Year) Degree Programme, 2019. 4. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Regulations for Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2019. 5. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Hostel Regulation, 2019.

6. The Himachal Pradesh National Law University Shimla Discipline among Students/Residents, Regulations 2019.

Decision:

Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council unanimously approved the following regulations as approved by the Finance Committee, Academic Council and Executive Council and in their respective meeting held on 23rd October, 2019.

The Hon'ble Chancellor asked for suggestion from the Hon'ble Members of the Council. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Tarlok Singh Chauhan suggested that active support from the State Government is required for establishment of the University and the University should fix its priorities.

Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, suggested that National Law University has a national character, therefore, financial support for establishment of the University is very important and same was supported by Professor Ranbir Singh, and Prof. Virendra Kumar.

The Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to the Hon'ble Chairman.


Vice-Chancellor


Registrar

Approved


Hon'ble Chancellor