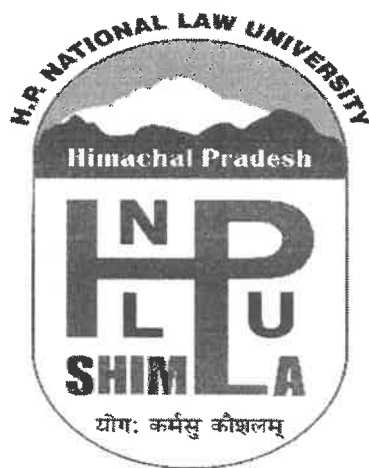


**Himachal Pradesh National Law University,
Shimla**



**Minutes
of
The 2nd Meeting of the Governing Council
Held on
23rd April 2021**

In the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla



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 April 23, 2021 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.

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 Law Minister, Himachal Pradesh.
5. Dr. Ram Lal Marakanda, Hon'ble Technical Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh
6. Sh. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General, Himachal Pradesh.
7. Sh. Rama Kant Sharma, Chairman, Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh
8. Prof. Sikander Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, HPU, Shimla.
9. Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry.
10. Prof. Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla.

Prof. S.S. Jaswal, Registrar, HPNLU, Shimla.

Following members were present via online mode.

1. Sh. Suresh Chandra Shrimali, Member, Bar Council of India.
2. Prof. Virendra Kumar, Former Director, Judicial Academy Chandigarh.
3. Prof. Ranbir Singh, Former Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi.
4. Prof. I.P. Massey, Dean, Faculty of Law, National Law University, Jodhpur.
5. Prof. S.M. Afzal Qadri, Former Dean and Head, Faculty of Law, University of Kashmir.

Item No.	Agenda and Note
1.	<p>To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Governing Council held on 20th December, 2019.</p> <p>Discussion: - The Vice-Chancellor read out the Agenda Item No.1 to the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council. The Vice-Chancellor informed that 2nd meeting of the Governing Council was planned to be held in April and then in November 2020 but due to COVID-19 pandemic, it could not be held. It was again scheduled on 6th April 2021 and due to lack of quorum it was to be postponed and rescheduled for 23rd April 2021.</p> <p>Decision: After brief deliberation over the minutes, the same were confirmed unanimously.</p>
2.	<p>To consider Himachal Pradesh National Law University Budget Estimate for the Financial Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as approved and recommended by Finance Committee and Executive Council in the meetings held on 20th February 2020 and 25th March 2021 respectively.</p> <p>Discussion: - The Vice-Chancellor presented the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Budget Estimate for the financial year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as approved by the Finance Committee (6th & 7th Meetings) and Executive Council (9th and 10th Meetings) in their respective meetings held on 20th February 2020 and 25th March 2021.</p> <p>Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry expressing concern over the deficit, enquired how the University would meet with the deficit in the budget. The Vice-Chancellor responded that the University is forced not to spent from many budget heads like provision is made in the budget for appointments of faculty and other expenditures in the Centres of the University. Due to non-expenditure out of such budget heads, the Centres could not be made properly functional till the position is eased out by receiving regular grant from the Government as well as by making budgetary provision in the State Budget. Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Law Minister was kind</p>

enough to express to take a positive step towards giving grant to the University. However, he pointed out that the University must provide its funds/bank details so as to facilitate the Government to make such provision to which the Vice-Chancellor agreed.

Professor Ranbir Singh, Professor S.M. Afzal Qadri and Professor Virendra Kumar pertinently mentioned that in all the National Law Universities, the States provide sufficient grants to the respective Universities. Professor Ranbir Singh and Prof. S.M. Afzal Qadri also pointed out that the Government has effective representation in the Finance Committee and Executive Council of the University and they have all the financial details of the University through University's presentation of budget as well as statement of Receipts & Expenditure & Balance Sheet.

Hon'ble Chancellor concluded the discussion by asking the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar to provide the details required by the Government. At the same time, Hon'ble Lordship emphasized that the Government has to provide grant to the University for its survival and growth.

Decision:

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 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as approved by the Finance Committee (6th & 7th Meetings) and Executive Council (9th and 10th Meetings) in their respective meetings held on 20th February 2020 and 25th March 2021.

3. **Perusal and approval of the Annual Report for the Academic Session 2019-2020 of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.**

Discussion: - The Vice-Chancellor placed Annual Report (Academic Session 2019-20) before the Hon'ble Members and informed that it is placed before the Governing Council through the Executive Council.

The Annual Report, Academic Session 2019-2020 contains:

Part-I: Report on the Working of the University. This part of the Report is suitably divided into 03 sections i.e.,

Section A- Academic Works

Section B- Administrative and Construction Works

Section C- Pending Works

Part-II: Statement for Receipt and Expenditure and Balance Sheet (Audited for the Financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19);

Part-III: Financial Estimate of the University for the Financial Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed that Budgets/Balance Sheets for the Financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 were not prepared during the respective financial years. After maintaining books under computer system through Tally Accounting Software Cash Book, Bank Book, Ledger, Day Book, Fee Register (manual) etc., the statement of Receipts & Expenditure & Balance Sheet (Audited) for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 along with notes on accounts for the mentioned Financial Years, were prepared and placed before the Finance Committee and the Executive Council in the meetings held on 25th March 2021 wherein these were unanimously approved. The statement for receipt and expenditure and balance sheet (Audited for the Financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21) will be presented in the next Annual Report (2020-21).

Sh. Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Law Minister asked whether Annual Report of the University is placed before the Vidhan Sabha of the Himachal Pradesh, the Vice-Chancellor responded that as per the requirement of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act, 2016, the Annual report is only placed before the Governing Council through Executive Council. The financial part of Annual Report is approved by the Finance Committee also.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan enquired about the practice in other National Law Universities. The Vice-Chancellor informed that same practice is followed in other National Law Universities also and that the Governing Council is the Apex Body where the annual report is finally placed and the matter rests. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan concluded that there was no need to change the system keeping in view the provision of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act, 2016, and the practice in other National Law Universities.

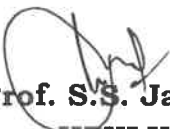
Professor Ranbir Singh and Prof. S.M. Afzal Qadri again explained to other Hon'ble Members that as the Government is effectively represented in all the Statutory/Governing Bodies of the University so the information is appropriately placed before the Government through its representatives in Statutory/Governing bodies of the University.


Decision:


The Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council perused the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Annual Report for the Academic Session 2019-2020 and unanimously approved the same. The Hon'ble Members also unanimously appreciated the University

	and its Faculty Members for doing good work.
4.	Any other Item with the Permission of the Chair.

The meeting concluded with the expression of heartfelt gratitude by the Vice-Chancellor towards all the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council whether attending in person or through virtual mode.


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