

**21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Executive Council**  
**Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**February, 12 2024**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council, HPNLU Shimla was held on February, 12 2024 at 02:30 P.M. The Meeting was presided by Professor (Dr.) Chanchal Kumar Singh, Officiating Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU Shimla.

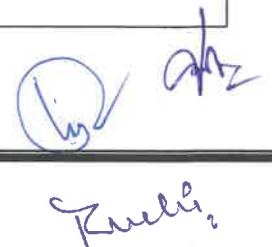
Prof. (Dr.) Chanchal Kumar Singh, Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) informed the members that Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Former Vice-Chancellor of the University completed her term as the Vice-Chancellor of the University and demitted office on 31<sup>st</sup> of January, 2024. Hon'ble Members of the Committee resolved to appreciate Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal's contribution to the growth of the University during her term and successful completion of her tenure. Hon'ble Members of the Committee directed University to send appreciation letter to Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal on behalf of Executive Council.

Prof. (Dr.) Chanchal Kumar Singh further informed the members about the sad demise of Hon'ble Member Prof. (Dr.) Gurdip Singh Bahari. Esteemed Executive Council express heartfelt condolences towards the sad demise of Hon'ble Member Prof. (Dr.) Gurdip Singh Bahari and directed the University to send condolence message/letter to grieved family.

Prof. (Dr.) Chanchal Kumar Singh inform the Esteemed Council about the nomination of new Hon'ble Member Prof. (Dr.) Venketa Rao, Vice Chancellor, India International University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa. Esteemed Council warmly welcomed Prof. Venketa Rao.

Following members were present:

1.	Professor (Dr.) Chanchal Kumar Singh, Officiating Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU	Chairperson
2.	Sh. Dinesh Gupta, <sup>Under</sup> Special Secretary (Home) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh	Member
3.	Prof. Ranbir Singh, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi.	Member
4.	Prof. R. Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, India International University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa.	Member
5.	Prof. Paramjit Singh Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, SRM University, Sonipat	Member
6.	Prof. Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.	Member
7.	Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Chairman, Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh.	Member



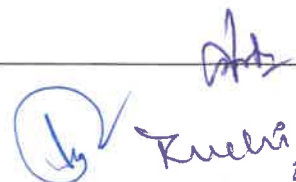
8.	Prof. S.S. Jaswal, H.P. National Law University, Shimla	Member
9.	Dr. Ruchi Sapahia, Associate Professor, HPNLU	Member
	Registrar, H.P. National Law University, Shimla	Secretary

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

1. Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Secretary (Higher Education) H.P. (Shimla)
4. LR-Cum-Secretary (Law) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
5. Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Former Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR, Hyderabad

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

<b>Item No. 1</b>	<b>To confirm the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 20th Meeting of the Executive Council held on July 04, 2023.</b>	
<b>Agenda Note</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision/Resolved</b>
The Vice Chancellor (Officiating) placed the minutes of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council along with the 'Action Taken Report' before the members of the Executive Council.	The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) explained the details of the minutes of last meeting and presented the 'Action Taken Report' before the Esteemed Members of the Executive Council.	After brief deliberation over the minutes along with the Action Taken Report, the same were confirmed unanimously.
<b>Item No. 2</b>	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on February, 12 2024.</b>	
<b>Agenda Note</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision/Resolved</b>
The Vice Chancellor (Officiating) placed the agenda item before the Executive Council to confirm the Minutes of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024.	<p>The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) explained the recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting agenda item wise.</p> <p>The Executive Council deliberated upon each recommendation of the meeting of the Finance Committee thoroughly and resolved to approve the same.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) further informed the Hon'ble Council that there are two items, Agenda Item No. 7 and Agenda Item No. 9 of the Finance Committee wherein the Committee has recommended for consideration by the Executive Council. Item No. 7 related to representation of Mr. Digvijay Singh Katoch, Assistant Professor of Law for</p>	The Executive Council unanimously approved the minutes of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024 and deferred the consideration on Agenda Item No. 7 and Agenda Item 9 of the Committee.



pay protection and Item No. 9 related to representation by student Ms. Ms. Jennifer Nengneivah Haokip student of B.B.A. LL.B. 9th Semester for exemption of outstanding fee from 9<sup>th</sup> Semester and fee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Semester.

The Esteemed Members of the Council opined that these two items also ought to be deferred till the Regular Vice-Chancellor joins.

**Item No. 3**      **To consider nomination under Section 31 (4) of Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act 2016 (Act No. 16 of 2016) to the Selection Committee for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor of the University.**

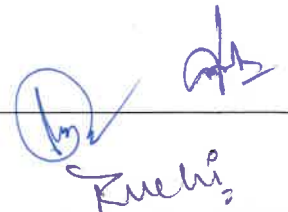
Agenda Note	Discussion	Decision/Resolved
<p>The Vice Chancellor (Officiating) placed the agenda item before the Executive Council to consider nomination under Section 31 (4) of Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act 2016 (Act No. 16 of 2016) to the Selection Committee for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor of the University.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) apprised the members that former Vice-Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal completed her term as the Vice-Chancellor and demitted the office on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.</p> <p>He further appraised that as per Section 31 (4) of Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act 2016 (Act No. 16 of 2016) the Selection Committee for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor is required to be constituted.</p> <p>He stated that as per the provision of Section 31, the Selection Committee is to consist of three members. One of the member is nominated by the Executive Council, one member is nominated by the Hon'ble Chairperson, University Grants Commission (UGC) and one</p>	<p>The Executive Council unanimously decided to nominate Prof. (Dr.) V. Vijaya Kumar, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law Institute University, Bhopal to the Selection Committee under Section 31(4) of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University Act 2016 (Act No. 16 of 2016).</p>

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member is to be nominated by the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University from amongst the retired or serving Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court or Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh. The person nominated by the Hon'ble Chancellor shall be the convener of the Selection Committee.

Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) informed the Esteemed Members that the application for the post of Vice-Chancellor has been invited vide advertisement No. Adv. No. HPNLU-A(7)-11(ADVT.)/2024-7019 dated 27.01.2024, the last date for receiving application/nomination for the post is 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

The agenda item was thoroughly deliberated upon by the members and name of Prof. (Dr.) V. Vijaya Kumar, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, was proposed by Professor (Dr.) Ranbir Singh. The proposal was seconded by Esteemed Member Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao. All members present unanimously opined to nominate Prof. V. Vijaya Kumar as the nominee of the Executive Council to the Selection Committee.

  
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<b>Item No. 4</b>	<b>To consider and approve the proposal to designate all posts/employees of the University under Group-D and Electrician, Caretaker, Drivers, Carpenter and Plumber under Group-C as Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) and as per the need University may assigned any work/duty to them.</b>
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<b>Agenda Note</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision/Resolved</b>
<p>The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) placed the Agenda item before the Executive Council to consider and approve the proposal to designate all posts/employees of the University under Group-D and Electrician, Caretaker, Drivers, Carpenter and Plumber under Group-C as Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) and as per the need University may assigned any work/duty to them.</p>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) submitted that Departments of Central Government have been following the policy of designating employees as Multi-Tasking Employees and MTS employees may be assigned work other than the post to which they were appointed.</p> <p>He informed the Esteemed Members that the University has many categories of employees under Group-D and Group-C. For the optimum utilization of human resource all posts/employees of the University under Group-D and Electrician, Caretaker, Drivers, Carpenter and Plumber under Group-C may be designated as Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS). The practice is followed by Central Government Departments. Reference may be made to Ministry of Personnel office memorandum vide No. AB-14017/6/2009-Estt (RR) dated 30th April 2010</p> <p>After a brief discussion on the item Esteemed Members opined that the matter may be deferred till the regular Vice-Chancellor joins the University.</p>	<p>The Executive Council unanimously decided to defer the agenda item till the regular Vice-Chancellor joins the University.</p>

<b>Item No. 5</b>	<b>Any other item with the permission of the Chair.</b>
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<b>Reporting Item No. 1</b>	<p>The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) informed the Esteemed Members of the Council that as per the decision of the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the University has complied and printed decisions/resolutions/rules/regulations in the form of a book (Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Executive and Service Regulations 2020).</p> <p>The matter was briefly discussed and Council appreciated the efforts of the University. It was unanimously resolved to approve the reporting item. It was further resolved that if any member has any query regarding the same he/she may give in writing and the same may be placed before the Council in its next meeting.</p>
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The Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) concluded the meeting by expressing his gratitude towards the esteemed members of the Executive Council.

  
**Sh. Dinesh**

Representative of Secretary (Home)  
Government of H.P.


**Sh. Ajay Sharma**  
Chairman Bar Council  
Himachal Pradesh

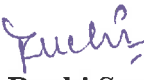
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