## HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, NAYA RAIPUR (C.G.)

## MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 24.06.2017, 11.00 A.M.

A joint meeting of the General Council and Executive Council of Hidayatullah National Law University under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Visitor of the University, took place on 24.06.2017 at 11.00 a.m. in the Board Room of the University at Raipur, wherein the following Hon'ble Members were present:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Visitor of the University
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan, the Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh & the Chancellor of the University
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pritinker Diwaker, Judge, High Court of Chhattisgarh
4. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Judge, High Court of Chhattisgarh
5. Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Shrivastava, Judge, High Court of Chhattisgarh
6. Prof. (Dr.) Sukh Pal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University
7. Shri Kosh Ram Sahu, Chairman, State Bar Council of Chhattisgarh
8. Prof. (Dr.) Mahendra Pal Singh, Professor, National Law University, Delhi
9. Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore
10. Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Singh, Director, NLIU, Bhopal
11. Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, NLU, Jodhpur
12. Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat, Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS, Kolkata
13. Shri Ravishankar Sharma, Principal Secretary, Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Government of Chhattisgarh
14. Dr. Kiran Kori, Assistant Professor, HNLU
15. Dr. Ayan Hazra, Assistant Professor, HNLU.

With due permission of the Chair, on behalf of the University, the Registrar(I/c.) welcomed all the members of the General Council and the Executive Council. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Visitor of the University and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Thottathil B. Radhakrishnan, the Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh and the Chancellor of the University, on their first visit to the University, were felicitated by the Vice-Chancellor by presentation of shawl, shreefal and memento.

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After verifying the quorum, the agenda items were taken up and decided as under:

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| 1. | **Perusal and confirmation of the minutes of General Council meeting dated 22.08.2015.**<br>**Notes:**<br>Minutes of the General Council meeting dated 22.08.2015 are placed for perusal and confirmation.<br>**Decision:**<br>**(a) Minutes of the General Council meeting dated 22.08.2015 were perused and confirmed.**<br>**(b) It was also decided that Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the General Council meeting dated 22.08.2015 will be sent to the Hon'ble Chancellor and the members of the General Council within 15 days. Further, copy of the file pertaining to IDIA (i.e. agenda Item No.6 of the G.C. meeting dated 22.08.2016) will be sent to the Hon'ble Chancellor within 15 days.** |
| 2. | **Perusal and confirmation of the minutes of Executive Council meeting dated 10.09.2016.**<br>**Notes:**<br>Minutes of the Executive Council meeting dated 10.09.2016 are placed for perusal and confirmation.<br>**Decision:**<br>**(a) Minutes of the Executive Council meeting dated 10.09.2016 were perused and confirmed.**<br>**(b) It was also decided that Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the Executive Council meeting dated 10.09.2016 will be sent to the Hon'ble Chancellor and the members of the Executive Council within 15 days.** |
| 3. | **Placing minutes and recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings held on 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 for appointments to the posts of Assistant Professors (Law) w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/2016 dated 02.06.2016).**<br>**Notes:**<br>Meetings of the Selection Committee took place on 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 for recommending names of candidates for appointment to the posts of Assistant Professor (Law) w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/2016 dated 02.06.2016. The Minutes and recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings held on 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 are to be placed before the Executive Council for perusal and approval.<br><br>It is also proposed that since new academic session is to commence from 1st July 2017 and the University urgently needs more teachers for the academic session 2017-18, therefore the Assistant Professors whose |

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| | appointments are to be/being approved by the Executive Council, may be allowed to join immediately without waiting for the formal approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council.<br>**Decision:**<br>**The joint meeting of the General Council & Executive Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings held on 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 for appointments to the posts of Assistant Professors (Law) w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/2016 dated 02.06.2016). Since records pertaining to the selections have been destroyed including the marks awarded by the individual members of the Selection Committee, therefore, no final merit list could also be placed before the joint meeting of the GC & EC except the minutes and recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings dated 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017. In the circumstances, it is unanimously agreed that the selections cannot be approved and let there be fresh interviews after sending call letters (15 days prior notice) to the eligible candidates to whom call letters were issued earlier. Let there be interview by the Committee which conducted the interviews earlier. In case any of the members of the Committee is not available, the matter may be placed before the Chancellor for nominating other person. As there is no Dean of the concerned Faculty and no Head/Chairperson of the Department/School, it is appropriate to include two seniormost faculty members i.e. Associate Professor (Law) and seniormost Assistant Professor (Law) in the Selection Committee for selection of Assistant Professors (Law). Let the Selection Committee be held at an earliest and after obtaining approval from the Hon'ble Chancellor, minutes thereof be got approved by circulation from the members of the Executive Council. Let the interviews be held at an earliest/as soon as possible within an outer limit of one month.** |
| 4. | **Approval for adhoc appointments of 10 Assistant Professors in UGC Pay Bands in addition to regular posts.**<br>**Notes:**<br>At present the University is having 37 sanctioned posts of Assistant Professors out of which 16 posts are to be filled up from candidates belonging to Unreserved Category and 21 posts are to be filled up from candidates belonging to reserved categories (SC – 4 posts, ST – 12 posts and OBC – 5 posts) who are to be domicile of Chhattisgarh State only.<br><br>Apart from the sanctioned regular posts, there are 05 Visiting Professors and 22 Assistant Professors (Adhoc). To meet the present academic requirement, 32 faculty members are regularly taking classes (01 Visiting Professor, 01 Associate Professor, 09 Assistant Professors, and 21 Assistant Professors (Adhoc)). As per UGC guidelines the University is required to apply for accreditation from NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council). For better ranking of NAAC, the |

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| | University is required to appoint faculty members with UGC designated posts and pay bands. At present the University is having 10 faculty members appointed on UGC sanctioned posts and pay bands (01 Associate Professor and 09 Assistant Professors).<br><br>The recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings held on 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 are being placed before the Executive Council for approval of appointments to the posts of Assistant Professor (Law) w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/2016 dated 02.06.2016). It is hoped that on approval of the recommendations, 07 vacant posts of Assistant Professors under the Unreserved category will be filled up. Thus, after this approval all the 16 posts of Assistant Professors under Unreserved Category will get filled up.<br><br>Further, as per UGC norms, no candidate was found eligible for the posts of Professor and only one candidate was found eligible for the posts of Associate Professor w.r.t. appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/2016 dated 02.06.2016). Hence, Selection Committee meetings for the posts of Professors and Associate Professors have not been held.<br><br>Further, the University vide its fresh Appointment Notification No. 01 of 2017 (16779/HNLU/Estt./2017 dated 24.02.2017) has published advertisement in newspapers on 01.03.2017 and uploaded detailed advertisement on University website inviting applications for vacant posts of Professors (all categories), Associate Professors (all categories) and Assistant Professors (reserved categories). The last date notified for receipt of application forms for these vacant posts was 31.03.2017.<br><br>Statement showing the number of applications received for the vacant posts of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2017 (16779/HNLU/Estt./2017 dated 24.02.2017) is enclosed herewith.<br><br>As per Chhattisgarh State Reservation Policy, out of total posts, 58% posts are reserved for the SC, ST and OBC candidates belonging to Chhattisgarh domicile only. These reserved posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor remain vacant due to non-availability of suitable candidates for the same. Further, the posts of Professor and Associate Professor under the unreserved category are also lying vacant due to non-availability of suitable candidates for these posts.<br><br>The matter is, therefore, placed before the Executive Council for its approval for appointment of 10 Assistant Professors on adhoc basis (with UGC designated posts and pay bands), from time to time so that the number of faculty members as per UGC designated posts and pay scales may be increased for University's better academic performance and ranking by NAAC. The qualifications and selection procedure for |

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| | appointment of Assistant Professors (adhoc) shall be the same as prescribed for regular Assistant Professors, only the nature of their appointment will be adhoc.<br><br>The Selection Committee in its meetings dated 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 has also recommended few candidates in the waiting list for their appointments to the posts of Assistant Professors (Law) w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/2016 dated 02.06.2016) in case the candidate/s in the main list do not join.<br><br>In the recent past, 04 Assistant Professors (adhoc) working on consolidated pay have resigned and left the University. The University needs to make additional appointments of faculty members to meet the essential academic requirements.<br><br>In view of the above, it is proposed that after filling up of vacant regular posts of Assistant Professors (Law) as per the recommendations of Selection Committee meetings dated 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 w.r.t. University's appointment Notification No. 01 of 2016 (HNLU/15848/ 2016 dated 02.06.2016), the remaining waitlisted candidates, if any, recommended by the Selection Committee may be appointed as Assistant Professor on adhoc basis (with UGC designated posts and pay bands), against the approval sought for appointment of 10 Assistant Professors in UGC Pay Bands in addition to regular posts.<br><br>It is also proposed that since new academic session is to commence from 1st July 2017 and the University urgently needs more teachers for the academic session 2017-18, therefore the Assistant Professors (on adhoc basis) whose appointments are to be/being approved by the Executive Council, may be allowed to join immediately after such approval without waiting for the formal approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council.<br><br>**Decision:**<br>**The joint meeting of the General Council & Executive Council considered the agenda item and decided that let there be appointment of 10 Assistant Professors in UGC Pay Bands on adhoc basis. Meanwhile attempts may be made to find out candidates belonging to the reserved category. The Selection Committee is to be constituted comprising of the abovesaid members as mentioned at Agenda Item No.3 including three subject experts to be suggested by the Hon'ble Chancellor to the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the panel of subject experts already approved by the Executive Council in its meeting dated 10.09.2016 or as may be considered appropriate by him he may prepare new panel of experts. Let steps be taken as per rules after duly advertising the posts calling for the applications.** |

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| 5. | **Enhancement in intake of students for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Programme – enhancement of 60 seats (28 under All India Category, 28 under C.G. Domicile Category and 04 under NRI/NRI sponsored category) w.e.f. the academic session 2018-19.**<br>**Notes:**<br>The Executive Council in its meeting dated 10.09.2016 had deferred the matter of enhancement in the intake of students in B.A. LL.B. (Honours) program proposed at that time to be enhanced w.e.f. the academic session 2017-18. Subsequent to the above decision, Selection Committee meetings for appointments to the posts of Assistant Professor (Law) have taken place on 04.03.2017 and 05.03.2017 and their recommendations are being placed before the Executive Council for approval. In addition to this, the University vide its Notification No. 01 of 2017 has re-advertised the vacant posts of Professors (all categories), Associate Professors (all categories) and Assistant Professors (reserved categories). The Executive Council has also been requested to accord approval for appointments of 10 Assistant Professors on adhoc basis with UGC qualifications and Pay Bands in addition to regular posts. The University is having adequate infrastructure to accommodate 60 more students every year. Further, in view of the above appointments on teaching post, the University would be having sufficient faculty members to meet the teaching requirements of the proposed enhanced intake of students for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Programme w.e.f. academic session 2018-19. Thus, in order to utilize the existing infrastructure optimally and to increase the revenue receipts to meet the increasing expenditure, it is proposed to enhance the intake in the B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Programme by 60 seats (from existing 180 seats to 240 seats) for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Programme.<br><br>**Decision:**<br>**The matter regarding enhancement in intake was deferred.** |
| 6. | **Proposal for periodical enhancement of Fee of students.**<br>**Notes:**<br>This matter was placed in the Executive Council meeting dated 10.09.2016 wherein the Executive Council decided that the tuition fee of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) programme may be increased from Rs.80,000/- p.a. (Rupees Eighty Thousand per annum) to Rs.95,000/- p.a. (Rupees Ninety Five Thousand per annum) (this increase in tuition fee works out to be 18.75%). This increase will be applicable only to the new students taking admission w.e.f. academic year 2017-18. However, the matter regarding enhancement in the fee of NRI/NRI sponsored candidates, Foreign National Candidates of B.A.LL.B. (Honours), LL.M. and Mess Fee of the students could not be discussed in the meeting. In view of the above, it is proposed that the tuition fee of NRI/NRI sponsored candidates, Foreign National Candidates of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) and LL.M. may also be increased by 18.75% per annum as has been done by the Executive Council in its meeting dated |

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| | 10.09.2016 in the case of students taking admission under the Indian national category. Further, this increase/enhancement of 18.75% is proposed w.e.f. academic session 2018-19 in tuition fee for candidates taking admission under NRI/NRI sponsored candidates, Foreign National Candidates of B.A.LL.B. (Honours), and LL.M. since the existing fee structure for these categories has already been notified to the public in general for CLAT-2017 (Academic Session 2017-18).<br><br>It has also been observed that there is a considerable regular increase in the cost of meals owing to inflation in the prices of grains, vegetables, edible oils, food items, cost of labour, commercial cooking gas and other items used in cooking and serving the meals. It is, therefore, proposed that the mess charges may be enhanced by atleast 10% (Ten percent) per year, over and above the tendererd cost, for all the students of the University in order to maintain the quality of the food and to meet and neutralize the increase in expenditure owing to inflation in the prices of the aforesaid items.<br><br>**Decision:**<br>**The General Council and the Executive Council in its joint meeting dated 24.06.2017 unanimously decided that the tuition fee of students taking admission to B.A. LL.B. (Honours) programme under the NRI/NRI sponsored category may be enhanced by 18.75% from the existing USD 4000 p.a. to USD 4750 p.a. and tuition fee of Foreign National Category may be enhanced by 18.75% from the existing USD 5500 p.a. to USD 6531 p.a. It was also unanimously decided that the tuition fee of students taking admission to LL.M. may be enhanced from Rs.26500/- p.a. to Rs.35000/- p.a. It was further decided that this increase in tuition fee of NRI/NRI sponsored category and Foreign National Category of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) and LL.M. will be applicable only to the new students taking admission w.e.f. academic year 2018-19.**<br><br>**The proposal regarding enhancement in mess fee by atleast 10% every year was rejected.** |
| 7. | **Perusal and approval of Kulgeet of the University**<br>**Notes:**<br>The proposed Kulgeet of HNLU - written by Dr. Sindhu Shukla, Professor, IGKVV, Raipur, music composed by Mr. Kalyan Sen, Music Director and sung by Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee (Shaan) & Ms. Sadhna Sargam was placed with relevant documents before the General Council and Executive Council of the University in meeting dated 22.08.2015 for approval and adoption of Kulgeet for the University. The General Council alongwith the Executive Council heard the "Kulgeet". Few changes were suggested by the University authorities to include more information about the University in the Kulgeet and to make its duration shorter. |

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| | Accordingly, the "Kulgeet" has been rewritten in its short version as well as long version by Dr. Sindhu Shukla, music composed by Mr. Kalyan Sen and sung by Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee (Shaan) & Ms. Sadhna Sargam. Accordingly, the "Kulgeet" is placed before the General Council & Executive Council for approval and adoption by the University. It is worth mentioning here that the short version of the Kulgeet is proposed to be used/played during official functions, ceremonies etc. and the long version for University's records.<br><br>**Decision:**<br>**The Kulgeet was heard by Hon'ble members of the General Council and the Executive Council including the Hon'ble Visitor and the Hon'ble Chancellor. The Hon'ble Visitor while appreciating the Kulgeet suggested for reconsideration of certain words used in it.** |
| 8. | **Placing audit reports of C.A. for the F.Y. 2014-15, 2015-16 and Audit reports of Local Fund Audit for the F.Y. 2012-13 & 2013-14 and 2014-15**<br>**Notes:**<br>Audit reports of C.A. for the F.Y. 2014-15, 2015-16 and Audit reports of Local Fund Audit for the F.Y. 2012-13 & 2013-14 and 2014-15 are placed for perusal.<br>**Decision:**<br>**The General Council and Executive Council perused the audit reports of C.A. for the F.Y. 2014-15, 2015-16 and Audit reports of Local Fund Audit for the F.Y. 2012-13 & 2013-14 and 2014-15.** |
| 9. | **Any other matter with the permission of the chair.**<br>**(a) As per the decision of the Executive Council meeting dated 10.09.2016, the Hon'ble Chancellor has obtained comments of the Vice-Chancellor on the complaint made by Shri Koshram Sahu. Since the Hon'ble Chancellor is making an inquiry into the complaint, the Hon'ble Chancellor is authorized to decide if audit of the same is necessary by the Accountant General or by any other auditor considered appropriate by the Hon'ble Chancellor.**<br>**(b) The General Council and the Executive Council decided that in future, admissions be made only as per allotment and category-wise lists provided by CLAT and procedure notified by CLAT for filling up the vacant seats. In any case, the vacant seats should not be filled up by the University by invitation of applications in any other manner except as specified above.** |

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