

# **Hidayatullah National Law University, Nava Raipur (C.G.)**

## **Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 05:30 P.M. (Hybrid Mode)**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 11.12.2021 at 05.30 P.M. in the Board Room of the University (Hybrid mode). The following members were present;

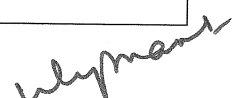
1. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) G. Raghuram**, Former Director, National Judicial Academy, Member- ( Online)
2. **Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNLU – Chairman
3. **Shri R.S. Vishwakarma**, Ex-Chairman, CGPSC & Ex-Principal Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh & Member
4. **Shri R.K. Shukla**, Additional Director (Finance), Higher Education Department & Member
5. **Shri Amitabh Agrawal**, Chartered Accountant & Member- (Online)
6. **Dr. Vipan Kumar**, Associate Professor & Member, HNLU
7. **Ms. Jagriti Agrawal**, Finance Officer & Member, HNLU
8. **Prof. (Dr.) Uday Shankar**, Registrar & Member Secretary, HNLU

The Chairman and Vice Chancellor, HNLU, Raipur extended a warm welcome to the members of the Finance Committee and introduced the newly inducted members of Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) G. Raghuram representing the Executive Council of HNLU and Dr. Vipan Kumar, Associate Professor, HNLU joining due the resignation of Dr. Y. Papa Rao in the Finance Committee.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) G. Raghuram, Former Director, National Judicial Academy to Chair the meeting. Thereafter the following agenda items were taken up for discussion:

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting dated 19.06.2021 placed before the Executive Council Meeting dated 30.10.2021 for perusal and confirmation.</b></p> <p><b><u>Notes :</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 19.06.2021 was placed in the Executive Council Meeting dated 30.10.2021 for approval. The Executive Council perused and approved the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting. The approved minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting dated 19.06.2021 is placed for perusal</p> <p><b><u>Decision :</u></b></p> <p><b>The committee has taken note of the approval of the EC decision.</b></p>
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2	<p><b>Confirmation of Action Taken Report on the Decisions taken in The Meeting of the Finance Committee held on June 19, 2021.</b></p> <p><b><u>Notes :</u></b></p> <p>The Action Taken Report on the Decisions taken in the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19.06.2021 is placed for information</p> <p><b><u>Decision :</u></b></p> <p><b>Action taken report on the decision taken in the meeting dated 19.06.2021 is taken note and accepted by the Finance Committee.</b></p>
3	<p><b>Proposal for increase of fee of PhD programme of the University in the forthcoming admissions (January 2022).</b></p> <p><b><u>Notes :</u></b></p> <p>HNLU PhD fees is proposed to be increased based on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comparative fee structure of other Law Schools</li> <li>2. To defray the expenditure in creation of PG Department with 5 Professors/ 6 Associate Professors</li> <li>3. To meet the Expenditure in allocation of separate Research scholars Hostel</li> <li>4. For investment to create Research cubicles/chambers for Scholars in Admin Block</li> <li>5. To meet the budget of provision of teaching assistantships to PhD scholars</li> <li>6. To meet the remuneration head under the Research Clusters defraying the cost</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Decision :</u></b> The members deliberated and unanimously approved the same for further action and process. Also the University assured that deserving candidates without financial means can be given scholarship from Consortium of NLU fund allocations or through the proposed research clusters.</p>
4	<p><b>Proposal for appointment of External Auditor for the F.Y. year 2020-2021.</b></p> <p><b><u>Notes :</u></b></p> <p>The current Auditor – M/s Sunil Johri &amp; Associates has not completed the audit of 2020-21 in spite of several reminders. Further several shortcomings were reflected in the CAG audit and also with the proceedings before the Income Tax Department reflecting professional deficiencies by the audit firm. The Committee to advise the University based on the directive of the EC in its meeting held on 30/10/2021 on this subject.</p>



	<p><b><u>Decision</u></b> : The University Vice Chancellor was delegated to find a suitable auditor to complete the audit for submission to the tax authorities for the financial year of 2021-22 falling on 15<sup>th</sup> January. The University also to call for expression of interest from audit firms with institutional experience like IIT /IIM for awarding a three year contract of external audit. The University was also advised to explore the feasibility of appointing an internal auditor by a suitable EOI.</p>
5	<p><b><u>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Proposal for purchase of vehicles for the University:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A SUV</li> <li>ii. Two Sedan Cars</li> <li>iii. A Mini Tempo Carrier (for internal use)</li> <li>iv. Two Electric Golf Cart (for internal use)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b> :The Members endorsed the purchase of a suitable SUV and Sedan for Vice Chancellor office, a Sedan for Registrar office, and a Mini Tempo carrier. It was advised to purchase one Electric Golf Cart to check the performance and later to procure the second one. The existing SUV and Sedan to be used for guests and other invitees coming for official purposes.</p>

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