

HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATED 15.06.2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Executive Council meeting of Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 15.06.2024 at 06:00 p.m. in hybrid mode at New Delhi, wherein the following Hon'ble Members were present:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay K Agrawal, Judge, High Court of Chhattisgarh (joined online)
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) G. Raghuram, Former Director, National Judicial Academy
4. Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, Advocate General of Chhattisgarh
5. Prof.(Dr.)V.C. Vivekanandan, Vice-Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University
6. Prof.(Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Pro-Chancellor, IILM University, Gurgaon
7. Mr. Rajnish Shrivastava, Principal Secretary, Law & Legal Affairs Department, Government of Chhattisgarh
8. Mr. Mukesh Bansal, Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Chhattisgarh
9. Prof. (Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava, Professor, Hidayatullah National Law University (joined online)
10. Prof. (Dr.) Vishnu Konoorayar, Professor, Hidayatullah National Law University (joined online)
11. Dr. Vipin Kumar, Registrar (I/c) and Secretary

Prof.(Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Executive Council, welcomed the members and requested Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India, to Chair the meeting.

Thereafter, with due permission of the Chair, the agenda items were taken up and decided as under:

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1.	<p>Perusal and confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Council meeting held on 30.03.2024.</p> <p>Notes: Minutes of the Executive Council meeting dated 30.03.2024 are placed for perusal.</p>



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	<p>Decision: All items Approved.</p> <p><u>Agenda Item 13:</u> The members deliberated on the decisions of agenda number 13 of the minutes of the Executive Council meeting held on 30th March 2024 and Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha, in the chair, directed the University to convene an online meeting of the Executive Council after the second week of July 2024 providing an opportunity to the two dismissed employees to present their appeal of 15 minutes each to the members of the Executive Council with adequate notice. The University should also submit its response to the appeal in writing at least 10 days in advance at the scheduled meeting to the members of the Executive Council through the Registrar of the University.</p>
2.	<p>Action Taken Report on the decision of the Executive Council meeting dated 30.03.2024 placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p>Notes: Action Taken Report on the decision of the Executive Council meeting dated 30.03.2024 is placed for perusal.</p> <p>Decision: The Executive Council approved the Action Taken Report of the Executive Council meeting dated 30.03.2024.</p>
3.	<p>Perusal and confirmation of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 29.04.2024.</p> <p>Notes: Minutes of the Executive Council meeting dated 29.04.2024 held in hybrid mode are placed for perusal and approval of the Executive Council.</p> <p>Decision: The Executive Council approved the minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 29.04.2024.</p>
4.	<p>Perusal and approval of the minutes and recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting dated 28.03.2024.</p> <p>Notes: The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated 28.03.2024 are placed for perusal.</p> <p>Decision: The Executive Council approved the minutes and recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting dated 28.03.2024.</p>

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5.	<p data-bbox="316 336 847 366">HNLU at a Glance - Presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="316 406 424 436">Notes:</p> <p data-bbox="316 438 1465 504">The Vice-Chancellor presented the Academic and Administrative progress of the HNLU from 2019 to 2024 through a power-point presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="316 541 456 572">Decision</p> <ol data-bbox="316 611 1465 984" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The members took note of the progress and congratulated the Vice Chancellor for the efforts and progress of HNLU in the last five years. 2. The Chair of the meeting, Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha while commending the Research - Hub and Spoke model as a comprehensive effort suggested to take up research efforts on emerging areas of laws relating to Telecom, Electricity, Consumer protection, Public Services, Energy sector and administrative services. 3. Prof. Ranbir Singh suggested researching on Tribal Laws which have the potential given the State's population. He also advised to document the best practices at HNLU which currently has excellent faculty resources which will also benefit the law universities in the country.
6.	<p data-bbox="316 1024 1034 1054">Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p> <p data-bbox="323 1094 1465 1428">A. The Vice Chancellor briefed the Executive Council on the allocation of grant by the State Government of Rs. 5.50 crore in the Financial Year 2022- 2023 with an actual release of Rs. 4.50 crore, Rs. 20.92 crore in in the Financial Year 2023-2024 with an actual release of Rs. 4.75 crore and for the Financial Year 2024-25 an amount of Rs.20.92 crore has been earmarked in the budget for the University and the amount is yet to be released. The Tax department stipulates 50 % of the University annual income generated has to be from public funding for getting tax exemption as 'Public University'. The current funding has resulted in huge tax liability to the University which needs to be mitigated.</p> <p data-bbox="368 1467 1465 1738">After deliberations on the financial status, Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha pointed out that HNLU is contributing to the capacity building of the Legal infrastructure of the State. His Lordship also urged the Finance Secretary to discuss the matter with the Finance Minister and Chief Minister of the State for the needful and also requested the Advocate General of the State Mr. Prafull N. Bharat for his good offices with the State to ensure adequate funding of HNLU which is now a flagship institution in the State of Chhattisgarh.</p> <p data-bbox="323 1777 1465 1871">B. Prof. Ranbir Singh, member of the Executive Council brought to the attention of the Executive Council the tenure of the present Vice Chancellor will be completed shortly, it is desirable that a decision/recommendation is</p>

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	<p>made by the Executive Council to ensure continuity and stability of the administration of HNLU.</p> <p>Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha in the Chair of the Executive Council observed that in view of the notable all round progress made by HNLU under the stewardship of the current Vice Chancellor, the Executive Council should unanimously resolve and recommend to the Chancellor of HNLU, to grant extension for a second term to the incumbent Vice Chancellor Prof. V.C. Vivekanandan and that such extension be made coinciding with the commencement of the new Academic Year commencing from July 01, 2024.</p> <p>The Executive Council members present in person and online unanimously approved the resolution proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha.</p>

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Vice Chancellor.

