

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, ORISSA

Registrar's Office

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Minutes of

the ordinary meeting of the General Council of National Law University, Orissa held on 9th May, 2011 in the Conference Hall of the University. Following were present:

- 1) Justice Mr. V. Gopala Gowda, Chancellor & Chief Justice of Orissa High Court (in the Chair)
- 2) Justice Mr. P.K. Mohanty, Former Judge, High Court of Orissa
- 3) Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Founder Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore & NLU, Jodhpur
- 4) Prof. N.L. Mitra, Former Vice-Chancellor NLSIU, Bangalore & NLU, Jodhpur
- 5) Mr. Jaganath Patnaik, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Orissa
- 6) Sri Asok Mohanty, Advocate General of Orissa
- 7) Shri Gopal Krushna Mohanty, Chairman, Bar Council of Orissa
- 8) Prof. (Dr) Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO (in the Chair)

Following decisions were taken:

Agenda Item No.1

To report the statement of receipt and expenditure of year 2009-10

The General Council approved the statement of receipt and expenditure for the year 2009-10 as approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 19th April, 2011 and appreciated making of the University functional in the very short span of time in 2009.

Agenda Item No.2

To consider the Audit Report of financial year 2009-10 as approved by the Finance Committee

The General Council resolved that the Audit Report for the financial year 2009-10 should be first considered by the Executive Council and then placed before the General Council in its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.3

To report the receipt and expenditure of year 2010-11

The General Council resolved to refer the report of receipt and expenditure for the year 2010-11 to the Finance Committee and Executive Council. The Council took note of the fact that internal Audit is still in progress and resolved the audited statement be first placed before the Finance Committee and the Executive Council of the University.

Agenda Item No.4

To consider the report of the working of the University in the years 2009-10 & 2010-11

Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, the Hon'ble Chancellor's nominee appreciated the progress of the University and expressed his satisfaction on some of the innovations made by the University but suggested that innovations made by the University should be elaborated in details. He also suggested that the report should in its initial paras take note of earlier attempts of establishment of National Law University, Orissa and should appreciate those who were involved in such attempts such as Mr. Jaganath Patnaik, former Chairman of Bar Council of India and Member of the General Council of NLUO and others. He also suggested that the Annual Report should slightly be modified and should be divided into sections such as Academics, Administration, Finances and outreach programme. Prof. N.R.Madhava Menon also appreciated the healthy Teaching & Non-teaching ratio of the University and expressed the hope that this ratio will be maintained. He also suggested that ICT people and the Library Staff be treated as Academic Staff. Prof. N.R.Madhava Menon also commended specific mention of students' achievement. He also welcomed the introduction of integrated LL.M – Ph.D Programme and expressed the hope that with this highly innovative course NLUO would be able to give to the country skilled and trained Law Teachers which is an urgent need of hour. As to the funds of the University, it was resolved that the amendments made in the Statutes should be clearly spelled out and details of endowment fund be indicated. It was also resolved that the State Government should be appreciated for giving financial aid for the construction of state of art NLUO campus at Naraj. The Council after detailed discussion approved the reports on the working of the University for the years 2009-10 & 2010-11.

Agenda Item No.5

To report the Annual Budget of the University for the financial year 2011-12

The General Council after detailed deliberations approved the Annual Budget of the University for the Financial Year 2011-12. Mr. Asok Mohanty, Hon'ble Advocate General expressed his displeasure on the Executive Council's decision asking the Vice-Chancellor to use his emergency powers to approve the Budget. Hon'ble P.K. Mohanty, Former Judge of Orissa High Court expressed the view that the Executive Council should have approved the interim Budget and the Budget approval should have been done by the General Council itself. The General Council also resolved that the Budget approval process for the next financial year should be initiated in the month of January. The General Council also resolved that in preparation of Budget, last year's allocation should also be indicated. The Council also resolved that Moot Committee should be given adequate funds so that the students participate in more and more Moot Courts. The General Council also took note of deficit balance of Rs. 86,541,038/- and resolved that the Government

of Orissa should be requested to release some additional funds for the University in its supplementary Budget.

Any Other Item

Item No.1

Prof. N.R.Madhava Menon suggested that the composition of the General Council should be enlarged and the Finance Secretary, Law Secretary and Education Secretary should be included as Members. Mr. Jaganath Patnaik also endorsed this suggestion.

Item No.2

Prof. N.R.Madhava Menon also suggested that NLUO should now join CLAT from the next year. He also suggested that the University should write to CLAT Committee in this respect and NLUO should be accepted as an equal partner in CLAT Core Committee. The matter of joining CLAT for the year 2012-13 should therefore be referred back to Executive Council.


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