



CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

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PREAMBLE

WE, the students of the NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA, in order to usher in a culture of self-governance, accountability and to facilitate synergy among all the stakeholders of the University for their holistic development,

HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT & GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I: SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT

1. This Constitution shall be known as the Constitution of Student Body Association of National Law University Odisha, 2019.
2. It shall apply to all the stakeholders of National Law University Odisha in its entirety.
3. It shall come into force as and when notified by the Vice Chancellor.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE

- a) To serve as the official representative of the National Law University Odisha student body to the administration and faculty.
- b) To democratise the structure of decision making at all levels and to effectively strive for relevance in education.
- c) To create standing and special purpose committees which shall pursue matters of concern to the student body.
- d) To disseminate information of concern to the Student Body.
- e) To supervise all elections and referenda required by this Constitution.
- f) The Student Body Association also promulgates rules and exercises rulemaking authority under its jurisdiction.
- g) To respect, understand, and accept the differences and similarities that exist within and outside of the National Law University.
- h) To coordinate and supervise student committees of the National Law University Odisha.
- i) To approve and amend bylaws consistent with this Constitution to facilitate Student Body Association governance and administration.

ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS¹

For the purposes of this Constitution;

1. “Academic Year” means a period of two semesters consisting of an odd semester and the immediately succeeding even semester.
2. “Appropriate Authority” means and includes, faculty advisor of Student Council, Registrar and Vice Chancellor or any person acting on the authority of Vice Chancellor or Registrar, or any other competent authority.
3. “Batch Representative” means a member of Student Council elected from a batch in accordance with this Constitution.

¹ Clauses (1), (3), (4), (5), (8), (13), (14), (15) and (16) As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.



4. “Committee” includes committees, centres and societies consisting of students and headed by a faculty member.
5. “Constitution” refers to this document governing the rights, interests and duties of the Student Body Association.
6. “Faculty Member” means any staff member who teaches students of National Law University Odisha for a consideration including visiting faculty, guest faculty or any other person who can be believed to be a teacher in this university by a reasonable man.
7. “Memorandum of Incorporation” refers to the document governing the creation and function of any standing committee created as per this Constitution which shall include but shall not be limited to the purpose, tenure, rights, functions, duties and responsibilities of a committee constituted for a special and exclusive purpose.
8. “NLUO” and “University” mean the National Law University Odisha, as established under the National Law University Orissa Act, 2008.
9. “Outgoing Student Council” shall mean the Student Council constituted in the immediately preceding Academic Year.²
10. “Petition” is a formal written request, signed by the requisite number under this Constitution, to the Student Council with respect to a specific matter.
11. “Referendum” means any opinion sought by the Student Body Association through voting as per this Constitution.
12. “Relevant Parties” includes all parties whose rights and interests would be affected in any matter as decided via a resolution by the Student Council.
13. “Stakeholder” includes but is not limited to students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, para-legal, Registrar, Dean, Controller of Examinations, Vice Chancellor and anyone on whom the decisions taken in the University would have a bearing.
14. “Students” for the purposes for election to the Student Council refers to all undergraduate and post graduate students enrolled in National Law University Odisha.
15. “Student Body Association” refers to all students as mentioned in Clause (14) of this Article.
16. “Student Council” is the body constituted as per this Constitution.”

ARTICLE IV: COMPOSITION AND TENURE OF STUDENT COUNCIL³

1. Student Council shall consist of:
 - a. One male member and one female member from each batch from the Five Year LLB (Hons.) programme, one member from each batch from the Three Year LLB

² As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (FIRST AMENDMENT), 2021.

³ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.

programme, one member from each batch from the BA (Law) programme who shall be known as Batch Representatives.

- b. One member from each batch of the Post-Graduate programmes.
2. The members shall choose amongst themselves a Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Financial Co-ordinator, two Secretaries and a General Co-ordinator by a show of hands.

Provided that the Chairperson shall be elected from the fourth year of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme, the Co-Chairperson and the Financial Co-ordinator shall be elected from either third or fourth year of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme, Secretary shall be elected from the second year of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) programme, or the Three Year LLB programme, or the BA (Law) programme, and General Co-ordinator shall be elected from the second year of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) programme, or the Three Year LLB programme, or the BA (Law) programme.

Provided also that the members who are elected from the final year of their course (not from the Post-Graduate programmes) shall be known as the Mentors of the Student Council where they do not hold any post.

Provided further that in cases where only one member, or no member is elected or nominated from the fourth year of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme, it shall be open to the fifth year members of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme to contest for the post of Chairperson.

Provided further that in cases where no members are elected or nominated from the fourth and fifth year of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme, or where the fifth year members do not choose to contest for the post of Chairperson, it shall be open to the third year members of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme to contest for the post of Chairperson.

Provided further that in such cases where third year members of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme contest for the post of Chairperson, the post of Financial Coordinator can be contested by second year members of the Five Year LLB (Hons.) Programme.

3. The process mentioned under Clause (2) shall be known as the Internal Elections.
4. The tenure of the Student Council shall commence from the declaration of the election results for the Student Council for an academic year and shall continue till the election of the Student Council for the immediately succeeding academic year.

Explanation:

- (1) In situations where the Internal Elections has been deferred, the Student Council shall continue to have the same powers as mentioned in this Constitution to carry out its functions.



- (2) Internal Elections shall not be deferred unless a decision to defer it has been approved by four-fifth majority of the Student Council.
- (3) In situations where the Student Council seats are not completely filled by election or nominations, the filled seats shall be deemed to be the total strength of the newly elected Council and shall have the same powers as a fully formed Student Council.

ARTICLE V: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE BEARERS⁴

1. The Chairperson shall:
 - a. head the Student Body Association;
 - b. preside over the Student Council's meeting as provided under Clause (1) of Article VA;
 - c. preside over the General Body Meeting as provided under Clause (2) of Article XIII;
 - d. lay down the agendas as provided by Article VA and Article XIII;
 - e. at their own discretion, delegate tasks to the other members of the Student Council;
 - f. ensure effective coordination in the activities of the Student Body Association.
 - g. call for a Student Council Meeting, even if the required quorum is not met.
Provided that such a meeting shall not be counted towards attendance under Article VIII (1).
2. The Co-Chairperson shall:
 - a. assist the chairperson in discharging their duties;
 - b. communicate the resolutions passed by the Student Council to the relevant stakeholders;
 - c. act on behalf of the chairperson in case of their unavailability or in case the co-chairperson has been expressly authorized by the chairperson.
3. The Secretary shall note and publish the workings of the Student Council including minutes of the meeting and actions taken by the Student Council.
4. The Financial Co-ordinator shall:
 - a. oversee the financial matters of Committee(s);
 - b. under reasonable circumstances, call for financial records of any Committee(s).
 - c. propose to the relevant administrative authorities regarding required funds for the Student Council and maintain accounts of receipts and expenditures for the same.
 - d. sanction use of such funds by the members of the Student Council.
 - e. publish, bi-annually, the accounts of the Student Council to the Student Body Association.
5. The General Co-ordinator shall:

⁴ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.



- a. draft and communicate representations on behalf of the Student Council to the relevant committees, Student Body Association, university authorities, external bodies as may be required from time to time for all matters relating to all Relevant Parties.
- b. add to the agenda as laid down by the Chairperson.
- c. assist the Co-Chairperson in matters of coordination, and implementation of decisions.

ARTICLE VA: MEETINGS⁵

1. Student Council Meeting:

- a. The Student Council shall, once every month and as and when required, call for a Student Council's meeting. The quorum for a Student Council meeting shall be 50% of the total number of members plus one member.

Provided that if some members want to hold a meeting in emergency situations, the Chairperson may sanction a meeting which does not meet the requisite quorum.

Provided further that such meetings that do not meet the quorum shall not be counted towards attendance under Article VIII (1).

- b. The Chairperson of the Student Council shall act as the presiding officer in the Student Council Meetings.
- c. The presiding officer shall lay down the agendas for the Student Council's meeting.
Provided that the presiding officer shall include any agenda which any other member(s) of the Student Council may suggest.

2. General Body Meeting:

- a. Student Council may call a general body meeting comprising of all the members of Student Body Association whenever necessary to discuss matters of interest and concerns of the general body.
- b. The quorum for the same shall be one third of the total members of the Student Body Association.
- c. Such a meeting can be called after collecting expression of interest. If quorum is not met during such collection, then the meeting shall not be held.

Provided that a General Body Meeting can only be called on matters that affect the interests of the Student Body Association as a whole.

Provided further that such expression of interest shall be collected by the official email handle of the Student Council.

3. Special Meeting:

⁵ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.



- a. Student Council may call a special meeting comprising of Vice Chancellor, Registrar, members of Student Council and any staff member deemed necessary by the Student Council and/or the Vice Chancellor.
- b. The quorum for such a meeting shall be the same as a Student Council Meeting.
4. Minutes of the Meeting:
 - a. The Student Council shall maintain and publish Minutes for any meeting that is held by it within five working days.
 - b. If Minutes are not published for any meeting, any decision taken in such meeting or any resolution passed in such meeting shall stand invalid and void.
 - c. The Minutes shall be published in the format prescribed in the Annexure-III.

ARTICLE VI: APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF FACULTY ADVISOR

1. There shall be a Faculty Advisor for the Student Council.
2. The Outgoing Student Council shall recommend three Faculty Members for the position of Faculty Advisor out of which the Vice Chancellor shall choose any one.
3. The Faculty Advisor of the Student Council shall not be the faculty advisor of any other Committee. [In any case if a Faculty Advisor so appointed has taken charge of any other Committee, they shall cease to have any powers under this Constitution.]⁶
4. The Outgoing Student Council shall recommend names for the position of faculty advisor within 7 days of the commencement of the academic year.
5. The Faculty Advisor shall only have supervisory power and functions in the functioning of Student Council and instructions/orders/recommendations of the faculty advisor shall not be binding on the Student Council.
6. The Faculty Advisor can call for records of proceedings including meetings, actions taken and any other document which forms a part of the working of the Student Council.
Provided that the Student Council can refuse to forward such information if the Student Council by a simple majority decides that such information can only be disseminated to the Vice Chancellor.
7. The Faculty Advisor may call for a meeting of the Student Council as and when [they]⁷ deem fit.
8. [The Faculty Advisor shall act as the de-facto Returning Officer for the purpose of supervision of the election process.
Provided that in case of unavailability of the Faculty Advisor, the outgoing Student Council may

⁶ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.

⁷ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.



recommend the name of another faculty member to the Vice Chancellor for the post of Returning Officer.

Provided further that the Vice Chancellor shall within 2 working days of receiving such recommendation, notify the appointment of the recommended faculty member to act as the Returning Officer.

9. The Returning Officer shall be responsible:
 - a. To ensure free, fair, and timely conduct of the elections;
 - b. To enforce the Electoral Code of Conduct as prescribed;
 - c. To adjudicate upon any grievance or complaint received under Article IX (5).⁸

ARTICLE VII: DISQUALIFICATION OF A STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER⁹

1. The Vice Chancellor may disqualify a member of the Student Council if any disciplinary action has been taken against such member of the Student Council by the University.

Provided that the principles of natural justice shall be followed.

Provided that a mere show-cause notice shall not act as grounds to disqualify a member.

Provided further that if the Student Council deems by a special majority that the nature of the show-cause notice is grave and the member must be disqualified on such grounds only, then such member shall stand disqualified.

2. A member of the Student Council shall be deemed to be disqualified if such member joins any Committee(s).

Provided that such disqualification would not be attracted in case the member of the Student Council had joined such Committee(s) before elections to the Student Council and leaves such Committee(s) within two days of the declaration of results under Sub-clause (c) of Clause (3) of Article IX.

Provided further that for the purposes of this Article, 'Committee' shall not include any committee mentioned in Schedule-III.

Provided further that this disqualification shall come into effect if such member of the Student Council joins more than 1 committee mentioned in the Schedule-III.

Provided further that such member who is simultaneously a part of the Student Council and a committee shall not take a post in either the Student Council or the committee.

Provided further that if such a member undertakes a position in the committee, they shall automatically be disqualified from the Student Council.

3. A member of the Student Council may be disqualified as per Clause (1) of Article IX.

⁸ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.

⁹ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.

**ARTICLE VIII: REMOVAL¹⁰**

1. A member of the Student Council shall be deemed to be removed after five consequent absences from the Student Council Meetings, without prior notice.
 - a. The Student Council, upon recording five consequent absences from Student Council Meetings, shall give notice to the Student Body Association about the automatic removal of such absent member.
 - b. Such notice shall also be given to the Vice Chancellor and Registrar for information only.
 - c. Such automatic removal may be overridden by a special resolution.
Provided that such resolution must contain reasons for invalidating the removal, and such resolution shall be published within 24 hours of being passed, failing which the removal shall stand valid.
2. A Batch Representative shall be removed if a petition for impeachment, approved by two-third of the total number of people of the concerned batch, is submitted to the Faculty Advisor of the Student Council.
Provided that such petition for impeachment shall contain reasons for such impeachment.
3. An office bearer may be removed if a petition, approved by two-third of the total number of members of students in the concerned batch is submitted to the Faculty Advisor of the Student Council, who shall then call for a meeting of the Student Council.
 - a. In said meeting, the Faculty Advisor shall table the petition received.
 - b. The Student Council shall then pass a special resolution for the removal of the concerned office bearer.
Provided that the members voting against such removal shall provide reasons for doing so, which shall be published in the minutes of the meeting.
4. An Office Bearer may be removed from their office by the Student Council if a Vote of No Confidence is passed by a special resolution in a Student Council Meeting.
Explanation: Such member shall remain as the Batch Representative for his/her batch, and by consequence, remain a member of the Student Council.
5. A member of the Student Council may be removed by the Student Council by a four-fifth majority.
Provided that such a resolution must contain reasons.
Provided further that such a resolution must be published by the Student Council.

¹⁰ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.

**ARTICLE VIII A: RESIGNATION BY A STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER¹¹**

1. Any member of the Student Council shall resign from office only by tendering a notice of resignation to the Chairperson, Faculty Advisor, and to their respective batch.
Provided that if the Chairperson himself/herself is resigning, then s/he shall do so after tendering a notice to the Faculty Advisor and to his/her respective batch.
2. Resignation shall only be tendered on the following grounds:
 - a. Personal reasons, health related reasons, and academic work-load.
 - b. Personal conflict with interests and duties of the Council.
 - c. Ethical disagreement with the functioning of the Council.
 - d. Acceptance of a position in any committee due to which such member is disqualified under Article VII.
 - e. Any other valid reason which is acceptable.
3. Procedure for resignation:
 - a. The member resigning shall submit a signed and dated resignation letter addressed to the appropriate authorities as mentioned in Clause (1).
 - b. The receiver of such letter must inform the other members of the Council within 48 hours of the receipt of such letter, and forward the same to the Vice Chancellor and Registrar for information only.
 - c. The resignation shall take effect after the notice period comes to an end, unless waived under Clause (4).
4. A resigning member shall give a notice of 7 days before such resignation is set to take effect.
Provided that such notice period can be waived by the Council by an ordinary resolution if the resigning member consents to waive the notice period in writing.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS¹²

1. The elections shall be conducted by the outgoing Student Council, by notifying the initiation of the election process to the Student Body Association, not later than 45 days of the commencement of the academic session.
Provided that if the outgoing Student Council is unable to conduct the elections within the prescribed period, it shall communicate the appropriate reasons of such inability to the Student Body Association on or before the 45th day of the commencement of the academic session.
Provided also that no member of the outgoing Student Council who is seeking re-election shall be allowed to participate in the process of conducting the elections; and shall recuse himself/herself

¹¹ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.

¹² As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (FIRST AMENDMENT), 2021.



by mailing to the Returning Officer immediately after the notification of initiation of the election process.

Provided further that if the member of the outgoing Student Council who is seeking re-election is found participating in the conduct of the elections, he shall immediately stand disqualified from contesting the elections.

2. Pre-Voting Procedure

The following procedure shall be followed for the conduct of elections:

- a. The official email ID of the Student Council shall be used for the email correspondences concerning the election process, except for the purpose of polling.
- b. Notwithstanding anything provided herein, all correspondences concerning the election process shall also be marked as copy to the Returning Officer's official email ID.
- c. For the purpose of polling, the official email id of the Returning Officer shall be used.
- d. For the purpose of confidentiality of votes polled, the access to the medium of electronic polling and the results derived therefrom shall vest exclusively with the Returning Officer.
- e. The outgoing Student Council shall prepare a "Schedule of dates" and notify the same along with the notification of initiation of the election process.

Provided that the Schedule of dates shall provide for not more than 7 days for the conclusion of the election process.

- f. [Students eligible to vote shall be those who are duly enrolled in the University at the time of the elections and who cast their vote for their respective batch representative through their official University email address.]¹³
- g. Each member of the Student Body Association shall be eligible to vote for the election of their respective batch representative(s), if they are validly enrolled students of the University at the time of the elections.
- h. For the purpose of the election, the outgoing Student Council shall, through its official email ID, call for the nominations from the Student Body Association.
- i. Subject to the provisions of this clause, the interested members of the Student Body Association may file their nominations in the format prescribed under Annexure I.

Provided that the candidate who seeks to file the nomination must declare their intent of doing so to their respective batch, and attach the proof of such declaration with the nomination form.

- j. The Candidates who have filed the nomination must be provided a prescribed period of time to allow them to withdraw their candidature.

¹³ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.



Provided that the candidate who seeks to withdraw the nomination must declare their reasons of doing so to its respective batch, and attach the proof of declaration with the formal request of withdrawal.

- k. Subject to the Sub-clause (i) and (j) of this Article, if at the end of the withdrawal period, only a single candidate's name remains for the post of batch representative, an additional window of 24 hours must be provided to allow any other interested candidate to file their nomination.
- l. After the receipt of the nominations under the aforementioned provisions and verification of the same by the Returning Officer, the outgoing Student Council shall notify the list of valid nominations to the Student Body Association.

Provided that in case no candidate seeks to contest the election for the post of the batch representative from any batch, the nomination of the batch representative shall be done by the Vice Chancellor.

Provided further that for the purpose of such nomination by the Vice Chancellor, either the outgoing Student Council, before the conclusion of elections, or the newly elected Student Council shall open a call for applications from the concerned batch.

Provided also that the Vice Chancellor shall conclude the process of nominations within 2 working days, after the receipt of all the applications from the concerned batch.

Provided also that the Vice Chancellor shall not nominate anyone to fill the vacancy if no applications have been received for the same.

3. **Voting Procedure:** Notwithstanding anything provided in this constitution, the outgoing Student Council shall solely resort to electronic means for the purpose of conducting the election process in the manner as prescribed.

4. Counting of Votes

The following procedure shall be followed for the counting of votes:

- a. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes, as per the first-past-the-post system, shall be declared as an elected member of the Student Council.

Provided that if only a single candidate seeks to contest the elections for the post of batch representative, they shall, by default, be declared as an elected member of the Student Council.

Illustration: If, in an election a total of 100 votes are polled, candidate A gets 10 votes, candidate B gets 40 votes, and candidate C gets 50 votes, the winner is candidate C.

- b. In case the counting ends in a tie, the final result of the election shall be determined by the draw of lots.



- c. Upon conclusion of the polling, the Returning Officer shall immediately prepare the vote count list in accordance with the Schedule I and notify the same to the Student Body Association.
 - d. The notification of the vote count list shall be deemed as the conclusion of the election process.
 - e. The outgoing Student Council shall ensure the conduct of the first meeting of the newly elected Student Council within 48 hours of the conclusion of the election process, for the purpose of deciding the post bearers of the new Student Council, as per the procedure prescribed in Article IV of the Constitution.
5. **Electoral Code of Conduct:** At the time of notification of the initiation of the election process, the outgoing Student Council shall publish an Electoral Code of Conduct to ensure free and fair elections which shall immediately come into force and shall remain operational until the conclusion of the election process.

Provided that the contents of Schedule II must necessarily be included in the Electoral Code of Conduct.

6. Grievances & Complaints

- a. Any grievance or complaint in relation to the violation of the electoral code of conduct or the election process shall be raised with the Returning Officer, via email, along with the appropriate proof.
- b. Upon receipt of any complaint under the aforementioned sub-clause, the Returning Officer shall adjudicate the complaint in accordance with the principles of natural justice, and shall presume a candidate to be innocent unless prima facie evident otherwise from the proof submitted.
- c. Upon adjudication of any complaint filed under this clause, the Returning Officer may disqualify the candidacy of the candidate or remove the candidate from the Student Council, as the case may be.

Provided that the reasons for such disqualification shall be notified to the Student Body Association.

Provided further that in case any disqualification occurs after the conclusion of the elections, the vacancy arising thereof shall be addressed as per Article XV of this Constitution.

ARTICLE X: COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL¹⁴

- 1. Any member of the Student Body Association or any Committee may approach the Student Council through a written communication in case of the following:

¹⁴ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026



- a. Any grievance against the administration;
 - b. Any grievance or complaint against any Committee;
 - c. Any grievance for which there is no established forum for its resolution or redressal.
2. For the purpose of Sub-clause (a) of the aforementioned clause, the Student Council may form an institutionalised mechanism that shall operate as prescribed by the Student Council.
 3. For the purpose of Sub-clause (b) Clause (1), the Student Council shall form a panel of three members within 7 days of receiving such grievance. The members of such a panel must be from, and in the Student Council in the following manner:
 - a. One member nominated by the member of the Student Body Association or the Committee, as the case may be, initiating the grievance or complaint;
 - b. One member nominated by the member of the Student Body Association or the Committee, as the case may be, against whom the grievance or complaint has been initiated;
 - c. One member collectively nominated by the members so nominated under the above two sub-clauses.

Provided that for the purpose of Sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause, the Chairperson shall not be nominated.
 4. The panel formed under Clause (2) of this article shall have the power to determine its procedure for the resolution of such grievance or complaint in light of the principles of natural justice.
 5. Notwithstanding anything provided in this article, the Student Council may take *suo moto* cognizance of any grievance or complaint which could have otherwise arisen in pursuance of this article.

[ARTICLE XI: REMOVAL OF A MEMBER BY STUDENT COUNCIL]¹⁵

[ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL BY THE ADMINISTRATION]¹⁶

ARTICLE XIII: RESOLUTIONS¹⁷

The Student Council shall make decisions through ordinary resolution or special resolution as required by this Constitution or any by-laws made here after.

- a) Ordinary resolution: Resolution passed by a simple majority of members of Student Council present and voting shall be ordinary resolution.

¹⁵ As repealed by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026

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¹⁷ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026



- b) Special resolution: Resolution passed by a special majority of two third members of the members present and voting, which shall not be less than one half of the total strength of the Student Council.

ARTICLE XIV: STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Creation

- a) A standing committee comprising of students from the Student Body Association other than the members of the student council may be created by a three-fifths vote of the total of present and voting members of the Student Council.

2. Dissolution

- a) A standing committee has no termination date but must be reauthorized by a majority vote of the voting members present or voting by proxy within the first month of the new term of the Student Council. If it is not reauthorized, the committee shall be dissolved within a week of such resolution by the Council.
- b) At any time, a three-fifths vote of the total voting members of the Student Council may dissolve a standing committee.

3. Responsibilities & Membership

- a) The responsibilities, powers, and purview of the committee shall be clearly stated in the *Memorandum of Incorporation* of the committee. The membership of the committee will be in accordance with the memorandum.
- b) The Student Council may modify the *Memorandum of Incorporation* of a committee by a three-fifths vote of the total voting members of the Student Council.

ARTICLE XVI: RIGHT TO PROTEST

Any member(s) of Student Body Association shall have a right to protest against any action of any stakeholder of the university provided that a prior notice to the administration has been given to the concerned party at least 24 hours in advance.

[ARTICLE XVII: CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE]¹⁸

ARTICLE XVIII: AMENDMENTS¹⁹

1. “The Student Council may introduce a draft in order to amend the Constitution which may be:

¹⁸ As repealed by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026

¹⁹ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026



- a. prepared by the Student Council.
- b. prepared by the standing committee appointed as per Article XIV of this Constitution.
- c. prepared and submitted by any member(s) of the Student Body Association.

Provided that in case the Student Council does not introduce the draft submitted by any member(s) of the Student Body Association, it shall provide appropriate reasons.

2. After the introduction of draft under the aforementioned clause, the proposal to amend the Constitution shall be approved in the Student Council Meeting by a fourth-fifth majority.
3. After the passage of the proposal under aforementioned article, the Student Council shall publish the draft amendment to the Student Body Association for a referendum, and open a period of inviting suggestions which shall not be less than 15 days.
4. The Student Council shall have a meeting to discuss the suggestions received, and may incorporate any suggestion it deems fit.

Provided that the Student Council shall provide reasons for not incorporating any suggestion, and publish such reasons within five working days of the meeting.

5. The Student Council shall then publish the final draft of the amendment, which shall be put up for ratification amongst the Student Body Association.
6. The Student Body Association may ratify the amendment of the Constitution by a two-third majority of its members participating in the voting process, which shall not be less than one-fourth of the total strength of the Student Body Association.”

ARTICLE XIX: INTERPRETATION

1. If any member of Student Body Association seeks to challenge any interpretation of any part of this constitution and subsequent bylaws, then the member shall submit a written petition presenting the case to the student council.
2. Student council shall consider the petition in the next student council meeting.
3. If the petitioner seeks hearing related to be petition, then the student council shall be bound to hear him/her.
4. The student council shall pass the resolution after at least four fifth of the student council members present in the meeting approves the interpretation.
5. The interpretation decided by the student council shall be final and binding and cannot be amended by any other body.

[ARTICLE XX: REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES]²⁰

²⁰ As repealed by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026

SCHEDULE-I²¹

1. The Outgoing Student Council shall create a list of all boys and girls separately of a batch with their roll no. which shall be known as the “list of voters” (Table 1)
2. The Returning Officer shall create a “Vote Count List” (Table 2)

Table 1

Batch of XXXX (Girls)		List of Voters (Boys)/
S. No	Roll No.	Name

Table 2

Batch of XXXX (Boys)/(Girls)		Vote Count List
Total No of Votes Polled:		
Name	Vote	Elected / Not- Elected
Candidate 1		
Candidate 2		

²¹ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (FIRST AMENDMENT), 2021.



SCHEDULE-II²²

The contents which must be included in the Electoral Code of Conduct are as follows:

1. The candidates must not indulge in any discriminatory practices on the grounds of race, religion, caste, region etc.
2. The candidates must not use any political affiliations to secure votes.
3. The candidates must not indulge in unfair practices including, but not limited to, use of monetary or non-monetary incentive to secure votes.
4. The candidates must not be assisted by any of the faculty members/ non-teaching staff/administrative staff/student committees.
5. The candidates or their affiliates must not use any kind of social media handles to promote their candidature.

The contents provided in the Electoral Code of Conduct are indispensable for the conduct of free and fair elections. Any kind of violation to the Electoral Code of Conduct shall invite appropriate punishment including the disqualification of the candidature. Any complaint concerning the violation of the Electoral Code of Conduct shall be addressed as per Article IX (5) of this Constitution.

²² As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (FIRST AMENDMENT), 2021.



SCHEDULE-III²³

List Of Approved Committees That Student Council Members Can Simultaneously Be A Part Of:

1. Centre for Tribal Studies
2. Centre for Competition Law and Policy
3. Centre for Poverty and Access to Justice
4. Centre for Public Health Law
5. Centre for Public Policy, Law and Good Governance
6. Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights
7. Centre for Disability Law and Advocacy
8. Centre for Women and Law
9. Centre for Research and Management of Natural Resources
10. Centre for International Trade Law
11. Centre for Child Rights
12. The Centre for Industrial Relations and Labour Laws
13. Centre for Corporate Law
14. Centre for Maritime Law
15. Centre for Consumer Law
16. LexTech – Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
17. Centre for Disaster Management and Law
18. Centre for Film Studies
19. NLUO Centre for Mediation and Negotiation
20. Intellectual Property Analysis & Advocacy Centre
21. Centre for Banking and Insurance Laws

²³ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026



ANNEXURE-I

Nomination Form

Name –

Roll No. – 20__ / B__.LLB. / ____

Previous Disciplinary Actions with date (if any) –

(Along with the attached proof of declaration of intent)

Signature of the Student

ANNEXURE II

Petition Form

Grievances:

Total Number of Signatories (attach the document Containing the Signatures with this form) in words–

(Note: This form will be valid only if there are at least 10 signatures on this form itself)



ANNEXURE-III²⁴ (FORMAT OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING)

XX/XX/XXXX

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON XXth (MONTH), 20XX

Mode of Meeting:

PRESENT MEMBERS:

ABSENT MEMBERS: (must include reason for absence)

S. No.	Agenda	Resolutions

SIGNATURE OF SECRETARY

(with date)

²⁴ As amended by the CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL (THIRD AMENDMENT), 2026.



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Drafters of the Constitution

The **Batch of 2014-19** initiated the drafting of this Constitution of the Student Council in the Academic Year 2017-2018. The SBA is and will remain grateful to them for their efforts in seeing through our Constitution.

Constitution of the Student Council (First Amendment), 2021

The following students of the SBA constituted the Standing Committee in the Academic Year 2020-21 [Formed in April, 2021] for reviewing and amending the election procedure in the Constitution. The SBA is and will remain grateful to them for their efforts in seeing through the Constitution of the Student Council (First Amendment), 2021.

Arshit Kapoor (*Batch of 2018-2023*)

Pradhumna Mohan Dixit (*Batch of 2018-2023*)

Prasoon (*Batch of 2018-2023*)

Arsh Singh (*Batch of 2019-24*)

Rishab Rajiv Raj (*Batch of 2019-24*)

Shachi Gambhir (*Batch of 2019-24*)

Soujanya Ramaswamy (*Batch of 2019-24*)

Constitution of the Student Council (Third Amendment), 2026

The following members of the **Student Council (2025-2026)** reviewed and amended various provisions in the Constitution to bring them in consonance with the current standing of the University. The SBA is and will remain grateful to them for their efforts in seeing through the Constitution of the Student Council (Third Amendment), 2026.

Shreya Jayakumar, Batch of 2023-2028 (*Proposer*)

Siddharth Shankar, Batch of 2022-2027

Saswat Panda, Batch of 2023-2028

Pallavi Sabat Ramesh, Batch of 2024-2029

Krishna Nair, Batch of 2025-2026 (LLM)

Yashvardhan Meratia, Batch of 2021-2026

Ananya Rout, Batch of 2022-2027

Aviral Sachdeva, Batch of 2024-2029

Anya Tandon, Batch of 2025-2030

Nilesh Raj, Batch of 2025-2030

Sanket Majumder, Batch of 2023-2026 (3yr LLB)

Dharun R, Batch of 2024-2027 (3yr LLB)

Pranom Aditya Gogoi, Batch of 2025-2028 (3yr LLB)

Bastav Choudhury, Batch of 2023-2026 (BA Law)

Shristi Agarwal, Batch of 2024-2027 (BA Law)

Syed Deeshya Ashaq Andrabi, Batch of 2025-2028 (BA Law)