



## NALANDA OPEN UNIVERSITY, PATNA

### 08 - STATEMENT OF THE BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES CONSTITUTED AS ITS PART (RESEARCH COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL)

1. **Authorities of the University :** The following shall be the authorities of the University, namely—
  - (1) The Executive Council;
  - (2) The Academic Council;
  - (3) The Faculties;
  - (4) The Examination Board;
  - (5) The Finance Committee; and
  - (6) Such other authorities as may be declared to be the authorities of the University by the Statutes.
2. **The Executive Council :** The Executive Council shall be the Chief Executive body of the University and shall consist of the following persons, namely—
  - Ex-officio Members
    - (1) The Vice-Chancellor,
    - (2) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
    - (3) The Education Commissioner, Bihar,
    - (4) The Director, Higher Education, Bihar.
  - Other Members
    - (5) Two Vice-Chancellors to be nominated by the Chancellor for a period of one year in the following order of rotation—
      - (a) Patna University, Patna
      - (b) Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Bihar University, Muzaffarpur
      - (c) Tilka Manjhi, Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur
      - (d) Ranchi University, Ranchi
      - (e) Magadh University, Body Gaya
      - (f) L. N. Mithila University, Darbhanga
      - (g) K.S.D.Sanskrit University, Darbhanga
      - (h) Sidhu Kanhu University, Dumka
      - (i) B.N.Mandal University, Madhepura
      - (j) Jai Prakash University, Chapra
      - (k) Veer Kunwar Singh University, Arrah
      - (l) Sant Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh
    - (6) Two Heads of University Departments, as may be prescribed by the Statutes, by rotation for a period of one year from the date of nomination.
    - (7) Two from amongst the Professors and Readers of the University, other than Heads of Departments and two such Lecturers who have teaching experience of at least ten years shall be nominated by the Chancellor.
    - (8) One person reputed for his scholarship and academic interest, to be nominated by the Chancellor.
    - (9) In case none of the members from clauses (1) to (8) above belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled tribe, the Chancellor may nominate a person longing to Scheduled caste or Scheduled tribe, who, in his opinion is interested in the cause of education, to be member of the Executive Council for a period not exceeding three years but if during the said period of three years a person belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe becomes a member under any of the clauses (1) to (8) the

person nominated under this clause shall automatically cease to be a member of the Executive Council with immediate effect.

Provided that until appointments are made so as to fill up the seats specified in clauses (6) and (7) the Chancellor shall nominate the teachers from other Universities in the State, who are not below the rank of Professors, to be the members of the Executive Council against those seats.

**3. Powers and duties of the Executive Council :** The Executive Council—

- (a) shall hold, control and manage the property and funds (together with endowments, bequests and donations) of the University and other transfers of property made to Study centres for their benefit;
- (b) shall regulate the form, provide for the custody and regulate the use of the common seal of the University;
- (c) shall, subject to the powers conferred by or under this Act on the Vice-Chancellor and Academic Council, determine and regulate all matters concerning the University in accordance with the Ordinance, the Statutes, and the Regulations;
- (d) shall manage funds placed at the disposal of the University for specific purposes;
- (e) shall have power to accept transfers on behalf of the University of any movable or immovable property to and for the benefit of the University or a Study centre;
- (f) shall make the Statutes and the Ordinances, and shall amend or repeal them;
- (g) shall consider the Regulations, and amend or repeal the same;
- (h) shall pass resolution after having considered the annual report, the annual account, the budget estimates and audit report on such accounts;
- (i) shall exercise the powers for the purpose of control in Study centres and of superintendence which includes recognition and de-recognition of Study centres;
- (j) shall institute and confer such degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions as may be prescribed by the Statutes; and
- (k) shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are conferred or imposed on it by the Ordinance or the Statutes.

**4. Terms of office of the Members of the Executive Council :** Save as otherwise provided under this Act the terms of office of members, other than ex-officio members of the Executive Council, shall be of three years from the date of their election or nomination as the case may be and shall include any further period which may elapse between the expiration of the said three years and the date of the next succeeding election or nomination not being an election or nomination to fill up any casual vacancy:

Provided that a member elected or nominated as a representative of any body shall be deemed to have vacated office with effect from the date on which he to be a member of the body which elected or nominated him.

**5. The Academic Council :**

(1) The Academic Council shall consist of—

Ex-officio Members

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor;
- (2) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (3) The Deans of Faculties;
- (4) The Director, Higher Education, Bihar; and
- (5) All Heads of Departments.

Other Members

- (6) other than Deans, Professors and Heads of Departments, who shall in the manner scribed by the Statutes, be elected by the teachers of the University in such a manner that each faculty may get representation;
- (7) not more than two experts from outside the University service, to be co-opted by the Academic Council for specific purposes according to need:

Provided that until appointments are made so as to fill up the seats specified in clauses (3), (5) and (6), the Chancellor shall nominate such number of teachers from other Universities in the State as he may think fit, not below the rank of Professor, to be members of the Academic Council.

- (2) The terms of office of members, other than the ex-officio members, shall be for a period of three years with effect from the date of their respective election or nomination and shall include any further period which may elapse between the expiration of the said period of three years and the date of the next succeeding election or nomination, as the case may be, not being an election or nomination to fill up any casual vacancy—

Provided that any member elected or nominated shall be deemed to vacate office with effect from the date on which he ceases to be a member of the body which elected or nominated him.

**6. Powers and duties of the Academic Council :** The Academic Council shall be the chief academic and planning body of the University and shall—

- (a) subject to the powers conferred by or under this Act on the Vice Chancellor and on the Executive Council, determine and regulate all academic and planning matters concerning the University in accordance with this Act and the Statutes.
- (b) have the powers of superintendence and control over and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction and education through Correspondence Course and contact programme and the promotion of research work in the University;
- (c) prepare and finalise plan and programme of development and improvements of the University, its Courses of Study, examination and evaluation including new methods of teaching and for consultation and exchange of information with similar organisations, other Universities and research institutes;
- (d) exercise supervision and control over the conduct of teaching in the department and study centres in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;
- (e) have powers of general control over the Examination Board, and may review the results of University Examinations; and
- (f) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes.

