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PREAMBLE

The Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad hereby constitutes a Student Bar Council to foster and promote:

1. The intellectual, physical and moral faculties of the Student community;
2. Cordial and harmonious relations between the [University Administration and the]¹ faculty on the one hand and the Student body on the other hand;
3. A sense of camaraderie and fellow feeling on the part of students, transcending all barriers;
4. A mature, responsible and co-operative outlook in the student body so that the staff, students and administration of the University do not experience any insuperable difficulties.

The primary aim of the Student Bar Council is to improve the quality of academic and social life in the University and to this end, it shall:

- i. Effectively represent the views of the students to, and work in conjunction with, the administration/faculty of MNLUA with regard to all matters that affect student life in the University;
- ii. Organise curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities aimed at developing the overall persona of students, keeping in mind the ultimate aim of inculcating professional competence through the development of the capabilities of students.

The Constitution of the Student Bar Council has been enacted to enable the efficient functioning of the Student Council and to this end the Constitution provides for:

- i. Constituting various Committees to allow for adequate representation of the student body in various fields of endeavour and aspects of student life;
- ii. Regularising the modes of representation, the functions, responsibilities and accountability of such bodies.

¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter I]²

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Article 1. The Student Body [and the General Body]³

1. The Student Body shall consist of all students of MNLU, Aurangabad (the University) who are enrolled in an undergraduate programme [or a post graduate programme]⁴ in law.
2. [Subject to the provisions of this Constitution]⁵ all students belonging to the Student Body shall have the right to vote, to seek [election]⁶, to remove office bearers, to initiate measures, and to participate fully in the functioning of the Student Bar Council.
3. [The General Body of a Committee shall consist of all the members of that Committee who have either been elected or have joined as voluntary members of the said Committee as provided in Article 28A of this Constitution.

Provided that no member of the Student Body can contest in the elections for two or more different Committees simultaneously.

Provided that no member of the Student Body can be a part of the General Body of more than two Committees at any given time.

Provided that no member of the Executive Council shall join the General Body of any Committee as a voluntary member.⁷

Article 2. Constitution of [the Councils]⁸

1. The Student Bar Council (SBC) shall consist of [all]⁹ the elected representatives for [all]¹⁰ the Student Committees as [provided and setup under this Constitution]¹¹, along with [all the members of]¹² the Executive Council.

² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022.

⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶ Substituted for 'elected' by the 1st Amendment, 2022.

⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸ Substituted for 'SBC' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹¹ Substituted for 'listed below' by the 1st Amendment, 2022.

¹² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

2. The Executive Council shall [consist of the following members who are to be elected in the manner prescribed by this Constitution-
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Deputy Treasurer
 - e. General Secretary
 - f. Joint Secretary
 - g. Deputy Secretary
 - h. Two Advisory Members]¹³
3. The Student Bar Council will bear no affiliations with National/State/Regional [political]¹⁴ parties. Any involvement of this kind will entail disqualification in accordance with the decision of the Election Committee.

[Article 2A. Meetings of the Student Bar Council and the Executive Council

1. A meeting of all the members of the Student Bar Council shall be conducted at least once every semester and the agenda, rules and procedure of the same shall be regulated by the Executive Council.
2. In addition to the other provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Council shall compulsorily conduct its meetings at least once every fourteen days since the day of its election.
Provided that the rules of procedure for the meeting shall be devised and formulated by the Executive Council itself in its first meeting after the election.]¹⁵

Article 3. Meetings of the Student Body and the General Body

1. A Student Body Meeting is a duly held meeting of the Student Body.
2. A General Body Meeting is a duly held meeting of the General Body of a particular Student Committee [***].¹⁶

¹³ Substituted for 'be elected in accordance with the procedure contained in Schedule 'A', shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, General Secretary and Joint Secretary.' by the 1st Amendment, 2022.

¹⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁶ Deleted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

3. Every member of the Student Body shall have the right to initiate the process to call for a Student Body meeting with any Committee or with the Executive Council.
4. Such a meeting can be called for by collecting a petition of signatures of at least 20 members of the Student Body.
5. Where the requisite number of signatures have not been collected, a member, or a group of members of the Student Body, may file a request with the President (with a copy of such request being sent to all members of the Executive Council [and to the Convenor of the Committee with which a meeting is sought, if any]¹⁷) to convene a Student Body Meeting. The President, after proper consultation, may either call for such a Student Body Meeting, or refuse to do so, within three days in either case.
Provided that in case the President refuses to call a Meeting, reasons must be provided to the member or the group of members who filed the said request.
6. [The quorum for a Student Body Meeting shall be a minimum of one-fourth of the total strength of the Student Body at the time of calling the Meeting and the Meeting shall be chaired by the President, in case the Meeting is sought with the Executive Council or by the Convenor of the Committee with which the Meeting is sought.
Provided that if the requisite quorum is not fulfilled, then the Meeting will be deferred for three working days. If, on the fourth day, the quorum is still not met then the call for the Meeting shall stand void and no meeting can be sought for the next fourteen days.
7. The quorum for a General Body Meeting of a Committee shall be a minimum of one-third of the total strength of the Committee at the time of calling the Meeting, out of which there must be at least two elected representatives of the Committee.
Provided that a General Body Meeting must be presided by the Convenor for that Committee and in case of absence of the Convenor by any elected representative consensually agreed upon by the elected representatives present at the meeting.
8. The validity of a Student Body Meeting or a General Body Meeting shall not be challenged on the ground that a member was not informed, if a reasonable attempt was made to convey the information to all members.

¹⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

9. Where the quorum for a Meeting of either the Student Body or a General Body shall include a fraction, then the fraction shall be construed as one whole.

Illustration- The total strength of the General Body of a Committee is 20. The quorum for a General Body Meeting of the Committee shall be 7, as one-thirds of 20 is $6\frac{2}{3}$ and a fraction is to be considered as whole.]¹⁸

Article 4. [Roles and Responsibilities of]¹⁹ the Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall coordinate and facilitate the activities of the Student Bar Council and individual Student Committees.
2. It shall implement policies, schemes, initiatives and other obligations that are delegated to it by the Student Bar Council.
3. It shall mediate any differences that may arise between any of the Student Committees. [It shall also be the forum responsible for interpreting the Constitution, but must seek opinions on any interpretation related issues from the Student Body before making any final adjudication.]²⁰
4. It shall ensure the fair, cooperative, and efficient functioning of the Student Bar Council.
5. It shall create an annual corpus to fund all new student activities, initiatives and start-ups that may come up any time during the academic year.
6. It shall be obligated to receive the assent of the concerned Student Committee, by a simple majority-vote, to ensure that any unspent allocations of a Student Committee are fairly reallocated.
7. It shall supervise, advise and coordinate with all student initiatives (and their organizing committees) which are fully or partially funded by the Student Bar Council to ensure their successful organization.
8. It shall perform any other function or duty as mentioned in this Constitution [including the preamble].²¹

¹⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

²⁰ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

²¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

9. [It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to finalize and declare to the Student Body the membership of the General Body of all Committees within a period of three weeks from the date of the election of the Executive Council. *Provided that* any subsequent change in the membership of a General Body must be informed to the Student Body within seven days of the change.
10. The Executive Council shall create an Event Calendar for a period of one year from the date of election of the Executive Council. The Events Calendar must be drafted and shared with the Student Body within a period of forty-five days. *Explanation-* This Event Calendar shall be created in consultation with all the Committees and Centres of the University and must lay out the various events and activities planned in the University. The Event Calendar must also be in consonance with the University Academic Calendar.]²²

Article 5. Qualification of Executive Council Members

1. [Only members of the Student Body who are elected representatives of any of the Committees provided in this Constitution shall be eligible to contest for the Executive Council.
2. No member of the Executive Council shall simultaneously hold the position of Convenor of any of the Committees provided in this Constitution.
3. In addition to the above, a person to be elected as-
 - a. President, must be in the fifth year of the undergraduate programme in law.
 - b. Vice President, must be in the fourth year of the undergraduate programme in law.
 - c. Treasurer, must be in the fourth year of the undergraduate programme in law.
 - d. Deputy Treasurer, must be in the third year of the undergraduate programme in law.
 - e. General Secretary, must be in the third year of the undergraduate programme in law.
 - f. Joint Secretary, must be in the second year of the undergraduate programme in law.

²² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

- g. Deputy Secretary must be in the first year of the undergraduate programme in law.
4. The position of Advisory Member shall be reserved for the students of the postgraduate programme of law of the University.
 5. No member of the Student Body shall contest for more than *one* post of the Executive Council at any given time.
 6. No member of the Student Body shall be eligible to be elected to the same post of the Executive Council for two consecutive terms.
 7. No member of the Student Body shall be a member of the Executive Council for more than two terms throughout the five years of their undergraduate programme.]²³

Article 6. Patron of the Student Bar Council

The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be the ex officio Patron of the Student Bar Council.

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²³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter II]²⁴

[OFFICE BEARERS]²⁵

Article 7. Powers and Obligations of the President

1. There shall be a President of the Student Bar Council.
2. The President shall be the foremost representative of the Student Body.
3. The President shall be the primary contact of the Student Body with the Administration of the University.
4. The President shall make such representations to the Administration as the Student Bar Council has resolved.
5. The President shall preside over, and may call for meetings of the Student Bar Council and the Executive Council:
 - a. The President shall convene a meeting of the entire Executive Council no less than at least once every two weeks since the day of its formation and;
 - b. The President shall convene a meeting of the entire Student Bar Council no less than at least once every six weeks since the day of its formation.
6. The President shall have the power to convene a Student Body meeting [and must compulsorily address the Student Body at least once every term about the goals (set and achieved) by the Student Bar Council.]²⁶
7. The President shall have the obligation to ensure the functioning of the Student Bar Council in a fair, democratic, transparent and efficient manner. [The President must also ensure that the procedure prescribed by this Constitution is followed by all the members of the Student Bar Council preferably within thirty days of the start of the term as President.]²⁷
8. The President may propose all policy decisions and decisions other than those having immediate consequences only in consultation with all the members of the Executive Council.

²⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

²⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

²⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

²⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

9. The President shall have the responsibility to ensure that incidents of ragging, discrimination and consumption of illegal stimulants on campus are kept in check.
10. The President may perform any such duties as may be resolved by the Student Bar Council or as advised by the Patron.
11. The President may delegate duties of a routine nature to the Vice-President.

Article 8. Powers and Obligations of the Vice-President

1. There shall be a Vice-President of the Student Bar Council.
2. The Vice-President may [in the absence of the President or under his direction]²⁸ convene and preside over meetings of the Student Bar Council and the Executive Council.
3. The Vice-President will preside as President under the following circumstances:
 - a. The right to recall has been exercised against the President or
 - b. The President has resigned; or
 - c. The President has graduated from the University; or
 - d. The President has communicated an inability or unwillingness to discharge the duties of the office of the President.
4. The Vice-President shall discharge duties that have been so delegated by the President.
5. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be determined by the Student Bar Council.
6. The Vice-President shall work along with the Student Committees to raise awareness and promote student participation in University events and other initiatives that are initiated at the behest of the Students or the Administration.

Article 9. Duties of a Treasurer

1. There shall be a Treasurer of the Student Bar Council.

²⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

2. The Treasurer shall head all matters pertaining to the finances of the Student Bar Council.
3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, in consultation with the respective Student Committees, to prepare a draft budget and present it before the first meeting of the Student Bar Council.
4. [***]²⁹
5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to ensure a fair, rational and equitable distribution of the finances of the Student Bar Council.
6. The Treasurer shall be mandated to allocate finances towards the economic support of the Student Body.
7. The Treasurer must make a record of each requisition for allocation of funds towards any student activity. The Treasurer must further record the reasons for the rejection or acceptance of such requisition.
8. The Treasurer must make accounts, detailing expenditures, revenue and savings. Such accounts must be disclosed to the Student Body [every three months since the date of election of the Treasurer].³⁰
9. The Treasurer will strive, along with the Secretaries, towards raising funds from external contributors, trusts, endowments, scholarships, sponsorships, and subsidies for student welfare.
10. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the Treasurer may act as President [after consultation with other members of the Executive Council].³¹

[Article 9A. Duties of the Deputy Treasurer

There shall be a Deputy Treasurer whose duty it shall be to assist the Treasurer in discharging satisfactorily the duties and obligations laid out in this Constitution.

²⁹ Deleted by the 1st Amendment, 2022. The clause as it stood prior to the Amendment was a repetition of the previous clause.

³⁰ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

In the absence of the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer in consultation with other members of the Executive Council shall act as the President.]³²

Article 10. Powers and Obligations of the General Secretary

1. There shall be a General Secretary of the Student Bar Council.
2. The General Secretary shall be responsible for reporting to the President and the Vice-President about the day-to-day functioning of the Student Bar Council.
3. The General Secretary shall have the duty to oversee the efficient and fair functioning of the various Committees. This shall include:
 - a. Providing technical and logistical assistance to each Committee;
 - b. Coordinating effective implementation of the proposals made by each Committee; and
 - c. Any other duty ensuring a cooperative and efficient functioning of all committees forming part of the Student Bar Council.
4. The General Secretary shall aid the President as External Representatives of the Student Bar Council.
5. The General Secretary shall, along with the Vice-President and the President, devise policies and programs to reach out to organizations, institutions, other Student Bar Councils, alumni and other such persons.
6. In the absence of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and [the Deputy Treasurer,]³³ the General Secretary, after consultation with other members of the Executive Council, shall act as President.

Article 11. Powers and Obligations of the Joint [Secretary]³⁴

1. There shall be a Joint Secretary of the Student Bar Council.
2. The Joint Secretary shall have the duty to record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council and ensure that all such minutes are disclosed,

³² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³⁴ Substituted for 'Secretaries' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

ordinarily within a period of seven working days of the meeting being held, to the Student Body.

3. The Joint Secretary shall ensure that each Committee is recording minutes and that such minutes are made known to the Student Body.
4. The Joint Secretary shall make an Annual Report on the functioning of the Student Bar Council at the end of its term. It shall include, inter alia:
 - a. Notes on initiatives taken by each committee, initiatives taken and implemented by the Executive, and resolutions passed by the Student Bar Council.
 - b. Various student achievements and various campus initiatives taken by the students; and
 - c. The recording of any informal conventions in place and development of new practices by the Student Bar Council.
5. The Joint Secretary shall document practices of earlier Student Bar Councils including precedents in decision-making, important initiatives that members of the Student Bar Council or Student Body had taken, etc.
6. The outgoing Joint Secretary shall present the documents prepared under Articles 10(4) and 10(5) to the incoming Student Bar Council after the conclusion of the final phase of elections.
7. In the absence of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, [Deputy Treasurer]³⁵ and [***]³⁶ the General [Secretary],³⁷ [the Joint Secretary],³⁸ after consultation with other members of the Executive Council, shall act as President.

[Article 11A. Deputy Secretary

There shall be a Deputy Secretary whose duty it shall be to assist the Joint Secretary in discharging satisfactorily the duties and obligations laid out in this Constitution.

³⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³⁶ Deleted 'both' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³⁷ Substituted for 'Secretaries' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

³⁸ Substituted for 'one of the Joint Secretaries' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

The Deputy Secretary shall also perform any other function that the Executive Council or the President may decide and assign.]³⁹

[Article 11B. Advisory Members

1. In addition to the above mentioned members of the Executive Council, there shall be in addition, two Advisory Members in the Executive Council.
2. The Advisory Members shall belong to the postgraduate programme of the University.
3. The method of choosing and adding the Advisory Members shall be in a manner devised after consultation between the President, the Returning Officer and the members of the Election Committee duly constituted by the Patron.
4. The Advisory Members shall act as a conduit between the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of the University.
5. The Advisory Members shall have the right to participate in all meetings of the Executive Council and the Student Bar Council. However, they will have no voting rights.
6. The number of Advisory Members can be increased in accordance with the increase in batches of the post graduate programme by notification from the Returning Officer after consultation with the President.]⁴⁰

Article 12. Powers and Obligations of the Convenors of Committees

1. There shall be a Convener of every Committee.
2. The Convener shall be the primary contact of that Committee with the Executive Council.
3. The Convener shall convene and preside over meetings of that Committee.
4. The Convener [must]⁴¹ convene a meeting of the [General Body of a]⁴² Committee no less than at least once every four weeks since the day of its formation.

³⁹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴⁰ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴¹ Substituted for 'shall' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

5. The Convenor, in coordination with the Joint [Secretary]⁴³, shall be responsible for ensuring that minutes for every meeting are recorded and that such minutes are made known, ordinarily within a period of seven working days of the meeting being held, to the Student Body.
6. The Convenor may propose all policy decisions, and decisions other than those having immediate consequences pertaining to the committee's mandate, in consultation with all the members of that committee.
7. The outgoing Convenor shall be responsible for presenting a report, along with other members of that committee on the functioning of that Student Committee, detailing the successful completion of tasks taken up, and the failure of the committee to discharge any tasks it may have resolved to discharge, and reasons for such failure along with challenges faced in the functioning of the Committee, at the end of its term after the conclusion of the final phase of elections in the incoming Committee. *Provided that* when the Convenor is a student graduating at the end of that academic year, they must appoint another committee member to undertake the responsibility of [submitting the report]⁴⁴ and convey the same to the Executive Council.
8. The Convenor shall perform any other functions as may be necessary for effective functioning of the Committee.

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⁴² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴³ Substituted for 'Secretaries' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴⁴ Substituted for 'under this Article' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter III]⁴⁵

[THE]⁴⁶ MANDATE OF [THE]⁴⁷ STUDENT COMMITTEES

Article 13. Academic Committee

1. To represent student concerns in the field of academics and related concerns to the University authorities.
2. To provide information to the Student Body on any academic competitions and organize any Open Challenges or competitions for selecting candidates to participate in the same.
3. To coordinate with the University Academic and Examination Committee in organizing guest faculty courses.
4. Any other academic-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 14. Moot Court Association

1. To promote and raise awareness and provide timely information about Moot Court Competitions in the University.
2. To organize and facilitate all mooting activities in the University.
3. To organize the Selection Moot and Open Challenges for selecting students to represent [the University]⁴⁸ in any Moot Court Competition outside the University.
4. To strive to obtain adequate funding for the University moot teams, from the University, alumni or any other sources.
5. To conduct Moot Orientation programmes.
6. To assist the University in organizing the Moot Mentorship programme.

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⁴⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁴⁸ Substituted for 'MNLUA' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

7. To maintain contact with all universities, institutions and organizations that organize Moot Court Competitions and receive Moot invites and propositions on behalf of the University.
8. To organize any inter-college Moot Court Competition hosted by the University.
9. Any other moot-related functions that the Association, through its policy, may decide.

Article 15. Literary and Debating [Society]⁴⁹

1. To promote and facilitate all literary and debating related activities in the University.
2. To organize intra-college or inter-college literary and quizzing activities on behalf of the University.
3. To promote, organize and facilitate all debating activities in the University.
4. To organize Selection Debates and/or Open Challenges to select student teams to represent the University in debate competitions.
5. To maintain contact with all universities, institutions and organizations that organize debate competitions; communicate received invites; and facilitate students' participation.
6. To organize practice debates and orientations.
7. Any other debating-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 16. Cultural Committee

1. To promote and facilitate all cultural and fine arts activities in the University.
2. To organize intra-college or inter-college cultural and fine arts activities on behalf of the University.
3. Any other related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 17. Hostel, Mess and Campus Welfare Committee

⁴⁹ Substituted for 'Committee' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

1. To ensure, in coordination with the cleaning staff and the contractor, that the cleanliness in the hostels and the campus is maintained.
2. To ensure the provision of safety equipment, where necessary, to cleaning staff.
3. To coordinate with the University, and ensure the provision of adequate dust bins, cleaning equipment and other measures needed to ensure hygiene and cleanliness in the campus.
4. To record student grievances relating to hostels and the campus and coordinate with University authorities to ensure their timely redressal.
5. To ensure fumigation, proper waste disposal and other measures to mitigate the risk of communicable diseases in the campus.
6. To assist the President in ensuring that incidents of ragging, discrimination and consumption of illegal stimulant on campus are kept in check.
7. Any other related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.
8. To oversee and maintain hygiene and quality of food served in the Mess and redress any grievances arising thereof.
9. To coordinate with the University in the tender process to select the mess contractor and ensure strict adherence to the terms of the mess contract/tender.
10. To ensure the provision of safety equipment, where necessary, to mess workers.
11. To prepare the mess menu, [after due consultation with the members of the Student Body.]⁵⁰
12. Any other Mess and Hospitality related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 18. Sports Committee

1. To promote and facilitate sports activities in the campus.

⁵⁰ Substituted for 'as per the preferences of the students' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

2. To maintain contact with all universities, institutions and organizations that organize sports events; and receive invites for the same and select university teams for representation in inter college sports events.
3. To organize various inter-college and intra-college sporting events.
4. To acquire and maintain sports equipment.
5. To coordinate with the University to improve and maintain sports and fitness infrastructure.
6. Any other sports-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 19. Library Committee

1. To coordinate with the University Library Committee to stock books and materials, in consultation with students.
2. To coordinate with [the]⁵¹ University Library Committee to arrange awareness [sessions]⁵² and inform [the]⁵³ Student Body regarding efficient use of library resources including online databases.
3. To recommend to the authorities the fees and other charges for the use of the Library.
4. To seek feedback on Library functions from readers.
5. Any other library-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 20. Disciplinary Committee

1. To ensure compliance with the disciplinary rules of the University.
2. To monitor and oversee the prevention of [indiscipline]⁵⁴ in the campus of the University.
3. To safeguard the rights of students and [maintain]⁵⁵ a climate of integrity and safety for all members of the University.

⁵¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁵² Substituted for 'session' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁵³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁵⁴ Substituted for 'indisciplinary activity' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

4. To maintain an adequate record of the history and disposition of each disciplinary case.
5. Any other disciplinary-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 21. Conference and Seminar Committee

1. To organize National and International Seminars/Conferences/Symposiums and other related programs for the overall development of the student body as well as the University.
2. To co-ordinate and foster the organization of such events and create a holistic environment for the student and faculty development.
3. To efficiently coordinate the successful conduction of events by inviting and organizing such events with the stalwarts of different contemporary legal disciplines and discourses.
4. Any other conference and seminar related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 22. Journal and Publication Committee

1. To offer [a]⁵⁶ viable path for students to engage in publication activities.
2. To provide valuable opportunities and indulge in academic publications.
3. To oversee the publication of student journals annually.
4. To foster the environment of publication in the University.
5. Any other journal and publication related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.
6. [The Committee will ensure that all the Journals and Blogs set up in the name of the University are fully operational.

⁵⁵ Substituted for 'maintaining' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁵⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

7. In case a Journal or Blog is inoperative for a considerable period of time, it shall be the duty of this Committee to formulate a policy in consultation with the concerned parties, to bring the inoperative Journal or Blog into operation.

Provided that the Committee must initiate measures and inform of the same to the President who will act as the conditions stipulate.]⁵⁷

Article 23. Student Welfare Committee

1. To provide logistical and financial support to legal aid activities undertaken by the Student Body.
2. To maintain internet and related infrastructure on campus.
3. To oversee student orientation and mentor-mentee programmes, conduct tutorials and special courses for students with special needs.
4. To coordinate with the University regarding the merit-cum-means scholarships to benefit students facing financial difficulties and to coordinate an economic aid programme for all students facing financial difficulties.
5. To organize outreaches to eminent persons, including eminent alumni, to secure their cooperation with [the University]⁵⁸ in different activities, such as talks and sponsorships.
6. To ensure the maintenance of healthcare and related services for students on campus.
7. To conduct environmental audits, re-imagine unsustainable student resource use on campus to reduce the collective carbon footprint and facilitate recycling and waste-reduction.
8. Any other related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 24. Internship and Placement Committee

1. To acquaint students with the dynamics of the operation of law in organizations.
2. To ensure that the legal scholars and legal engineers that are produced are of great relevance to the contemporary needs of the society.

⁵⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022.

⁵⁸ Substituted for 'MNLUA' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

3. To ensure arrangement of proper internship programs for the students.
4. To groom the students and make them aware of current scenarios of various industries.
5. To maintain good liaison with the recruiters.
6. To inculcate the quality of taking on industry challenges and emerging out as young leaders.
7. To develop strong analytical and competitive skills.
8. Any other related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

Article 25. Legal Aid Committee

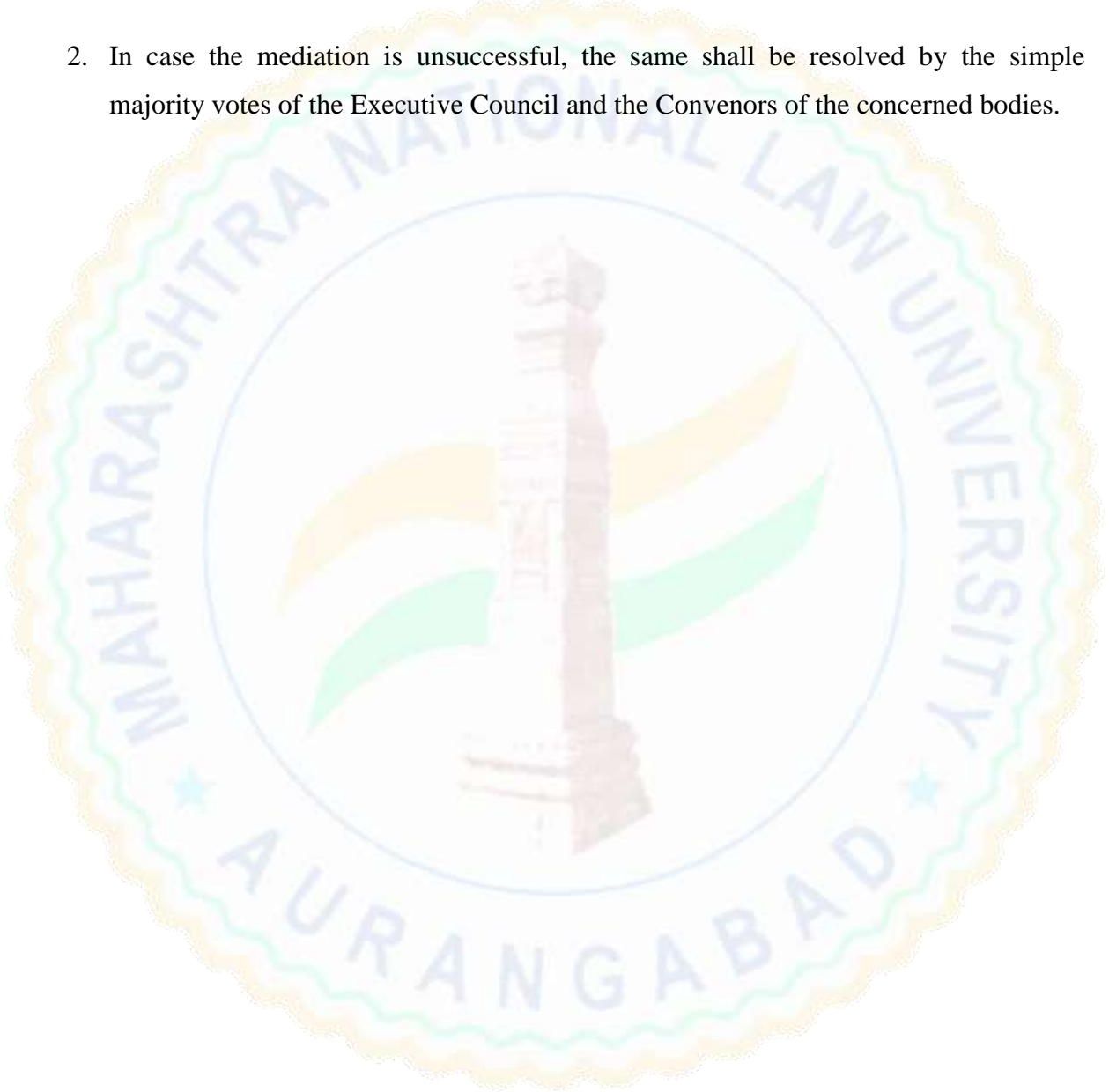
1. To improve the clinical legal skills of the students.
2. To inculcate an attitude amongst the students to provide effective legal services to the poor and marginalized people.
3. To disseminate legal literacy and knowledge to the society.
4. To assist in provision of pro-bono legal aid and conduct legal awareness camps; visits to prison, courts and juvenile homes; village adoption and organizing relevant conferences and seminars.

Article 26. Scholarship Committee

1. To coordinate and support in the review and administration of scholarships for the students of the University.
2. To support the mission, objectives, goals and vision of the scholarship committee.
3. To liaison with the administration to help achieve highest levels of scholastic excellence with a solid and well-planned scholarship program.

Article 27. Differences between the Student Committees

1. In case of any differences between the Committees, arising out of overlap of mandate or otherwise, the same shall in the first instance [be]⁵⁹ attempted to be mediated by the Executive Council.
2. In case the mediation is unsuccessful, the same shall be resolved by the simple majority votes of the Executive Council and the Convenors of the concerned bodies.



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⁵⁹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter IV]⁶⁰

FUNCTIONING OF [THE]⁶¹ STUDENT COMMITTEES

Article 28. Powers of the Student Committees

1. Each Committee shall formulate its own policies or rules or regulations with respect to the specific activities under its mandate.
2. Each Committee shall prepare and present the following, within 15 days of its formation to the Executive Council:
 - a. Agenda of the Committee for its term;
 - b. The Budget required for fulfilling the said agenda; and
 - c. The Working Procedure for the Committee for its term.
3. Each Committee shall have the power to call for a General Body Meeting before making decisions on matters that in its opinion require public consultation. The Committee in question shall be bound to consider the feedback received at such a meeting while making the same decision.
4. The Student Bar Council may, from time to time, elaborate on the powers or duties of each committee.

[Article 28A. Induction of Members to Committees

1. In accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, a member of the Student Body shall be elected from each batch of the undergraduate programme in law to every Committee provided herein.

Provided that this provision will not be construed to restrict the election of more than one member from each batch, if the same is allowed by this Constitution.
2. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a Committee may induct voluntary members from the Student Body.
3. It shall be the responsibility and discretion of a Committee to devise the policy and procedure for inducting voluntary members.

Provided that upon finalization of the procedure for inducting voluntary members and

⁶⁰ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

before initiating this procedure, a copy of the policy and procedure so devised must be shared with the Executive Council.]⁶²

[Article 28B. Removal of Members from Committees

1. Any member of any Committee shall be considered eligible for disqualification if, for a period of two consecutive months-
 - a. He has wilfully abstained from participating in the General Body Meetings and other events and activities of his Committee or,
 - b. He has wilfully ignored repeated attempts by his Committee to make contact with him.
2. Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution, an elected representative who is eligible for disqualification shall be removed from the Committee by a resolution passed by a simple majority in the General Body Meeting of that Committee. *Provided that* the simple majority of the General Body must include a minimum of three elected representatives of the Committee.
3. An elected representative so removed shall have a right to appeal before the Executive Council within a period of seven days. *Provided that* a decision of the Executive Council must be passed by a simple majority of the total strength of the Executive Council at the time of appeal.
4. The decision of the Executive Council can be appealed before the Returning Officer within a period of seven days and the decision of the Returning Officer will be final.
5. Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution, a voluntary member who is eligible for disqualification shall be removed from the Committee by a resolution passed by a simple majority in the General Body Meeting of that Committee. *Provided that* the simple majority of the General Body must include a minimum of three elected representatives of the Committee.
6. A voluntary member so removed shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Committee before the Faculty in-charge of the Committee and the decision of the Faculty in-charge will be final. This right to appeal must be exercised within seven days.

⁶² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

*Provided that the Faculty in-charge must consult the other faculty members of the Committee before making a decision.]*⁶³

[Article 28C. Resignation of members of the General Body

1. An Elected Representative may resign from his position according to the provision of Article 46 of this Constitution. A copy of the same must be sent to the Executive Council and the Returning Officer.
2. A Voluntary Member may resign from his position as a member of the General Body by sending an application in this regard to the Convenor of that Committee. A copy of the same must be sent to the Executive Council.
3. A member of the Executive Council shall be deemed to have vacated his seat in the Executive Council if he resigns, is recalled or is removed as an Elected Representative of a Committee.]⁶⁴

Article 29. Power to constitute [sub-committees]⁶⁵

1. Every Committee shall have the power to form [sub-committees]⁶⁶ for specific events under its mandate on an ad-hoc basis. The procedure for selection of member(s) of such [sub-committees]⁶⁷ must be assented to by the members of [the General Body of]⁶⁸ that Committee.
2. The President shall have the power to form consultative committees on an ad-hoc basis. The procedure for selection of member(s) of such committees must be assented to by the Executive Council.

Article 30. Reports

1. Minutes of all meetings must [***]⁶⁹ be disclosed to the entire Student Body, ordinarily within seven working days.

⁶³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶⁵ Substituted for 'Committees' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶⁶ Substituted for 'Committees' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶⁷ Substituted for 'Committees' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁶⁹ Deleted 'to' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

2. A report shall be prepared at the end of each semester detailing the successful completion of tasks taken up, and the failure of the committee to discharge any tasks it may have resolved to discharge, and reasons for such failure along with challenges faced in the functioning of the committee shall be included. The Committee shall also lay down the future course of action. The report shall be sent to the Student Body.
3. Two weeks before the end of the Academic Year, the reports of both semesters shall be compiled into one comprehensive report, which shall be included in the official archive of the Student Bar Council.
4. In the event that a Committee does not meet once each month, it shall provide reasons to the Student Body for the same.
5. In the event that a Committee does not submit any of the abovementioned reports within the said time period, the finances of the Committee shall stand frozen until all such reports are provided.

Article 31. Accountability

1. It shall be the duty of every Committee to hold a General Body Meeting at least once every [four weeks]⁷⁰ to discuss, amongst other matters, issues relating to policy and to review the working of that Committee. A notice of at least 3 days shall be given for such meetings. [***]⁷¹
Provided that if the quorum for such a meeting is not met in the first instance, a second meeting can be called within a period of 48 hours of the previous meeting being scheduled which may be duly held without a requirement of [a]⁷² quorum.
2. The Joint [Secretary]⁷³ shall make sure that the monthly meetings are held and [the]⁷⁴ minutes of the meeting are disclosed within seven working days of the meeting being held.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Joint [Secretary]⁷⁵ to ensure that the above mentioned reports of all the Committees are prepared and released.

⁷⁰ Substituted for 'semester' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁷¹ Deleted by the 1st Amendment 2022

⁷² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁷³ Substituted for 'Secretaries' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁷⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

4. It shall be the responsibility of every Committee to take appropriate measures to ensure that conflict of interest with regard to activities under its mandate is minimized.
5. If found inadequate, the Committee or any of its members may be removed as per the provisions of this Constitution.



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⁷⁵ Substituted for 'Secretary' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter V]⁷⁶

[RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY]⁷⁷

Article 32. Right to Initiate

1. Any member of the Student Body may make a proposal, with reasons for the same and accompanying information, and submit it to the Executive Council with a copy to the [Returning]⁷⁸ officer, whosoever is designated to be such by an order of the Patron.
2. Such a proposal may be made in the circumstances when the student:
 - a. Seeks to initiate a policy or action by the Student Bar Council;
 - b. Seeks to correct, amend, redesign or repeal any policy, initiative or such action of the Student Bar Council; and
 - c. Seeks to amend any provisions of this Constitution.
3. A petition of initiative should collect [the]⁷⁹ signatures of at least 50 members of the Student Body. The Executive Council must, within 3 days of receipt of such a petition, inform the Student Body and provide a sufficient and substantiated response.
4. The Executive Council, in consultation with the concerned Committee, if any, must communicate in its response whether it accepts the proposal set [out]⁸⁰ in the petition; wherein it disagrees or does not respond to the said petition.
5. Wherein the Executive Council does not respond to or does not accept the proposal contained in such [a]⁸¹ petition, the Returning Officer shall organize a vote with the choice of Yes/No for all the batches, upon receiving a written request from the initiator of the petition.
[Provided that the Returning Officer must conduct the vote within 7 days of the receipt of the written request.]⁸²

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⁸¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

6. If a majority of the voters who have participated in the process vote in favor of the proposition in the petition, then the proposal must be put into immediate effect.

Article 33. Right to Recall

1. Any member of the Student Body may make a proposal to Recall an Elected Representative from the post that he holds, with reasons for the same and accompanying information, and submit it to the Executive Council with a copy to the Electoral officer, whosoever is designated to be such by an order of the Patron. The Executive Council shall forward the petition to the concerned representative within a period of 24 hours.
2. A petition [for]⁸³ Recall should collect the signatures of at least 15% of [the total members of]⁸⁴ the Student Body [in case the Recall is to be exercised against a member of the Executive Council.]⁸⁵ In case the petition of Recall is made against [an Elected]⁸⁶ Representative [of any Committee],⁸⁷ then the signatures of at least 25% of the electorate of that particular representative as it stood on the day of Elections should be collected.
3. The concerned Representative must, within 3 days of receipt of such [a]⁸⁸ petition, communicate their response, to the Student Body, [of]⁸⁹ [***]⁹⁰ the allegations and information contained in the petition.
4. After the response of the representative is communicated to the Student Body, the Returning Officer shall organize a vote with the choice of Yes/No for all the batches, [if the Representative is to be removed from the Executive Council]⁹¹ or [for the batch of the Representative if he is to be removed from his position as a Representative to a Committee]⁹², [***]⁹³ upon receiving a written request from the initiator of the petition.

⁸³ Substituted for 'of' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸⁶ Substituted for 'a Committee' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁸⁹ Substituted for 'including' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹⁰ Deleted 'to,' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹³ Deleted 'the electorate of the committee representative, as applicable,' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

5. If 67% of the voters who have participated in [this]⁹⁴ process, vote in favor of the proposition in the petition, then the representative is said to have been removed with immediate effect, subject to the participation of at least 70% of the students eligible to vote.



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⁹⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter VI]⁹⁵
[ELECTIONS]⁹⁶

Article 34. Right to Vote

Save as otherwise provided for in this Constitution, every member of the Student Body shall be eligible to vote in the Election. Similarly, every member of the Student Body also has a right to not vote for any candidate in the election.

Article 35. Right to Contest Elections for the post of Committee Members

[Subject to the provisions of this Constitution,]⁹⁷ all the members of the Student Body shall be eligible to contest the elections for being elected as an Elected Representative to any of the Committees enumerated in this Constitution. [***]⁹⁸

Provided that the student contesting the election must have cleared his/her fees and any other [charges]⁹⁹ incumbent to the University. It is also mandatory for student to be declared as pass in all the subjects or he/she must have no backlogs on the day of declaration of candidature to the Election Committee.

[*Provided that* no restriction on the right to contest other than those provided in this Constitution shall be valid.]¹⁰⁰

[Article 35A. Lack of nominations

1. No vacancy for any elected post shall be fulfilled by any method other than elections.
2. If and when, there happens to be a lack of nominations for the election of any Elected Representative for any Committee provided herein, the said position shall remain vacant for the remainder of the term.
3. If and when, there happens to be a lack of nominations for the election of any position of the Executive Council, any member of the immediate junior batch shall be allowed to contest from that position.

Provided that in case there is a lack of nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary reserved for the first year of undergraduate programme in law, then the

⁹⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹⁸ Deleted 'Subject to the provisions of this Constitution' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

⁹⁹ Substituted for 'charged' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁰ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

immediate senior batch shall be allowed to contest from that position.

Provided that if the lack of nominations continues, the said position shall remain vacant for the remainder of the term.]¹⁰¹

Article 36. Declaration of Candidature and [Nomination Form]¹⁰²

1. Every member of the Student Body contesting for any post [***]¹⁰³ shall have to [abide by the provisions of this Constitution.]¹⁰⁴ [The Returning Officer must in accordance with the provisions of *Schedule I*, declare the list of candidates for any election prior to the election.]¹⁰⁵
2. At the time of [filing the nomination for the Preliminary Phase,]¹⁰⁶ the contesting member of the Student Body may also choose to publish a [Nomination Form]¹⁰⁷ [before his batch]¹⁰⁸ in the manner prescribed [under *Schedule II* of this Constitution.]¹⁰⁹ [***]¹¹⁰
3. [All candidates for the election to the various posts of the Executive Council shall compulsorily publish before the Student Body their Nomination Form as prescribed under *Schedule II* at the time of filing their nominations.]¹¹¹

¹⁰¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰² Substituted for 'Manifesto' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰³ Deleted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁴ Substituted for 'declare their candidature forty-eight (48) hours prior to the day of the Election in the manner prescribed by the Returning Officer.' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁶ Substituted for 'declaration of candidature' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁷ Substituted for 'Manifesto' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁰⁹ Substituted for 'by the Returning Officer.' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹¹⁰ Deleted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹¹¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter VII]¹¹²

AMENDMENT, SAVINGS AND REPEAL

Article 37. Amendments

Any provision of this Constitution may be amended in the following manner:

- a. On [the]¹¹³ recommendation of the majority of the Executive Council, an amendment may be proposed before the Student Body. Such an amendment shall be passed by [a]¹¹⁴ simple majority of the voters who have participated in the process vote in favor of the amendment, with at least two-thirds of the eligible voters participating in the process.
- b. On receipt of a petition under Article 32 by any student for [an]¹¹⁵ amendment, the same shall be passed by a simple majority of the voters who have participated in the process vote in favor of the amendment, with at least two-thirds of the eligible voters participating in the process.

Article 38. Savings and Repeal

1. All existing policies of the previous Student Bar Councils and its Committees shall continue to be in force, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
2. Every Student Bar Council, within 30 days of its election, is required to circulate among the Student Body a copy of this Constitution, and all policies or aims of its Committees, as the case may be.

Article 39. Removal of Difficulties

1. The Patron may, on recommendation and concurrence of majority of the Executive Council and Convenors of the Student Bar Council, for the purpose of removing any difficulties, particularly in relation to mandate and jurisdiction of each Committee, to the provisions of this Constitution, by order, direct that this Constitution shall have effect subject to such adaptations, whether by way of modification, addition or omission, as he may deem to be necessary or expedient.

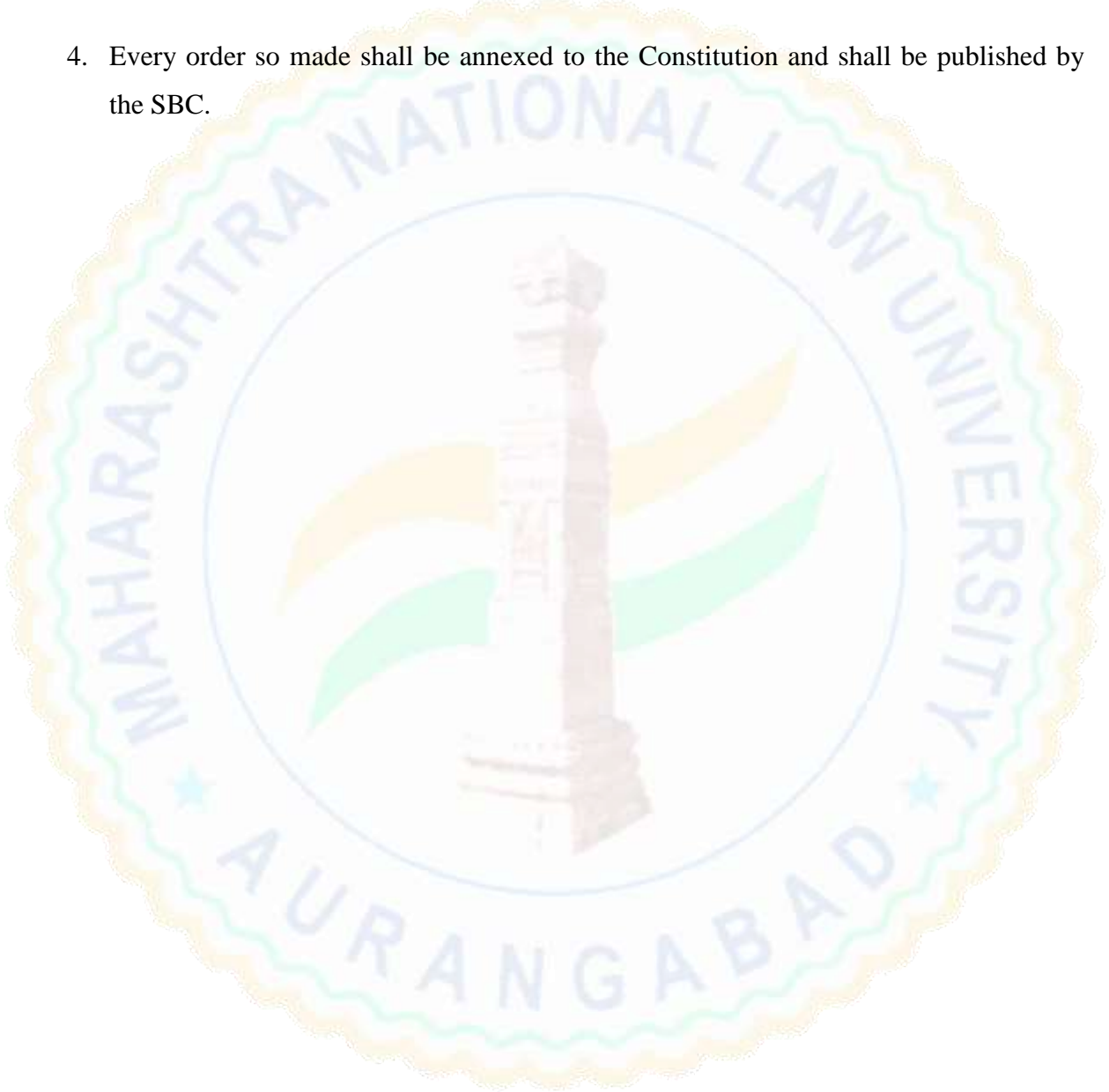
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¹¹³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹¹⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹¹⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

2. Such [an]¹¹⁶ order must specify whether the modification, addition or omission, as the case may be, is time bound (if so for what period) or generally applicable.
3. No such order under clause (1) shall be made after one year has elapsed from [the]¹¹⁷ date of [the]¹¹⁸ passing of this Constitution.
4. Every order so made shall be annexed to the Constitution and shall be published by the SBC.



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¹¹⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹¹⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter VIII]¹¹⁹¹²⁰

[ELECTION PROCEDURE]¹²¹

Article 40. General Procedure for Elections

1. The election shall be conducted within four weeks of the beginning of the semester for the first year [***]¹²² batch of the undergraduate programme of law.
2. The election for the Elected Representatives to the various Committees and to the Executive Council shall follow the steps laid out in *Schedule I*.
3. There shall be a Preliminary Phase wherein the representatives of the Committees shall be elected by [the members of the undergraduate programme of law of]¹²³ the Student Body.
4. After the representatives of the Committees have been elected, they shall convene for the election of the Convenors from amongst themselves.
5. In the final phase, the Elected Representatives of all the Committees shall elect from amongst themselves [***]¹²⁴ [the]¹²⁵ Treasurer, [the Deputy Treasurer]¹²⁶ the General Secretary [***]¹²⁷ the Joint Secretary [and the Deputy Secretary]¹²⁸
6. [In the final phase, all members of the Student Body from the undergraduate programme of law shall vote for the election of the President and the Vice President.]¹²⁹

Article 41. Officers in charge of Election

There shall be a returning officer-in-charge who shall oversee the election. The returning officer- in-charge and the returning officers shall be designated by the University.

Provided that candidates who have reservations against the individuals so nominated can

¹¹⁹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁰ The entire chapter has been brought in from Schedule A and the Schedule A as it was prior to the 1st Amendment stands deleted.

¹²¹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²² Deleted 'B.A. LL.B.' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁴ Deleted 'the President the Vice President' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁷ Deleted 'and' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁸ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹²⁹ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

send in their objections to the Patron for his consideration no later than twelve hours before the election.

Article 42. Procedure for Election [to]¹³⁰ the Student Bar Council

Each representative to the Student Bar Council, except the Executive Council, shall be elected by their respective batch from among the candidates contesting that post in the Preliminary Phase.

Provided that all batches shall elect one male and one female representative to the Hostel[, Mess]¹³¹ and Campus Welfare and Sports Committees and those representatives shall be elected by the representatives of those genders respectively.

Article 43. Manner of Voting at Elections

1. In every election, the votes shall be taken by secret ballot in [the]¹³² presence of a returning officer, and no votes shall be received by proxy.
2. The ballots shall be sealed and transferred to the Office of the Patron after [the]¹³³ completion of voting.
3. The ballots for the election of the Representatives of the Committees shall be counted after [the]¹³⁴ completion of voting for all such Committees in the Preliminary Phase.
4. The ballots for the election of the President and the Vice-President shall be counted after completion of voting for [***]¹³⁵ the Treasurer, [the Deputy Treasurer,]¹³⁶ the General Secretaries and the Joint Secretaries.
5. [The value of the vote of any member of the Student Body or the Student Bar Council shall be ‘one’ for their elections that they are allowed to vote in. Furthermore, the system of *first past the post system* shall be used to adjudge the winner of any election conducted under this Constitution.]¹³⁷

¹³⁰ Substituted for ‘of’ by the 1st Amendment, 2022

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¹³² Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹³³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹³⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹³⁵ Deleted ‘the Convenors of Committees,’ by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹³⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹³⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

Article 44. Counting of Votes

After each Phase, votes shall be counted by or under the supervision and direction of, the respective returning officer, and each contesting candidate shall have a right to be present at the time of counting.

Article 45. Declaration of Results

After [the]¹³⁸ completion of the counting of votes for every Phase, the returning officer-in-charge shall forthwith declare the result of the election by publication of the same on the notice boards. A simple majority shall constitute the winning vote.

Article 46. Procedure for filling of vacancies

If any elected post falls permanently vacant due to resignation, removal or any other reason, the election to that post shall be held within a period of seven working days, in accordance with the procedure provided for in this [Constitution.]¹³⁹

The resignation by [a]¹⁴⁰ member of the [Student Bar Council]¹⁴¹ can be tendered to the Secretary, Election Committee, duly established by the Patron. Upon submission of resignation, the resignation will be put forth before the members of the Election Committee within seven days of the submission of such resignation. The decision of the Election Committee will be treated as final and the further process of filling in of vacancies will be taken in accordance with this Constitution.

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¹³⁸ Substituted for 'a' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹³⁹ Substituted for 'schedule' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁴⁰ Substituted for 'the' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁴¹ Substituted for 'executive body' by the 1st Amendment, 2022

[Chapter IX]¹⁴²

[MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS]¹⁴³

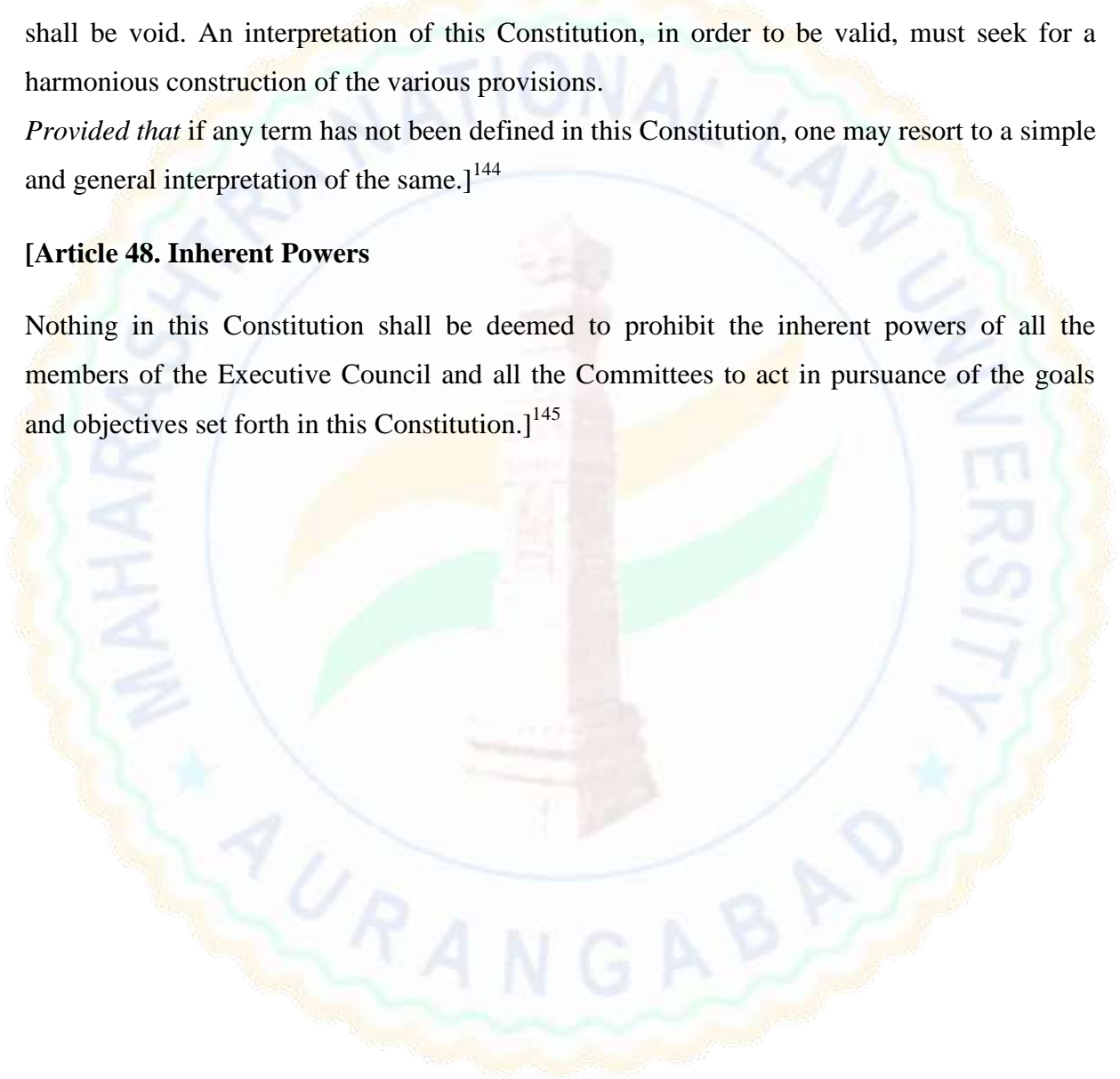
[Article 47. Interpretation of this Constitution

Any interpretation that shall bring into conflict two or more provisions of this Constitution shall be void. An interpretation of this Constitution, in order to be valid, must seek for a harmonious construction of the various provisions.

Provided that if any term has not been defined in this Constitution, one may resort to a simple and general interpretation of the same.]¹⁴⁴

[Article 48. Inherent Powers

Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to prohibit the inherent powers of all the members of the Executive Council and all the Committees to act in pursuance of the goals and objectives set forth in this Constitution.]¹⁴⁵



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¹⁴³ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁴⁴ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

¹⁴⁵ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

SCHEDULE I¹⁴⁶

(Articles 36 & 40)

Election Schedule

Day 1	Notification regarding fresh elections released to the Student Body.
Day 2 & 3	Nominations opened for the Preliminary Phase i.e. Elections for the various Committees. List of candidates must be declared latest by Day 3
Day 5	Elections for Preliminary Phase conducted. Results declared for the Preliminary Phase. Nominations opened for the elections to the Executive Council.
Day 6	List of candidates for the elections to the Executive Council declared.
Day 8	Elections conducted for the Executive Council.
Day 9	Results for the election to the Executive Council declared. All Committees to elect their Convenors. Final List of the newly constituted Student Bar Council to be declared.

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¹⁴⁶ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022

SCHEDULE II¹⁴⁷

(Article 36)

Nomination Form for Candidates

1. Name _____.
2. Year of Study and Name of degree _____.
3. Committee/Office (seeking election to) _____.
4. Previously a member of an MNLUA Committee, Centre, Body or Council along with tenure of membership (if any) [Not applicable for students of the 1st year and the post-graduate programme]
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - c. _____.
 - d. _____.
 - e. _____.
 - f. _____.
 - g. _____.
5. Marks obtained in the previous three semesters (in percentage)[Not applicable for students of the 1st year and the post-graduate programme]
 - a. _____ Semester- _____ %
 - b. _____ Semester- _____ %
 - c. _____ Semester- _____ %
6. Why do you seek election to the Committee/Council? What do you intend to achieve and perform upon election? What is your vision after getting elected?
(Addition of two additional pages permitted)

¹⁴⁷ Inserted by the 1st Amendment, 2022