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THE NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, ODISHA (STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN DEBATES AND SEMINARS) RULES, 2014

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 5 (zn) of the National Law University Odisha Act, 2008 (Act IV of 2008), and without prejudice to the generality of powers vested in the University by the said Act, the University makes the following rules in respect of the University's students participating in debates and seminars:

1. Short Title, Application and Commencement:

- (1) The following rules shall be known as the National Law University Odisha (Students' Participation in Debates and Seminars) Rules, 2014.
- (2) They shall apply to the National Law University Odisha.
- (3) They shall come into force on the date on which they are notified.

2. Definitions:

- (a) "Act" means the National Law University Odisha Act, 2008 (Act IV of 2008);
- (b) "Coordinator" and "Faculty Coordinator" mean the faculty coordinator of the Literary and Debating Committee or the faculty coordinator of the Seminar Committee, as the case may be;
- (c) "Debate" and "Debate Competition", unless the context otherwise requires, means a debate competition held within India in which the University's students may participate;
- (d) "Finance Officer" means any person holding the office of the Finance Officer of the University or, if applicable, the Finance Officer (administration) of the University, and includes any person acting in either of the above capacities, whichever is applicable;
- (e) "Literary and Debating Committee" means the Literary and Debating Committee of NLUO;
- (f) "NLUO" and "University" mean the National Law University Odisha;
- (g) "Rules" means the National Law University Odisha (Students' Participation in Debates, Seminars and Conferences) Rules, 2014;
- (h) "Seminar", unless the context otherwise requires, means a bonafide academic seminar, conference or symposium organised within India by an institution of higher education or any other organisation involved with academic pursuits;
- (i) "Seminar Committee" means the Seminar Committee of NLUO;
- (j) "Student" means a student enrolled in any full-time undergraduate course offered by the University;
- (k) Unless the context otherwise requires, the other words and phrases used herein shall be construed in the light of their ordinary meaning.

3. Eligibility

- (1) Only those debate teams or seminar participants who have secured prior approval from the faculty advisor to the respective appropriate Committee shall be eligible for receiving funding from the University.
- (2) In cases where more than one team seeks to represent the University at a debate or more than one student seeks to participate in a seminar, as the case may be, the faculty advisor to the appropriate Committee shall determine as expeditiously as possible

which team or person is to receive funding from the University.

4. Classification of Debates:

Debate Competitions may be classified as Category I or Category II.

5. Category I Debates:

- (1) A total of eight debates may be classified as Category I debates.
- (2) After the commencement of these Rules, and at the beginning of each academic year, the Literary and Debating Committee shall by notification specify six debates to be classified as Category I debates, which shall then be listed in Schedule I of the Rules.
- (3) In addition, at any time within an academic year two further debates may be notified as Category I Debates. This shall be undertaken by a decision of a committee comprised of the Convenor, the Co-Convenor, and the Faculty Advisor to the Literary and Debating Committee, with the Faculty Advisor entitled to reject any decision if it appears to her or him as not in the best interests of the University.
- (4) Once the decisions are taken, the same shall be intimated to the Finance Officer.

6. Funding – Category I Debates:

- (1) In respect of each Category I competition, the University shall provide in full the funding for one team comprising of two speakers and, depending upon the rules of the competition, one adjudicator.
- (2) In exceptional cases, the University may in respect of two debates in one academic year fund one additional team, providing if the prior approval of the Registrar is obtained and conveyed to the Finance Officer within reasonable time.
- (3) The funding contemplated in Sub-Rules (1) and (2) above comprises:
 - (a) AC 3 tier rail fare to and fro; and
 - (b) Registration fees in full.

7. Category II Debates:

- (1) A total of eight debates may be classified as Category II debates.
- (2) After the commencement of these Rules, and at the beginning of each academic year, the Literary and Debating Committee shall by notification specify five debates to be classified as Category II debates, which shall then be listed in Schedule II of the Rules.
- (3) In addition, at any time within an academic year three further debates may be notified as Category II Debates. This shall be undertaken by a decision of a committee comprised of the Convenor, the Co-Convenor, and the Faculty Advisor to the Literary and Debating Committee, with the Faculty Advisor entitled to reject any decision if it appears to her or him as not in the best interests of the University.

8. Funding – Category II Debates:

In respect of each Category II competition, the funding provided by the University is restricted to the registration fees for one team only, comprising of two speakers and, depending upon the rules of the competition, one adjudicator.

9. Disbursal of Reimbursement:

- (1) It is here clarified out of abundant caution that the University is not responsible for

settling disputes concerning reimbursement vis-a-vis actual expenses incurred by individual team members.

- (2) The process of reimbursement shall be initiated only when team members submit bills, vouchers and other substantiating documents.
- (3) The bills, vouchers and other substantiating documents shall then be certified by the faculty advisor to the Literary and Debating Committee.
- (4) Once the aforementioned documents are verified and approved, the total amount shall be paid to all members of the team separately in equal proportion. Team members may then, through internal arrangement, settle with one another in regard to actual expenses incurred.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything stated in sub-rule (4) above, team members at their discretion may nominate in writing one among themselves to receive the reimbursement amount in full. That member may then distribute the amount among the others through internal arrangement.

10. Seminars

- (1) After the commencement of these Rules, and at the beginning of each academic year, the Seminar Committee shall by notification specify six Seminars, which shall listed in Schedule III of the Rules.
- (2) In addition, at any time within an academic year four further seminars may be notified. This shall be undertaken by a decision of a committee comprised of the Convenor, the Co-Convenor, and the Faculty Advisor to the Seminar Committee, with the Faculty Advisor entitled to reject any decision if it appears to her or him as not in the best interests of the University.
- (3) When notifying seminars under Sub-Rule (1) or Sub-Rule (2) above, priority shall be given to seminars relating to law.

11. Funding – Seminars

- (1) In respect of each seminar, the University shall provide in full the funding for one participant.
- (2) In exceptional cases, the University may respect of three seminars in one academic year fund one additional participant, providing if the prior approval of the Registrar is obtained and conveyed to the Finance Officer within reasonable time.
- (3) The funding contemplated in Sub-Rules (1) and (2) above comprises:
 - (a) AC 3 tier rail fare to and fro; and
 - (b) Registration fees in full.