

RGNUL STATUTES

Framed Under Section 29(1) of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006

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INTRODUCTORY

First Statutes of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Patiala) framed under Section 29 (1) of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Act, 2006.

Whereas Section 29(1) of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Act, 2006, provides that:

The first statutes of the University shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the approval of the Chancellor. They shall be placed before the General Council in its first meeting, which may adopt them with or without modification. Subsequent statutes or modifications in the statutes shall be made by the General Council.

Section 11 of the said Act provides that:

The General Council shall be the plenary authority of the University and shall formulate and review from time to time the broad policies and programmes of the University and devise measures for the improvement and development of the University and shall also have the following powers and functions, namely:

- (i) to consider and pass the annual report, financial statements and the budget estimates prepared by the Executive Council and to adopt them with or without modification, and
- (ii) to make statutes concerning the administration of the affairs of the University including prescribing the procedures, to be followed by the authorities and the officers of the University in the discharge of their functions.

Therefore, the following Statutes have been framed at the meeting of the RGNUL General Council held on 18.07.2009.

RGNUL STATUTES

The Statutes of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala (Approved by the RGNUL General Council under Section 29(1) of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006, in its meeting held on 18.07.2009)

DEFINITIONS

1. (a) Administrative Affairs' shall also include administration of Academic Affairs.
- (b) 'Annual Report' means a report presented at the meeting of the General Council on the working of the University.
- (c) 'Budget Estimates' mean budgetary provisions prepared by the Executive Council for the following financial year regarding income and expenditure under Capital and Maintenance heads, which shall also include statement of accounts of income and expenditure of the preceding three years.
- (d) 'Financial Statement' means abstract of receipts and expenditure under the Capital and Maintenance heads duly audited by the competent. Audit Authority with explanatory notes, wherever required.
- (e) 'Graduation Course' shall include Five Year Graduation Course in Law offered to students who have taken admission in the University after passing 10+2 or equivalent

examination from a recognized Board or University, with component of Arts, Science or Management subjects.

- (f) 'Post-Graduation Course' shall include Two Year Post Graduation Course in Law and also Post-Graduation Course in Law with other related subjects offered to the students who have taken admission at the University after obtaining Graduation Degree in Law from a recognized University.
 - (g) 'Regulations' mean regulations made under Section 29(2) of the RGNUL Act.
 - (h) 'Research Degree Programme' shall include a Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Law and in other faculties having relevance to Law.
 - (i) 'RGNUL' means the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Patiala).
 - (j) 'RGNUL Act' means the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006).
 - (k) 'Statutes' mean statutes made under Section 29(1) of the RGNUL Act.
2. **WORDS AND PHRASES:** Words and Phrases used in these statutes and defined in the RGNUL Act shall have the same meaning as given under that Act.
3. **ANNUAL REPORT:** The Annual Report shall include the status report of the following matters:
- (i) The Administrative Work;
 - (ii) The Academic Work; and
 - (iii) Mention of unaccomplished planned work, if any, during the preceding year.

CHAPTER-I

THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

4. COURSES OF STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY

- (1) The Courses of Study at the University shall include the following:
 - (i) Graduation Courses;
 - (ii) Post-Graduation Courses;
 - (iii) Research Degree Programmes; and
 - (iv) Diploma and Certificate Courses
- (2) The components of the courses shall be determined by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Academic Council.
- (3) The Academic Planning Board may also recommend other relevant courses.

5. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

The University may create separate Departments for running the courses of study as approved by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Academic Council.

6. ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATION AND POST-GRADUATION COURSES

Admission to the Graduation and Post-Graduation Courses shall be through the All India Admission Test in the order of merit.

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

No student shall be eligible for admission to a course of study unless he/she possesses such qualifications as may be prescribed by the University Rules and Regulations.

CHAPTER-II

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The University may set up different Administrative Wings to manage the affairs of the University as may be approved by the Executive Council from time to time.

9. ACCOUNTS

- (i) The University shall maintain accounts through a standard accounting procedure prescribed through regulations, for all money received by or on behalf of the University.
- (i) The funds of the University shall only be utilized in furtherance of the objectives and functions of the University as stipulated in the RGNUL Act and in accordance with the provisions made in the Budget.

10. EXAMINATIONS

The University shall develop fair examination system for conducting, evaluation, declaration of result and maintenance of examination record.

CHAPTER -III

APPOINTMENTS

11. APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS, LIBRARIANS AND OTHER OFFICERS

[The word "Finance Officer" removed from the heading. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025]

- (1) The appointment of Teachers, Librarians and Other Officers may be made either on regular or on contractual basis by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Chancellor.

[The word "Finance Officer removed" from 11(1). Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

Note: An endeavour should be made to fill all the posts of teachers at RGNUL on regular basis and contractual appointments shall be made rarely. (Approved by the General Council at its meeting held on 20.05.2010 Item No. 1 Para (i).

- (2) The regular or contractual appointments shall be made through a procedure prescribed by regulations.
- (3) (i) The UGC norms regarding eligibility and qualification shall be followed for selection and appointment of a regular teacher.
- Note:** In exceptional cases, however, the condition of having qualified UGC (NET) may be relaxed and appointment may be made with a condition to fulfill the requirement of UGC (NET) or acquiring of a Ph.D. Degree within a stipulated period. (Approved by the General Council at its meeting held on 20.05.2010 Item No. I Para (ii).
- (ii) The salaries of the regular teachers shall be as per the UGC pay scales as notified by the University Grants Commission from time to time.
- (iii) The initial appointments shall be made on probation for a period of one year which may be extended by another one year.
- (iv) On satisfactory completion of the probation period, the services of the teacher may be regularized by the Executive Council.
- (5) (i) The qualification and eligibility for contractual appointment of the teacher shall be as provided by the Regulations.
- (ii) The salary of the contractual teacher shall be consolidated within the respective pay scale of the post.
- (iii) The contractual appointment shall be made for a fixed period against the sanctioned posts.
- (6) The service conditions of the Teachers, Librarian, Finance Officer and Other Officers shall be as prescribed by the UGC.
- (8) Omitted

[The word Finance Officer removed from 11(6). Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

[Clause 11 (8) “The Vice-Chancellor, keeping in view the need of the senior faculty, may also selectively appoint/re-appoint a superannuated teacher keeping good health upto the age of 70 years. The regulation may prescribe the consolidated salary payable to the retired teachers” omitted. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

12. APPOINTMENT OF NON-TEACHING STAFF

- (1) Appointment of Non-teaching staff may be made either on regular or on contractual basis in the categories prescribed by the Executive Council.
- (2) The regular or contractual appointment shall be made as per the procedure prescribed by the Regulations.
- (3) The decision to fill any non-teaching post on regular basis shall be taken by the Executive Council.

- (4) (i) The regular appointments shall be made initially on probation for one year which may be extended by another one year.
- (ii) On satisfactory completion of the probation period, the service of the employee shall be regularized as per the procedure prescribed by the Executive Council.
- (5) The appointment of the non-teaching staff shall be against the posts created by the Executive Council in the respective pay scales as applicable to the Punjab Government employees.
- (6) The contractual appointments shall be made against the sanctioned posts for a fixed period on consolidated salary within the pay scale for the respective post.

13. EMOLUMENTS AND SERVICE CONDITIONS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor shall determine the emoluments and other conditions of the service of the Vice-Chancellor.

14. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR

- (1) The Registrar shall be an academician not below the rank of Professor of Law with minimum three years administrative experience in an Educational Institution.
- (2) The emoluments and other conditions of services of the Registrar shall be determined by the Executive Council and shall not be varied to his disadvantage after his retirement.
- (3) The term of appointment of the Registrar shall be for a period of three years or till he attains the age of sixty-two years, whichever is earlier. The term may be extended for another two years with the permission of the Chancellor.

[Clause (3) “The Registrar shall be appointed on regular basis after due selection. The age of superannuation of the Registrar shall be 65 years” substituted. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

- (4) When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

[Clause (4) added. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

- 15. AGE OF SUPERANNUATION OF TEACHERS:** Age of Superannuation of Teachers shall be as per the UGC norms adopted by the University.

16. AGE LIMITS FOR APPOINTMENT

- (1) The age of a person at the time of the appointment to the service of the University shall ordinarily be not less than eighteen (18) years and not more than forty (40) years in respect of Administrative and Ministerial Staff.
- (2) Omitted

[Clause (2) “The superannuated Non-Teaching persons may be employed selectively for a specified period keeping in view the need of the University, upto the age of 65 years. Outstanding and experienced person who is keeping good health, may further be employed upto 70 years of age” omitted. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

17. FINANCE OFFICER

- (1) The Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.
- (2) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time: Provided that the Finance Officer shall be appointed for a term of three years or till he attains the age of sixty-two-years, whichever is earlier. The term may be extended for another two years with the permission of the Chancellor.
- (3) When the office of the Finance Officer is vacant or when the Finance Officer is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

[17 added. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

18. CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

- (1) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and he shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.
- (2) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examinations shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time; Provided that the Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a term of three years or till he attains the age of sixty-two-years, whichever is earlier. The term may be extended for another two years with the permission of the Chancellor.
- (3) When the office of the Controller of Examinations is vacant or when the Controller of Examinations is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of his office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.
- (4) The Controller of Examinations shall arrange for and superintend the examinations of the University in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

[18 added. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

CHAPTER-IV

MISCELLANEOUS

19. RESERVATION POLICY REGARDING ADMISSIONS

The Executive Council may by regulation provide for reservation of seats for admission to the undergraduate and the post graduate courses of the University.

[17 renumbered as 19. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

20. RESERVATION POLICY REGARDING APPOINTMENTS

The policy regarding reservation in appointments shall be proposed by the Executive Council, to the General Council for the latter's approval.

[18 renumbered as 20. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

21. STUDENTS' WELFARE

The University may provide necessary facilities for the residence, health, sports, cultural and overall development of the students.

[19 renumbered as 21. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

22. BINDING NATURE OF STATUTES

The Statutes as originally framed by the General-Çouncil or amended from time to time, shall be binding on all authorities, officers, teachers and employees of the University and persons connected with the University.

[20 renumbered as 22. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

23. DISCIPLINE

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor may constitute a Fact Finding Committee to inquire into the incidence of indiscipline, if any, by the students.
- (2) The Committee shall report the matter to the Vice-Chancellor for confirmation of its findings.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may also require the Committee to suggest punishment or any other disciplinary action against a student, if found guilty.
- (4) The Vice-Chancellor may award the appropriate punishment except for the punishment provided under Section 33(2) of the RGNUL Act.

Provided that Vice-Chancellor may suspend a student from classes and hostel pending inquiry against him/her.

[21 renumbered as 23. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

24. OVER-RIDDING EFFECT

Notwithstanding anything contained in these statutes, in case of any contradiction between the provision of the Act and the statutes, the provision of the Act shall prevail.

[22 renumbered as 24. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]

25. POWER TO REMOVE DIFFICULTIES

- (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Statutes, the Chancellor may issue necessary directions consistent with the RGNUL Act.
- (2) Every direction issued under Clause (1) shall be put before the next meeting of the General Council.

[23 renumbered as 25. Approved by the General Council in its meeting held on 13-2-2025.]