

NALSAR
University of Law, Justice City, Shameerpet

Dt.: December 28, 2020

STUDENT BAR COUNCIL ELECTION NOTIFICATION 2020

The elections to the SBC of NALSAR University of Law will be held on **January 2, 2021 from 10:00 AM** onwards for electing the representatives for each of the following Committees:

- a. Academic Committee
- b. Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- c. Moot Court Committee
- d. Literary and Quizzing Committee
- e. Cultural and Fine Arts Committee
- f. Mess and Hospitality Committee
- g. Hostel and Campus Welfare Committee (one person from BH and one from GH from each batch)
- h. Debating Committee
- i. Sports Committee (one person from BH and one from GH from each batch)
- j. Social Responsibility and Student Welfare Committee
- k. The Board of Auditors

In addition to the above committees, the election to the posts of President and Vice-President will be held through a direct election in the General Phase and all the members of the Student Body have the right to vote.

The election to the Convenors of various Committees will be held on a Cisco WebEx meeting, the link to which shall be sent to all elected representatives.

All the elected representatives of the Committees except the members of the Board of Auditors shall elect the following Executive Members, through a separate Google form sent only to them:

- a. General Secretary (Male)
- b. General Secretary (Female)
- c. Joint Secretary (Male)
- d. Joint Secretary (Female)
- e. Treasurer

Eligibility to contest the SBC Elections:

- a. All members of the Student Body shall be eligible to contest for every post in the SBC Election subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Only students who have completed all the subjects up to VIII Semester and are in the final year of the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) shall be eligible to contest for the post of President;
 - ii. Only students who have completed all the subjects up to VI Semester shall be eligible to contest for the post of Vice-President; and

- iii. Only students who have completed all the subjects up to II Semester shall be eligible to contest for the posts of the Executive Council and Convenors of the Committees.

Provided that no candidate shall contest for more than one post of the Executive Council at a time. No member of the Executive Council or Convenor can contest the election to the same post in the immediately subsequent year.

b. A candidate in an SBC election shall:

- i. Not have any academic arrears in the year of contesting the election;
- ii. Have attained 75% attendance in each subject till the previous academic year;
- iii. Not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he/she should not have been tried or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanour;
- iv. Not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the University authorities;
- v. Not have been found guilty of any activity which could have aggravated differences or created mutual hatred or caused tension between different castes and communities or created tensions or hatred on the basis of religion, caste, language, region, nationality, sexual orientation etc. between any group of students;
- vi. Not have been involved in any way in the sexual harassment or making of any disrespectful comment about any group of people or private life of any student / teacher / staff; and
- vii. Not have been involved in any way in ragging on campus or outside.

***Provided* that in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and online classes, clauses (b)(i) and (b)(ii) shall not apply for the even semester of the Academic Year 2019-20 and the odd semester of the Academic Year 2020-21.**

- c. No candidate shall use any mode of communication to create nuisance or garner votes for any candidate, in any form, during the process of election. Any violation will entitle the Returning Officer-in-charge to cancel the candidature or debar the concerned candidate from participating in the election process.
- d. A candidate who submits plagiarized manifesto may be disqualified by the Returning Officer-in-charge.

Declaration of Candidature and Manifestos

Every member of the Student Body contesting for any post, other than the Executive Committee, shall have to declare their candidature **by sending their nominations through the Google Form link given below before 3:00 p.m. on December 29, 2020.** No student can contest for more than one Committee. Students must fill their name, Roll No., Class, Section, contact number, the email ID and the post to which they are submitting their nomination and also the manifesto. **Nominations received after the time specified or with incomplete information or to any other email in any form will not be considered. No representation in this regard will be**

entertained on any ground. The contesting member of the Student Body may also choose to send a Manifesto outlining the past experience of the candidate relevant for the post she/he is contesting. It should also contain the proposed ideas and activities which the candidates wish to employ and execute during their tenure. The Manifesto submitted by the candidates shall be circulated to the student body. **The manifesto must be brief and should be below 2000 characters. Any manifesto which is beyond 2000 characters will not be accepted.** Any other appeal or sending of emails / WhatsApp messages in the nature of manifesto shall disqualify a candidate.

For the election to the posts of President and Vice-President, all candidates will send their manifesto as a Microsoft Word file by email to **sbcelections@nalsar.ac.in**, in addition to filling the Google Form (without sending a manifesto on the Form). **The Manifesto for candidature to these posts will not exceed 3000 words.**

Google Form Link for filing nominations:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdR-sRk28vdfW2DjmFgOpfl1ThndRownaGTcdQYgSM_Io_2jA/viewform

Note: No extension will be given beyond the time and date indicated above for filing of nominations.

Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debate

As per the SBC Constitution, every member of the Student Body wishing to contest for the post of the President or Vice-President shall have to declare their candidature along with oral presentations of their proposed ideas, plans and activities which the candidate wishes to employ and execute during their tenure at the Debate called by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose. The presentations will be followed by questions and seeking of clarifications by the members of the Student Body and the other candidates. The Debate, if necessary, is scheduled to be held on **January 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. on Cisco WebEx meeting.**

Procedure for Election of the Student Bar Council

- a. Each representative to the Student Bar Council, except the Executive Committee shall be elected by their respective Section from among the candidates contesting that post in the Preliminary Phase.
Provided that each batch shall elect one male and one female representative to the Hostel and Campus Welfare and Sports Committees and those representatives shall be elected by the representatives of those genders respectively.
- b. There shall be a Returning Officer-in-charge who shall oversee the election. The Returning Officer-in-charge and the Assistant Returning Officer-in-charge shall be designated by the University.
- c. General Phase: There shall be a General Phase wherein the whole Student Body shall vote for the posts of the President and Vice-President and each Section shall vote for their representatives to the Committees.

- d. **Final Phase:** After the representatives of the Committees have been elected, the election to the posts of Convenors, the Treasurer, the General Secretaries and the Joint Secretaries shall be conducted in the Final Phase of the Election. The elected representatives of every Committee shall elect, from amongst themselves, the Convenor of that Committee. The elected representatives of all the Committees shall elect from amongst themselves the Treasurer, the General Secretaries and the Joint Secretaries.
Provided that members of the Board of Auditors shall not be eligible to either vote or contest in the final phase of election, save to elect their Convenor.
- e. After each Phase, votes shall be counted according to instructions of respective Returning Officers-in-Charge, and details of such counting shall be revealed transparently to a contesting candidate.
- f. After a completion of the counting of votes for every Phase, the Returning Officer-in-charge shall forthwith declare the result of the election by public notice. A plurality of the total valid votes cast shall constitute the winning vote.
Provided that the votes for the elections to the posts of President and the Vice-President shall be counted only after the Final Phase of the Election is completed.
- g. The candidates who are aggrieved by the decision of the Returning Officer-in-Charge may file the objection with the Grievance Redressal Cell. The decision of the Grievance Redressal Cell shall be final. There will be no appeal. The Vice-Chancellor shall notify the composition of the Cell at the time of notification of elections.
- h. Even if any elected post falls permanently vacant due to resignation, removal or any other reason, no further Notification will be issued during this academic year.

Provided the Patron shall notify the second winner as the winner if the University does not resume physical classes on campus.

Manner of Voting

The Returning Officer-in-charge shall cause the elections to be conducted through Google Forms¹ / webex meeting.

All the students who are having issues with the personal NALSAR official email ids are required to write to Mr. Irfan on irfan@nalsar.ac.in and get the NALSAR official email ids functional as the total election process will be held through Google forms / webex meeting and the links for the said election process will be sent to only individual NALSAR official email ids. Further the votes casted through any other email id without the permission from the Returning Officer-in-Charge will be not be entertained. Only NALSAR domain email IDs allotted to students can be used for voting. After voting, each member of the student body shall receive a copy of their response.

¹ The usage of Google Forms will be made to ensure that there is no abuse of the electoral process. The University shall not access the e-mail IDs to correspond with the responses.

Schedule

Last date to submit the nominations for the post of President, Vice-President and Class Representatives for various Committees along with the manifesto	December 29, 2020 by 3:00 PM
Last date for verification of NALSAR official email ids	December 30, 2020 by 3:00 PM
Verification of nominations	December 30, 2020 by 3:00 PM
Notification on the website – List of ineligible candidates	December 30, 2020 by 3:00 PM
Filing of grievances by the candidates by email to sbcelections@nalsar.ac.in	December 30, 2020 by 6:00 PM
Meeting of the Grievance Redressal Cell	December 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Circulation of final list of nominations to all the students after the decision by the Grievance Redressal Cell	December 31, 2020 by 5:00 PM
Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debate, if required	January 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM on Cisco WebEx
Conduct of Election of President, Vice-President and Class Representatives through Google form links	January 2, 2021 Acceptance of responses between 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Conduct of election of Convenors through Webex meeting Inviting nominations for – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Secretary (Male) • General Secretary (Female) • Joint Secretary (Male) • Joint Secretary (Female) • Treasurer 	January 2, 2021 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM January 2, 2021 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Conduct of election through Google form for - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Secretary (Male) • General Secretary (Female) • Joint Secretary (Male) • Joint Secretary (Female) • Treasurer 	January 2, 2021 Acceptance of responses between 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Declaration of results	January 2, 2021 4.30 PM
Swearing in ceremony	January 2, 2021 5.00 PM

Note:

All the students are required to follow the schedule strictly and the Google forms for nominations and casting the vote will be closed strictly as per the scheduled time line. Nominations and the votes recorded after the time line will not be considered. No extension of time will be granted under any circumstances.

All the students are requested to check the NALSAR website for all the notifications and information with regard to the election process. Due to short period, University may not be able to send individual communications.

Advise by the Patron, SBC

- Students are advised to develop consensus candidates so that number of candidates will be less or choice is unanimous.
- In view of online election process and shortage of time in verifying the eligibility, students are strongly advised to file nominations only when they fulfil requirement of attendance and do not have academic arrears and have not been subjected to any disciplinary proceedings.
- Only candidates who want to serve the full term should file the nominations as in view of the difficulties in online election and verification process, no election shall be held to fill the vacancies.
- Election Laws are strictly interpreted and therefore no reasonable accommodation or liberal construction can be claimed in the interpretation of these laws.

Prof. N Vasanthi, Professor of Law and **Mr. Sourabh Bharti**, Assistant Professor have been appointed as Returning Officer-in-Charge and Assistant Returning Officer-in-Charge respectively.

Grievance Redressal Cell

The candidates who are aggrieved by the decision of the Returning Officer-in-Charge may file an objection with the Grievance Redressal Cell within the specified time. The decision of the Grievance Cell shall be final. There will be no appeal. The Grievance Redressal Cell for the SBC Election scheduled on January 2, 2021 will consist of the following:

1. Prof.Amita Dhanda, Professor of Law – Chairperson
2. Dr. K.V.K.Santhy, Associate Professor
3. Dr. G.Mallikarjun, Assistant Professor
4. Mr. Varun Malik, Assistant Professor
5. Mr.Sughosh Joshi, B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) V Year

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VICE-CHANCELLOR