(As Approved by the Coordination Committee in its meeting held on 25/10/2017 and Adopted by Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya in its EC meeting held on 04/12/2017).

STATUTE NO. 24

ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBERS TO THE COURT

[Refer Section 20(1) (iv)]

- 1. All elections shall be by simple majority vote and by secret ballot.
- 2. The Registrar shall be the Returning Officer and he shall conduct the poll.
- 3. Wherever any election under Group D of Sub-section (I) of Section of the Adhiniyam is to be held, the Registrar shall by a notification put up on the Notice Board at the University Office, announce the item under which the election is to be held, the number of members to be elected and the date of the poll which shall be no earlier than 2l days from the date of the announcement of the date of the poll.
- 4. (1) Simultaneously with the announcement of the date of the poll, the Registrar shall:
 - (a) Publish the names of the electors separately for election under each item by affixing a copy of the list containing such names on the noticeboard at the University office;
 - (b) Dispatch to every elector by registered post a copy of the notification issued under (3) above, the list of names of the electors and a notice to the electors to be present at the University office on the date of the poll at a given time to elect members on the court;
 - (2) (a) For journey to the headquarters of the University in accordance with the provisions of sub Para (I)
 - (b) Above, T. A. and D.A. at the rates applicable in case student participants of Inter- Collegiate tournaments shall be paid to the elector by the college to which he belongs.
- 5. On the date of the poll at the time fixed under clause (b) of Paragraph 4 (i) the Registrar shall:
 - (a) Satisfy himself in regard to the identity of each elector by checking the Identity Card or photograph attested by the Principal of the College, Head of the University Teaching Department or School of Studies;

- (b) Call upon the electors to nominate candidates for the election in Form D appended to this Statute and allow an hour for filing nominations. Each candidate shall be proposed and seconded by an elector. Each candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper;
- (c) On the expiry of the time fixed for filing nominations the Registrar shall scrutinize the nomination paper in the presence of the electors and decide all objections which may be made to any nomination. The Registrar may on such objection or on his own motion reject any nomination paper which is incomplete or defective in any manner:
- (d) Alter the scrutiny of nomination papers, the names of validly nominated candidates shall be announced in the meeting and half-an-hour shall be allowed for withdrawal of nominations;
- (e) After the expiry of the time for withdrawals the Registrar shall announce the names of contesting candidates who were validly nominated and have not withdrawn. If the number of such contesting candidates is equal to or less than the number of members to the elected, all such candidates shall be declared elected. However, if the number of contesting candidates who were validly nominated and have not withdrawn exceeds the number of members to be elected, voting shall take place;
- (f) Where voting is necessary, the Registrar shall call upon the electors to vote and fix the time for the poll which shall not be less than two hours. Each voter shall be given by the Registrar a voting paper in Form D-l showing the names of candidates in alphabetical order. Each voter can vote for as many candidates as the number of Members to the elected. An elector in giving his vote shall put a cross mark (x) in the space opposite the name of the candidate, he wishes to vote for;
- (g) At the close of the poll the votes shall be counted and the Registrar shall draw up a list showing the names of candidate arranged in order of the votes received the name of the candidate securing the highest number of votes appearing at the top of the list. Candidates equal in number to the number to be elected who have secured the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. When two or more candidates have secured equal number of votes, the result of the election shall be decided by drawing lot:
- (h). A voting paper shall be rejected if:

- (a) It is unmarked or void for uncertainty.
- (b) It is signed by the elector.
- (c) The elector has recorded votes for more candidates than the number to be elected.

Provided that where an elector has not voted for more candidates than the number to be elected and there is uncertainty in respect of some but not all votes given by him. The voting paper shall be rejected only to the extent to which the vote is uncertain;

- 6. No election shall be invalid by reason of non-receipt of any notice of election by the elector.
- 7. An election petition against any returned candidate may be presented to the Kulpati by any candidate or elector within ten days from the date of publication of the result of the election on the notice-board of the University. The Kulpati's order on the petition shall be final.

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- **N.B.**:- (1) The elector should put a cross mark (x) in the space opposite the name of the candidates he wishes to vote for.
 - (2) The elector can give as many votes as the number of seats to be filled by election.