

FIFTY NINTH MEETING OF THE  
**SYNDICATE**



**MINUTES**

DATE : 17.03.2023

TIME : 11.30 a.m.

VENUE : Chamber of the Principal Secretary to Government  
Higher Education Department, VI Floor, Secretariat  
Chennai – 600 009

**TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY**

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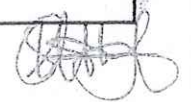
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MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD  
ON 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 AT 11.30 A.M.

Members Present:

S.No	Name of the Members	Position
1.	Prof. S. Arumugam Vice - Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet , Chennai - 600 015	Chairperson
2.	Dr. D. Karthikeyan, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009	Member
3.	Thiru. P. Senthilkumar, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government Health & Family Welfare Department Secretariat, Chennai 600 009	Member
4.	Thiru B. Karthikeyan, Secretary to Government Law Department Secretariat, Chennai 600 009	Member
5.	Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura (Former Professor - UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow) Crystal Growth Centre (UGC - National Facility Centre) Anna University, Chennai - 600 025 C6, Abhinav Gardens, 34, Velachery Road Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015	Member
6.	Dr. B. Ponnuswamy (Former Associate Professor, Economics) No.15 Sowrashtra Nagar 9th Street, Choolaimedu High Road Chennai - 600 094	Member

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7.	Dr. K. Sekar (Former Director of Collegiate Education) 84, 2nd Street Ganesapuram, Namakkal Namakkal District - 637 002	Member
8.	Thiru. V. Manoharan (Former Director TAMIN) 7, Crystal Lawn Apartments 104, 13th Main Road Anna Nagar West Chennai - 600 040	Member
9.	Mr. Baskaran Kesavan [Founder & CEO, Kriya Tec IT Systems, India] Flat No. 9, M.R.C. Kalpathru Apartment No. 35, Seethammal Main Road Teynampet, Chennai - 600018	Member
10.	Prof. G. Archunan [Dean-Research, Marudupandiyar College, Thanjavur] Res: No.4A, 6th Cross Extension First Main Road, Raja Colony Contonment, Tiruchirappalli - 620 001	Member
11.	Dr. K. Rathnakumar Registrar Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet Chennai - 600 015	Ex-Officio Member Secretary

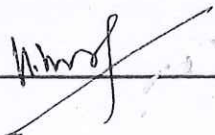
Thiru: P. Senthilkumar, IAS. and Thiru B. Karthikeyan could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Syndicate and took up the agenda items. After due deliberations in the meeting, the following resolutions were arrived in the Syndicate Meeting, against Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.01

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 55<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 03.03.2022

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held on 03.03.2022 as per Annexure - 1, Page Nos.1 to 18 to the Agenda Notes BE CONFIRMED.



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ITEM NO. 2023-59.02

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 56<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD  
ON 26.05.2022

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held  
on 26.05.2022 as per *Annexure - II, Page Nos.19 to 32* to the Agenda Notes  
BE CONFIRMED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.03

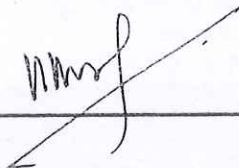
TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD  
ON 02.06.2022

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held  
on 02.06.2022 as per *Annexure - III, Page Nos. 33 to 40* to the Agenda Notes  
BE CONFIRMED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.04

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE  
THROUGH CIRCULATION DATED 24.02.2023

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate  
through circulation dated 24.02.2023 as per *Annexure - IV, Page Nos. 41* to  
the Agenda Notes BE CONFIRMED.



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ITEM NO. 2023-59.05

TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE 55<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 03.03.2022.

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held on 03.03.2022 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.06

TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE 56<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 26.05.2022.

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held on 26.05.2022 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.07

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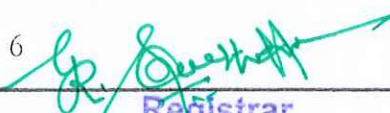
RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held on 02.06.2022 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.08

TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE 58<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE THROUGH CIRCULATION ON 24.02.2023.

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held on 24.02.2023 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

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ITEM NO. 2023-59.09

TO INFORM THE RETIREMENT OF FOLLOWING TNOU STAFF MEMBERS

1. DR. P. RAJASEKARAN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ON 28.02.2021 A.N.
2. DR. D. VINODHKUMAR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ON 30.04.2022 A.N.
3. MR. G. ANBALAGAN, DEPUTY REGISTRAR,  
FINANCE DIVISION ON 31.05.2022 A.N.
4. MRS. G. DEVAKI, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR,  
ADMISSION SECTION ON 31.05.2022 A.N.

RESOLVED THAT the retirement of the following TNOU Staff Members

Sl.No.	Name of Staff Member	Designation	Retired on
1	Dr. P. Rajasekaran	Assistant Professor	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 A.N.
2	Dr. D. Vinodhkumar	Assistant Professor	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 A.N.
3	Mr. G. Anbalagan	Deputy Registrar	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022 A.N.
4	Mrs. G. Devaki	Assistant Registrar	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 A.N.

BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.10

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES SYNDICATE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON  
24.03.2022

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Syndicate Sub-Committee held on  
24.03.2022 is enclosed as *Annexure - V, Page Nos. 47 to 52* to the Agenda  
Notes BE CONFIRMED.

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*G. Senthil*  
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ITEM NO. 2023-59.11

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES SYNDICATE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 24.05.2022

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Syndicate Sub-Committee held on 24.05.2022 is enclosed as *Annexure - VI, Page Nos. 53 to 64* to the Agenda Notes BE CONFIRMED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.12

TO RATIFY THE PERMISSION GRANTED TO MRS. J. RENEE ARATHI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, TNOU TO TRAVEL ABROAD ON EARNED LEAVE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 22.08.2022 TO 17.09.2022.

RESOLVED THAT the permission granted to Mrs. J. Renee Arathi, Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences, TNOU to travel Abroad on Earned Leave for the period from 22.08.2022 to 17.09.2022 BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.13

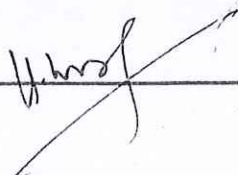
TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF FACULTIES HELD ON 25.08.2022

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Chairpersons of Faculties held on 25.08.2022 is enclosed as *Annexure - VII, Page Nos.65 to 72* to the Agenda Notes BE CONFIRMED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.14

TO INFORM THE UPLOADING OF SSR ON 09.03.2023 IN THE NAAC PORTAL FOR ACQUIRING NAAC ACCREDITATION

RESOLVED THAT the uploading of SSR on 09.03.2023 in the NAAC portal for acquiring NAAC Accreditation BE NOTED AND RECORDED.



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FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director i/c., Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) be directed to take the follow up action and also to ensure that the University is prepared as per NAAC requirements for the physical verification which is scheduled to take place any time within two months.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.15

TO CONSIDER THE DISPOSAL OF OLD STUDY MATERIALS STORED IN THE MATERIAL PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION DIVISION TO TNPL.

RESOLVED THAT the disposal of old study materials stored in the Material Production and Distribution division to Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd., (TNPL) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Deputy Registrar Material Production and Distribution division be directed to take necessary action for the disposal of old study materials, 1,34,266 Nos. stored in the MPDD and to retained 29,267 Nos. for the use of old students as well as Schools, Library and Regional Centres to re-use for the current students also as recommended by the concerned Programme Co-ordinators.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.16

TO CONSIDER THE STATUS REPORT WITH REGARD TO SUSPENSION OF DR. A. S. ARUL LAWRENCE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, TNOU, CHENNAI.

RESOLVED THAT the status report with regard to suspension of Dr. A. S. Arul Lawrence, Assistant Professor, School of Education, TNOU, Chennai BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Syndicate nominates Tmt. R. Lalitha, I.A.S., Commissioner, Directorate of Technical Education, Chennai as an enquiry officer to enquire into the charges framed against Dr. A.S. Arul Lawrence, Asst. Professor, School of Education.

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*x also suggested to find out the person responsible for the surplus of old study materials to take action by appointing a committee.*



ITEM NO. 2023-59.17

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 17.03.2023

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17.03.2023 to the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-59.18

TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE FOR REMAPPING OF TNOU FACULTY MEMBERS INCLUDING THE STAFF OF FACULTY OF EDUCATION FOR OBTAINING NAAC ACCREDITATION.

RESOLVED THAT the authorizing the Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University to constitute a Committee for remapping of TNOU Faculty Members including the staff of Faculty of Education for obtaining NAAC Accreditation BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

*Consisting of 2 Syndicate members  
Dr. S. Narayana Kalkma and Mr. Baskaran Kesava  
have omitted.*

ITEM NO. 2023-59.19

TO RATIFY THE NOMINATION OF MR. BASKARAN KESAVAN AND DR. G. ARCHUNAN, AS SYNDICATE MEMBERS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR UNDER THE PROVISION OF SUB-SECTION (2) CLASS I, OTHER MEMBERS(G) OF SECTION 20 OF TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY ACT, 2022 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS ORDER

RESOLVED THAT the nomination of Mr. Baskaran Kesavan and Dr. G. Archunan, as Syndicate Members by the Vice Chancellor under the provision of Sub-Section (2) Class I, Other Members (g) of Section 20 of Tamil Nadu Open University Act, 2002 for a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of this Order BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED.

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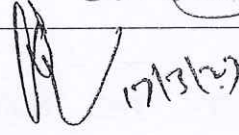
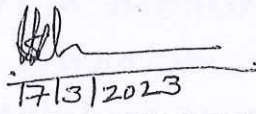
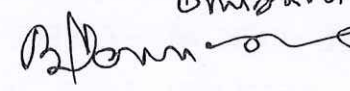

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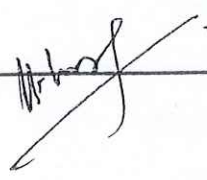
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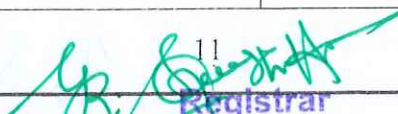
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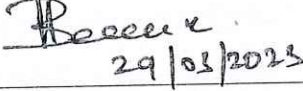

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notification as per UGC regulations for positions of Registrar and Controller of Examinations be notified in dailies one each in Tamil and English.

The meeting came to end at 12.00 Noon on 17.03.2023 with Vote of Thanks by the Chairperson.

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2	Dr. D. Karthikeyan, IAS.,	 17/3/23
3	Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura	 17/3/2023
4	Dr. B. Ponnuswamy	 omission in items 59-15 and 59-18 have to be correct 18/4/23
5	Dr. K. Sekar	
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7	Mr. Baskaran Kesavan	 29/03/2023
8	Prof. G. Archunan	
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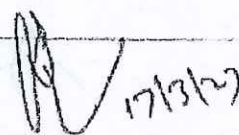

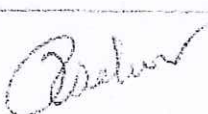

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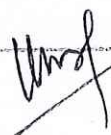
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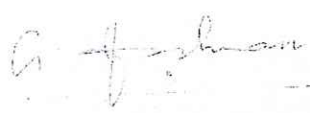
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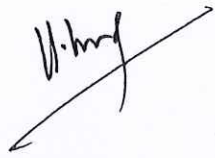
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