

SIXTY FIRST MEETING OF THE **SYNDICATE**



MINUTES

DATE : 31.07.2023

TIME : 12.00 Noon

VENUE : Syndicate Hall, Administrative Block, TNOU

TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

(A State Open University Established by Government of Tamil Nadu, Recognized by UGC & DEB,
Member in Asian Association of Open Universities & Association of Commonwealth Universities)

577, ANNA SALAI, SAIDAPET, CHENNAI – 600 015


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Tamil Nadu Open University
No.577, Anna Salai,
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TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015

MINUTES OF THE 61st MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 31st JULY 2023 AT 12.00 NOON

Members Present:

1.	Prof.S.Arumugam Vice-Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015.	Chairman
2.	Thiru A. Karthik IAS., Principal Secretary to Government Higher Education Department Secretariat Chennai - 600 009.	Member
3.	Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura Former Director and Professor & Professor - UGC-BSR-Faculty Fellow Crystal Growth Centre, (UGC - National Facility Centre) Anna University, Chennai - 600 025.	Member
4.	Prof.J.Prakash Professor Department of Instrumentation Engineering Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai - 600 044.	Member
5.	Dr. B. Ponnuswamy Former Associate Professor of Economics Choolaimedu High Road Chennai - 600 094.	Member
6.	Dr. K. Sekar Former Director of Collegiate Education 84, 2nd Street, Ganesapuram Namakkal District - 637 002.	Member
7.	Thiru V.Manoharan [Former Director TAMIN] Anna Nagar, Chennai	Member
8.	Mr.Baskaran Kesavan Founder & CEO, Kriya Tec IT Systems, India Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.	Member


Registrar

9.	Prof.G.Archunan [Dean-Research, Marudupandiyar College, Thanjavur] Trichirappalli - 620 001.	Member
10.	Dr. S.Balasubramanian Registrar [FAC] Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015.	Ex-Officio Member Secretary

The Syndicate Members Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department and Thiru B.Karthikeyan, Secretary to Government, Law Department, could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Syndicate and took up the agenda item. After due deliberations in the meeting the following resolution was arrived in the Syndicate Meeting, against Agenda Item.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.01

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 17.03.2023 AND 60th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE OBTAINED THROUGH CIRCULATION DATED: 30.03.2023

CONSIDERED the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 17th March 2023 and 60th Meeting of the Syndicate obtain through Circulation Dated: 30th March 2023, as detailed in the Annexure-I Page Nos.32 to 58 to the Agenda Notes, **BE CONFIRMED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.02

TO INFORM THE PERMANENT AGENDA NOTES FOR THE 61st MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE WITH REFERENCE TO THE GOVT. LETTER. No. 10559/K2/2017-1, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, DATED : 19-06-2017

CONSIDERED the Permanent Agenda Notes for the 61st Meeting of the Syndicate with reference to the Government Letter No.10559/K2/2017-1, in the format prescribed therein, as detailed in the Annexure-II Page No.60 to 74, to the Agenda Notes, **BE CONFIRMED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.03

TO CONFIRM THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE 59th & 60th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

CONSIDERED the Action Taken Report of the 59th and 60th Meeting of the Syndicate obtained through Circulation **BE APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.04

TO INFORM THE APPROVAL ORDER ISSUED BY THE ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO TAMIL-NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY FOR OFFERING MBA PROGRAMME IN OPEN & DISTANCE AND ONLINE LEARNING (ODL AND OL) MODE FOR 5 YEARS FROM 2023-24 TO 2027-28.

CONSIDERED the approval order issued by the All India Council for Technical Education [AICTE] to TNOU for offering MBA Programme in Open & Distance Learning [ODL] and Online Learning [OL] Mode from the Academic Year 2023-24 to 2027-28, and approval obtained in this regard, **BE NOTED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.05

TO CONSIDER THE SELF STUDY REPORT (SSR) AFTER DATA VALIDATION & VERIFICATION BY NAAC SUBMITTED BY TNOU AND THE PEER TEAM VISIT (PTV) OF NAAC

CONSIDERED the Peer Team Visit of NAAC held between 19-21 July 2023, and submission of Details of NAAC A&A Process, Self Study Report and NAAC Data Verification and Validation Report, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.06

TO INFORM THE APPOINTMENT OF Dr.S. BALASUBRAMANIAN, CHAIRPERSON, FACULTY OF INDIAN AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES AS REGISTRAR[FULL ADDITIONAL CHARGE] OF THE TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

The appointment Dr.S.Balasubramanian, Chairperson, Faculty of Indian and Foreign as Registrar [Full Additional Charge] since F.N. of 30th May 2023 vide Proceedings of the Vice Chancellor Ref. F.No. TNOU/ R2/ Reg. Incharge/2023, Dated: 29.05.2023, BE NOTED AND RATIFIED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.07

TO RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF TIME GIVEN FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE POST OF THE REGISTRAR AND CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS OF TNOU

CONSIDERED the extension of time up to one month i.e. till 23.08.2023 in the dailies for the post of Registrar and Controller of Examination and RESOLVED THAT the extension time given in dailies for both the posts, BE RATIFIED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.08

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR NOMINATION OF SUBJECT EXPERTS IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR AND CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

CONSIDERED the proposal for nomination of Subject Experts in the composition of Selection Committee with respect to the posts viz., Registrar and Controller of Examinations and resolved that the Subject Experts, detailed below, in accordance with the Sec.29(1) and 48(3) of the Chapter-VII, of the TNOU Statutes, BE APPROVED.

3.	Education	Dr. M. Rajendran Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur. K502, Victoria Towers, 37 OMR Kazhippattur, Tamil Nadu, Chennai 603 103.
4.	Distance Education	Dr. O. Mathivanan Former Professor & Head, Distance Education, University Of Madras, Former Director, Publication Divisions
5.	Commerce and Industry	Er. K. Mariappan President, Tamil Nadu Small & Tiny, Industries Association. No: 43 / 4, Erikadu Road, Sowdambika Hotel Back Side, Near New Bus Stand, Salem - 636 004.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.10

TO CONSIDER THE ENGAGEMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSORS ON CONTRACT BASIS UNDER CONSOLIDATED PAY TO VARIOUS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

CONSIDERED the engagement of Assistant Professors on Contract Basis under Consolidated Pay of Rs.25,000/- to various Academic Departments of the University as detailed in the Annexure - III Page Nos.76 to 78, and RESOLVED THAT the engagement of Assistant Professors as per the list given below, BE APPROVED.

S. No.	NAME OF THE STAFF	SCHOOL
1	Dr. P. Vijayakumar	SOS(Chemistry)
2	Dr. M. Suresh	SOS(Chemistry)
3	Dr. T. Tamizharuvi	SOS(Chemistry)
4	Dr. D. Balaji	SOS(Geography)
5	Dr. A. Muthukrsihnan	SOS(Geography)
6	Dr. V. Karthi	SOS(Botany)
7	Dr. R. Banupriya	SOS(Botany)
8	Dr. R. Selvarani	SOS(Botany)

1. Prof.G.Ravi
Vice Chancellor, Alagappa University
Karaikudi
2. Prof.R.Velraj
Vice Chancellor, Anna University
Chennai - 600 025.
3. Prof.K.Kala
Vice Chancellor, Mother Terasa Women's University
Kodaikanal

ITEM NO. 2023-61.09

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS IN THE
TNOU PLANNING BOARD**

CONSIDERED the proposal for the nomination of Members in the Planning Board, in accordance with the Sec. 27(2)(d) of the Tamil Nadu Open University Act, 2002, "Five (5) persons, who are not employees of the University, to be nominated by the Syndicate, for their expertise, one each of the following areas of specialization" and resolved that following experts mentioned against each discipline to act as Planning Board for a period of three years, **BE APPROVED.**

S.No.	Disciplines	Recommended Nominee
1.	Management	Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam Pro Chancellor, AMET University, Chennai (Former Vice Chancellor Bharathiar University, Coimbatore & Former Vice Chancellor, University Of Madras & Former Chairmen, All India University Association, New Delhi)
2.	Learned Professions	Dr. V.R.S. Sampath (Senior Advocate) (DR. Rajasekaran Sampath) C4, Lloyds Estate, Lloyds Road, Royapettah, Chennai 600 014.

9	Mr. E. Thambiraja	SOS(Maths)
10	Dr. M. Pritha	SOS(Maths)
11	Dr. A. Sonic Patritia	SOS(Zoology)
12	Dr. J. Indhira Priyadarsani	SOS(Zoology)
13	Dr. R. Athiyaman	SOS(Zoology)
14	Dr. E. Vinoth	SOS(Physics)
15	Dr. M. Selvarasu	SOSS(History)
16	Dr. R. Paramshivam	SOSS(History)
17	Dr.K. Mathivanan	SOSS(History)
18	Dr. S. Charumathy	SOSS(Political Science)
19	Dr. B. Vijaya Kumar	SOSS(Social Work)

ITEM NO. 2023-61.11

TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION OF PURCHASE COMMITTEE OF THE
TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

CONSIDERED the constitution of the Purchase Committee of the University for
the purpose of speeding up the purchases in view of NAAC Accreditation, and
RESOLVED THAT the nomination of members detailed in the Agenda Notes, BE
RATIFIED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.12

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR CONSTITUTION OF THE BUILDING
COMMITTEE FOR TNOU REGIONAL CENTRE KOTHAGIRI FOR RECOMMENDING
THE UNIVERSITY ON CONSTRUCTION MATTERS

The proposal for constitution of the Building Committee for TNOU Regional
Centre, Kothagiri for recommending the University on construction matters,
BE DEFERRED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.13

TO RATIFY THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR INVESTIGATING CERTIFICATE RELATED ISSUE IN THE UNIVERSITY

CONSIDERED that the Committee constituted for the purpose of Investigating Certificate related issued in TNOU, and **RESOLVED THAT** the Investigation Committee constituted, as detailed in the Agenda Notes, **BE RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.14

TO CONSIDER THE PRESENT STATUS OF SELF LEARNING MATERIALS AVAILABILITY IN THE UNIVERSITY

CONSIDERED the present status of Self Learning Materials availability in TNOU and **RESOLVED THAT** the concerned Faculty Members, who have not completed, be warned seriously to complete the SLM at the earliest.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.15

TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF 141 COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF TNOU TO OFFER VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA/ ADVANCED VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES.

CONSIDERED the renewal of 141 Community Colleges of Tamil Nadu Open University to offer Vocational Diploma/Advanced Vocational Diploma Programmes, and resolved that the renewal to the 141 Community Colleges, as detailed in the Annexure - IV Page Nos.80 to 120, **BE APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-61.16

TO CONSIDER THE RECOGNITION OF NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF TNOU TO OFFER VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA/ ADVANCED VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES OF TNOU.

CONSIDERED the MoU entered between TNOU and with 14 new Community Colleges for offering Vocational Diploma/Advanced Vocational Diploma Programmes of TNOU, and RESOLVED that the recognition offered to these new 14 Community Colleges as detailed in the Agenda Notes, BE APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.17

TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION PROPOSAL FOR RECOGNITION OF TNOU PROGRAMMES TO OFFER IN ODL MODE FROM ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24 ONWARDS WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO UGC-DEB WEB PORTAL.

CONSIDERED THE application proposal submitted to UGC-DEB Web Portal for recognition of TNOU programmes to offer in ODL mode from Academic year 2023-24 onwards and RESOLVED THAT that proposal submitted to UGC-DEB, as detailed in the Agenda Notes, BE NOTED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.18

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO RE-CONSTITUTE THE COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS OF CIQA AS PER ODL & OL REGULATION 2020, SINCE THE EARLIER COMPOSITION OF CIQA HAS EXPIRED ON 18.04.2023

CONSIDERED the proposal to re-constitute the composition of Members of CIQA [Centre for Internal Quality Assurance] in accordance with the UGC-DEB ODL & OL Regulations 2020, and RESOLVED THAT the new composition of the Members as detailed in the Annexure - V Page Nos.122 to 126, BE NOTED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.19

TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF DIRECTORATE OF VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION, CHENNAI-16 WITH RESPECT TO Dr.S.VIJAYAN, FORMER REGISTRAR, TNOU, CHENNAI

CONSIDERED the request of The Superintendent of Police Western Range of the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Alandur, Chennai - 16, vide their communication Ref. VR.No. 15930/EDN/2019/HQ, Dated: 12.07.2023, to arrange to send the necessary permission to this Directorate to register a Preliminary Enquiry

against Dr.S.Vijayan, Former Registrar, TNOU, Chennai-15 and RESOLVED THAT the permission BE GRANTED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.20

TO CONSIDER THE ENGAGEMENT OF M/s. ASSOCIATED PRINTERS (MADRAS) PVT.LTD. CHENNAI FOR PRINTING OF CONFIDENTIAL QUESTION PAPERS AND CERTIFICATES

CONSIDERED the engagement of M/s.Associated Printers (Madras) Pvt.Ltd. Chennai for printing of Confidential Question Papers and Certificates and RESOLVED that the engagement of M/s.Associated Printers (Madras) Pvt.Ltd. for carrying out confidential printing work till April 2024, BE APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.21

TO INFORM THE PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF THE TERM END/SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - JULY 2022 & FEBRUARY 2023 PERTAINING TO THE UG, PG, B.ED, B.ED (SPL. EDN.), PG DIPLOMA, DIPLOMA, VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA, CERTIFICATE, AND SHORT-TERM PROGRAMMES

CONSIDERED the publication of Result of Term End/Semester Examinations - July 2022 & February 2023, pertaining to the UG, PG, B.Ed.,B.Ed.,[Spl.Edn.], PG Diploma, Diploma, Vocational Diploma, Certificate and Short-Term Programmmes, and RESOLVED THAT the publication of Results as detailed in the Agenda Notes, BE NOTED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-61.22

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 41st MEEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31.07.2023 @ 11:00 A.M. IN THE TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY


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CONSIDERED the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st July 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Syndicate Hall of the Tamil Nadu Open University, and resolved that the Minutes **BE APPROVED**.

TABLE AGENDA - I

ITEM NO. 2023-61.23

TO INFORM THE VIVA-VOCE OF Ph.D., WITH RESPECT TO YEARS 2022 AND 2023 IN THE TNOU

The conduct of Ph.D., Viva-voce to the 12 Research Scholars, as detailed in the Annexure, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED**. Further award of M.Phil., Degree to one Scholar as given in the Annexure **BE NOTED AND APPROVED**.

TABLE AGENDA - 2

ITEM NO. 2023-61.24

TO CONSIDER THE MoU WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIGHER STUDIES OF TAMIL RESEARCH, PARIS, FRANCE

CONSIDERED the MoU with the International Institute of Higher Studies of Tamil Research, Paris, France, and the initiative taken in this regard is appreciated. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MoU for carrying out the Research and field analysis related to development and promotion of Tamil Language and Culture, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED**.

TABLE AGENDA - 3

ITEM NO. 2023-61.25

TO CONSIDER THE GRANT OF PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION OFFERED TO THE NEW LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

CONSIDERED the grant of provisional Recognition offered to the New Learning Support Centres of the University, and **RESOLVED THAT** Provisional Recognition granted to the Institutions as detailed in the Annexure, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED.**




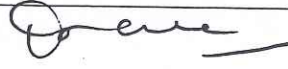
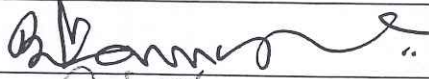
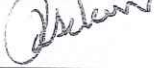
TABLE AGENDA - 4

ITEM NO. 2023-61.26

TO CONSIDER THE REGISTRATION OF TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION




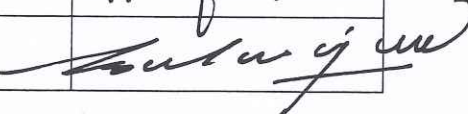
CONSIDERED the Tamil Nadu Open University Alumni Association in order to motivate the former students for exchange of expertise, dissemination of knowledge and competencies and providing fellowship and recruitment and **RESOLVED THAT** the Registration of Tamil Nadu Open University Alumni Association under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975, as per the Annexure detailed in the Agenda Notes, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED.**

The Meeting was concluded.

S.No.	Chairman & Members	Signature
1.	Prof.S.Arumugam	
2.	Thiru A. Karthik IAS.,	
3.	Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura	
4.	Prof.J.Prakash	
5.	Dr. B. Fonnuswamy	
6.	Dr. K. Sekar	


Registrar



7.	Thiru V.Manoharan	
8.	Mr. Baskaran Kesavan	
9.	Prof. G. Archunan	
10.	Dr. S. Balasubramanian	


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