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MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 THROUGH VIRTUAL PLATFORM, TNOU, CHENNAI - 600 0015

#### Members Present:

1	Prof.K.Parthasarathy Vice- Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015	Chairman
2	Dr. P. Thiyagarajan Professor & Director School of Continuing Education Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015  Member	
3	Dr. S. Balasubramanian Professor & Director School of Tamil and Cultural Studies Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai-600 015	Member
4	Dr. M. V. Sudhakaran Professor & Director School of Social Sciences Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai-600 015	Member
5	Dr.M. Manivannan Professor & Director School of Education Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015  Member	
6	Dr.S. Subramanian Professor & Director School of Management Studies Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015	Member

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7	Dr. K. S. Premila Associate Professor School of Education Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015	Member
8	Dr. R. Tamilmaran Associate Professor School of Management Studies Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai-600 015	Member
9	Dr. R. Kalaiarasi Assistant Professor School of Computer Science Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai-600 015  Member	
10	Ms. R.V. Shajeevana Additional Director Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute Parthasarathy Koil Street, Ekkaduthangal, Chennai-600 032	Member
11	Dr. R. Ravanan Regional Joint Director Directorate of Collegiate Education IASE Campus, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015  Member	
12	Prof. M. Ponnusamy Dean, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India No. 4, Montieth Lane Egmore, Chennai - 600 008	
13	Dr. K. Panneer Selvam Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Periyar Thidal, 84/1, EVK Sampath Salai Vepery, Chennai - 600 007	Member
14	Dr. S. Arulchelvan Associate Professor Department of Media Studies & Director, Centre for Development of Tamil in Engg. & Technology & Dean, Anna University College of Engineering, Villupuram Anna University, Guindy, Chennai - 600 025	Member 0

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15	Ms. Andal Priyadashini Director, Doordarshan Kendra Puducherry - 605 006	Member
16	Mr. R.R. Padmanabhan Director, EXIM Academy NO:71/32, Race View Towers, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032	Member
17	Dr. K. Rathnakumar Registrar Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 600 015	Member-Secretary

Thiru. Samy Sakthivel, Chennai, Poet Er. Muthamizh Virumbi, Tiruchirapalli and Thiru. Sudhir Lodha, Chennai could not attend the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the Academic Council members and presented the agenda items case by case with detailed and relevant explanations. The following are the resolutions of each agenda.

ITEM NO.2020-14.01

TO INFORM THE MAJOR EVENTS ORGANISED BY TNOU FROM THE LAST ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING (29.06.2020) TO PRESENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING (20.10.2020)

RESOLVED THAT the major events and various programmes conducted by the Schools of Studies, Divisions, Regional Centres of TNOU from the last Academic Council meeting held on 29.06.2020 TNOU to present Academic Council meeting i.e., 20.10.2020 as Annexure - 1(Page Nos. 1 to 6 of the Agenda Notes), BE NOTED AND PLACED ON RECORDS WITH APPRECIATION.

ITEM NO.2020-14.02

TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29.06.2020

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report, with regard to the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 (Page Nos.7 to 12 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONFIRMED.

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TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADHOC BOARD OF STUDIES OF THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THOU HELD ON 26.09.2020

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the ADHOC board of studies of the School of Continuing Education of TNOU held on 26.09.2020 for offering the following programmes from the Academic Year 2020 - 2021 as Annexure -2 (Page Nos. 7 to 32 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

- 1. Short Term Certificate in Basic Computer Operations
- 2. Short Term Certificate in Office Automation
- 3. Short Term Certificate in Road Safety and First Aid

ITEM NO.2020-14.04

TO CONSIDER THE THOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU's Common Regulations for Short-Term Certificate Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.05

TO CONSIDER THE THOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU's Common Regulations for Certificate Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

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#### TO CONSIDER THE THOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU's Common Regulations for Diploma Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.07

TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

**RESOLVED THAT** the TNOU's Common Regulations for Vocational Diploma Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes **BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.** 

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.08

TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR ADVANCED DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU's Common Regulations for Advanced Diploma Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

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FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.09

TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

**RESOLVED THAT** the TNOU's Common Regulations for Post-Graduate Diploma Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes **BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.** 

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.10

TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR UNDER-GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

**RESOLVED THAT** the TNOU's Common Regulations for Under-Graduate Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes **BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.** 

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

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TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S COMMON REGULATIONS FOR POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

**RESOLVED THAT** the TNOU's Common Regulations for Post-Graduate Programmes as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes **BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.** 

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a minimum 50% of attendance by the Learner for his / her participation in each academic (course) counseling classes BE CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.12

TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S REVISED COMMON REGULATIONS FOR B.Ed., (GENERAL) PROGRAMME

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU's Revised Common Regulations for B.Ed. (General) Programme as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

ITEM NO.2020-14.13

TO CONSIDER THE TNOU'S REVISED COMMON REGULATIONS FOR B.Ed., SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU's Revised Common Regulations for B.Ed. Special Education Programme as Annexure in the form of a separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED with effect from the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards under both ODL & Online mode.

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TO INFORM THE UPLOADING OF THE B.Ed., (GENERAL), BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE (B.L.I.Sc.), M.A., ANCIENT HISTORY & ARCHEOLOGY AND M.A., JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION IN THE UGC WEB PORTAL FOR OBTAINING RECOGNITION UNDER ODL MODE ON 15.10.2020

RESOLVED THAT the uploading of the following 4 additional programmes

- 1. B.Ed., (General)
- 2. Bachelor of Library & Information Science (B.L.I.Sc.)
- 3. M.A., Ancient History & Archeology and
- 4. M.A., Journalism & Mass Communication

in the UGC web portal on 15.10.2020 for obtaining recognition for offering programmes from academic session beginning Jan 2020-21 and onwards under ODL mode as Annexure - 3 (Page Nos.33 to 38 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.15

TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR OFFERING B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN ANIMATION AND GRAPHIC DESIGN UNDER UGC-NSQF

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Studies of Continuing Education for offering B.Voc., Programme in Animation and Graphic Design under UGC - NSQF as Annexure in the form of a separate consolidated booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED, subject to approval of UGC - DEB, New Delhi for offering the programme form the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards.

ITEM NO.2020-14.16

TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR OFFERING B.VOC., PROGRAMMES IN RETAIL MANAGEMENT IN THOU UNDER UGC-NSQF

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Studies of Management for offering B.Voc., Programme in Retail Management under UGC - NSQF as Annexure in

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ITEM NO.2020-14.17

TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA STUDIES FOR OFFERING B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT IN THOU UNDER UGC-NSQF

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Studies of Journalism and New Media Studies for offering B.Voc., Programme in Media & Entertainment under UGC - NSQF as Annexure in the form of a separate consolidated booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED, subject to approval of UGC - DEB, New Delhi for offering the programme form the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards.

ITEM NO.2020-14.18

TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF APPAREL AND FASHION DESIGN FOR OFFERING B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN FASHION TECHNOLOGY IN THOU UNDER UGC-NSQF

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Studies of Apparel and Fashion Design for offering B.Voc., Programme in Fashion Technology under UGC - NSQF as Annexure in the form of a separate bookle a separate consolidated booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes t BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED, subject to approval of UGC - DEB, New Delhi for offering the programme form the Calendar Year 2021 and onwards.

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TO CONSIDER THE CHANGE OF NOMENCLATURE IN THE PROGRAMME VIZ. CERTIFICATE IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING AS CERTIFICATE IN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND INTRODUCTION OF VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA IN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA IN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH BSA TRAINING ACADEMY PVT. LTD., CHENNAI

**RESOLVED THAT** the nomenclature of Certificate in Manufacturing Engineering be changed as Certificate in Manufacturing Technology.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the introduction of two new programmes viz.,

- 1. Vocational Diploma in Manufacturing Technology and
- 2. Advanced Vocational Diploma in Manufacturing Technology

through BSA Training Academy Pvt. Ltd., Tambaram, Sanatorium, Chennai - 600 047 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED for the betterment of the employees serving in industries, with effect from the Academic Year 2020 - 2021 and onwards under ODL mode.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TNOU may be entered MoU with BSA Training Academy Pvt. Ltd., Tambaram, Sanatorium, Chennai - 600 047, as already approved by the 51<sup>st</sup> Syndicate and its item no. 2020-51.10, by incorporating the following three programmes instead of only Certificate in Manufacturing Engineering by fulfilling UGC directions.

- 1. Certificate in Manufacturing Technology
- 2. Vocational Diploma in Manufacturing Technology and
- 3. Advanced Vocational Diploma in Manufacturing Technology

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TO INFORM THE PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF TERM-END EXAMINATION (TEE) JUNE-JULY 2020 (IN AUGUST 2020) IN LINE WITH THE G.O.111, DATED 27.07.2020 OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

RESOLVED THAT the Publication of Results of Term-End Examination (TEE) June-July 2020 (in August 2020) in line with the G.O.111, Dated 27.07.2020 of the Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.21

TO INFORM THE CONDUCT OF ONLINE EXAMINATION FOR THE FINAL YEAR STUDENTS OF THOU IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ORDERS IN VIEW OF COVID-19

RESOLVED THAT the conduct of online examination for the Final Year Students of TNOU in line with the Government Orders in View of Covid-19 and also as per the modalities approved by the 13<sup>th</sup> Academic Council vide item no.2020-13.10 through online open book system of examination BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students Registration and Evaluation Division (SR&ED), who took systematic efforts for conducting the examinations and releasing results earlier when compared to some other State Universities in Tamilnadu, was very much appreciated.

ITEM NO.2020-14.22

TO INFORM THE GUIDESHIP ORDERS SERVED TO THE RESPECTIVE FACULTY MEMBERS AS SUPERVISORS FOR COSTUME DESIGN & FASHION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAMMES BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNAL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED THAT the guideship orders served to Dr. R. Arumugam, Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Public Administration, in the Faculty of Social Sciences, as Research Supervisor in M.Phil., & Ph.D., Programmes in Political Science with effect from the July 2020 BE NOTED, RECORDED AND RECOMMENDED to place

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FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the guideship orders served to Dr. R. Pragadheeswari, Assistant Professor, School of Apparel and Fashion Design in the Faculty of Sciences, as Research Supervisor in M.Phil., & Ph.D., programmes in Costume & Fashion Design instead of Costume Design & Fashion BE REVISED AND RECOMMENDED to place it as an item in the ensuing Research Council of TNOU for its Consideration and Ratification, as per Ph.D., regulations of UGC & TNOU.

ITEM NO.2020-14.23

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR FIXATION OF NEW CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (CIA) PATTERN TO ALL UG / PG / DIPLOMA / VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES WITH EFFECT FROM CY 2020

RESOLVED THAT proposal for fixing the new Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) pattern to all UG/PG/Diploma/Vocational Diploma/Certificate Programmes as approved in the 12<sup>th</sup> Academic Council vide item no 2019-12.05 on evaluation pattern of TNOU's Term End Examinations, BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED from the Calendar Year 2020 onwards in the ratio of 30:70 marks as Internal and External.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the break up details of Internal Assessment marks (30 marks) be fixed as mentioned below:

- 1. Submission and Evaluation of Assignments 15 Marks
- 2. Attending Academic Counselling Classes 15 marks (Minimum of 50% Attendance)

ITEM NO.2020-14.24

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES ON REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF REGIONAL CENTRES / LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRES & WORK CENTRES MEETING HELD ON 24.07.2020 THROUGH VIRTUAL PLATFORM

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes on Regional Directors of Regional Centres / Learning Support Centres & Work Centres Meeting held on 24.07.2020 through Virtual Platform as Annexure - 4 (Page Nos. 39 to 44 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

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TO INFORM SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, THOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/S. DELNET (DEVELOPING LIBRARY NETWORK), NEW DELHI TO ACCESS RESOURCES FOR 1 YEAR

RESOLVED THAT School of Library and Information Science, TNOU entered MoU with M/s. DELNET (Developing Library Network), New Delhi to access resources for 1 Year BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.26

TO RATIFY THE TNOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/s. VENDAN VISUAL EFFECTS, CHENNAI FOR B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN ANIMATION AND GRAPHIC DESIGN

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU entered MoU with M/s. Vendan Visual Effects, Chennai for B.Voc., programme in Animation and Graphic Design as Annexure - 5 (Page Nos. 45 to 50 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.27

TO RATIFY THE TNOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/s. AYYA SUPER SHOPPERS, CHENNAI FOR B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN RETAIL MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU entered MoU with M/s. Ayya Super Shoppers, Chennai for B.Voc., programme in Retail Management as Annexure - 6 (Page Nos. 51 to 56 of the Agenda Notes ) BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.28

TO RATIFY THE TNOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/s. NIZHAL PUBLICATIONS, CHENNAI FOR B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU entered MoU with M/s. Nizhal Publications, Chennai for B.Voc., programme in Media & Entertainment as Annexure - 7 (Page Nos. 57 to 62 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED.

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TO RATIFY THE THOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/s. S J FASHIONS, CHENNAI FOR B.VOC., PROGRAMME IN FASHION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLVED THAT the TNOU entered MoU with M/s. S J Fashions, Chennai for B.Voc., programme in Fashion Technology as Annexure - 8 (Page Nos. 63 to 68 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.30

#### TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THOU FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report of TNOU for the Year 2016-2017 as Annexure in the form of separate report provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED, by extending its appreciation to the Editorial Team.

ITEM NO.2020-14.31

#### TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THOU FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report of TNOU for the Year 2017-2018 as Annexure in the form of separate report provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED, by extending its appreciation to the Editorial Team.

ITEM NO.2020-14.32

#### TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THOU FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report of TNOU for the Year 2018-2019 as Annexure in the form of separate b report provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED, by extending ts appreciation to the Editorial Team.

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### TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THOU FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report of TNOU for the Year 2019-2020 as Annexure in the form of separate report provided along with the Agenda Notes BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED, by extending its appreciation to the Editorial Team.

ITEM NO.2020-14.34

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES QUALITY REVIEW BOARD OF THOU

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Open Educational Resources Quality Review Board at TNOU held on 07.10.2020 as Annexure - 9 (Page Nos. 69 to 84 of the Agaenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.35

TO CONSIDER THE CONDUCT OF  $13^{\text{th}}$  CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED THAT the conduct of 13<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University during November-December 2020 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED subject to the approval of Venue, Date & Time by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of TNOU.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the  $13^{th}$  Convocation may be conducted in the TNOU's New Auditorium constructed at the Academic Block by inviting only the  $1^{st}$ ,  $2^{nd}$  &  $3^{rd}$  rank holders of all the programmes, awardees of M.Phil., and Ph.D., Degrees.

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TO INFORM THE PUBLICATION OF NEWS LETTERS 2 EDITIONS JULY 2019-DEC 2019 & JANUARY 2020-JUNE 2020

RESOLVED THAT the publication of News Letters 2 Editions July 2019- Dec 2019 & January 2020-June 2020 as Annexure in the form of separate news letter as Volume - I & II provided along with the Agenda Notes BE NOTED AND RECORDED by extending its whole hearted appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Parthasarathy and his editorial team, as first of its kind in the 17 years history of TNOU.

ITEM NO.2020-14.37

TO INFORM THE PUBLICATION OF SLM POLICY DOCUMENT OF THOU

RESOLVED THAT the publication of Policy Document on Self-Learning Material (SLM) of TNOU as Annexure in the form of separate booklet provided along with the Agenda Notes BE NOTED AND RECORDED with appreciation to the drafting team of policy on SLM, as first of its kind in TNOU.

ITEM NO.2020-14.38

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR REVIVING EXISTING EMPRC-YOU TUBE CHANNEL OF THOU

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for reviving existing EMPRC- YouTube Channel of TNOU BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.39

TO INFORM THE PARTICIPATION OF TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY IN THE SWAYAM PRABHA CHANNEL LAUNCHED BY IGNOU FOR ALL STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES

RESOLVED THAT the participation of Tamil Nadu Open University in the SWAYAM Prabha Channel launched by IGNOU for all State Open Universities BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

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FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Schools of Study as well as individual faculty members, technical staffs and interested other staffs must involve themselves in war footing manner for preparing Short-Video programmes with the financial support of TNOU for uploading the same in the SWAYAM Prabha Channel through IGNOU, New Delhi.

ITEM NO.2020-14.40

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING INTERNET RADIO FACILITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH I-RADIO AT THOU

**RESOLVED THAT** the proposal for launching Internet Radio Facility in association with i-Radio at TNOU **BE NOTED AND APPROVED** as recommended by the 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Board held on 14.10.2020 under its item no.2020-5.24.

ITEM NO.2020-14.41

TO CONSIDER THE STATUS REPORT WITH RESPECT TO UNIFORM SYLLABUS AS PER THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER UNDER 110 RULE AS PER G.O.(Ms). NO.70, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (K1), DATED 17.04.2017

RESOLVED THAT the status report with respect to Uniform Syllabus as per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister under 110 rule as per G.O.(Ms). No.70, Higher Education Department (K1), Dated 17.04.2017 as Annexure - 10 (Page Nos. 85 to 94 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

ITEM NO.2020-14.42

TO INFORM THE STATUS REPORT ON CONDUCT OF ONLINE COURSES / PROGRAMMES IN THOU AS PER UGC REGULATIONS

RESOLVED THAT the status report on conduct of online courses / programmes in TNOU as per UGC regulations as Annexure - 11 (Page Nos. 95 to 106 of the Agenda Notes)BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

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TO INFORM THE LAUNCHING OF ONLINE STUDENTS GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM IN ORDER TO REDRESS THE GRIEVANCES OF THE LEARNERS OF THOU

**RESOLVED THAT** the launching of Online Students Grievance Redress Mechanism in order to redress the grievances of the learners of TNOU **BE NOTED AND RECORDED.** 

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Centre for University Informatics (CUI's) team who took lot of efforts on launching of Online Students Grievance Redress Mechanism in TNOU was very much appreciated.

ITEM NO.2020-14.44

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INTEGRATED BOARD OF STUDIES OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES HELD ON 20.06.2020

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Integrated Board of Studies of the School of Social Sciences held on 20-06-2020 through Virtual Platform, regarding the Revised Syllabi and Curriculum, Programme Project Reports, Question Paper Pattern and Panel of Question Paper Setter and Evaluator for the following Certificate Programmes to be offered with effect from the Academic Year 2020-2021,

- 1. Certificate Programme in Gender Studies
- 2. Certificate Programme in Feminist Counselling
- 3. Certificate Programme in Workspace Gender Safety,

as given in Annexure-12 (Page Nos.107 to 112 of the Agenda Notes), to this BoS Minutes, BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

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TO INFORM THE PRODUCTION OF E-FORMAT FORM OR AND THE CRC (CAMERA READY COPY) OF ALL SHORT-TERM / CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA / VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA / ADVANCED DIPLOMA / PG DIPLOMA / UG / PG / PPR AND SYLLABI INDIVIDUALLY OFFERED BY TNOU W.E.F. CALENDAR YEAR 2020-2021

RESOLVED THAT the production of E-Format form or and the CRC (Camera Ready Copy) of all Short-Term/Certificate/Diploma/Vocational Diploma/Advanced Diploma/PG Diploma/UG/PG Programmes as Programme Project Reports (PPRs) with detailed Syllabi individually offered by TNOU w.e.f. Calendar Year 2020-2021 under ODL mode, as per the UGC's latest regulations on ODL & Online Education 2020, BE NOTED AND RECORDED with appreciation, since the tasks are first of its kind in ODL Universities in India.

ITEM NO.2020-14.46

TO CONSIDER CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION TO THE ARREAR STUDENTS OF ALL UG / PG / DIPLOMA / PG DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES OF TNOU

RESOLVED THAT conduct of examination to the arrear students of all UG / PG / Diploma / PG Diploma and Certificate Programmes of TNOU BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED, as detailed below:

	Programme	Passing Minimum		Aggregate Mark for
S.No.		(25)	TEE (75)	Pass
1	UG	14	26	40
2	B.Ed.	16	34	50
	B.Ed. SE	16	34	50
3		8(12.5)	17(37.5)	25
4	PG	16	34	50

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the students having batch log (Arrears), who have registered for the arrear papers, a passing minimum will be given by moderation in internal as well as external examinations wherever necessary and the sum of Internal

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& External should not exceed the overall passing minimum. The students obtained zero mark in CIA or do not have CIA marks, be instructed to appear for the subsequent examination and if not satisfied with the marks awarded in the pattern of arriving results, those students be given a chance to appear in the subsequent examinations.

ITEM NO.2020-14.47

TO INFORM THE STATUS REPORT ON CENTRE FOR MULTIMODAL MATERIAL PRODUCTION FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED

**RESOLVED THAT** the status report on Centre for Multimodal Material Production for Differently Abled as Annexure - 13 (Page Nos. 113 to 118 of the Agenda Notes) **BE NOTED AND RECORDED** 

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT based on the recommendations of the committee, the Centre for Multimodal Material Production for Differently Abled be established as per the G.O.Ms.No.72, dated 21.05.2012, in due course of time.

ITEM NO.2020-14.48

TO CONSIDER THE STATUS REPORT OF THOU SINCE 2016 ON LAUNCHING OF PROGRAMMES THROUGH SWAYAM MOOCS PORTAL, ASSIGNED BY IGNOU, NEW DELHI

RESOLVED THAT the status report of TNOU since 2016 on launching of programmes through SWAYAM MOOC's Portal, assigned by IGNOU, New Delhi as Annexure - 14 (Page Nos. 119 to 126 of the Agenda Notes) BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

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TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATORS FOR EARLIER LEFT OUT AND NEW PROGRAMMES FROM AY 2020 - 2021

RESOLVED THAT the nomination of following Programme Co-ordinators for earlier left out and new programmes from AY 2020 - 2021 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

S.No.	Name of the Co-ordinator	Programme	
1	Dr. P. Thiyagarajan	Vocational Diplomas (DTP Operations,	
		Computer Applications, Computer Hardware	
		Servicing & Animation)	
2	Er. R. Meenambigai	Vocational Diplomas (House Electrician, Four	
		Wheeler Mechanism, Refrigeration and Air-	
		conditioning, Beautician, Fashion Design &	
		Garment)	
3	Dr. I. Ambeth	Vocational Diplomas (General Duty Assistant,	
		Acupressure Therapy, Catering Assistant, Early	
		Childhood Care and Education)	
4	Dr. N. Saravanakumar	M.A., - Economics	
5	Dr. T. Ravimanickam	M.Sc., - Mathematics	
		B.Sc., - Mathematics	
6	Dr. K.S. Premila	B.Sc., - Mathematics with Computer	
		Applications	
7	Mrs. J. Renee Arathi	M.A., - Women Studies	

ITEM NO.2020-14.50

TO CONSIDER OFFERING ONE MORE CHANCE TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO WERE ADMITTED FROM 2004 - 2012 AND YET TO COMPLETE THEIR PROGRAMMES THROUGH ODL OF TNOU

RESOLVED THAT all the students who were admitted in different programmes of TNOU from 2004 to 2012 be given one more chance in completing their Certificate/Diploma / Vocational Diploma / PG Diploma / UG / PG programme(s) through ODL of TNOU by collecting a nominal tracing fee of Rs. 750/- (Rupees Seven Hundred and Fifty only) in the case of all Certificate / Diploma / Vocational Diploma / Post Graduate Diploma and Rs. 1,500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred only) in the case of all Under Graduate / Post Graduate Programmes, besides their routine fee prescribed by TNOU BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

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FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU, be authorized to constitute a committee for working out strategic plans for implementation at the Term End Examinations, December 2020 and June 2021.

ITEM NO. 2020-14.51

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 16.10.2020

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of first meeting of the Research Council as Annexure - 15 (Page Nos. 127 to 136 of the Agenda Notes) held on 16.10.2020 detailed below, BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED

RC Item No.2020-01-01. The Ph.D. Research Scholar, Mr. S. Balachandar be permitted to continue his Ph.D. Research work in the main area of 'Visual Communication - Drama and Theatre Studies [Inter-Disciplinary]' under the Supervision Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Drama and Theatre Studies, School of Journalism and New Media Studies with a requirement of a Co-supervisor, BE APPROVED.

RC Item No.2020-01-02. The minutes of meeting of 'Internal Research Advisory Committee' (IRAC) held on 03-08-2020 on extension of Research duration (Minimum one year and Maximum two years) to the Ph.D. Scholars who have joined in TNOU during AY 2013-14, AY 2014-15 and CY 2015 batches BE APPROVED AND RATIFIED because this extension of Research duration has already been implemented by the University.

RC Item No.2020-01-03. The modification as per the Academic and Administrative restructures adopted in TNOU, for the following aspects:

- (I) The position of 'Head of Schools' has been relinquished, instead the 'Director of the Schools'
- (II) The post of 'Director of Research' has been nullified and the 'Controller of Examinations' has been nominated as in charge of Research Programmes Section
- (III) The term 'Research Division' has been modified as 'Research Programmes Section'

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the above said modifications be made in the existing M.Phil., and Ph.D., Regulations-2019 of TNOU and in all the research related forms/activities BE APPROVED.

RC Item No.2020-01-04. The implementation of M.Phil., /Ph.D., Viva-Voce and Doctoral Committee meetings for Ph.D. Scholars through virtual platform as per the instructions of Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu BE APPROVED from the date of issue of instructions by Higher Education Department i.e. from 09.06.2020.

RC Item No.2020-01-05. The implementation of 'Tamil Nadu Open University Research Fellowship' [TNOURF] for the Ph.D., Scholars undergoing Full-time mode for their Second year and Third year of research duration BE APPROVED.

Further, the Tamil Nadu Open University Research Fellowship [TNOURF] be increased from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 7,500/- (per month) and from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- (per month) for Second and Third year of Programme respectively and Annual contingency be increased from 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- per Annum with effect from the Ph.D., Admission - July, 2020 onwards.

RC Item No.2020-01-06. The implementation of ONE year extension for M. Phil. and Ph.D., Scholars in view of COVID-19 as per the instructions of Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu BE APPROVED from the date of issue of instructions by Higher Education Department i.e. from 03.06.2020.

RC Item No.2020-01-07. An Intellectual Property Rights Facilitation Centre be established in the University for facilitating the common public by way of registration and implementation of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell and applying for Government funds to the development of IP activities BE APPROVED.

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TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT, THE TRANSLATED TAMIL VERSION OF UGC'S NEW REGULATIONS ON "OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING AND ONLINE EDUCATION", PUBLISHED AS GAZETTE NOTIFICATION, ON 04.09.2020, AT TNOU W.E.F. FROM THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

RESOLVED THAT the translated Tamil version of UGC's new regulations on "Open Distance Learning and Online Education", published as Gazette Notification, on 04.09.2020, at TNOU w.e.f. from the date of notification BE CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED for the betterment of TNOU's students, teachers, non-teaching staff, Regional Centre Directors, Community Colleges, Learning Support Centres and all other stack holders of TNOU's academic programmes.

Further, the Academic Council records its appreciation to Dr. M. Vaiyapuri, Assistant Professor & Dr. S. Aranganathan, Assistant Professor for translating the UGC's notification into Tamil version.

ITEM NO.2020-14.53

TO CONSIDER CONDUCT OF TERM END EXAMINATIONS DECEMBER 2020 AND RECEIPT OF ASSIGNMENTS AND MODEL EXAMINATIONS THROUGH ONLINE IN VIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**RESOLVED THAT** the Term End Examinations December 2020 and receipt of assignments and conduct of model examinations through online in view of Covid-19 pandemic **BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.** 

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FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all the Programme Coordinators of TNOU be instructed to prepare schedule for uploading the assignment question papers by programme wise, receiving the assignments from the students and preparing the schedule and arrange to conduct academic (course) counseling classes through virtual platform on or before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SR&ED is permitted to conduct model examinations to the learners concerned through online, atleast two weeks before the actual commencement of the Term End Examinations - December 2020.

Before concluding the meeting, the Members of Academic Council unanimously praised the sustained efforts of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, in accelerating remarkable academic administrative activities & events of the University in general, conduct of the Syndicate, 28 Boards of Studies, 02 Academic Councils and Planning Board meetings and making logistics arrangements for the inauguration of two Buildings i.e. extension of Material Production and Distribution Division Block with Guest House (02 Floors) and Additional 03 Floors in Academic Block at TNOU Headquarter and a separate building consist of two spacious floors for accommodating Regional Centre, and Constituent Community College at Villupuram by Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Edappadi K. Palanisamy, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Thiru. K.P. Anbazhagan, Hon'ble Minister for Law, Prisons and Minerals Thiru. C.Ve. Shanmugam, Principal Secretary to Higher Education Selvi Apoova I.A.S., Villupuram District Collector Thiru. Annadurai I.A.S., along with the officials, University Teaching and Non - Teaching staff and VVIPS / VIPs, in particular, during this hectic COVID -19 pandemic situation.

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The Members of Academic Council also appreciated the efforts put in by the TNOU Faculty members and non-teaching staff in the preparation of colorful Newsletters, Annual Reports, Policy Document on Self Learning Material, Preparation of Programme wise Common Regulations, Preparation of E-Format PPRs with detailed syllabi for all Programmes, etc; under the able academic & administrative leadership of the Vice-Chancellor and his team of Statutory Officers of TNOU.

The meeting came to an end at 01.15 p.m. with Vote of Thanks delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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