



TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15th ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON
25th MAY 2021 THROUGH VIRTUAL PLATFORM AT 11.30 A.M.

Members Attended:

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. R. Ravanan Regional Joint Director Directorate of Collegiate Education IASE Campus, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015	Member
8	Dr. K. Panneer Selvam Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Periyar Thidal, 84/1, EVK Sampath Salai Vepery, Chennai - 600 007	Member
9	Prof. M. Ponnusamy Dean, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India No. 4, Montieth Lane Egmore, Chennai - 600 008	Member
10	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
11	Ms. Andal Priyadashini Director, Doordarshan Kendra Puducherry - 605 006	Member
12	Mr. R.R. Padmanabhan Director, EXIM Academy NO:71/32, Race View Towers, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032	Member
13	Dr. K. Rathnakumar Registrar Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 600 015	Member-Secretary

The other Academic Council Members Ms. R.V. Shajeevana, Thiru. Samy Sakthivel, Poet. Er. Muthamizh Virumbi and Thiru. Sudhir Lodha could not attend the meeting. The Meeting was conducted through virtual platform. The Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members.

Important activities and a few achievements of Tamil Nadu Open University happened between last Academic Council (21.10.2020) and to the present Academic Council Meeting (25.05.2021) was presented by the Chairmans *Subalied in the next page*

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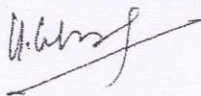
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- Obtained recognition from University Grants Commission (UGC), to offer B.Ed(General) through distance mode.
- The Tamil Nadu Open University has received a Grant of Rs. 1.166 crores from UGC-DEB for the year 2020 - 2021 to develop Online course material, MOOCs, ICT, Quality assurance and Net working of Open and Distance Learning System.
- The Tamil Nadu Open University has framed following Policy Documents and Guidelines during the year 2020 - 2021.
 - Research Policy
 - Consultancy Policy
 - Open Educational Resource (OER) Policy
 - Endowment Policy
 - Examination Manual
 - Guidelines for TNOU Research Fellowship
 - Guidelines for Establishment of Constituent Community Colleges
 - Guidelines for Recognition of Community Colleges in Tamil Nadu
 - Guidelines for Recognition of Centre for Skill Development in TNOU
 - Guidelines for Recognition of Learner Support Centres in Tamil Nadu
 - Role of Liaison Officer in Regional Centre and Constituent Community College
 - Guidelines for Recognition of Learner Support Centre - Work Centre in Tamil Nadu
- Job-Fair was organized in Viluppuram, Coimbatore, and Tiruchirappalli, through which 2473 degree and diploma holders got placement orders from various firms and companies.
- The Tamil Nadu Open University has enrolled 11,907 students during the Academic Year 2020-21 during the COVID 19 Pandemic situation.
- The University has conducted Induction Programmes for the first time to the students (7000 numbers) for creating awareness on the Academic Programmes.
- Online Academic Counselling Session for Vocational Diploma, Degree and Master Degree students for the Academic Year 2020-2021 has been undertaken through Virtual Platform for the First time in TNOU.
- Regional Centre Building at Villupuram (Rs.6.25 crores) and Additional Floor at Academic Block (Rs.23.24 crores) as well in Material Distribution Division Block has been constructed.

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- 44 numbers of International and National Seminars have been conducted through Virtual Platform.
- MoU signed with eight new Community Colleges to offer TNOU Vocational Education Programmes.
- The SC/ST cell of Tamil Nadu Open University first time organized a program on "Dr.B.R.Ambedkar 130th Birthday celebration" on 14 April 2021 through virtual platform.
- The University revamped and updated curricula of all courses (128 Programmes) of study by constituting 28 Board of Studies. The Self-Learning Materials (SLM) is also being prepared according to new syllabi after the Gap of one decade. Detailed Syllabus in the form of E-Books for all UG & PG (80) Programmes is uploaded in the University website (www.tnou.ac.in).
- TNOU i-Radio platform is available for conducting counselling classes during the pandemic period. This platform provides live stream and podcasting / radio on demand streaming for delivering the created content. Students can utilize the service any time anywhere.
- A virtual conference was conducted in connection with Paventhar Bharathidasan 131st Birth Anniversary on 29.04.2021. In this connection the great grandson of Paventhar Bharathidasan Dr. Ganaga Suburathinam Bharathi and pulavar Nedunchziyan took part in the event as first of its kind in TNOU.
- Plan to undertake NACC Assessment and Accreditation process to obtain NACC Accreditation to TNOU.
- In Nilgiris district 0.30.36 hectors of land is allotted at Kothagiri to TNOU for the Construction of Regional Centre.
- In Dharmapuri district 1.75.00 Acres of land is allotted at Periyannahalli village to TNOU for the Construction of Regional Centre.
- TNOU has taken initiative to provide 750 Book copies of Self-Learning Materials (SLMs) to all 32 Central Libraries in District Headquarters of Tamil Nadu including Book shelves for the benefit of TNOU learners and especially who prepare for competitive examinations, at the estimated cost of Rs.1.00 core by the TNOU.



- Green Campus initiative including personalized mobile app, students portal login, online (Assignment, Grievance, Examination, Fee payment, feedback etc.,) at the cost of Rs. 2.55 crores, a self-supporting scheme will be implemented.

The Chairman explained in total on the Agenda items after due deliberation the following resolutions are arrived for further proceedings.

ITEM NO.2021-15.01

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INTEGRATED BOARD OF STUDIES OF SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON 22.05.2021

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Integrated Board of Studies of School of Politics and Public Administration, Tamil Nadu Open University held on 22.05.2021 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED as *Annexure, Page Nos. A1 to A4* in the Agenda Notes.

ITEM NO.2021-15.02

TO CONSIDER CONDUCT OF TERM-END EXAMINATIONS DURING JUNE 2021 AND RECEIPT OF ASSIGNMENTS THROUGH ON-LINE INVIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY FOLLOWING THE MODALITIES ADOPTED IN JULY / AUGUST 2020 AND DECEMBER 2020 TERM-END EXAMINATIONS APPROVED BY THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL IN ITS 13th & 14th MEETINGS HELD ON 29.06.2020 AND 20.10.2020. (13th ACADEMIC COUNCIL ITEM NO.2020-13.10 & 14th ACADEMIC COUNCIL ITEM NO.14.53)

RESOLVED THAT the conduct of Term-End Examinations during June 2021 and receipt of Assignments through On-line inview of COVID-19 pandemic by following the modalities adopted in July / August 2020 and December 2020 Term-End Examinations approved by the Academic Council in its 13th & 14th Meetings held on 29.06.2020 and 20.10.2020 (13th Academic Council Item No. 2020-13.10 & 14th Academic Council Item No. 14.53) BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

ITEM NO.2021-15.03

TO CONSIDER IN REVIEWING OF ALL THE SLMs PERTAINING TO THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES BEING OFFERED THROUGH ODL BY TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY FROM CY 2019, AY 2019-2020 AND CY 2020

RESOLVED THAT the reviewing of all the SLMs pertaining to the Academic Programmes being offered through Open Distance Learning (ODL) by Tamil Nadu Open University from CY 2019, AY 2019-2020 and CY 2020 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vice Chancellor is authorized to Constitute a Committee by Programme(s) wise under the Programme Co-ordinator(s) as Covener and other 2 - 3 subject experts both Internal & Extenal suggested by the Programme Co-ordinators and the above task should be carried out on warfooting manner on or before 31st July 2021.


ITEM NO.2021-15.04

TO CONSIDER IN OFFERING A NEW SHORT-TERM PROGRAMME ON "A NOVEL CORONA VIRUS" AWARENESS, PREVENTION, VACINATION & LIFE BALANCING THROUGH ODL IN COLLABARATION WITH THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY FROM AY 2021-2022

RESOLVED THAT the offering a new Short-Term Programme on A Novel Corona Virus - Awareness, Prevention, Vaccination & Life Balancing, through Open Distance Learning (ODL) in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University from AY 2021-2022 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.

The meeting came to end with vote of thanks delivered by the Chairman.

Date: 25.05.2021


(K. RATHNAKUMAR)
Member-Secretary


(K. PARTHASARATHY)
Chairman