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MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL



MINUTES

DATE : 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

TIME : 10.30 a.m.

VENUE : III Floor, Syndicate Hall, Administrative Building, TNOU,
Chennai - 15.

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**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd
FEBRUARY 2017 at the Syndicate Hall, III Floor, TNOU, Chennai - 15.**

Members Present:

1	Dr. M. Bhaskaran Vice Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Chairman
2.	Dr. K. Murugan Prof. & Head, School of Humanities Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
3.	Dr. M. Murugan Prof. & Head, School of Science Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
4.	Dr. S. Balasubramanian Prof. & Head, School of Tamil & Cultural Studies Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
5.	Dr. P. Thiyagarajan Professor & Director School of Continuing Education Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
6.	Dr. S. Subramanian Professor & Director School of Management Studies Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member

7.	Dr. M.V. Sudhakaran Associate Professor School of Social Sciences Tamil Nadu Open University, Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
8.	Dr. R. Kalaiarasi Asst. Professor School of Computer Science Tamil Nadu Open University, Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
7.	Dr. T. Ravimanickam, Associate Professor, School of Science Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Member
11.	Dr. S. Arulchelvan Assistant Professor Department of Media Studies Anna University Guindy, Chennai - 600 025.	Member
12.	Thiru U. Sudhir Lodha Lodha Nivas New No. 9, Old No. 22, Thilak Street, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017.	Member
13	Prof. M. Ponnusamy Dean, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India No. 4, Montieth Lane Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.	Member
14	The Regional Director (Dr. S. Kishore) IGNOU Regional Centre III Floor, GR Complex 407-408, Anna Salai Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.	Member
15.	Dr. S. Vijayan Registrar Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Ex-Officio Secretary

16.	Dr. E. Ravi Prof. & Head, School of History & Tourism Studies Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. K.S. Premila Associate Professor & Head i/c, School of Education Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. S. Prabhakaran Associate Professor & Head i/c., School of Politics & Public Administration Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. B. Anupama Devi Assistant Professor, School of Education School of Special Education & Rehabilitation Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai - 15.	Special Invitee

The Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members to the Meeting and in his welcome address he has enumerated the developments/initiatives of the TNOU since last meeting, which are as follows:.

He has pointed out the direct supervision of University Faculty members in the Zonal Centres of TNOU, to provide quality support services to the students/learners community and establishment of public-private partnerships, by engaging established institutions, educational trust and Government Organizations. He added that steps are also being taken to initiate the field work in the new proposed Zonal Centres viz., Villupuram and Nilgiris, anticipating the G.O., as announced in the Legislative Assembly. Besides, TNOU was given the task of preparing common curricula for all the programmes offered under Distance Education by all the Universities among the State, for which also initial preparatory works have been commenced by the University.

Mentioned about the Status of 12-B obtained by TNOU and he also added that at present, TNOU is the only University in Tamil Nadu accorded approval for offering Education under Open and Distance mode from the UGC. As far as the Research Programmes, viz., M.Phil., & Ph.D., are concerned, the University has obtained in principle approval from the UGC, which are likely to be launched shortly. The Research Wing of the University has been conducting the Review Meetings regularly with the M.Phil., & Ph.D., scholars, who have enrolled earlier, to facilitate them to complete the programme at the earliest. The University has also implemented bio-metric system for their attendance.

He also informed about the renewal of various study centres and entering MoU with them, after scrutinizing the inspection reports by the Syndicate Sub-Committee for effective functioning of the Study Centres, under the Zonal Centres. Further, renewal will be made through online according to the performance of the centre concerned.

He also made mention about the introduction of Certificate and Diploma Online Courses by MOOCs through the SWAYAM AND SWAYAM PRABHA platforms of the Govt. of India, under the guidance of UGC & MHRD. He pointed out the Digital Library Project of TNOU in collaboration with the Anna University and the progress of work and implementation of Online admission and payment gateway facilities since 2016-17.

TNOU has updated the curriculum for the Skill Oriented Programmes on offer, as per the qualification pack of NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) and according to National Occupational Standards (NOS), through Community Colleges.

After the welcome address, the Academic Council proceeded with the discussion on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 1

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF FEW NON-CREDIT PROGRAMMES OF THE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Professor & Head i/c., SOCS moved:

“that proposal for introduction of for the following programmes may be approved:

S.No	Name of Non Credit-Programme	Medium	Duration
1	Certificate in Basic Computer	English	3 Months
2	Certificate in Office Automation	English	3 Months
3	Certificate in Programming Techniques	English	3 Months
4	Certificate in Computer Applications	English	3 Months
5	Certificate in Multimedia Systems	English	3 Months

Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Prof. & Head, SOTCS, seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED the proposal to approve the Syllabus for aforesaid programmes of the School of Computer Science and RESOLVED that the Syllabi as given in the Annexure - I to the Agenda Notes for the aforesaid programmes, be approved.

ITEM NO. 2

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF FEW NON-CREDIT PROGRAMMES OF THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Professor & Director, SOCE moved:

“that proposal for introduction of for the following programmes may be considered:

S.No	Name of Non Credit-Course	Medium	Duration
1	Certificate in Hair Dress Workers	Tamil	3 Months
2	Certificate in Tailoring and Dress Making	English/ Tamil	3 Months
3	Certificate in Surface Embellishment	English/ Tamil	3 Months
4	Certificate in Bridal Makeup and Flower Decoration	English/ Tamil	3 Months
5	Certificate in Fashion Jewellery Making	English/ Tamil	3 Months

Dr. K. Murugan, Prof. & Head, SOH seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED the proposal to approve the Syllabus for aforesaid programmes of the School of Continuing Education and RESOLVED that the Syllabi as given in the Annexure - II to the Agenda Notes, for the aforesaid programmes, be approved.

ITEM NO. 3

SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION STUDIES

TO CONSIDER AND RATIFY THE COURSE STRUCTURE OF M.Ed., SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION STUDIES

Dr. B. Anupama Devi, Assistant Professor & Head i/c., SOE moved:

“that the proposal for incorporation of one more course code i.e. MED-P Practicum for 200 Marks with 12 credit., in the programme M.Ed., Special Education as per the guidelines of the RCI 2009, as detailed below, may be ratified:

S.No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Marks	Credits
1.	MED-001	Foundations of Education	100	6
2.	MED-002	Advanced Educational Psychology and Human Development	100	6
3.	MED-003	Methodology of Educational Research	100	6
4.	MED-011	Management in Special Education	100	6
5.	MED MR/HI/VI-01	Identification and Assessment of Children with Mental Retardation / Aural Rehabilitation of Children with Hearing Impairment / Psycho-social and Educational Implications of Children with Visual Impairment	100	6
6.	MED HI/VI/MR-02	Curriculum and Teaching Strategies for Children with Mental Retardation / Curriculum and Teaching strategies for Children with Hearing Impairment / Curriculum and Teaching Strategies for Children with Visual Impairment	100	6
7.	MED-30	Dissertation and Viva-Voce	200	12
8.	MED-P	Practicum	200	12
TOTAL			1000	60

Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Prof. & Director, SOCE seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED the proposal for the incorporation of one more course code i.e. MED-P Practicum for 200 Marks with 12 credit., in the programme M.Ed., Special Education, and RESOLVED that the same be ratified.

ITEM NO. 4

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

TO CONSIDER AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Dr. M. Murugan, Prof. & Head, School of Science moved:

“that the Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Syndicate based on the recommendations of the Board of Studies of the School of Science, approving Syllabus, Regulations and Scheme of Examinations, for the following programmes may be ratified:

1. B.Sc., (Zoology)
2. B.Sc., (Botany)
3. B.Sc., (Physics)
4. B.Sc., (Chemistry)
5. Certificate Programme in Climate Change
6. Certificate Programme in Aquaculture
7. Vocational Diploma in Acupressure Therapist
8. Vocational Diploma in General Duty Assistant
9. Vocational Diploma in Multi Cuisine Cook
10. Vocational Diploma in Mechanic (Electrical / Electronic / Instrumentation)
11. Vocational Diploma in Smart Phone Repair Technician
12. Vocational Diploma in TV Repair Technician

Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Prof. & Director, SOCE seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED the Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Syndicate based on the recommendation of the Board of Studies of the School of Science and RESOLVED that the Syllabi, Regulations and Scheme of Examinations, for the above programmes as given in Annexure - III A & B, to the Agenda Notes be ratified:

ITEM NO. 5

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA STUDIES

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR OFFERING VARIOUS CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA & DEGREE COURSES THROUGH "SWAYAM & SWAYAM PRABHA" PROJECT INITIATED BY THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT (MHRD) AND UNDERTAKEN BY INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY.

Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Prof. & Head i/c., School of Journalism and New Media Studies moved:

"that the proposal for the implementation of "SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha" Courses through Tamil Nadu Open University for offering the following programmes may be approved:

S.No.	Course Code	Name of the Course
1.	Certificate in Introduction of Tamil Movies	School of Humanities
2.	Certificate in Indian Embroidery	School of Continuing Education
3.	Certificate in Maritime Business	School of Management Studies
4.	Certificate in Fresh Water Crap Framing	School of Science
5.	Certificate in Inclusive Education	School of Special Education & Rehabilitation Studies
6.	Certificate in Old Age Care	School of Social Science
7.	Certificate in Terrorism and Counter Terrorism	School of Criminology & Criminal Justice Administration
8.	Certificate in Tamil Culture	School of Tamil & Cultural Studies

Dr. K. Murugan, Prof. & Head, SOH seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED and RESOLVED that the proposal for the implementation of "SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha" Courses through Tamil Nadu Open University, be approved.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ACADEMIC PLANNER 2017-2018 COVERING
THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 2017 TO JULY 2018

Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Prof. & Head, School of Tamil & Cultural Studies, moved:

“that the proposal for the implementation of Academic Planner 2017-2018 covering the period from January 2017 to July 2017 in Tamil Nadu Open University may be approved:

Dr. M.V. Sudhakaran, Assoc. Prof. & Head i/c., SOSS, seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED and RESOLVED that the proposal to approve the implementation of Academic Planner 2017-2018 covering the period from January 2017 to July 2017 in Tamil Nadu Open University (*Annexure - I*), be approved.

ITEM NO. 7

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRAMMES BEING PROPOSED BY THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Dr. K. Murugan, Prof. & Head, School of Humanities moved:

"that the proposal for introduction of for the following programmes may be approved:

Certificate of Proficiency in English(CPE) - Syllabus

Module Code	Course Title	Hours
CPE-01	Basic English Grammar	20
CPE-02	Listening and Speaking Skills	30
CPE-03	Reading and Writing Skills	30
CPE-04	Practical Session & Exam	40

Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Prof. & Head, SOTCS seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried.

CONSIDERED the proposal to approve the Syllabus for aforesaid programme of the School of Humanities and RESOLVED that the Syllabi as given in the Annexure - IV to the Agenda Notes, be approved.

TABLE AGENDA - I

ITEM NO. 8

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRAMMES BEING PROPOSED BY THIRU U. SUDHIR LODHA, MEMBER, ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Thiru U. Sudhir Lodha, Member-Academic Council has proposed the following Diploma programmes:

1. Diploma in Industrial Safety
2. Diploma in Fire Safety
3. Diploma in Industrial Hygenic

He also informed that duration of the course would be one year with 4 days compulsory classes, Project work, Viva-voice and exam.

Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Prof. & Director, SOCE seconded the motion which was put to vote and carried. The respective School may arrange to offer the programme after framing the syllabi and regulations from Board of Studies and with the approval of the Syndicate.

CONSIDERED and RESOLVED that the proposal to offer the aforesaid Programmes, be approved.

After the discussion of the agenda items, Prof. M. Ponnusamy, Dean, Cost Accountant of India, Chennai appreciated the initiatives taken by the University.

In his delivery of speech, among others, he has stated that the students pursuing engineering/CA/ICWAI, may simultaneously pursue M.Phil./Ph.D., or any other programme relevant to their field, for betterment of their career. He also has assured that he will promote the TNOU programmes to their students pursuing professional courses in their institution.

He also has made a mention about the importance of the Parliamentary Courses, conducted by the Government of India and necessity of undergoing the programme by young aspirants. Further, he has stated that the Institute of Cost Accountant is offering 100% waive off in tuition fee to the SC/ST/Minority Community.

Dr. K. Murugan, appreciated the efforts taken by the Vice-Chancellor for promotion of Research Programmes in TNOU. Also he welcomed the suggestion of Mr. Sudhir Lodha, Academic Council Member for initiating the introduction of few courses in the area of Industrial Safety.

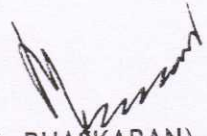
Dr. U. Sudhir Lodha informed about the demand of graduates / diploma holders in the subject Industrial Safety. Dr. S. Subramanian, Prof. SOMS informed that they have already made efforts to introduce these programme and the Board of Studies of the School has already made the Syllabus for the same, however, there is a need of licence from T.N. Govt. for running these courses in terms of infrastructure, practical, safety etc., Dr. Sudhir Lodha assured that he will able to help TNOU in obtaining licence/approval, whatever pre-requisite, for introducing Industrial Courses, as there are huge opportunities in MNC/Abroad/Arab Countries.

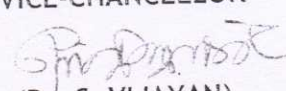
He also opined that there of lot of opportunities for promoting the TNOU programmes by making awareness and campaign. He will be able to help TNOU by giving education to 500 housewives by offering funding every year through State Minority Commission.

Dr. S. Kishore, Regional Director, IGNOU, appreciated TNOU for introduction of about 8 MOOCs programmes in TNOU. Besides, he welcomed the introduction of short-terms courses.

Dr. S. Arulselvan, Professor, Journalism, Anna University has also appreciated TNOU, for introduction of the programmes in the subject film studies and the proposal of short term summer courses.

In conclusion of the Meeting, the Vice-Chancellor thanked all the Members of the Academic Council for their enthusiastic participation.


(Dr. M. BHASKARAN)
VICE-CHANCELLOR


(Dr. S. VIJAYAN)
REGISTRAR

Place : Syndicate Hall of TNOU.

Date : 22-02-2017