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# MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD



# MINUTES

DATE : 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010

TIME : 11.30AM

VENUE : CONFERENCE HALL  
TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY  
CHENNAI - 600 025.

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HELD ON 19.08.2010

Members Present:

1.	Prof. A. Kalyani, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU.	Chairman
2.	Dr. P. S. Balasubramanian, Professor of Education (Rtd), University of Madras.	Member
3.	Dr. S. Muttan, Professor, Professor, Dept. of ECE, Anna University	Member
4.	Dr. A. Elayaperumal, Dept. of Mechanical Engg. Anna University, Chennai-25.	Member
5.	Dr. B. Nalini, Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai-625 021.	Member
6.	Dr. S. Shanmugiah, Registrar, TNOU.	Member
7.	The Heads of all Schools.	Member

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The Planning Board Meeting was convened on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the Conference Hall, TNOU.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members to the Meeting. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also spoke at length and highlighting the importance of the role of the Planning Board for the development of the University in all its spheres.

The Heads of the Schools and Divisions were also invited as a special invitees for the meeting. In order to give an idea to the members of the Planning Board as to the nature of the activities that are currently going on in various Schools/ Divisions, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor requested the Heads to make a brief presentation of the activities of the respective Schools / Divisions.

The members of the Planning Board felt very happy to know about the immense academic activities that have taken place in various Schools / Divisions.

All of them uniformly appreciated the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and her team for enrolling around 2.75 Lakhs of students for various Courses in a short span of time. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appreciated the teachers of TNOU for bringing out quality study materials for various Courses. She also made a mention of the fact that because of the quality of the materials, many Universities are borrowing TNOU materials for use of their students.

As for introduction of research activities the members uniformly expressed the opinion that research guidelines in order to suit the nature and functioning of TNOU may be framed. For this purpose the members suggested that a "Research Cell" may be constituted and this Cell may deal with matters such as student eligibility for registering for Ph.D, identification of areas of specialization in various subjects, framing of guidelines for the purpose of recognizing teachers of TNOU and teachers from other Universities as research guides of TNOU.

After the above deliberations, the following agendas were taken by the Planning Board and relevant resolutions were passed.



ITEM NO: 1

To Consider introduction of Research Programmes in Tamil Nadu Open University and evolve Research Guidelines to suit the requirements of the various Schools of the University.

Resolved that it be a recommendation to the Syndicate that introduction of Research Programmes in TNOU and evolving of research guidelines to suit the requirements of various Schools of the University be approved.

ITEM NO: 2

To Consider the establishment of University's own co-ordinating centres (UCC's) in various regions of Tamil Nadu to monitor the functioning of study centres and thus ensure effective services to the students.

As of now, the University Co-ordinating Centres are run by private parties. So, the members of the Board felt the need for having the University's own co-ordinating centres. Hence, it is resolved that it be a recommendation to the Syndicate that a proposal to establish University's own coordinating centres in various regions of Tamil Nadu in order to monitor the functioning of study centres in the area and thus ensure effective services to students be approved.

ITEM NO: 3

To consider the establishment of new Regional Centres to monitor the performance of Learning Centres in the states outside Tamil Nadu

There are many requests from reputed institutions like M/S. Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi, Indian Knowledge Commission, Pune and other institutions to start Regional Centres on behalf of Tamil Nadu Open University. Hence it is resolved that the proposal to establish such new Regional Centres to monitor the performance of Learning Centres in other states outside Tamil Nadu may be approved.

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ITEM NO: 4

To consider creation of a New School of History and Tourism Studies

Resolved that it be a recommendation to the Syndicate that the proposal to create a new School on History and Tourism Studies be approved.

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(Prof. A. KALYANI)  
Vice – Chancellor

Date: August 19, 2010

  
[Dr. S. SHANMUGIAH]  
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