

5th MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD



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MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD
HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2020

Members Present:

1	Prof. K. Parthasarathy Vice-Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015	Chairman
2	Dr.P.Thiyagarajan, Prof. & Director, School of Continuing Education Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 600 015	Member
3	Dr.S.Balasubramanian, Prof. & Director, School of Tamil & Cultural Studies Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 600 015	Member
4	Dr.M.Manivannan, Prof. & Director, School of Education Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 600 015	Member
5	Dr. N. Sethuraman Registrar, SRM University Kattangulathur - 603 203	Member
6	Dr. Vijaya Thiruvengadam Deputy Director General (Retd.) (Prasar Bharathi, Chennai) Res. Plot No. 28, Phase - II Heritage Vijayendra Nagar Perungudi, Chennai - 600 096	Member
7	Dr. S. Nirmala Devi Joint Director, Directorate of Collegiate Education (Retd.), Former Principal Bharathi Government Arts College for Women, Res. 15-A, Soodiammanpet Street, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.	Member
8	Dr. N. Rajendran Professor, Department of Chemistry Anna University, Chennai - 600 025	Member
9	Dr. K. Rathnakumar Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015	Special Invitee

(Other Members, Dr.S.Ramakrishnan, Dr.C.Ramasamy, Mrs.P.Amirtha Nayagi, Dr.M.Joseph Antony Jacob S.J. and Dr.M.Ramasamy - Could not attend the meeting)

The Vice-Chancellor as well as Chairman of the Planning Board welcomed the members in the Fifth Meeting of the Planning Board. Then, the Planning Board had detailed deliberations on the Items of the Agendas one by one. The following are resolutions arrived by the Planning Board against Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.01

TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE FOURTH PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 31.10.2019

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report, with regard to the 4th Meeting of the Planning Board held on 31.10.2019 BE CONFIRMED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.02

TO INFORM THE VARIOUS IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES, SCHEMES AND PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY TNOU FROM 01.11.2019 TO 14.10.2020

RESOLVED THAT the important activities, schemes and programmes carried out by the TNOU from 01.11.2019 to 14.10.2020 BE NOTED AND BE APPRECIATED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.03

TO INFORM THE UGC'S NEW REGULATIONS ON "OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING AND ONLINE EDUCATION", PUBLISHED AS GAZETTE NOTIFICATION ON 04.09.2020

RESOLVED THAT The Gazette Notification of 4th September 2020 of University Grants Commission's(UGC's) New Regulations 2020 on Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes BE NOTED AND BE ADOPTED BY TNOU w.e.f. 04.09.2020

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ITEM NO. 2020-5.04

TO INFORM THE PROPOSAL ON DRAFT ROADMAP FOR RELEASING CHANCELLOR'S VISION-2030 BY TNOU SUBMITTED TO THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR-CHANCELLOR

RESOLVED THAT based on the conference held on 19th and 20th December 2019 at Raj Bhavan, Ooty on the subject "Chancellor Vision: 2030 - INNOVATING THE ERA OF INDUSTRY 4.0." among all the Vice-Chancellors of the State Universities, as follow-up measures of the conference, the proposal on Draft Roadmap for releasing Chancellor's Vision-2030 by TNOU submitted to the Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor by the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU, BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.05

TO INFORM THE FUNCTIONALITY OF LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRES AND EXAMINATION CENTRES APPROVED BY THE TNOU AS ON 12.10.2020

RESOLVED THAT the Government of Tamilnadu be THANKED for the allotment of 91 Government Arts Colleges across the State to function as the Learning Support Centres and Examination centres of TNOU, and the functionality of Learning Support Centres and Examination Centres approved by the TNOU as on 12.10.2020 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.06

TO INFORM THE FUNCTIONALITY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES APPROVED BY THE TNOU AS ON 12.10.2020 IN TAMIL NADU

RESOLVED THAT the functionality of Community Colleges approved by the TNOU as on 12.10.2020 BE NOTED AND RECORDED. Further, the Planning Board strongly recommended that the School of Continuing Education in collaboration with other Schools of Study and outside Organizations/Institutions to introduce demandable and employable new programmes to offer through Community Colleges across the State of Tamil Nadu from the academic year 2020-2021 onwards.

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ITEM NO. 2020-5.07

TO INFORM THE INAUGURATION OF NEW BUILDINGS OF TNOU'S REGIONAL CENTRE AND CONSTITUENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE, VILLUPURAM ON 09.09.2020 AND THEIR FUNCTIONS OF OPERATION

RESOLVED THAT the inauguration of, the first of its kind, own New Buildings of TNOU's Regional Centre and Constituent Community College, Villupuram on 09.09.2020 and their functions of operation BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.08

TO INFORM THE PUBLICATION OF TNOU'S FIRST AND SECOND NEWSLETTER COVERING THE ACTIVITIES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY TO JUNE 2020 RESPECTIVELY

RESOLVED THAT the publication of TNOU's First and Second Newsletter covering the activities from June to December 2019 and January to June 2020 respectively and the efforts of the Editorial Board BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.09

TO INFORM THE LAND ACQUISITION AT DHARMAPURI FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OWN BUILDING TO HOUSE THE TNOU'S REGIONAL CENTRE AND CONSTITUENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT DHARMAPURI

RESOLVED THAT based on the courtesy of the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamilnadu, and the sustained follow-up of the Vice-Chancellor and the Regional Director, Regional Centre, Dharmapuri the land acquired for the Dharmapuri Regional Centre at Periyannahalli Village, Karimangalam Taluk, Dharmapuri District for construction of own buildings to house the TNOU's Regional Centre and Constituent Community College BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.10

TO INFORM THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU FOR CREATION OF FOUR ADDITIONAL REGIONAL CENTRES OF TNOU AT TAMILNADU

RESOLVED THAT the proposal submitted to the Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu for creation of the following four Additional Regional Centres of TNOU in the State of Tamilnadu BE NOTED AND RECORDED

S.No	Proposed Regional Centre	Covering Districts
1	Tiruvannamalai	Yellore, Ranipet and Tiruvannamalai
2	Salem	Namakkal and Salem
3	Sivagangai	Ramanathapuram, Pudukkottai and Sivagangai
4	Mayiladuthurai	Tiruvrarur, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai

ITEM NO. 2020-5.11

TO INFORM THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF FOUR B.VOC. PROGRAMMES AT TNOU SUBMITTED TO THE UGC UNDER NATIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NSQF)

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for introduction of the following four B.Voc. Programmes at TNOU submitted to the UGC under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) on 30.09.2020 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Offered by
1.	Bachelor of Vocation - Media and Entertainment	School of Journalism and New Mass Studies
2.	Bachelor of Vocation - Animation and Graphic Design	School of Continuing Education
3.	Bachelor of Vocation - Fashion Technology	School of Sciences
4.	Bachelor of Vocation - Retail Management	School of Management Studies

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Further, the Directors and Faculty members of concerned Schools of Study who took efforts and submitted the proposal with two and half days time, a short duration of time, to the UGC were acknowledged.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.12

TO INFORM THE STATUS REPORT OF TNOU FOR OBTAINING NAAC ACCREDITATION

RESOLVED THAT the status report of TNOU for obtaining NAAC Accreditation BE NOTED AND RECORDED. Further, the suggestion was made to fix the responsibility to CIQA and Co-ordinator, NAAC of TNOU in order to define the task to the faculty members to complete the target of activity.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.13

TO INFORM TNOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/S. EX-SERVICEMEN SECURITY SERVICES, CHENNAI FOR PROVIDING SERVICES FOR HOUSEKEEPING AND OUTSOURCED STAFF TO UNIVERSITY & REGIONAL CENTRES FROM 01.09.2020

RESOLVED THAT TNOU entered Mou with M/s. Ex-Servicemen Security Services, Chennai for providing services for Housekeeping and Outsourced Staff numbering 104 to University & Regional Centres from 01.09.2020 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.14

TO INFORM TNOU ENTERED MOU WITH M/S. LEARNING MATTERS, BANGALORE FOR OFFERING SHORT-TERM & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES IN TEACHER EDUCATION

RESOLVED THAT TNOU entered Mou with M/s. Learning Matters, Bangalore for offering the following Short - Term & Certificate Programmes in Teacher Education through ODL mode BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

1. Certificate Programme on "Teaching Skills for Offline and Online Classroom"
2. Short Term Programme on "Innovative Teaching and Skills for Online Classroom"



ITEM NO. 2020-5.15

TO INFORM THE CONDUCT OF RE-CONSTITUTED ALL BOARD OF STUDIES AND ADHOC BOARD OF STUDIES FOR UPGRADED SYLLABI OF ALL UG, PG, DIPLOMA, VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA, CERTIFICATE & SHORT-TERM PROGRAMMES

RESOLVED THAT a total of 28 re-constituted Board of Studies and ADHOC Board of Studies brought out the upgraded syllabi for all UG, PG, Diploma, Vocational Diploma, Certificate & Short-Term Programmes including a ten new programmes BE NOTED AND RECORDED by extending appreciation to all concerned in updating the Syllabi of 129 programmes in record time, during the Pandemic period.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.16

TO INFORM PUBLICATION OF POLICY DOCUMENT ON SELF-LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM) OF TNOU

RESOLVED THAT publication of policy document on Self-Learning Material (SLM) of TNOU BE NOTED AND RECORDED. Further, the drafting team of policy on SLM was recognized for their effective work.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.17

TO INFORM THE PROGRAMME-WISE ADMISSIONS MADE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

RESOLVED THAT the Programme-wise Admissions made during the Calendar Year 2020 and Academic Year 2020-2021 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.18

TO INFORM THE INAUGURATION OF EXTENSION OF MATERIAL PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION DIVISION WITH GUEST HOUSE AND ADDITIONAL FLOORS IN THE ACADEMIC BLOCK OF TNOU BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER THROUGH VIRTUAL PLATFORM ON 30.01.2020

RESOLVED THAT the extension of Buildings of Material Production and Distribution Division with Guest House and Additional Floors in the Academic Block of TNOU inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister through Virtual Platform on 30.01.2020 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.19

TO INFORM THE CONDUCT OF TERM-END EXAMINATIONS 2020 THROUGH ONLINE PORTAL AS PER SDMA, TAMIL NADU DURING SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED THAT the Term-End Examinations 2020 conducted through Online Portal, as per the approval of State Disaster Management Authority [SDMA], Tamil Nadu, during 19th - 30th September 2020 BE NOTED.

Further, the Students Registration and Evaluation Division (SREED) who took systematic efforts to conduct the examinations and release of results earlier when compared to some other State Universities in Tamilnadu, was very much appreciated.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.20

TO INFORM THE SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS ORGANIZED BY THE TNOU FACULTY MEMBERS

RESOLVED THAT the Seminars, Workshops and Webinars organized by the TNOU Faculty Members BE NOTED.

Further, the faculty members organized the Seminars, Workshops and Webinars were appreciated.

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ITEM NO. 2020-5.21

TO INFORM THE PARTICIPATION OF TNOU FACULTY MEMBERS IN VARIOUS ORIENTATION / REFRESHER COURSES / SEMINARS / WEBINARS

RESOLVED THAT the participation of TNOU Faculty Members in various Orientations / Refresher Courses / Seminars / Webinars BE NOTED.

Further, the faculty members participated in various Orientations, Refresher Courses, Seminars and Webinars were appreciated.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.22

TO INFORM THE PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH PAPERS BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF TNOU

RESOLVED THAT the Publication of Research Papers by the Faculty Members of TNOU BE NOTED.

The faculty members published research papers were appreciated. Further, the suggestion was also made to institute an award for the faculty members to publish considerable quantum of research papers.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to constitute a committee for devising suitable guidelines.

ITEM NO. 2020-5.23

TO INFORM THE DETAILS OF ADMISSION MADE IN THE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

RESOLVED THAT the details of Admission made in the Research Programmes during the Calendar Year 2020 and Academic Year 2020-2021 BE NOTED AND RECORDED.


ITEM NO. 2020-5.24

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

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for launching Internet Radio facility in association with i-radio BE APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED to place it as one of the agenda item in the ensuing Academic Council for its consideration.

Before concluding the meeting, the Members of Planning Board praised the sustained efforts of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, to accelerate the academic and administrative promotional activities of the University including conduct of the Syndicate, Boards of Studies, Academic Council and Planning Board meetings and arranging inauguration of the Buildings at Headquarter and Regional Centre etc., during this hectic COVID - 19 pandemic situation.

The meeting came to an end at 12.30 p.m. with Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU.


(K. RATHNAKUMAR)
REGISTRAR


(K. PARTHASARATHY)
VICE-CHANCELLOR