

FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE



MINUTES

DATE : 06.11.2019


TIME : 10:30 a.m.

VENUE : Chamber of the Principal Secretary to Government
Higher Education Department, VI Floor
Secretariat, Chennai - 9

TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

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MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 6th November 2019

Members Present:

1	Dr.K.Parthasarathy Vice-Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015.	Chairman
2.	Thiru. Mangat Ram Sharma, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government Higher Education Department Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.	Member
3.	Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura Director and Professor, Crystal Growth Centre, (UGC - National Facility Centre), Anna University, Chennai - 600 025.	Member
4.	Dr.(Smt.) Y. Sarada Professor, Department of Mathematics, CEG Campus, Anna University Chennai - 600 025.	Member
5.	Dr. S. Balasubramanian Professor and Head School of Tamil and Cultural Studies, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 600 015.	Member
6.	Dr.N.Dhanalakshmi Associate Professor School of History and Tourism Studies Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 15.	Member
7.	Dr.T.Sampath Kumar Assistant Professor School of Education Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 15.	Member

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8.	Dr. P.Thiyagarajan Registrar i/c., Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015.	Ex-Officio Secretary
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(Dr. Beela Rajesh, IAS., and Mr.C. Gopi Ravikumar, MA.,M.L.,- Leave of Absence)

The Chairman of the Syndicate welcomed the members to the Fiftieth Meeting of the Syndicate. Then, the Syndicate had detailed deliberations on the Agenda Items one by one. The following are resolutions arrived by the Syndicate against Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.01

TO INFORM THE PERMANENT AGENDA NOTES FOR THE 50th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE WITH REFERENCE TO THE GOVT. LETTER. No. 10559/K2/2017-1, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, DATED : 19-06-2017

RESOLVED THAT the permanent agenda notes of the TNOU in the format prescribed, with respect to Govt. Letter No. 10599/K2/2017-1, Higher Education Department, Dated: 19-06-2017, as Tabled in the Meeting, BE NOTED.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.02

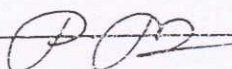
TO INFORM THE VARIOUS IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES/SCHEMES/ PROGRAMMES CARRIED OUT BY TNOU FROM 08.08.2019 TO 05.11.2019

RESOLVED THAT the important activities/schemes/programmes carried out by the TNOU in the form of a Report, 8th August 2019 to 5th November 2019, BE APPRECIATED AND NOTED. The Syndicate records its appreciation for the activities taken up for the past three months and increasing trends of admission in TNOU for the academic year 2019-2020.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.03

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FORTY NINTH MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 07.08.2019 AND THE MINUTES OF THE SYNDICATE ON CIRCULATION DATED: 15.10.2019

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 7th August 2019, as given in Annexure-II Page No.26 to 41, to the Agenda Notes as well as the minutes of the Syndicate on circulation dated 15th October 2019 BE CONFIRMED.



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ITEM NO.2019-50.04

TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE FORTY NINTH MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 07.08.2019 AND SYNDICATE BY CIRCULATION ON 15.10.2019 RESPECTIVELY

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Reports, with regard to the 49th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 7th August 2019 and Syndicate approval obtained on Circulation Dated, 15.10.2019, BE RECORDED AND ACCEPTED.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.05

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 31.10.2019

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Planning Board (as enclosed in the Annexure II Page No.42 to 78 to the Agenda Notes), held on 31st October 2019 at the Syndicate Hall, Administrative Building, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, BE APPROVED.

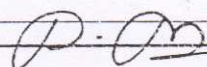
There were 28 Agenda Items placed before the Planning Board for consideration and recommendations, out of which, the following Agenda Items are recommended for consideration of the Syndicate.

2019-4.04	To consider the Minutes of the Sub-Committee with regard to Administrative Structure of the TNOU
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RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Sub-Committee with regard to Administrative Structure, as recommended by the Planning Board (as detailed in the Annexure - IV Page No.42 to Page No.78 in the Agenda Notes), BE APPROVED.

2019-4.06	To inform the details of Nomination of Syndicate Members under Assistant Professor And Associate Professor Cadre from TNOU
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RESOLVED THAT the Nomination of the Syndicate Members under Assistant Professor And Associate Professor Cadre in accordance with the TNOU Act 2002, BE NOTED.



2019-4.26 To consider the proposal for the establishment of Canteen in the Academic Building with appropriate Infrastructure Facilities

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for the establishment of Canteen in the Academic Building with appropriate infrastructure facilities, as recommended by the Planning Board BE APPROVED.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to constitute a Committee to study the Feasibility and Establishment of Canteen with terms and conditions and with financial implications for further proceedings.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.06

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY BEING HELD ON 05.11.2019

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 5th November 2019 at the Syndicate Hall, Administrative Building, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Tabled separately consisting of 38 pages (1 to 38), BE APPROVED.

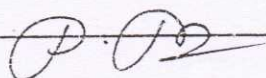
FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Directors viz., 1) Academics, 2) Planning & Development and 3) Research in TNOU, as approved by the Syndicate Vide Item No.40.12, be nullified due to revised Academic Structure approved by this Syndicate.

ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the activities of Alumni TNOU be strengthened, documented and regular follow-up be taken up for the development of the TNOU as well as stakeholders of the University.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.07

TO INFORM THE EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR GIVEN TO DR.K.M.SUBRAMANIAM AS CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS OUT OF THREE YEAR TENURE

RESOLVED THAT extension of one year lien from 13.09.2019 to 12.09.2020 out of three years from (13.09.2017 to 12.09.2020) given to Dr. K. M. Subramaniam, Assistant Professor, Annamalai University appointed as Controller of Examinations in TNOU on tenure basis as recommended by the Sub-Committee along with eleven valuable suggestions for effective and systematic execution of various activities by the Office of the Controller of Examinations, BE NOTED.



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ITEM NO. 2019-50.08

TO INFORM THE APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER IN THE UNIVERSITY

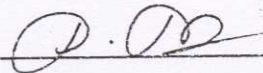
RESOLVED THAT appointment of Mrs.S.Maheeswari, Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Secretariat as Finance Officer, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai on foreign service terms and conditions joined from the Forenoon of 1st August 2019, BE NOTED.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.09

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF SYNDICATE MEMBERS TO BE CO-OPTED BY THE SYNDICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TNOU ACT, 2002

RESOLVED THAT the nomination of following two co-opted members in accordance with Sec.20(2)(g) of the TNOU Act 2002, an expert on distance education, and the other has special knowledge of or experience in media or communication field, to the Syndicate of the Tamil Nadu Open University, BE APPROVED for a period of three years from the date of issue of the orders.

1. Dr.A. Muthumanickam
(Former Dean for Arts, Humanities and Languages and
Professor & Head, Department of Education,
Directorate of Distance Education,
Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai)
S5, Sree Madava Apartments, Madipakkam,
Chennai - 600 091.
2. Dr.V.Anandamoorthy
(Former Head, Dept. of Materials, Media & Library)
State Resource Centre under MHRD)
2/310 C, 5th Street, Kandasamy Nagar
Palavakkam, Chennai - 600 041.





ITEM NO. 2019-50.10

TO CONSIDER THE ENQUIRY REPORT WITH REGARD TO CHARGES FRAMED UNDER RULE 17 (B) TAMIL NADU CIVIL SERVICES (DISCIPLINE AND APPEAL) RULES AGAINST Dr. A. S. ARUL LAWRENCE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, TNOU, CHENNAI.

RESOLVED THAT the Enquiry Report with regard to charges framed under Rule 17(B) of Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules against Dr.S.Arul Lawrence, Assistant Professor, School of Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, BE ACCEPTED. As per the Enquiry Committee Report, the charges viz. (1) Insubordination and Disobedience and (2) Criticizing the Authorities, are Admitted, (3) Ineligible to act as an Assistant Professor & (4) Leveling baseless allegations, are Not pressed. The Charge No.(5) Refusal of receiving Order of Suspension is dropped.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Suspension period of Dr.A.S.Arul Lawrence, Assistant Professor, School of Education from 04.07.2018 to 06.06.2019, be regularized as a service period and the payment of salary due to him be paid in full.

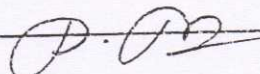
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minor penalty of Censure, BE APPROVED.

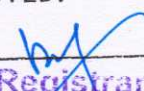
ITEM NO. 2019-50.11

TO CONSIDER THE STATUS REPORT ON THE ORDERS ISSUED FOR AUTOMATION OF ADMISSION AND EXAMINATION PROCESS ENTRUSTED WITH M/s. ABACUS LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, CHENNAI

RESOLVED THAT the services of M/s. Abacus Logistics Solutions Private Limited, Chennai for Automation of Admission and Examination Process entrusted to them, be withdrawn, due to various lapses and appropriate valid reasons, indicated in the Agenda Notes (Page No.18 to 22) with effect from the afternoon of 31st January 2020, by issuing Notice forthwith to complete their services and provide the Complete Data along with the Data migrated from earlier source on or before 10th January 2020 to enable TNOU to continue the Automation Process in-house, without any detrimental to the University services, BE APPROVED.



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FURTHER RESOLVED that utilizing the services of experienced internal staff of both Teaching and Non-teaching of the University to take over the Task of "Automation of Admission and Examination Process" without any discontinuance and also by engaging Three Technical Persons on Contract/Consolidated Pay, BE APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.12

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR RELEASE OF BALANCE TERMINAL BENEFITS PAYABLE TO RETIRED INCUMBENT, Dr.K.MURUGAN, PROFESSOR IN THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITES OF THE UNIVERSITY WHILE THE WRIT APPEAL WA 2369/2019 IS PENDING IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT

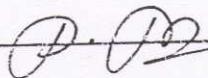
RESOLVED THAT the proposal for release of balance terminal benefits payable to the retired incumbent Dr. K. Murugan, Professor, School of Humanities of TNOU, BE CONSIDERED and decision be taken, upon receipt of the legal opinion of the Advocate General of High Court, Chennai.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.13

TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION OF THE MEMBERS IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TNOU AS PER THE TNOU ACT

RESOLVED THAT the nomination of following two Syndicate members, to the Finance Committee, out of whom one from the Nominee of the Hon'ble Governor to the Syndicate and another one from other category, BE APPROVED.

1. Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura
Director and Professor, Crystal Growth Centre,
(UGC - National Facility Centre),
Anna University, Chennai - 600 025.
2. Dr.A. Muthumanickam
(Former Dean for Arts, Humanities and Languages and
Professor & Head, Department of Education,
Directorate of Distance Education,
Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai)
S5, Sree Madava Apartments, Madipakkam,
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ITEM NO. 2019-50.14

TO RATIFY THE RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNDICATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION RELATED DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

RESOLVED THAT the nomination of the following Syndicate Members to Syndicate Sub-Committee to deal with Examination Related Disciplinary issues, BE RATIFIED, due to the expiry of tenure of two Syndicate Members during August and September 2019.

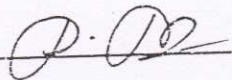
1. **Dr.N.Dhanalakshmi**
Associate Professor
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2. **Dr.T.Sampath Kumar**
Assistant Professor
School of Education
Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 15.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dr.(Smt.) Y. Sarada, Professor, Department of Mathematics, CEG Campus, Anna University, Chennai - 600 025, Member-Syndicate, TNOU, be included as an additional Member and Convener of the Committee, besides the earlier nomination of Dr.S.Balasubramanian, Syndicate Member.

ITEM NO. 2019-50.15

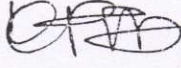
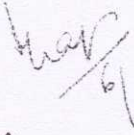
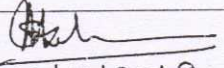
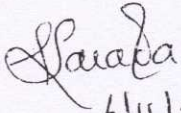
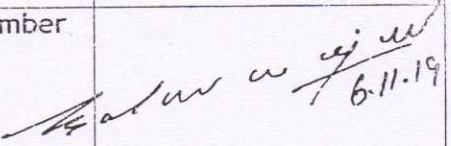
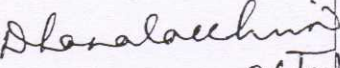
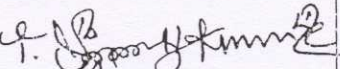

TO INFORM THE GRANT OF RECOGNITION TO ENATHI RAJAPPA ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, PATTUKOTTAI, THANJAVUR AS LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRE (LSC) OF TNOU

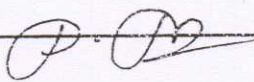
RESOLVED THAT the recognition offered to Enathi Rajappa Arts and Science College, Pattukottai, Thanjavur affiliated College of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, as Learner Support Centre for delivering approved UG and PG Programmes of TNOU and all other Academic Supports to the TNOU students from the Academic Year 2019-2020 onwards, BE NOTED AND RATIFIED.



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S.No.	Name and Designation	Position	Signature
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