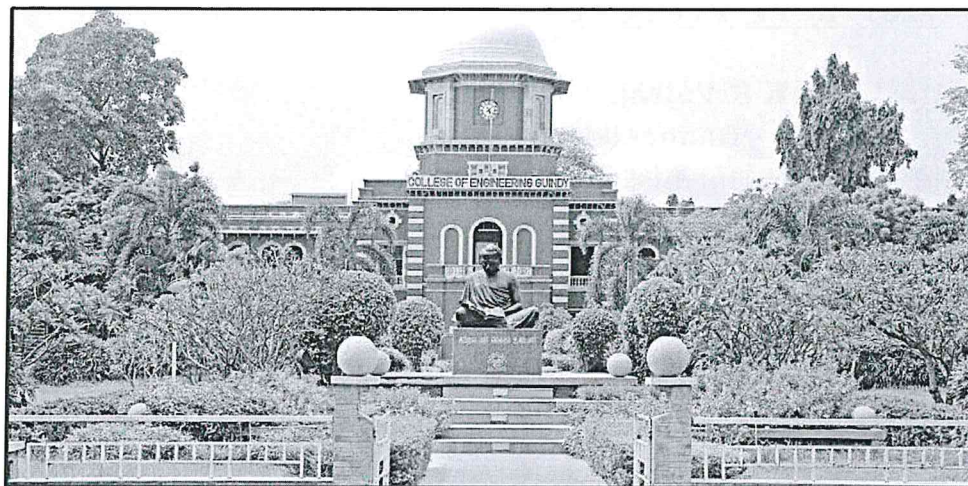
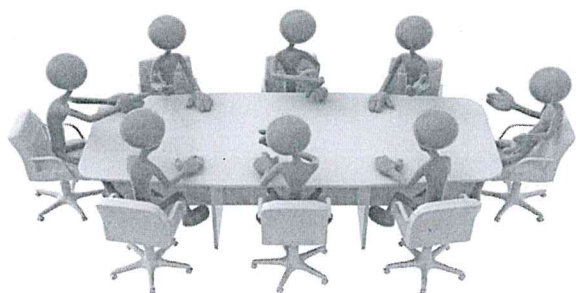


ANNA UNIVERSITY

CHENNAI – 25



266th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE



**MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE : 19.01.2023

TIME : 11.00 a.m.

**VENUE : SYNDICATE HALL
ANNA UNIVERSITY,
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R.V. Vijay
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19.01.2023 :: 11.00 AM

MINUTES

I Members Present

1. **Prof. R.Velraj**
Vice - Chancellor
Anna University, Chennai.
2. **Dr.D.Karthikeyan, I.A.S.**
Principal Secretary to Govt.
Dept. of Higher Education,
Govt. of TN, Chennai.
3. **Thiru S. George Alexander**
Addl. Secretary to Govt.
In place of Thiru.B. Karthikeyan
Dept. of Law, Govt. of TN, Chennai
4. **Tmt. G. LaxmiPriya, I.A.S**
Commissioner
Directorate of Technical Education
Govt. of TN, Chennai.
5. **Prof. RanjaniParthasarathi**
Chairperson
Faculty of Information & Communication Engineering
Anna University, Chennai
6. **Dr. D. ShobaRajkumar**
Professor in Civil Engineering
Government College of Engineering, Salem.
7. **Tmt. S. Malarvizhi**
Managing Director
Sri Krishna I Tech & Management Solutions (P) Ltd.
Coimbatore.
8. **Dr. G. Ranganath**
Principal
Adhiyaman College of Engineering
Hosur.


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9. **Dr. R. Vijayan**
Principal
Government College of Engineering
Sengipatti, Thanjavur.
10. **Dr. P. Chinnadurai**
Secretary & Correspondent
Panimalar Group of Institutions
Chennai.

II Leave of absence

11. **Thiru R. M. Kishore**
Vice-Chairman
RMK Engineering College
Chennai.
12. **Thiru. S. Krishnan, I.A.S.**
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt.
Dept. of Industries, Govt. of TN,
Chennai
13. **Dr. Neeraj Mittal, I.A.S.**
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt.
Dept. of Information Technology,
Govt. of TN, Chennai.
14. **Hon'ble Thiru. Udhayanithi Stalin**
Member of Legislative Assembly
Chepauk-Triplicane Constituency &
Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Vice - Chancellor and Chairman of the Syndicate welcomed the members present and initiated the meeting.

I CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

266.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 265th Syndicate Meeting held on 20.09.2022

Confirmed

II ACTION TAKEN REPORT

266.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of previous Syndicate Meetings

Noted.

With regard to item # 265.26:

Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education enquired about the bridge course offered to students admitted under lateral entry mode. It was informed that - owing to time constraints - special classes had been conducted for the students admitted under lateral entry mode and an exclusive bridge course is planned in the ensuing semester.

Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education recommended to offer Cambridge English Course to the students admitted under lateral entry mode through "Naan Mudhalvan Platform"

With regard to item # 265.38:

Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education suggested to hasten up the process adopted for outsourcing of manpower.

III INFORMATION ON CIRCULATED AGENDA ITEMS

266.3

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266.4

To consider and approve the grant of fresh autonomous status to a college affiliated with Anna University

Noted.

- 266.5 To consider and approve the grant of fresh autonomous status to certain colleges affiliated with Anna University

Noted.

- 266.6 To consider

- (i) Visit of Prof.R.Velraj, Vice-Chancellor to Japan from 21st to 25th January 2023 and
(ii) Constitution of a Sub-Committee to perform the routine duties and responsibilities of the Vice-Chancellor during his temporary absence

Noted.

- 266.7 To consider and nominate a member of Syndicate for the Selection Committee to be constituted for Selection of Assistant Registrar

Noted.

IV PERMANENT AGENDA NOTE – FURNISHING OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANNA UNIVERSITY

- 266.8 Presenting detailed information about University, as mandated by the Government vide D.O.Lr.No.8166/K2/2022-3 dated 13.06.2022

Noted.

V FINANCE MATTERS

(a) APPROVAL

- 266.9 To consider and approve the Minutes of 142nd Finance Committee Meeting to be held on 18.01.2023

Approved. (Annexure – 1)

(b) RATIFICATION

- 266.10 To consider and ratify the sanction of additional fund of Rs.24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Only) from the fund available under the Head of Account M.H. No. 9.77-(iii) "infrastructure facilities to constituent colleges such as Lab Equipment Furniture, Computer Net Working etc.," in order to procure the equipment "Scanning Electron Microscope" for the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, BIT Campus, Anna University, Tiruchirappalli

Ratified.

VI ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

(a) G.O. ADOPTION – APPROVAL

- 266.11 To consider and approve the adoption of Government Order regarding the list of Public Holidays for the calendar year 2023

Approved.

(b) RATIFICATION

266.12

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- 266.13 To consider and ratify the minimum qualifications, experience and other requirements for Direct Recruitment of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the Department of Planning, SAP Campus, Anna University, Chennai

Ratified.

(c) APPROVAL

- 266.14 To consider and approve the Minutes of Meeting(s) of the Selection Committee(s) for Direct Recruitment of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in **certain** University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai

Syndicate – upon perusal - suggested the following

- (a) To complete the recruitment process for all the departments by March 2023. Presently, the recruitment process had been completed for only 21 departments.**
- (b) To seek approval in the next Syndicate – in toto – on the Minutes of Meeting(s) of the Selection Committee(s) for Direct Recruitment of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in all University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai**
- (c) Prof. Ranjani Parthasarthy drew attention of Syndicate on the upper age limit fixed for recruitment of Assistant Professors, which is 57 years.**
- (d) Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education opined to the adopt the service rules, wherein the upper age limit is specified as 57 years, for avoiding litigations**

- 266.15 To consider and approve the Minutes of Meeting(s) of the Screening-Cum-Evaluation Committee(s) and Selection Committee(s) for CAS/Promotion of Faculty Members in certain University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai

Approved. (Annexures 2 – 29)

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- 266.16 To consider and approve the proposal of
- (i) consolidating the vacancy positions resulted from
 - (a) non-availability of suitable candidates during the faculty selection processes for the advertisement dated 30.09.2020 and
 - (b) vacancies that have arisen due to the superannuation/retirement/demise of faculty members during the academic years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 and
 - (ii) to advertise and fill the vacant positions by following the rule of reservation of schedule-V of Tamil Nadu Government Servants (conditions of service) Act, 2016

Syndicate recommended the following

- (a) To complete the recruitment process for all the departments by March 2023***
- (b) To consolidate the vacancy positions arising out of***
 - (i) non-availability of suitable candidates during the faculty selection processes***
 - (ii) Non-processing of applications received vide faculty recruitment Notification No.001/RC/UD-FR/PR10&20/2021 dated 13.10.2021 due to Court Direction on 10.5% MBC reservation***
 - (iii) Superannuation/Retirement/Demise of Faculty Members***
- (c) To seek approval in the ensuing Syndicate on the above consolidated vacancy positions and***
- (d) To adopt routine process towards recruitment of faculty in the Syndicate approved vacancy positions***

- 266.17 To consider and approve the proposal to refund the application processing fees received from the MBC & Denotified Community candidates whose applications could not be processed due to Court Direction on 10.5% MBC (Vanniakula Kshatriya), MBC&DC and MBC reservation

Approved.


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266.18 To consider and approve the following with respect to appointment of Professor of Eminence

- (i) norms for recruitment
- (ii) roles and responsibilities

Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education was skeptical on availability of faculty possessing the stipulated essential qualifications, as the suggested qualifications seem to be of high standards.

Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Syndicate informed about expression of interest by some elite Professors seeking appointment as Professor of Eminence.

Post deliberations, the agenda was approved but with following amendments

- (a) Age limit is restricted to 70 years*
- (b) Advertisement on "Professor of Eminence" to be hosted in Anna University web portal throughout the year, facilitating better dissemination of information and patronage*

266.19 To consider and approve the honorarium payable to Senior Retired Faculty Members from Science & Humanities discipline for handling first year B.E / B.Tech classes

Approved.

(d) DELIBERATION

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- 266.22 To consider and direct on the required qualification norms for the selection grade movement of non-teaching staff members who have been properly recruited by the erstwhile Anna Universities of Technology as per the respective advertisement

Approved to exempt the qualifications, as per Anna University Statutes, for the non-teaching staff members who were appointed by erstwhile Anna Universities of Technology after satisfying the prescribed qualification as per respective Advertisement / norms and absorbed into Anna University, Chennai

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VII ACADEMIC RESEARCH – APPROVAL

- 266.29 To consider and approve the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 453 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties

Approved.

VIII ACADEMIC MATTER – APPROVAL

- 266.30 To consider and approve the grant of fresh autonomous status to V.S.B. Engineering College, Karur

Approved.



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XI AFFILIATION MATTER – APPROVAL

- 266.31 To consider and
- (i) approve the recommendations of 111th Standing Committee on Affiliation held on 06.01.2023 and
 - (ii) ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made

Resolved to

- (i) approve the recommendations of 111th Standing Committee on Affiliation held on 06.01.2023 and*
- (ii) ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made*

IX MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

- 266.32 To consider and approve/ratify the draft Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between Anna University and 6 organizations/institute.

Resolved to approve the MoU to be signed between Anna University and

- (i) Infosys Limited*
- (ii) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University*
- (iii) Kritilabs Technologies Private Limited*

Resolved to ratify the MoU signed between Anna University and

- (i) Loughborough University, UK*
- (ii) ELEKTA Medical Systems India Pvt. Ltd., Haryana (Modification)*
- (iii) Mando Automotive India Private Limited*

X ESTATE OFFICE MATTERS – APPROVAL

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- 266.34 To consider and approve rental amount to be collected from the existing occupants of ISTE building and to request PWD to advice on the rent to be collected henceforth.

Resolved

- (i) to approve rental amount to be collected from the existing occupants of ISTE building and***
- (ii) to request PWD to advice on the rent to be collected, henceforth.***

In addition, Syndicate also suggested to examine the following with the tenants and present the details in the forthcoming Syndicate

- (i) genuineness of rent mentioned by the tenants***
- (ii) veracity of the advance paid to ISTE professional centre and***
- (iii) source of payment of electricity bills by tenants to TANGEDCO i.e., by tenants or by ISTE or by Anna University***

- 266.35 To consider and approve the appointment of a Part Time Consultant for regular supervision and technical advice on the quality of construction undertaken at Anna University

Approved.

- 266.36 To consider and approve the request of M/s. DLF Info Park Developers (Chennai) Ltd. to construct a compound wall in the boundary of the land under the control of Anna University

Approved.

- 266.37 To consider and approve to revise the Estate Office limit for execution of minor Civil & Electrical Works as Rs. 50 lakhs

Referred to Finance Committee.

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XI ADMISSION MATTERS – RATIFICATION

- 266.38 To consider and ratify the admission to M.Plan Degree Programme for CMDA / DTCP officials based on G.O. Ms. No.156 Housing and Urban Development (UD3 (2)) Department dated 23.08.2022

Ratified.

- 266.39 To consider and approve the proposed intake for the PG programmes full time and part time offered in the four Campuses of Anna University

Approved.

XII OTHER MATTER – APPROVAL

- 266.40 To consider and approve the extension of CEG Alumni Association Building

Approved.

XIII TABLE AGENDA

- 266.41 To consider and approve the draft MoUs to be signed between Anna University and various organizations / institutes

Resolved to approve the MoU to be signed between Anna University and

- (i) Jet Aerospace Aviation research center***
- (ii) TamilNadu Dr.J. Jayalalitha Fisheries Universities***
- (iii) Bioplus Sciences Private Limited, Bangalore***
- (iv) Confederation of Indian Industry***

Resolved to approve the renewal of MoU to be signed between Anna University and

- (i) National Institute for Material Science, Tsukuba, Japan***
- (ii) The University of Angers, France***

- 266.42 To consider and approve the corrigendum to MoU signed between Government of Tamil Nadu and Anna University for establishing Centre for Survey Training and Research (CSTAR) and regularization of the centre status of CSTAR

Approved.

- 266.43 To consider and direct on the Minutes of the Selection Committee towards promotion of Internal staff members from Superintendent / Chief Superintendent cadre to Assistant Registrar cadre

Syndicate recommended to follow "Special Service Statutes for Administrative and Technical Services of Anna University" towards promotion of Internal staff members from Superintendent / Chief Superintendent cadre to Assistant Registrar cadre.

Based on the merit and ability, the committee recommended promotion of following candidates to the post of Assistant Registrar in the order of merit

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***Syndicate resolved to approve the minutes of the Selection Committee.
(Annexure – 30)***

***Syndicate also suggested to prepare vacancy position every year – in future
– with a fixed cut-off date towards facilitating***

- (i) time bound promotion of internal staff and***
- (ii) direct recruitment, if no qualified and suitable internal staffs are available***



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266.45

To consider and approve the proposal of engaging companies practicing Engineering / Technology and reputed Universities to offer online / hybrid courses in UG / PG curriculum in addition to SWAYAM-NPTEL platform

Prof Ranjani Parthasarathi had expressed the following

- 1. Allowing the option of offering paid online courses by private companies (or edutech firms) as a substitute for electives which are in the curriculum is, in practice, likely to lead to colleges (partnering with such companies) and cutting down on qualified faculty, thereby forcing the students to opt for these courses only. Hence this option of engaging private companies for paid courses should not be brought into the regulation.*
- 2. No fee should be collected over and above the regular fee (even if it is nominal), as it is part of the curriculum.*
- 3. The only sustainable option for the education ecosystem is to train the faculty for such skill-based courses which should be taken up on an immediate basis.*

Vice Chancellor stated that students should not be deprived of opportunity towards enhancing their skillsets and further highlighted the following recommendations of high level committee with respect to the Agenda:

- 1. Institutes can use this online / hybrid courses as an additional option only and cannot be made mandatory for any student.*
- 2. Institutes must offer elective courses in the curriculum as usual in the regular classes by physical mode and students are to be allowed to choose online courses, if they desire*
- 3. Moreover the Course content, Course Plan, Student attendance monitoring mechanisms/Content delivery standards and qualifications for the onlineteacher, modalities for implementation as well as Student evaluation norms, are to be decided and approved by the Academic Council*

4. No MoA is required for the Online Courses offered by SWAYAM - NPTEL, as it is a programme offered by Government of India and is also free of cost.
5. However with paid platforms, MoA is to be made as per university norms before permitting the students to opt online courses.
6. The modalities for evaluation and accounting of credits for curricular requirements are to be evolved and approved by the Academic Council.
7. A nominal fee - as approved by the University - shall be collected from the student over and above the regular fee.

Post deliberations, it was resolved to approve the Agenda.


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