268th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

DATE : 02.09.2023
TIME : 11.00 a.m.
VENUE : SYNDICATE HALL
ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI-25
268th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

02.09.2023 :: 11.00 AM

MINUTES

(I) Members Present

1. Prof. R. Velraj
   Vice - Chancellor
   Anna University, Chennai.

2. Thiru. A. Karthik, I.A.S.
   Principal Secretary to Govt.
   Dept. of Higher Education,
   Govt. of TN, Chennai.

3. Thiru. S. Krishnan, I.A.S.
   Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt.
   Dept. of Industries, Govt. of TN,
   Chennai (On-line participation through MS Teams)

4. Thiru. K. Prabhakar, Assistant Director (Exams) - DoTE
   (in place of Dr. T. G. Vinay, I.A.S., Director)
   Directorate of Technical Education,
   Govt. of Tamil Nadu

5. Thiru. I. Paranthenam
   Member of Legislative Assembly
   Egmore Constituency, Chennai

6. Dr. S. Usa,
   Professor & Chairperson,
   Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engg,
   CEG Campus, Anna University.

7. Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar
   Professor in Civil Engineering
   Government College of Engineering,
   Salem.
8. Thiru. Maha Ajay Prasath
   Managing Director
   Maha Ajay Spinners India Pvt. Ltd., Salem
   (On-line participation through 📲 MS Teams)

9. Thiru. V. Chockalingam
   Founder and Chief Executive Officer
   M/s. Vee Technologies Pvt. Ltd.,
   Mamangam, Salem 636 302.

10. Dr. Sudha Mohanram
    Principal
    Sri Eshwar College of Engineering
    Coimbatore 641 202.

11. Dr. G. Balakrishnan
    Principal
    Indra Ganesan College of Engineering
    Tiruchirapalli

12. Tmt. S. Malarvizhi
    Chairperson & Managing Trustee
    Sri Krishna Institutions
    Coimbatore 641 042.

13. Thiru. R. M. Kishore
    Vice-Chairman
    RMK Engineering College
    Chennai.

(II) Leave of absence

14. Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S
    Secretary to Government
    Department of Information Technology,
    Govt. of Tamil Nadu

15. Thiru. B. Karthikeyan
    Secretary to Government
    Department of Law,
    Govt. of TN, Chennai

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

Following new members were welcomed:

Thiru. A. Karthik, I.A.S
(in place of Dr.D.Karthikeyan, I.A.S.)
Secretary to Government
Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Dr. S. Usa
[in place of Prof. Ranjani Parthasarathi (Superannuated.)]
Faculty and Chairperson of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
College of Engineering Guindy Campus
Anna University, Chennai 600 025.

Dr. T. G. Vinay, I.A.S.
(in place of Tmt. R. Lalitha, I.A.S.)
Director of Technical Education
Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. Maha Ajay Prasath
Managing Director
Maha Ajay Spinners India Pvt. Ltd.,
Salem 636 002.

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Coimbatore 641 202

Dr. G. Balakrishnan
Principal
Indra Ganesan College of Engineering
Tiruchirapalli 620 012
Tmt. S. Malavizhi  
Chairperson and Managing Trustee  
Sri Krishna Institutions  
Coimbatore 641 009

Thiru. R. M. Kishore  
Vice-Chairman  
R.M.K. Group of Institutions  
Chennai 600 040

Below listed members were acknowledged for their valuable services, as members of the Syndicate.

Dr. D. Karthikeyan I.A.S. (Transferred)  
Former Principal Secretary to Government  
Higher Education Department  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

Dr. G. Ranganath (tenure completed)  
Principal  
Adhiyamaan College of Engineering  
Hosur.

Dr. R. Vijayan (tenure completed)  
Principal  
Government College of Engineering,  
Sengipatti, Thanjavur.

Dr. P. Chinnadurai (tenure completed)  
Secretary & Correspondent  
Panimalar Group of Institutions  
Chennai.
I CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

268.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 267th Syndicate Meeting held on 20.04.2023

Confirmed.

II ACTION TAKEN REPORT

268.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of previous Syndicate Meetings

Noted.

Suggested the following:

(i) Approved MoUs that are in progress are to be executed at the earliest
(vide Syndicate Resolution # 266.32)

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(iii) Fix a time frame to the Expert Committee constituted for examining the cause for lower admission in the certain UG programs offered at MIT campus (vide Syndicate Resolution # 267.16)

III INFORMATION ON CIRCULATED AGENDA ITEMS

268.3 To Consider and Approve filling of lapsed seats in B.Arch Programme under Consortium Category, adopting similar procedure as followed in Engineering and Technology Departments (circulated on 10.06.2023)

Noted.

268.4 To Consider and Approve allocation of 5% of sanctioned seats (supernumerary) to the citizens of LDC (Least Developing Countries) / SIDS (Small Island Developing States) based on UGC guidelines dated 30.09.2022 (circulated on 10.06.2023)

Noted.
268.5 To Consider and Approve allocation of 5% of sanctioned seats (supernumerary) for admission to the students sponsored by the Governments of respective countries (circulated on 10.06.2023)

Noted.

268.6 To Consider and Approve the amendment in Guidelines of Admission under Consortium of Industries Category (circulated on 10.06.2023)

Noted.

268.7 To Consider and Approve for Engaging
   A. Professor of practice funded by industries
   B. Professor of practice funded by HEIs from their own resources and
   C. Professor of practice on honorary basis adopting UGC Guidelines (circulated on 10.06.2023)

Noted.

268.8 To consider and approve increase in sanctioned intake for B.E./B.Tech admissions in CEG, AC Tech, MIT and SAP campuses of Anna University for mitigating the increase in lapsed seats / discontinued students admitted through TNEA from the academic year 2023-2024 (circulated on 10.06.2023)

Circulated agenda item was deferred earlier by the Syndicate.

In this meeting, the Syndicate suggested
   (i) To include the statistics of this year’s admission
       and
   (ii) To place the agenda in the ensuing syndicate with complete details to decide on the future course of action.

268.9 To consider and approve the grant of autonomous status (fresh / extension) to certain Colleges affiliated to Anna University (circulated on 30.06.2023)

Noted.
IV PERMANENT AGENDA NOTE – FURNISHING OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANNA UNIVERSITY

268.10 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 ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

(a) RATIFICATION

268.11 Agenda pertains to an Individual /Sub Judice

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268.14 To consider and ratify the action in having extended the services of surplus teaching staff of Annamalai University in the cadre of Assistant Professor in various disciplines (who were deployed to Anna University) for a further period of Three years, as per the G.O.(D).No.107 HE (H1) Department dated 06.04.2023

Ratified.

268.15 To consider and ratify the extension of tenure of surplus Non-Teaching staff members of Annamalai University deployed as Junior Assistants in Anna University

Ratified.

(b) APPROVAL

268.16 To consider and approve the functioning of “The Registrar, Anna University” as the Appellate Authority of the University under the Right to Information Act 2005

Approved.

268.17 Agenda pertains to an Individual /Sub Judice

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268.22 To consider and approve the visit of Prof. R. Velraj, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University

(i) To Republic of Korea during 18th – 20th September 2023 and Japan during 29th September to 3rd October 2023

and

To approve the constitution of a sub-committee to discharge the routine duties of the Vice-Chancellor, during his temporary period of absence

Approved.

Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department informed the non-requirement of convenor committee during the absence of Vice-Chancellor, as he is deputed on official duty.
VI ACADEMIC RESEARCH

APPROVAL

268.25 To consider and approve the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 507 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties

Approved.
VII ACADEMIC MATTERS

(a) APPROVAL

268.26 To consider and approve the minutes of the 30th meeting of the Academic Council of Anna University held on 27.07.2023.

Approved but for one sub-agenda viz.,

VC 30.07: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REGULATIONS TO THE ANNA UNIVERSITY STATUTES ON ACADEMIC MATTERS 2023;

Sub-Agenda: II (A) REGULATIONS FOR AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES / INSTITUTIONS:

Syndicate suggested to constitute a syndicate sub-committee comprising

(i) Dr. T. G. Vinay, Director - DoTE
(ii) Dr. S. Usa
(iii) Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar
(iv) Thiru. R. M. Kishore and
(v) Tmt. S. Malavizhi

for

(i) considering the issues raised by the members of syndicate representing management of affiliated engineering colleges and

(ii) to suggest Syndicate on the requirements of amendments, if any, on the Regulations framed for Autonomous Colleges / Institutions in the 30th meeting of the Academic Council

The Director, Academic Courses to provide all necessary assistance to the requirements of above Syndicate Sub-Committee.

268.27 To consider and approve the errata committed in the Syndicate resolution 266.39 wherein M.Sc.(Mathematics) was erroneously mentioned as M.Sc.(Applied Mathematics)

Approved.

268.28 To consider and approve the grant of fresh autonomous status to certain Colleges affiliated to Anna University

Approved.
To consider and approve the participation of Faculty of Anna University for conduct of Certificate Courses organized by Centre for Blended Learning & Human Empowerment (CBL&HE)

Approved with the following amendments:
Based on the quantum of work, it is proposed to pay a remuneration of

i) 3% of the total fee collected to the Co-ordinator, subject to a maximum of ₹15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only)

ii) 2% to the subject expert, if he/she delivers only the course introduction part that is offered by edutech companies subject to a maximum of ₹10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)

iii) 10%, if 100% of the course content is prepared (online material) using Anna University infrastructure by the subject expert (one or more faculty of Anna University from University Departments or Constituent Colleges), as a royalty.

(b) DELIBERATION

To consider fees waiver for transgender persons admitted in PG programme for the academic year 2023-24.

- Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Industries Department suggested
  (i) To consider the transgender student under differently abled category and
  (ii) University to address to the Government for devising a policy on fees waiver for transgender persons admitted for UG/PG programmes and seek reimbursement on the waiver from the Government

- Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department informed that transgenders are considered under MBC category for rendering benefits.

- Syndicate deliberated and approved the following:
  (i) University to bear all fees for the above applicant - as per the prevailing norms applicable to a MBC student - for the time being and address to the Government for reimbursement
  and
  (ii) University to address to the Government for devising a policy on fee waiver for transgender persons
VIII AFFILIATION MATTERS
(a) APPROVAL / RATIFICATION

268.31 To consider and

(i) Approve the recommendations of 112th Standing Committee on affiliation meeting held on 19.06.2023.

(ii) Approve the recommendations of Minutes of the Standing Committee on affiliation held through Circulation on 19.07.2023 and

Ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made by the 112th standing committee on affiliation meeting

Approved the

(i) Recommendations of 112th Standing Committee on Affiliation held on 19.06.2023 and

(ii) Recommendations of Standing Committee on affiliation held through circulation on 19.07.2023.

Ratified the action taken based on the recommendations of above meetings.

(b) DELIBERATION

268.32 Agenda pertains to an Individual /Sub Judice
IX  MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
– APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

268.33 To consider and approve/ratify the Memorandum of Understanding signed/draft Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between Anna University and certain organizations/Institutes

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X RECRUITMENT MATTERS
(a) APPROVAL

268.34 To consider and approve the recommendation(s) of screening-cum-evaluation committee(s) for CAS/Promotion of faculty members in certain University Departments of Anna University, Chennai.

Approved.

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268.35

268.36 To consider and approve the revised requirement of faculty positions in the University Colleges of Engineering and Regional Campuses of Anna University, Chennai

Referred to Finance Committee.

268.37 To consider and approve to

(i) create interdisciplinary posts at the level of assistant professor / associate professor in certain university departments and

(ii) follow a separate roster in accordance with the Government of Tamil Nadu reservation policy.

Referred to Finance Committee.

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(b) DELIBERATION

268.38 To consider and direct on the engagement of Associate Professor of Practice / Assistant Professor of Practice (Temporary) in various University Departments & Centers of this University, as per the laid terms and conditions

Referred to Finance Committee.

XI OTHER MATTERS

268.39 To consider and approve the policies framed for holistic development of Anna University in-line with premier Institutions at National and International level

Approved.

268.40 Information on establishment of an Advanced Common Engineering Facility Centre in Anna University Regional Campus, Coimbatore in association with Tata Technologies and Government of India by providing 5 acres of land at the behest of The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department and TIDCO

Noted.

268.41 Submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 prepared by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Anna University for information

Noted.
To consider and direct on the recommendations of committee constituted as per the directions of Syndicate vide resolution # 267.26 pertaining to the issues associated with building constructed in the premises of Anna University at # 25, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Kotturpuram

**Syndicate suggested the following:**

1. **Agenda pertains to an Individual /Sub Judice**

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3. Syndicate also approved the following recommendations of the committee:

   A separate Memorandum of Association shall be executed between Anna University and the Professional Bodies for
   
   (i) Allocation of space not exceeding 300 sq.ft. in the said building - at an applicable rent - based on their contribution for construction
   
   (ii) Highest donor/sq.ft of holding, shall pay 25% of the rent, as fixed by PWD i.e., @ ₹77/sq.ft. per month
   
   (iii) Remaining donors shall pay proportionately, with the highest donor as the reference
   
   (iv) Electricity, Water & Maintenance Charges will be borne by the respective Professional Bodies
   
   (v) Rent will be increased at the rate of 10% every year
   
   (vi) Arranging Guest Lectures, Industrial Visits and Internships for the students of Anna University, at regular intervals

4. Final reminder letters shall be dispatched to the private occupants in the premises directing them to vacate on or before 30.09.2023, failing which appropriate legal action to be taken.
268.43 To consider and approve a faculty member - on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor - for appointment to the post of Registrar, Anna University, Chennai (Table Agenda)

Syndicate suggested to adopt the following procedure:

(i) To place an internal advertisement within Anna University and seek applications from interested professors for the post of Registrar and

(ii) Vice-Chancellor to select one among the applicants, as per the prevailing Statutes of Anna University

268.44 To consider and nominate a faculty member - on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor - for appointment to the post of Controller of Examinations, Anna University, Chennai (Table Agenda)

Syndicate suggested to adopt the following procedure:

(i) To place an internal advertisement within Anna University and seek applications from interested professors for the post of Controller of Examinations and

(ii) Vice-Chancellor to select one among the applicants, as per the prevailing Statutes of Anna University

268.45 To consider and approve offering a PG Diploma Course in Climate Change and Sustainability for the young professionals engaged under Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme by Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Tamil Nadu (Table Agenda)

Approved.
Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members for their active participation and invited them personally for the 43rd Annual Convocation scheduled on 05.09.2023.