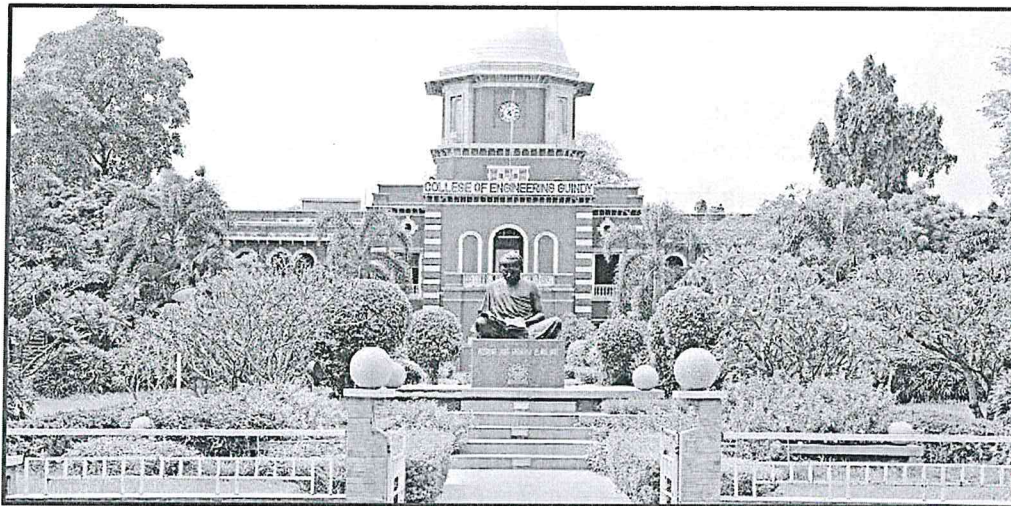
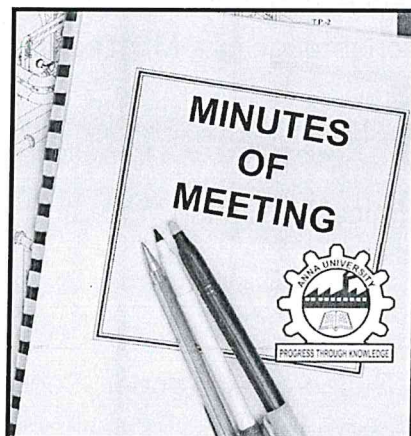


ANNA UNIVERSITY

CHENNAI – 25



271st MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE



DATE : 29.07.2024

TIME : 11.30 a.m.

**VENUE : SYNDICATE HALL
ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI-25**

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*Approved.
R.V. Ling
9/8/24*

271st MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

29.07.2024 :: 11.30 AM

MINUTES

(I) Members Present

1. **Prof. R. Velraj**
Vice - Chancellor
Anna University, Chennai.
2. **Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S**
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Dept. of Higher Education,
Government of Tamil Nadu
3. **Thiru. G.K. Arun Sundar Thayalan, I.A.S**
Additional Secretary to Government
[Deputed by **Thiru.T.Udhayachandran, I.A.S**]
Principal Secretary to Govt.
Department of Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu
(On-line participation through  MS Teams)
4. **Thiru. T. Abraham, I.A.S**
Commissioner
Directorate of Technical Education,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu
5. **Tmt. R. Subha**
(Deputed by Thiru.S.George Alexander, Secretary – Law Dept.)
Dy. Secretary to Government
Department of Law,
Govt. of TN, Chennai
6. **Thiru. I. Paranthamen**
Member of Legislative Assembly
Egmore Constituency, Chennai
7. **Dr. S. Usa**
Professor & Chairperson,
Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engg,
CEG Campus, Anna University.

8. **Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar**
Professor in Civil Engineering
Government College of Engineering, Salem.
9. **Thiru. V. Chockalingam**
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
M/s.Vee Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mamangam, Salem
10. **Dr. Sudha Mohanram**
Principal, Sri Eshwar College of Engineering
Coimbatore
11. **Dr. G. Balakrishnan**
Principal, Indra Ganesan College of Engineering
Tiruchirapalli
12. **Thiru. R. M. Kishore**
Vice-Chairman
RMK Engineering College, Chennai.
13. **Tmt. S. Malarvizhi**
Chairperson & Managing Trustee
Sri Krishna Institutions, Coimbatore

(II) Leave of absence

14. **Thiru. V. Arun Roy, I.A.S**
Secretary to Government
Department of Industries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
15. **Thiru. Kumar Jayant I.A.S**
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Information Technology,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu
16. **Thiru. Maha Ajay Prasath**
Managing Director
Maha Ajay Spinners India Pvt. Ltd., Salem



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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:

1. **Thiru.PRADEEP YADAV, I.A.S**
(in place of Thiru. A. Karthik, I.A.S.)
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Higher Education
Government of Tamil Nadu
2. **Thiru.T.ABRAHAM, I.A.S**
(in place of Thiru. K. Veera Raghava Rao, I.A.S.)
Commissioner of Technical Education
Directorate of Technical Education
Chennai
3. **Thiru.KUMAR JAYANT I.A.S**
(in place of Thiru. Dheeraj Kumar, I.A.S.)
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Information Technology
Government of Tamil Nadu
4. **Thiru.T.UDHAYACHANDRAN, I.A.S**
(New member as per Tamilnadu Government Gazette dated 07.03.24)
Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Finance
Government of Tamil Nadu

The erstwhile members were acknowledged for their valuable services,
as members of the Syndicate.

I CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

271.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 270th Syndicate Meeting held on 09.02.2024

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II ACTION TAKEN REPORT

271.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of previous Syndicate Meetings

Noted.


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III INFORMATION ON CIRCULATED AGENDA ITEMS

271.3

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271.4 To consider and approve the recommendations of standing committee on affiliation (SCA) on

- (i) the process adopted towards grant of affiliation to 474 engineering colleges for the academic year 2024-25
- (ii) grant of affiliation to 187 colleges meeting stipulated criteria (as recommended by SCA to item # 115.2 on its 115th meeting held on 17/05/2024) and 11 Government colleges without physical inspection
- (iii) inspection of remaining 272 engineering colleges adopting physical mode (222 colleges) and online mode (50 colleges) vide said recommendation and
- (iv) fixing of threshold marks and associated conditions towards grant of provisional affiliation (189 colleges) and conditional affiliation (83 colleges) as recommended by SCA to item # 116.3 on its 116th meeting held on 27/06/2024

- **Noted the recorded minutes of the circulated agenda.**
- **Syndicate also directed to communicate to AICTE about the Enrolment and Academic Performance of all the affiliated institutions every year and to take appropriate actions thereof, for granting of Extension of Approval.**

271.5 To consider and direct on the representations received from 11 colleges (that were not to be granted affiliation owing to poor admissions, vide syndicate resolution # 270.23) seeking continuation of affiliation for the academic year 2024-25

Noted the recorded minutes of the circulated agenda.


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- 271.6** To consider and direct on granting NOC and affiliation for colleges (with admitted strength < 10% in four consecutive academic years) for starting new courses in the academic year 2024-25

Noted the recorded minutes of the circulated agenda.

- 271.7** To apprise the proposal of some affiliated colleges to offer non-engineering courses viz., diploma, BBA, BCA etc., by associating with other University/DoTE for the academic year 2024-25.

Noted the recorded minutes of the circulated agenda.

- 271.8** To consider and approve the proposal of offering new programme on B. Voc in Immersive Technologies from the academic year 2024 – 25 in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, CEG Campus, Anna University

Noted the recorded minutes of the circulated agenda.

- 271.9** To consider and approve the establishment of Advanced Common Engineering Facility Centre in Anna University Regional Campus Coimbatore by Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) in association with Tata Technologies by providing 05 acres of land on lease basis.

Noted the recorded minutes of the circulated agenda.

IV PERMANENT AGENDA NOTE – FURNISHING OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANNA UNIVERSITY

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

Noted.

V FINANCE MATTER – APPROVAL

- 271.11** To consider and approve the Minutes of 146th Finance Committee Meeting held on 22.05.2024

Approved.


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- 271.12 To consider and approve the Minutes of 147th Finance Committee Meeting held on 08.07.2024

Approved.

- 271.13 To consider and approve the Minutes of 148th Finance Committee Meeting held on 22.07.2024

Resolved to approve all the agenda as recommended by the Finance Committee except the following changes in the Agenda No.148.24.

In the case of Provisional and Permanent affiliation fee, the proposed increase in fee structure is approved. However, the annual increase of 5% is not approved.

VI ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

(a) INFORMATION

- 271.14 To inform about the visit of Prof. R. Velraj, Vice-Chancellor to Eastern University, Sri Lanka to participate in the international Research Conference on Arts and Culture of Tamils 2024 and to attend the 'Golden Jubilee celebrations of the International movement for Tamil Culture' at University of Jaffna from 13 – 14th June 2024.

Noted.

(b) RATIFICATION

- 271.15 To consider and ratify the extension of tenure for a further period of Three years of 12 surplus Non-Teaching Staff members of Annamalai University deployed as Junior Assistants in Anna University

(As per G.O.Ms.No.363 Higher Education (H1) Department dt: 27.12.17)

Ratified.

(c) APPROVAL

- 271.16 To consider and count the services rendered as Teaching Research Associate for the purpose of movement under Career Advancement Scheme with reference to the University advertisement No.001/PR-14/RECT/2002, Dt. 15.03.2002.

Rejected.

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- 271.19 To consider and approve the minutes of the committee constituted to discuss the importance of the University Departments for a University and its suitable recommendations to amend in Act for declaring the Departments housed in the four campuses namely College of Engineering, Guindy, Alagappa College of Technology, Guindy, Madras Institute Of Technology, Chromepet and The School of Architecture And Planning, Guindy as University Departments
- Deferred.**

(d) DELIBERATION

- 271.20 To consider and decide on the nomination of a member by the Syndicate to the Search Committee for recommending a panel of names to the Chancellor for appointment as Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, Chennai
- The Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department (ACS-HED) suggested to send a separate Agenda through Circulation with Panel of 5 Eminent Academicians / Former Vice Chancellors to finalize the nomination of a Member by the Syndicate.
 - Syndicate noted that the present term of Vice-Chancellor ends on 10.08.2024.
 - As per the Anna University Act, when any temporary vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice Chancellor, the Syndicate can make requisite

arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice Chancellor.

- Accordingly, in the case of temporary vacancy occurs after 10th Aug'24, the Syndicate resolved to constitute a convener committee comprising

(i) The Secretary to Government - Higher Education Department

(ii) The Commissioner – DoTE and

(iii) Prof.S.Usa - Chairperson, Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engg, CEG Campus, Anna University

for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, till the appointment of next Vice-Chancellor.

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VII ACADEMIC RESEARCH

APPROVAL

271.38 To consider and ratify the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 827 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties
Ratified.

271.39 To consider and approve the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 34 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties
Approved.

VIII ADMISSION MATTERS

APPROVAL

271.40 To consider and approve the revision of norms pertaining to Admission of students under Other State (OS) category
Approved.

271.41 To consider and approve the proposed process of admitting students of foreign nationals under ICCR / SII / Government of respective countries and to Ratify actions taken for Admission
Approved.

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- 271.42** To consider and approve the recommendations of Committee on guidelines for Admission to students through ICCR and to ratify the action taken based on the recommendations

Approved.

IX RECRUITMENT MATTERS

APPROVAL

- 271.43** To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee and Screening-Cum-Evaluation Committees' for CAS / Promotion of Faculty members and other Academic Staff members in the University Departments (UD), University Colleges of Engineering (UCE) and Regional Campuses (RC) of this University

Approved.

- 271.44** To consider and Approve the
- (a) consolidated vacancies of Assistant Professor, Assistant University Librarian Grade I and Assistant Director of Physical Education in the University Departments by following the rule of Reservation of Schedule-V of Tamil Nadu Government Servants (conditions of service) Act, 2016 and
 - (b) To publish the notification for Direct Recruitment of the above positions.

Approved.

X MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING –APPROVAL

- 271.45** To consider and approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between Anna University and certain organizations/Institutes

Approved.

XI ACADEMIC MATTER

(a) RATIFICATION

- 271.46** To consider and Ratify the Conferment / Extension of Autonomous Status to various Affiliated Colleges / Institutes

Ratified.


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(b) APPROVAL

271.47 To consider and Approve the Recommendations of the Syndicate Sub-Committee in respect of the Academic regulations to Autonomous Engineering Institutes.

With regard to recommendation (A) pertaining to quality of technical education and integrity of system, Syndicate resolved to

- (i) approve the University to set the Question Paper for "ONE" Theory course in each semester for all the programmes offered in the Autonomous Institution and also carry out the evaluation of the answer scripts of these courses.
- (ii) exempt certain autonomous institutions which are ranked within 200 in NIRF rankings from the conduct of examination by the University
- (iii) intimate UGC about the quality issues in granting autonomous status to undeserved institutions
- (iv) frame higher standards for affiliation of autonomous institutes
- (v) make suitable amendments in the affiliation statutes to ensure only quality autonomous institutes are affiliated

With regard to recommendation (B) pertaining to collection of academic administrative fee of Rs.2,000 per student per academic year admitted in autonomous institutes, Syndicate sought justification and suggested to place in the forthcoming Syndicate for deliberation and approval.

Syndicate Approved the recommendations (C), (D), (E) and (F) of the committee

(c) DELIBERATION

271.48 To consider and Direct suitable action on Revised Approval by UGC in respect of Extension of Autonomous status to Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai

Approved.


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271.49 To consider and Direct suitable action in respect of Conferment of Autonomous status granted by UGC to Affiliated Engineering Colleges / Institutes.

Syndicate resolved to

- (i) Discontinue the practice of granting “conditional autonomy” and to abide by UGC recommendations
- (ii) Intimate UGC about the quality issues in granting autonomous status to undeserved institutions
- (iii) Frame higher standards for affiliation of autonomous institutes
- (iv) To make suitable amendments in the affiliation statutes to ensure only quality autonomous institutes are affiliated

271.50 To consider and Direct suitable action in respect of Extension of Autonomous status by UGC granted to Affiliated Engineering Colleges.

Syndicate resolved to

- (i) Discontinue the practice of granting “conditional autonomy” and to abide by UGC recommendations
- (ii) Intimate UGC about the quality issues in granting autonomous status to undeserved institutions
- (iii) Frame higher standards for affiliation of autonomous institutes
- (iv) To make suitable amendments in the affiliation statutes to ensure only quality autonomous institutes are affiliated

271.51 To consider and Direct suitable action on Representation of Colleges in respect of Conferment of Conditional Autonomous status.

Syndicate resolved to discontinue the practice of granting “conditional autonomy” and to abide by UGC recommendations

XII ESTATE OFFICE MATTERS – APPROVAL

271.52 To consider and approve the execution of Civil & Electrical works valued up to Rs. 50 lakhs

Deferred.



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XIII AFFILIATION MATTER

(a) APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

271.53 To consider and

- (i) Approve the recommendations of 115th Standing Committee on Affiliation meeting held on 17.5.2024.
- (ii) Ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made by the 115th Standing Committee on Affiliation meeting.

Approved and Ratified.

The matter of alleged irregularities committed by the colleges in the affiliation process was deliberated.

Vice-Chancellor had informed that a three-member high-level committee was constituted by the Higher Education Department, comprising

- (i) Prof. Usha Natesan (Director, NITTR – Nominated by AICTE)
- (ii) Prof. N Kumaravel, Professor of Eminence in ECE (Nominated by Anna University) and
- (iii) Mr.T. Abraham, I.A.S, (Commissioner-DoTE nominated by the state Government)

to probe the allegations reported.

Vice-Chancellor had apprised the Syndicate that University verified the records and sent show cause notice to Colleges that submitted fake records in the affiliation process.

Further, show cause notice were sent to all the faculty members whose names were found in more than one college.

Syndicate resolved to

- (i) explore the possibility to debar the fraudulent faculty from teaching in any of the Colleges within Tamilnadu
- (ii) take severe action (including criminal action, if applicable) against the colleges which provided fake information.

271.54 To consider and

- (i) Approve the recommendations of 116th Standing Committee on Affiliation meeting held on 27.6.2024.
- (ii) Ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made by the 116th Standing Committee on Affiliation meeting.

Approved and Ratified.

271.55 To consider and

- (i) Approve the recommendations of 117th standing committee on affiliation meeting (by circulation) dated: 12.7.2024.
- (ii) ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made by the 117th standing committee on affiliation meeting.

Approved and Ratified.

271.56 To consider granting NOC for Progressive Closure of Institution for the academic year 2024-25 to two Engineering Colleges, viz. Rajalakshmi Engineering College and Sona College of Technology as they are Deemed to be University
Approved.

271.57 To consider granting affiliation for B.Arch Course in Sri Sai Ranganathan Engineering College along with other eligible Engineering Courses for the academic year 2024-25 and to consider granting NOC for merger of Ranganathan Architecture College with Sri Sai Ranganathan Engineering College.

Approved.

XIV OTHER MATTERS

APPROVAL

271.58 To consider and approve condemnation of obsolete items costing more than 5 Lakhs as per Finance and Accounts Manual belonging to Department of Instrumentation Engineering, MIT Campus

Approved.


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271.59 To consider and approve for closure of following centres as recommended in the 16th Core Committee meeting of Anna University

(i) International Centre for Research facilitation and Training (ICRFT) and

(ii) Centre of Excellence for Cloud computing (CECC)

Not Approved for closure.

Syndicate sought proposal for reviving these Centres, as these fields have high potential for development in the near future.

271.60 To consider and approve the proposal framed by University Library Committee for the Execution of Anna University E-Resource Consortium (AUERC)

Approved.

271.61 To consider and approve the renewal of MoU for technology transfer with M/s Dhaksha Unmanned Systems (P) Ltd

Approved.

271.62 To consider and approve the Policy and Operational Guidelines of Centre for Alumni Relations and Corporate Affairs (CARCA)

Approved.

271.63 To consider and approve to Rename for the Library, MIT Campus as "Shri C. Rajam Library" to honour the founder of Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University

Approved.

Vice-Chancellor thanked the members for rendering their expertise and co-operation!



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