ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI – 25

267th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

DATE : 20.04.2023
TIME : 11.30 a.m.
VENUE : SYNDICATE HALL
ANNA UNIVERSITY,
CHENNAI-25
267th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE
20.04.2023 :: 11.30 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. Krishnan, I.A.S.
   Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt.
   Dept. of Industries, Govt. of TN,
   Chennai (On-line participation through 📲 webex)

4. Tmt. R. Lalitha, I.A.S.
   Director of Technical Education
   Directorate of Technical Education,
   Govt. of Tamil Nadu

5. Thiru. S. George Alexander
   Addl. Secretary to Govt.
   (in place of Thiru.B. Karthikeyan)
   Dept. of Law, Govt. of TN, Chennai

6. Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar
   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.

9. Dr. R. Vijayan  
Principal  
Government College of Engineering  
Sengipatti, Thanjavur.

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

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

(II) Leave of absence

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

13. Dr. P. Chinnadurai  
Secretary & Correspondent  
Panimalar Group of Institutions  
Chennai.

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DIRECTOR  
SYNDICATE AFFAIRS  
ANNA UNIVERSITY  
CHENNAI-600 025.
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:

**Tmt. R. Lalitha, I.A.S.**
(Assumed charge in place of Tmt. G. Lakshmi Priya, I.A.S.)
Director of Technical Education
Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S**
(Assumed charge in place of Dr. Neeraj Mittal, I.A.S.)
Secretary to Government
Department of Information Technology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Thiru. V. Chockalingam**
(Nominated by Dept. of Higher Edn. vide G.O.(D) No.94 Hr.Edn.(I1) Dept., dated 28.03.2023)
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
M/s.Vee Technologies Pvt. Ltd.,
Mamangam, Salem 636 302.

Below listed members were appreciated and thanked for their valuable services, as members of the Syndicate.

**Dr. Neeraj Mittal, I.A.S (Transferred)**
Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Information Technology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Tmt. G. Lakshmi Priya, I.A.S. (Transferred)**
Director of Technical Education
Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Prof. Ranjani Parthasarathi (Superannuated)**
Chairperson of Information & Communication Engineering Faculty
College of Engineering Guindy Campus
Anna University, Chennai 600 025.

**Hon’ble Thiru. Udhayanithi Stalin**
(Resigned owing to inclusion in the Council of Ministers of Tamil Nadu cabinet)
Member of Legislative Assembly
Chepauk-Tripplicane Constituency &
Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu

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I CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

267.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 266th Syndicate Meeting held on 19.01.2023

Confirmed.

II ACTION TAKEN REPORT

267.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of previous Syndicate Meetings

Noted.

III INFORMATION ON CIRCULATED AGENDA ITEMS

267.3 To consider and approve the admission of Ms.A.V.K.Akshaya to M.B.A. programme at the College of Engineering Guindy Campus - during the Academic Year 2022-2023 - as a special case

Noted.

IV PERMANENT AGENDA NOTE – FURNISHING OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANNA UNIVERSITY

267.4 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

267.5 To consider and approve the Minutes of 143rd Finance Committee Meeting to be held on 17.04.2023

Approved (Annexure#156).
### VI ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

#### (a) APPROVAL

| 267.6 | To consider and approve the engagement of a new standing counsel in lieu of a former standing counsel |

**Approved**

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#### (b) DELIBERATION

| 267.8 | **Agenda pertains to an Individual /Sub Judice** |

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VII ACADEMIC RESEARCH – APPROVAL

267.15 To consider and approve the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 228 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties

Approved.

VIII ACADEMIC MATTERS
(a) RATIFICATION

267.16 To consider and ratify the reduction in the intake of certain UG programs offered at MIT Campus Anna University from the academic year 2023 – 2024

Noted.

Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education Suggested to
(i) examine the cause for lower admission in the certain UG programs offered at MIT campus, by appointing a suitable expert committee
(ii) tweak the curriculum for better patronage and
(iii) observe and update on the admission status of the ensuing academic year, to decide on the way forward

(b) APPROVAL

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

- Syndicate noted that the following 7 colleges had applied to UGC seeking autonomous status
  (1) KCG College of Technology, Chennai
  (2) Rajalakshmi Institute of Technology, Chennai.
  (3) Knowledge Institute of Technology, Salem.
  (4) Gnanamani College of Technology, Namakkal.
  (5) NPR College of Engineering & Technology, Dindigul
  (6) Er.Perumal Manimekalai College of Engineering, Hosur
  (7) Shree Venkateswara Hi-Tech Engineering College, Erode

- All these 7 colleges had been granted with autonomous status by UGC.

- Among these colleges, 4 colleges (Sl.No: 4 to 7) have deficiency as per University on spot inspection report

- However these deficient 4 colleges filed separate writ petitions in the Madras High Court and orders were received in favour of the deficient colleges
• Standing Committee of University Grants Commission had granted Autonomous Status to the deficient 4 colleges

• After detailed discussions, Syndicate approved to accord autonomous status as tabulated below

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<td>Rajalakshmi Institute of Technology, Chennai.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Gnanamani College of Technology, Namakkal.</td>
<td>Approved to accord autonomous status for the first year batches commencing from the academic year 2023-24 and all subsequent batches, thereafter, till the time frame stipulated by UGC.</td>
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<td>NPR College of Engineering &amp; Technology, Dindigul</td>
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• Prof. Ranganath informed to the Syndicate that UGC constitutes an inspection committee towards granting of autonomous status to deficient colleges and the committee shall comprise a faculty of Anna University. Dissent note from the faculty deputed by Anna University should be penned down in the minutes of inspection committee so that these state of affairs are avoided.

• Discussion with regard to issuing of NOC by Anna University enabling online filing of applications to UGC towards seeking autonomous status cropped up.

• Mrs. Malavizhi sought clarifications for which Director, Academic Courses detailed the procedure being adopted.

• Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education also suggested to create a mechanism to ensure genuineness of the report submitted by the faculty members deputed by Anna University for UGC inspection committee constituted for deficient colleges.

• Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Syndicate also informed about the ongoing efforts towards amending the statutes of Anna University for preventing of grant of autonomous status to errant institutions.
IX  CoE MATTERS – APPROVAL

267.18 To consider and approve the appearance for Anna University examinations by the Students of other Universities (located within TN) who have not completed their first and second semester examinations during the Academic Year 2001-2002.

Approved.

267.19 To consider and approve exemption of fees for transgender graduates seeking changes of gender in their respective certificates.

Approved.

X  MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

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

Approved/Ratified the draft MOU to be signed/signed between Anna University and following organizations/institute.

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<td>MoU with Larsen and Toubro Limited (Renewal)</td>
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XI  RECRUITMENT MATTERS

267.21 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meetings of the Selection Committees for direct recruitment of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors in the University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai.

- Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Syndicate elucidated on the transparent process adopted by The Recruitment Cell, Anna University towards selection of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors in the University Departments and Centres of Anna University.
• Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education appreciated the process adopted towards recruitment of new faculty.

• Thiru. V. Chockalingam congratulated and suggested the process to be replicated in other institutes as well, for emulation of the best practices.

• Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of the Selection Committees for direct recruitment of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors in the University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai (Annexure 1 to 68).

• Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education informed that top 10 recommended candidates will be issued Appointment order by the Hon’ble Chief Minister on 25/04/2023 and the remaining candidates will be intimated immediately, thereafter.

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To consider and approve the Minutes of the meetings of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees and Selection Committees for CAS / Promotion of Faculty Members in certain University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai

- Resolved to approve the Minutes of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees and Selection Committees for CAS / Promotion of Faculty Members in certain University Departments and Centres of Anna University, Chennai (Annexure 65 to 155)

- Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education enquired about the CAS for the faculty working in 16 constituent colleges of Anna University

- Vice Chancellor stated that the
  (i) CAS process was delayed owing to absorption issues associated with certain faculty in these colleges
  (ii) As the absorption process had been completed, Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees and Selection Committees for CAS/ Promotion of Faculty Members for the faculty working in constituent colleges of Anna University will be initiated shortly.
To consider and approve the proposal of
(a) consolidating the vacancy positions that resulted from
   (i) Non-availability of suitable candidates during the faculty selection
       processes for the advertisement dated 30.09.2020
   (ii) Vacancies that have arisen due to the Superannuation/ Retirement /
        Demise of faculty members during the Academic Years 2019-2020, 2020-
        2021, 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 and
(b) 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

- Approved.
- Also, Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education
  recommended to
   (i) compute the vacant faculty position in all the 16 constituent
       colleges of Anna University and
   (ii) complete the recruitment process also for the constituent colleges

- Syndicate also resolved to depute experienced academics from the
  4 campuses of Anna University, Chennai (CEG, MIT, ACT & SAP) as
  Deans for all the 16 constituent colleges. This shall facilitate better
  governance, administration and knowledge transfer ensuring overall
  upliftment of 16 constituent colleges of Anna University.

To consider and approve the appointment of an Eminent Professor from other
country to work in Anna University as “Visiting Professor (Overseas) of Anna
University” towards strengthening the Research, Development and Teaching of
Advanced Courses at Anna University

Approved.
XII OTHER MATTERS – APPROVAL

267.25 To consider and approve condemnation of items costing more than ₹ 5 Lakhs, available at certain Departments/Institutions as per the Finance and Accounts Manual of Anna University, Chennai.

Approved.

267.26 To consider and direct on the rental amount to be collected from the existing occupants of ISTE building, Kotturpuram abiding by the recommendation of PWD

Resolved to

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2) Inform the private agencies to vacate the premises, immediately.
3) Collect rent at the rate of ₹ 77/- per sq. ft of plinth area, as suggested by PWD from the private agencies, henceforth and till vacating.
4) Compute the contributions made by the societies towards total cost of construction of the building. A committee comprising Estate Officer, Finance Officer and Legal Coordinator is to be constituted to compute and brief the Syndicate on the above directions, facilitating to decide on future course of action.

267.27 To consider and approve the draft 42nd Annual Report of Anna University for the year 2020-21

Approved.

267.28 To Consider and Approve admission to UG/PG Degree Programmes under Foreign Nationals Category to students of Least Developing Countries (LDC) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Approved.
267.29 To Consider and Direct on Refund of Tuition Fee to the students who were admitted but withdrawn before commencement of classes
Approved to refund full fees to the students who were admitted but withdrawn before commencement of classes in the academic session 2022-23, as a special case and as per the Fee Refund Policy 2022-23 of UGC.

267.30 To Consider and Approve the minutes of the twenty ninth meeting of the Academic Council of Anna University held on 19.04.2023
Approved with the following 2 changes (as suggested by the members from Management of Affiliated Colleges)

STATUTES FOR ACADEMIC MATTERS

II. AUTONOMOUS AFFILIATED COLLEGES/INSTITUTIONS

clause (f) to be read as:
Teacher-Student ratio shall be as per the norms prescribed by the Statutory / Regulatory bodies for all UG Programmes
against
Teacher-Student ratio shall be as per the norms prescribed by the Statutory/Regulatory bodies

Clause (g) to be read as:
Teacher cadre ratio shall be as per the norms prescribed by the Statutory / Regulatory bodies for at least 75% of the UG Programmes offered.
against
Teacher cadre ratio shall be as per the norms prescribed by the Statutory / Regulatory bodies for at least 75% of the Programmes offered.
MINUTES OF
SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
FOR
DIRECT RECRUITMENT/CAS

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Minutes of
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held on
17/04/2023

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