



**PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
PUDUCHERRY**

**MINUTES OF THE 144TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD
ON 27.02.2023 AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON):

1. Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. K. Tharanikkarasu	Member
3. Prof. Tirupathi Rao	Member
4. Prof. T. Chithralekha	Member
5. Prof. Rajeswari Seshadri	Member
6. Shri K. Tiroumourougane	Member
7. Dr. Ashwani Kumar,	Member
8. Dr. Jeyagowri,	Member
9. Prof. Narasimhamurthy N.	Member
10. Dr. T. Poongodi Vijayakumar	Member
11. Dr. Dhulasi Birundha Varadarajan	Member
12. Dr. V. Mangaiyarkarasi	Member
13. Prof. Saneem Fatima	Member
14. Prof. Rajneesh Bhutani	Secretary

MEMBERS ATTENDED THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE:

1. Prof. M. G. Sethuraman	Member
2. Prof. R. Subramanian	Member

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. Valerie Dkhar	Member
2. The Principal Mahe Institute of Dental Sciences & Hospitals	Member
3. Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey	Member
4. Prof. John Varghese	Member
5. Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal	Member
6. Prof. Anil Kumar Aneja	Member

The Council placed on record its appreciation of the valuable contributions of the following outgoing Members:-

1. Prof. M.S. Pandian

2. **Prof. K. Chandrasekhara Rao**
3. **Dr. N. Chandramouli**
4. **Dr. P. Ramalingam**
5. **Dr. T. Sivakumar**
6. **Dr. C. Udayashankar**, Director, Indira Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry.
7. **Dr. Sr. Philomina Mary**, Principal, Immaculate College of Education for Women, Puducherry.
8. **Dr.V. Sejian**, Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education & Research, Puducherry.

The Vice-Chancellor also introduced the following new Members:

1. **Prof. Narasimhamurthy N.**, Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism, Bengaluru City University, Bangalore – 560 009.
2. **Prof. T. Poongodi Vijayakumar**, Dept. of Food Science and Nutrition, Periyar University, Salem.
3. **Prof. Dhulasi Birundha Varadarajan**, Professor (Retd.,) Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
4. **Prof. M. G. Sethuraman**, Dept. of Chemistry, The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.
5. **Dr. Ashwani Kumar**, Director, Vector Control Research Centre, Puducherry.
6. **Dr. Anil Melath**, Principal, Mahe Institute of Dental Sciences & Hospitals, Mahe.
7. **Dr. Jeyagowri**, Principal, College of Nursing, East Coast Institute of Medical Sciences , Puducherry.
8. **Prof. Tirupathi Rao**, Dean, Ramanujan School of Mathematical Sciences, Pondicherry University.
9. **Prof. T. Chithralekha**, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, Pondicherry University.
10. **Prof. Rajeswari Seshadri**, Head, Department of Mathematics, Pondicherry University.
11. **Shri K. Tiroumourougane**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Physical Education & Sports, Pondicherry University.
12. **Dr. Valerie Dkhar**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Pondicherry University.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Members. The Members were briefed about the various developmental activities that took place in the University. The Suggestions given by the members were well taken.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for discussions:

2023.144.01 To confirm the Minutes of the 143rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 17.06.2022.

Noted and confirmed

2023.144.02 To record the Action Taken Report of the 143rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 17.06.2022.

Noted

2023.144.03 To approve the admittance to and Conferring of Degree in 29th Convocation to the candidates who have successfully completed their courses through Distance Education in December-2019, January-2021, August-2021 and September-2021.

Approved

2023.144.04 To consider & approve the admittance to and conferring Degrees to the candidates who have successfully completed their Degree Courses in different branches of study during November 2019 Session & May 2020 Session (exam conducted in May 2020 & September 2020) in this University.

Approved

2023.144.05 To approve the Exemption of Certificate Verification fee in respect of request received from the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry for issue of Genuineness Certificates.

Approved

2023.144.06 To approve the new format of the Degree Certificates with photograph of Students for all University Courses, Affiliated and Autonomous College courses (for Regular Courses only) from the 29th Annual Convocation onwards.

Approved

- 2023.144.07 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee constituted for revision of fees and Centre expenses towards the conduct of Examination at various Centers for courses of the Directorate of Distance Education, Pondicherry University.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.08 To apprise the Executive Council about the Certified Annual Accounts for the year 2021-22 by the Principal Director of Audit(Central) Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on behalf of the CAG of India.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.09 To apprise the Executive Council about revised Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23 and the Budget Estimates. for the year 2023-24.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.10 To consider and approve the revision of the date of promotion under CAS in respect of Dr. Madhu Dyavaiah, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, School of Life Sciences from Assistant Professor stage II to III.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.11 To approve credit of proportionate Earned Leave to all permanent Faculty Members of Pondicherry University for the academic years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 who have not been granted the benefit of summer/winter vacations.
- Approved – the norms followed by the University of Delhi shall be adopted.*
- 2023.144.12 To consider Grant of Fixed Medical Allowances and In-patient treatment on reimbursement mode to Pensioners/ Family Pensioners.
- Resolved to Approve*

- 2023.144.13 To consider and approve the Re-Identification of posts suitable for persons with benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) as per Gazette Notification dated 04-01-2021.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.14 To consider the adoption of payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 to the employees covered under National Pension Scheme (NPS) in the Pondicherry University as directed by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.15 To apprise the agenda and minutes of the item No.2022.C.01 (Annual Accounts) sent by Circulation on 30.11.2022.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.16 To apprise the agenda and minutes of the item No.2022.C.01 (Appointment of Chancellor of the University) sent by circulation on 26.10.2022.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.17 To consider and approve the Minutes of the 3rd Board of Management meeting of Educational Multimedia Research Centre held on 20th May 2022 in connection with regularization and absorption of existing Media staff of the Media Centre against the post sanctioned by the UGC in its letter No.F.No.4-3/2010 (MC), Dated 09.02.2012.
- Approved in principle. Resolved to forward to UGC for its approval.*
- 2023.144.18 To consider the request for elevation of Centre for Nanoscience and Technology to the status of Department of Nanoscience and Technology.
- Resolved to constitute a two member committee for review and evolving norms for such upgradation.*
- 2023.144.19 To consider and approve the Policy Frame Work for Industry Interaction and Consultancy by Faculty Members of this University.
- Approved*

- 2023.144.20 To apprise the council about the extension of tenure of Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University for a period of one year on completion of five year tenure as Vice-Chancellor.
- Noted - The Executive Council unanimously appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and Congratulated*
- 2023.144.21 To apprise the Council about the appointment of Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University as Vice-Chancellor (additional charge) of Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) deemed to be University, Tamil Nadu and extension of tenure for a further period of six months w.e.f. 13.01.2023.
- Noted - The Executive Council unanimously appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and Congratulated*
- 2023.144.22 To consider and approve the Submission of model CRR of UGC to Recruitment Rule Review Committee.
- Approved*
- 2023.144.23 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee to the usage of the Handloom fabrics for Convocation.
- Approved.*
The Executive Council appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for Indianising the attire for convocation.
- 2023.144.24 To consider and approve the recommendation of the Committee constituted to consider the regularization of three Teaching Staff in the Directorate of Distance Education, Pondicherry University.
- Approved in Principle. However, approval of UGC may be obtained.*
- 2023.144.25 _____

2023.144.26 _____

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2023.144.29 To apprise the agenda and minutes of the item No.2023.C.01 (Framing of Syllabus/ Scheme of Examination, Components of written test for selection of various Non-Teaching and other Administrative positions) sent by Circulation on 11.01.2023.

Approved

2023.144.30 To apprise the agenda and minutes of the item No.2023.C.02 (Building Committee) sent by Circulation on 15.02.2023.

Approved

2023.144.31 To ratify the action taken on the signing of renewal MoU between Pondicherry University, Puducherry and East Paris (University Paris-Est Creteil Val De Marne-UPEC), France – Dept. of Management Studies, School of Management.

Ratified

- 2023.144.32 To ratify the action taken on the renewal of MoU between Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen - Nürnberg (FAU), Germany and Dept. of International Business, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.33 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between Sharma Centre for Heritage Education, Chennai and Dept. of History, School of Social Sciences & International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.34 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi and UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, School of Social Sciences & International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.35 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between the Asia Foundation, New Delhi and Centre for South Asian Studies, School of Social Sciences & International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.36 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between Gustave Eiffel University (GEU), Paris, France and Dept. of Management Studies, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.37 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between the Indiana University, Kokomo, USA and Dept. of Banking Technology, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*

- 2023.144.38 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), London and Dept. of Commerce, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.39 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre (VCRC), Pondicherry and Dept. of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.40 To ratify the action taken on the proposed MoU between University of Paul Valery Montpellier 3, France and Dept. of French, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.41 To ratify the action taken on the Proposal of MoU between University of Pavia, Italy and Dept. of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.42 To ratify the action taken on the Proposal of MoU between Passy Saint-Honore, Paris, France and Dept. of Management Studies, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.43 To ratify the action taken on the Proposal of MoU between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology(IICT), Hyderabad and Dept. of Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, School of Life Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Ratified*

2023.144.44 To ratify the action taken on the Proposal of MoU between University of East Paris (University Paris-Est Creteil Val De Marne - UPEC), France and Dept. of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, School of Life Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Ratified

2023.144.45 To ratify the action taken on the Proposal of MoU between University of East Paris (University Paris-Est Creteil Val De Marne - UPEC), France and Dept. of Microbiology, School of Life Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Ratified

2023.144.46 To ratify the action taken on the Proposal of MoU between Policy Research Centre, Bangladesh (PRC.bd) and Dept. of Tourism Studies, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Ratified

2023.144.47 To ratify the change of Nomenclature from Project Cell to Research and Development Cell of the University.

Ratified

2023.144.48 To ratify the action taken towards Granting of Affiliation for starting of a new Research Center and a new Arts and Science College for the Academic Year 2021-22.

Ratified

2023.144.49

2023.144.50 To consider and ratify the action taken towards Granting of Affiliation to the affiliated Engineering/ Art & Culture Colleges for the Academic Year 2021-22.

Ratified

- 2023.144.51 To ratify the action taken towards Granting of Extension of Provisional Affiliation in the Affiliated Teacher Education Colleges for the Academic Year 2021-22.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.52 To consider and ratify the action taken towards granting of Affiliation to the Affiliated Arts and Science / Law / Agriculture / Veterinary colleges / Research Centre for the academic year 2021-22.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.53 To consider and ratify the temporary transfer of Dr. K. Vaitheki, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science, Karaikal Campus to Department of Computer Science, Pondicherry University Main Campus for a period of six months w.e.f. 12.08.2022 and further extension for six months w.e.f. 12.02.2023.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.54 To consider and ratify the sanction of Extraordinary Leave to Dr. Ajeet Jaiswal, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology of this University for a further period of one year from 02/06/2022 to 01/06/2023 to work as Associate Professor in the department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.55 To ratify the extension of Extraordinary Leave to Dr. Ramasamy Murugan, Professor, Department of Physics, School of Physical, Chemical & Applied Sciences for further period of one year w.e.f. 28.01.2023 to 27.01.2024 to continue the Research at Quantum Scape Battery inc., USA.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.56 _____

- 2023.144.57 To ratify the appointment of Dr. Rajneesh Bhutani, Professor & Head, Department of Earth Sciences & Director (i/c), UGC-HRDC as Registrar in-charge of the University w.e.f. 19.01.2023.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.58 To ratify the appointment of Dr. Sukhvinder Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Pondicherry University as Placement Officer of the University w.e.f. 16.12.2022, until further orders.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.59 To ratify the temporary arrangements in the post of Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Pondicherry University.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.60 To ratify the appointment of Shri. M.P.T. Sagayaraja, Deputy Registrar (retired), Pondicherry University as Officer on Special Duty to look after all the regular duties of Deputy Registrar in Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Administration (Teaching and Non-Teaching) and Guest House on contract basis.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.61 To ratify the engagement of Shri N. Sankaramourthy, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Pondicherry University as Executive Engineer on contract basis for a period of three months w.e.f. 01.06.2021 F.N. and subsequent extensions upto 30.03.2022 and re-designation as Consultant on contract basis from 01.04.2022 to 31.07.2022.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.62 To ratify the appointment of Shri V. Mourougavelou, Assistant Engineer (Electrical) as Head of both Civil & Electrical Wings on temporary basis with effect from 01-04-2022.
- Ratified*

- 2023.144.63 To ratify the extension of services to Shri M. Balu, retired Senior Audit Officer as Additional Internal Audit Officer on contract basis for a further period from 01.05.2022 to 30.09.2022.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.64 To ratify the extension of services of Shri V. Loganathan, Consultant, Services & Hostels of this University on contract basis for a further period from 28.07.2022 to 26.04.2023.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.65 To ratify the extension of services of Shri R. Vellikkannu, Consultant, Boys Hostel of this University on contract basis for a further period from 11.04.2022 to 10.01.2023.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.66 To ratify the appointment of two Senior Assistants and two Personal Assistants to hold full additional charge of the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary with effect from the date of joining.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.67 To ratify the Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting for Group "A" posts held on 29.11.2022 regarding probation.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.68 To ratify the extension of engagement of Caretaker (on contract).
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.69 To ratify the Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting for group "A" posts held on 29.11.2022 on CAS.
- Ratified*

- 2023.144.70 To ratify the Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting for group "B & C" posts held on 03.12.2022 for declaration of probation.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.71 To ratify the award of MACP to Officers/Employees in the Cadres of group "A" and "B & C" posts who are involved in Vandalism Case.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.72 To ratify the award of MACP to Officers/Employees in the cadres of group "A" and "B & C" posts.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.73 To ratify the action taken to place Shri.A.P Mourougane, Junior Assistant, Pondicherry University under suspension and review of suspension made as per rules.
- Ratified - subject to final outcome of the pending legal proceedings.*
- 2023.144.74 To ratify the appointment of Heads of the Departments/Centres under Statute 7 of Pondicherry University Act and Statutes.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.75 To ratify the sanction of Extraordinary Leave to Dr. Sibnath Deb, Professor, Department of Applied Psychology, School of Physical, Chemical & Applied Sciences for three years w.e.f. 03.01.2020 and further extension for six months from 03.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 to hold the post of Director, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur.
- Ratified*
- 2023.144.76 To ratify the acceptance of resignation tendered by Dr. Anil Pratap Giri from the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit of this University w.e.f. 26.09.2019.
- Ratified*

- 2023.144.77 To ratify the extension of services of Ms. Sunanthini Umachandran, Legal Consultant of this University on contract basis for a further period from 04.10.2022 to 03.07.2023.
Ratified
- 2023.144.78 To ratify the action taken on the proposal of Addendum to MoU between Indian Air Force, Air Headquarters, New Delhi and Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
Ratified
- 2023.144.79 To ratify the action taken on the proposal of Addendum to MoU between Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army), New Delhi and Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
Ratified
- 2023.144.80 To ratify the acceptance of Voluntary Retirement tendered by Shri. R Mannangatti, Senior Assistant, Department of Electronic Media & Mass Communication Pondicherry University of this University and his relief with effect from 16.11.2022 A.N.
Ratified
- 2023.144.81 To consider declaration of probation of newly appointed Faculty Members.
Ratified
- 2023.144.82 _____

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2023.144.88 To consider and approve the admittance to and conferring degrees to the Ph.d candidates in the forthcoming 29th Convocation scheduled to be held on 28th February 2023.

Approved (read with Item No. 2023.144.04).

Any other Item:

(i) Majority of the Members of the Executive Council raised concerns about the intimidating letters and emails sent in recent past by specific individuals to ensure that the University is demeaned publicly. The targeted manners in which these mails are circulated not only show the mala-fide intention but also ensure that authorities feel threatened to perform their duties.

The Executive Council unanimously condemns such actions and recommends taking legal action immediately. The recent letters by a political person named Mr. Anand, claiming from political party SFI should be sent for legal opinion from senior counsels and an immediate legal action must be initiated. The Executive Council also clearly by majority declared that such propaganda must be in future followed up at the council meetings and be ensured that legal remedy is followed till logical conclusion.

