



**PONDICHERY UNIVERSITY
PUDUCHERRY**

**MINUTES OF THE 145TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD
ON 05.05.2023 AT 12:15 P.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. Prof. R. Subramanian	Member
7. Shri K. Tiroumourougane	Member
8. Dr. Valerie Dkhar	Member
9. The Director Vector Control Research Centre	Member
10. The Principal Mahe Institute of Dental Sciences & Hospitals	Member
11. The Principal East Coast Institute of Medical Sciences	Member
12. Prof. Narasimhamurthy N.	Member
13. Prof. Dhulasi Birundha Varadarajan	Member
14. Prof. M. G. Sethuraman	Member
15. Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey	Member
16. Prof. V. Mangaiyarkarasi	Member
17. Prof. Saneem Fatima	Member
18. Prof. Rajneesh Bhutani	Secretary

MEMBERS ATTENDED THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE:

1. Prof. T. Poongodi Vijayakumar	Member
2. Prof. John Varghese	Member
3. Prof. Anil Kumar Aneja	Member

Special Invitees:

1. Prof. Rajeev Jain	Spl. Invitee
2. Prof. Lazar	Spl. Invitee

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

1. Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Members. The Members were briefed about the various developmental activities that took place in the University.

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

2023.145.01 To confirm the Minutes of the 144th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 27.02.2023.

Noted and Approved

2023.145.02 To record the Action Taken Report of the 144th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 27.02.2023.

Noted and Approved

2023.145.03 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee Meetings held during November-2022 to February 2023 for award of CAS Promotions from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor (Stage III to Stage IV) and Associate Professor to Professor (Stage IV to Stage V) under UGC Career Advancement Scheme.

Approved

2023.145.04 To approve the Minutes of the Selection Committee Meetings for filling up of various Teaching positions on Direct Recruitment held during November 2022 to January 2023.

Approved

2023.145.05 To consider and approve for appointment of Chair Professors of Subramania Bharathi and Sri Aurobindo of the University.

Approved – The Council unanimously appreciated the Vice-Chancellor the persistent efforts taken by him towards the sanction of the above two CHAIRS.

2023.145.06 To approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 09.02.2023 regarding detailed Project Report in respect of proposal for sanctioning of Rs.45.96 crore under HEFA for essential High and Analytical Equipment to be incorporated at CIF, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Approved

2023.145.07 To apprise the Grant of enhanced subsistence allowance sanctioned to Shri P. Kasirajan, Technical Officer (under suspension), Central Maintenance Workshop and also his representation dated 05.02.2023 to sanction eligible subsistence allowance.

Approved

2023.145.08 To apprise the suspension of Dr. N. Ravi, Assistant Registrar, Pondicherry University Community College and the appeal made by Dr. N. Ravi against the suspension order.

Approved and to include the Chairman, SHPC in the Enquiry Committee.

2023.145.09 To apprise the suspension of Shri N. Pajannissamy, Horticulture Attendant, Pondicherry University Community College.

Approved and to include the Chairman, SHPC in the Enquiry Committee.

2023.145.10 To consider and approve the recommendation made by the Committee constituted to Examine and recommend the Hostel fees to be revised and incorporated from the Academic Year 2023-2024 onwards.

Approved

2023.145.11 To consider and approve the detailed report on the CVC referred complaint against Prof. S. Hariharan, Former Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) and Professor, Department of Management Studies, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Puducherry for submission to the Ministry of Education and Central Bureau of Investigation

It is resolved to send a brief report to CBI with detailed justifications that the university has conducted a fair process of enquiry and has arrived at a logical conclusion based on the recommendation made by the high level committee. Also the council noted that the Central Vigilance Commission has closed the case and the same has been communicated by the Ministry of Education.

2023.145.12 To consider the request of Dr. M. Balamurugan, Associate Professor, School of Education, to restore his original position of Professor for having completed the punishment period of two years as per SHPC recommendation.

It is resolved that Dr. M. Balamurugan, be restored to the post of Professor immediately after completion of three years as Associate Professor.

2023.145.13 To consider the communication dated 16.01.2023 received from the Ministry of Education for sanction of Prosecution against Dr. M. Ramachandran, the then the Registrar (i/c) Pondicherry University on the CBI report in RC0322020A0028-CBI, ACB Chennai dated 29.12.2021.

After detailed discussions it was resolved to grant sanction of prosecution against Dr. M. Ramachandran on the CBI report.

2023.145.14 To consider the Report of the Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee.

The SHPC Recommendations are approved.

It was resolved that

- *Dr. Pramod Singh, Professor, Department of Earth Sciences shall be placed under suspension with immediate effect for a period of two years.*
- *He shall be demoted as Associate Professor for a period of two years with immediate effect.*
- *After two years his case will be reconsidered by the Executive Council and if he shows himself to be a reformed person; he shall be reinstated as Professor without any further assessment.*

2023.145.15 To consider and ratify the panel of examiners for central evaluation of the answer scripts for all the courses offered in the affiliated colleges of Pondicherry University for all Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses of Arts, Science, Commerce, Vocational Courses and Undergraduate and Postgraduate in Engineering, MBBS, MD and MS courses.

Approved

2023.145.16 To ratify further extension of contract services of Prof. Rajeev Jain as Officer on Special Duty for discharging the duties and responsibilities attached to the post of Director, Directorate of Culture and Cultural Relations of this University.

Ratified

2023.145.17 To Ratify the Appointment of Head of the Departments/Centres under Statute 7 of Pondicherry University Act and Statutes.

Ratified

2023.145.18 To ratify the Appointment of Director (i/c), UGC-HRDC, Pondicherry University w.e.f. 23.02.2023.

Ratified

2023.145.19 To consider and ratify the transfer of Dr. R. Lakshmi, Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science, Karaikal campus to Department of Computer Science, Main campus Pondicherry University for a period of one year w.e.f. 29.03.2023 on temporary basis.

Ratified

2023.145.20 To consider and ratify the appointment of Officer on Special Duty (College Development Council) on temporary and contract basis and further extension.

Ratified

2023.145.21 To consider and ratify the sanction of Extra Ordinary Leave to Dr. Ujjwal Jana, Associate Professor, Department of English of this University for two years from 22.02.2023 to 21.02.2025 to work as Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

Ratified

2023.145.22 To ratify the sanction of Sabbatical Leave to Dr. H. Kalpana, Professor, Department of English of this University during the Academic Year 2022-23.

Ratified