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**Dr. M.B.ASWATH NARAYANAN, B.Sc., M.D.S.,
REGISTRAR**

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Dated: 11.08.2023

To

All Members of the Senate of this University

Sir/Madam,

SUB.: Establishment - The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai- 60 th Meeting of the Senate (Annual Meeting) held on 07.07.2023 - Minutes – Forwarded– Reg.

I am to forward herewith the copy of the Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Senate (Annual Meeting) of this University held on 07.07.2023 for information.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:As above

REGISTRAR.

[Signature]
14/8/23

THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI-32
MINUTES OF THE 60th MEETING OF THE SENATE [ANNUAL] HELD ON 07-07-2023

The 60th Meeting of the Senate (Annual) was held on 07.07.2023 at 11.00 a.m. in the Silver Jubilee Auditorium of the University. The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Senate extended his warm welcome to all the members.

The Vice-Chancellor extended warm welcome to all the members of the Senate and stated that reforms in the aspect of Research and the proposal of setting up of Research Centre in this University to cater to fundamental and advanced Research by Faculty and Students is initiated. He also informed that National Medical Commission in its guidelines dated 23.6.2023, mentioned about the setting up of Central Research Centre in each Medical Colleges. Action to be initiated by the Director of Medical Education for setting up of Research Centre in each medical colleges specifically running PG Degree. Efforts are being taken in order to bring this Research concept in the UG level itself by formulating various programmes and schemes.

The Registrar welcomed the members present and introduced the new members to the gathering.

NEW SENATE MEMBER LIST FOR 60TH SENATE MEETING ON 07.07.2023

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1.	<u>CHAPTER-X SECTION-18(2)</u> <u>(c) THE VICE-CHANCELLOR</u> Dr.K.NARAYANASAMY, M.D., D.M(Gastro). THE TAMIL NADU Dr.M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI 600 032
2.	<u>CHAPTER-X SECTION-18(2)</u> <u>(d) THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH</u> Dr. R.SHANTHIMALAR, M.D., D.A., DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, No.150/151, PERIYAR E.V.R. ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI – 600 010.
3.	<u>(e) THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND FAMILY WELFARE</u> Dr.A. SHANMUGAKANI, M.B.B.S., DCH., DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, TEYNAMPET, CHENNAI-600 006.
4.	<u>(g) THE DIRECTOR OF INDIAN MEDICINE AND HOMOEOPATHY</u> Tmt. MYTHILI K.RAJENDRAN, I.A.S., COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN MEDICINE & HOMOEOPATHY, ARUMBAKKAM, CHENNAI-600 106
5.	<u>(h) HEADS OF UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS OF STUDY AND RESEARCH</u> <u>(i) Dr.K.SIVA SANGEETHA., M.D.,</u> PROFESSOR & HOD ., THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE & SMIC, THE TAMIL NADU Dr.M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI 600 032
6.	<u>(i) DEAN OR PRINCIPALS OF ALL MEDICAL COLLEGES :-</u> <u>PRIVATE COLLEGE</u> Dr.E.DHANDAPANI., M.D., DEAN PSP MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, TAMBARAM, KANCHIPURAM MAIN ROAD, ORAGADAM PANRUTTI, SRIPERUMBUDUR TK. KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT-631 604
7.	<u>SECTION-18(2)</u> <u>(j) DEANS OR PRINCIPALS OF COLLEGES OF INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE AND HOMOEOPATHY</u> <u>SIDDHA PRIVATE COLLEGES</u> Dr. A. KARTHIKEYAN, M.D.,(S)

	PRINCIPAL, ANNAI MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SIDDHA AND RESEARCH CENTRE, KOVILACHERI, KUMBAKONAM – 612 503
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20.	<u>SECTION-18(2)</u> <u>(q) MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WHO</u> <u>ARE NOT OTHERWISE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE;</u> (1) Thiru GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI, I.A.S., PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI - 600 009.
21.	(2) Thiru T.UDHAYACHANDRAN, I.A.S., PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI - 600 009.
22.	(3)Dr. A. KARTHIK, I.A.S., PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009.
23.	<u>SECTION-18(3)</u> <u>(a) ONE PROFESSOR ELECTED BY THE</u> <u>TEACHERS OF EACH AFFILIATED MEDICAL</u> <u>COLLEGE FROM AMONG THEMSELVES</u> Dr.M.MOHAMED RAFI, M.D., PROFESSOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, TIRUNELVELI MEDICAL COLLEGE, TIRUNELVELI - 627 011.
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26.	Dr.K.MURUGESAN, M.D.D.A., HOD/PROFESSOR OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY, GOVT DHARMAPURI MEDICAL COLLEGE, DHARMAPURI.
27.	Dr.K.S.MAHESWARAN M.S.,(Ortho), PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPEDICS, GOVT.MEDICAL COLLEGE & ESI HOSPITAL, SINGANALLUR COIMBATORE-15
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36.	Dr.A.BALAJI, M.D., PROF.& HOD., DEPT.OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE ARUNAI MEDICAL COLLEGE &HOSPITAL, VELU NAGAR, THEN MATHUR VILLAGE, THIRUVANNAMALAI – 606 603
37.	<u>SECTION-18(3)</u> <u>(c) ONE PROFESSOR ELECTED BY THE</u> <u>TEACHERS OF ALL AFFILIATED COLLEGE OF</u> <u>NURSING FROM AMONG THEMSELVES</u> Dr. ANITHA RAJENDRA BABU, M.Sc.(N)., Ph.D., PROFESSOR & PRINCIPAL, RAJALAKSHMI COLLEGE OF NURSING, RAJALAKSHMI NAGAR, SRI PERUMBUDUR TALUK, THANDALAM KANCHEEPURAM-602 105
38.	<u>SECTION-18(3)</u> <u>(d) ONE PROFESSOR ELECTED BY THE</u> <u>TEACHERS OF ALL AFFILIATED COLLEGE OF</u> <u>PHARMACY FROM AMONG THEMSELVES</u> Dr.P.DHEEN KUMAR, M.PHARM.,Ph.D., PRINCIPAL, G.P.PHARMACY COLLEGE, JOLARPETTAI, TIRUPATTUR DIST.-635 851
39.	<u>SECTION-18(3)(h)</u> <u>ONE MEMBER EACH NOMINATED BY THE CHANCELLOR</u> <u>REPRESENTING</u> v) <u>LAW</u> : ThiruAVINASH WADHWANI, ADVOCATE, RSV NILAYAM, NO.1958-B,II AVENUE MAIN ROAD, ANNA NAGAR, CHENNAI – 600 040

Out of the total 345 members, 126 members attended the meeting.

1. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

QUESTIONS

Q1. QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY DR. S. REVWATHY, DEAN, TRICHY SRM MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE SRM NAGAR, TRICHY

Q1. Only HODs are given examinership as internal examiner for main exam and supplementary exam and subsequently for PG exams also.

When there are multiple units in any department, this procedure makes other unit chiefs insignificant with the students.

Previously : Main exam –

If for 6 days –

One Professor for 3 days (I)

Other Professor for 3 days (II)

Supplementary Exams.

II or III Chief.

PG Exam – HOD/II Unit.

This will boost the morale of other Professors and Associate Professor also.

Reply: *As per NMC Guidelines 2019 dt 11.2.19*

As per the norms of the National Medical Commission, the senior most internal examiner of the four examiners is appointed as the Convenor for the whole examination programme so that uniformity in the matter of assessment of candidates is maintained. The other professors and Associate Professors are appointed as 2nd internal examiners on rotation basis depending on the number of candidates and as per NMC norms.

The Chairman replied that the University follows the norms prescribed by the National Medical Commission in the appointment of examiners.

Q 2. List of Examiners for each subject was intimated to the Dean as a routine from Exam. Section before Exams. But now it is not informed at all. Only the HOD who is supposed to be the Convener receives mail/phone call from University and only they have to inform to HOIs at their will.

Is it not mandatory that the HOI must know who have all come to their institution?

Reply:

The Board of Examiners is routinely sent to all the Deans in their official mail id. Will ensure everyone receives in future.

The Chairman informed that the University sends the Board of Examiners appointed for each examination regularly to the Dean / Principals of the affiliated institutions. He assured that everyone receives henceforth.

Q 3. As per GMER 2023, Three internal assessments – Two Tests and One model Exam are mandatory in each subject.

Our University prescribes 8 internal assessments for each subject.

Is it OK if NMC regulations are followed from 2023 -2024.

Reply:

Based on the resolutions passed in the 61st Standing Academic Board it has been resolved to conduct and take average of Eight (8) internal assessment examinations. GMER 2023 has been withdrawn, however the quantum given by NMC are only minimum regulations.

The Chairman said that the National Medical Commission prescribed only the minimum regulations regarding the internal assessment examinations. To maintain higher standards, the University prescribes to conduct and take average of Eight (8) internal assessment examinations for each subject.

Q4. As per University intimation as per Ref.No. UCO(1)17864/2023 dt.13.6.23 for any students Grievances Redressal cell – there will be ombudsperson from the University nomination which has to be put in website.
Can we please know the details of the ombudsperson

Reply: Will be implemented

The Chairman replied that the University had already nominated the ombudsperson for the students Grievances Redressal Cell and will be published in the University website.

II. QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY Prof. R. VENKATESH, HOD, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY, COIMBATORE MEDICAL COLLEGE, COIMBATORE

Q1. Remuneration for paper valuation, E-thesis or any other remuneration should be paid without delay.

Reply: Yes

The Chairman said that the University will ensure that all payments to the evaluators and examiners will be paid on time without any delay in future.

Q2. All eligible faculties to be given as examinership on rotation basis

Reply: Yes

Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram, Dean, Theni Medical College, stated that the Examinership should be an element of surprise and the candidates should not know who is appointed as examiner. But as a general rule the Head of the Department is appointed as the Convenor and the 2nd Unit Chief as member of the examination. Hence all the eligible faculties should be appointed as examiners on rotation basis.

The Chairman replied that the University follows the norms prescribed by the National Medical Commission in the appointment of examiners. As per the norms of the National Medical Commission, the senior most internal examiners of the four examiners is appointed as the Convenor for the whole examination programme so that uniformity in the matter of assessment of candidates is maintained. The other professors and Associate Professors are appointed as 2nd internal examiners on rotation basis depending on the number of candidates and as per NMC norms. All eligible faculties will be considered for examinership.

Q3. Two batches of examiners will be useful if examination is being conducted for more than 8 days.

Reply: NMC norms is being followed

The Chairman replied that the University follows the norms prescribed by the National Medical Commission in the appointment of examiners.

Q4. Remuneration and conveyance allowance to be increased for examiners.

Reply: *The request will be placed in the ensuing Exams Reforms Committee (ERC) after comparison with other Universities.*

The Chairman said that the University will ensure to increase the existing allowances in consultation with other Universities and will implement to pay the highest allowances among them to the examiners after placing it in the Exam Reforms Committee (ERC) Meeting.

All the members thanked the Vice-Chancellor for ensuring to implement the highest allowances.

Q5. The pre sanctioned amount to conduct exams should be increased for smooth conduct of examination.

Reply: *Existing method to be followed.*

The Chairman replied that the University will follow the existing methods with regard to pre-sanctioned amount for the smooth conduct of examinations.

Q6. The Online Library for the purpose of faculties (UG, PG and Superspeciality medical courses)should be made available to all institutions.

Reply: *The University has renewed the Library e-consortium for the year 2019-2020 under Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing disciplines as follows:*

Medical : 89 Nature Journals; 72 Springer Journals subscribed under Medical discipline for the subscription period from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019,

Dental : Wiley's 27 Dental e-journals Database subscribed under Dental discipline for the subscription period from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 and also

Springer's European Archives of Paediatric Dentistry; Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery.

Pharmacy : Bentham Science has provided access to 37 e-journals under Pharmacy discipline for the subscription period from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019

Nursing : EBSCO has provided CINAHL Nursing Educational e-journals under Nursing discipline for the subscription period from 05.08.2019 to 31.07.2020.

For 2023 -2024, the procedure is under process.

The Chairman stated that Online Library is one of an important issue and ensured for ontime accessibility. He further informed that the University has renewed the Library e-consortium for the year 2019-2020 and subscription for the year 2023-2024, is under process.

Q7. M.D.(Biochem) should be included as eligible course for post doctoral fellowship in Cytogenetics

Reply: *Expert Committee will be constituted*

The Chairman informed that an Expert Committee will be constituted to look into the feasibility of including the M.D.(Biochem) as eligible course for the Post Doctoral Fellowship in Cytogenetics.

Q8. There should be time frame fixed for implementing any resolutions passed or decision taken in Senate and other boards.

Reply: *Noted.*

Noted

Q9. What is the procedure is being followed in allowing grace marks ? Whether It is possible to inform the convenor of examination about this procedure?

Reply: NMC norms is followed.

The Controller of Examinations informed that the University follows the norms prescribed by the respective Regulatory Councils for the award of grace marks.

Q10. What are the admissible leave for Broad and Superspeciality post graduates? Each and every college following different set of rules. It will be useful the University sends updated circular to all medical institutions.

Reply: Attendance particulars must be satisfied as per PGME regulations clause 13.2. Regarding admissible leave directions to be taken from Director of Medical Education and Research.

The Chairman replied that the University follows the regulations of the Post Graduate Medical Education, New Delhi and 80% attendance is mandatory for the candidates to be eligible for the examinations. However some candidates who take leave on medical grounds are condoned as per the norms of the University.

One of the member stated that since the leave rules are decided by the Head of the Institution of affiliated colleges, University has to give guidelines to maintain uniformity. Regarding the admissible leave, necessary instructions may be obtained from the Director of Medical of Education and University cannot issue any circular regarding this.

Q11. Is it possible to post M.S. General Surgery post graduates in Surgical Oncology and Surgical Gastroenterology for additional training if the courses available in the particular college?

Reply: Yes

The Chairman replied that already the Post graduates of General Surgery are posted in the Departments of Surgical Oncology and Surgical Gastroenterology for additional training. Guidelines are given for each and every postings. However it is under the purview of the Head of the Institution / Head of the Departments to encourage and rotate the Post graduates for additional training in the various departments existing in their institutions.

III. QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY Dr.P.DHEEN KUMAR, PRINCIPAL, GP PHARMACY COLLEGE, JOLARPET, TIRUPATTUR DISTRICT.

Questions

Q1. Age criteria: Admission to any degree age limit 17, can allow the candidate if passed HSC is eligible.

Reply: As per the norms of the regulatory bodies (Here PCI)

The Chairman said that the admission to any degree course is made as per the norms of the regulatory body.

Q2. After submission of marks in R1 please add option to take print out for marks verification.

Reply: Print option is given only to R2 level in order to avoid any mismatch of marks in the two printouts.

The Chairman replied that the software of the University is designed in such a way that R1 level is only for the purpose of entry of the marks and to have display in the monitor. Print out cannot be taken in the R1 level. After verification and submission at the R2 level, print outs can be taken.

Q3. Evaluators remuneration is always delay, please consider.

Reply:Noted

The Chairman assured that the remuneration to the evaluators will be taken into consideration and paid without any delay.

Q4. Staff salary can directly debit through bank from university, can collect staff salary in advance from affiliated colleges, so staff can get on time salary and good scale of pay.

Reply:Not under the purview of the University.

The Chairman replied that payment of salary to the staff of the affiliated institutions does not come under the purview of the University.

IV. Dr. T. NIRMALA, PRINCIPAL, COLLEGE OF NURSING, SRI RAMAKRISHNA INSTITUTE OF PARAMEDICAL SCIENCES. COIMBATORE

Questions

Q1. As per the new INC regulations for B.Sc., Nursing, each semester should be completed within 26 weeks. 2022-2023 academic batch of B.Sc., Nursing students have completed more than 26 weeks (33 weeks) in their first semester and have not appeared for their University examinations. In two to three months time, we will be receiving the fresh batch of B.Sc., Nursing students. Kindly give a solution for the above problem.

Reply: The examinations will be conducted in August 2023. Based on admission timeline the next examination will be conducted.

The Chairman assured that the I Semester examination of the B.Sc. (N) students of the academic year 2022-2023 will be conducted in August 2023 and the II Semester examination will be conducted within three months after that.

V. Dr. P. SELVAKUMAR, PROFESSOR OF PAEDIATRICS, THANJAVUR MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, THANJAVUR.

Questions:

Q1. That the University will make it mandatory for all Undergraduate (MBBS) Medical Students to vaccinate themselves with Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccination within six months of admission in the Medical College.

Reply: Instructions to be received from Director of Medical Education and Research

The Director of Medical Education stated that a retrospective study to be done to see how many students were infected with Chicken pox for the past 5 to 10 years and then after discussion with the Director of Public Health decisions will be arrived.

Q2. That University will make it mandatory for all affiliated medical colleges to organize and certify the faculty in **Basic Course in Medical Education** within three years of joining as faculty in the medical colleges.

Reply: To follow NMC norms.

The Chairman replied that the University has a vision to conduct Basic Course in Medical Education. However the University will look into the norms of the National Medical Commission and will appoint Nodal officers in this regard. The same will be implemented in consultation with the Director of Medical Education and Research.

Q3. That the University will issue UG/ PG teaching certificate to all the faculties in affiliated medical colleges online on submission of application and prescribed fees.

Reply: Will be deliberated by Director of Medical Education and Research.

The Director of Medical Education stated that it has been planned to issue teaching experience certificate to the faculties working in affiliated Medical Colleges in the month of August for each academic year. Their teaching experience will be counted even if they are transferred and calculated till the month of July of every year and experience certificate will be issued. This will be stream-lined by the end of this year.

The members questioned on how the Teaching experience will be calculated if a faculty has worked in a PG institution for many years and then transferred to an UG institution. The Chairman and the Director of Medical Education said that it will be represented to the NMC and clarification would be sought in this regard.

Q4. That the University will appoint an agency to make arrangements for travel and accommodation for external examiners who are appointed for the Practical Summative University examinations conducted in the affiliated medical colleges.

Reply: University guidelines for Travel and Halting allowance being followed.

The members informed that the arrangement for travel and accommodation for the faculties coming for NMC inspection is done by the NMC. Likewise the University can also appoint an agency to make arrangements for travel and accommodation for the external examiners coming for the Practical examination which would reduce the burden on the Convenors.

The Chairman replied that the University will put up the matter to the Examination Reforms Committee.

Q5. What are the guidelines issued by the University regarding remedial measures to be taken by the affiliated medical colleges for CBME students with regard to lack of attendance and lack of marks in the formative assessment to make them eligible for appearing the summative examinations conducted by the University?

Reply: NMC guidelines to be followed

The Chairman informed that University will seek a clarification with the National Medical Commission in this regard. A Committee may be formed to devise guidelines.

Q6. What is the information given in the call letter to the external examiners for the summative practical examination conducted by the affiliated medical colleges of the University with regard to travel and accommodation?

Reply: Sent along with Super / Broad Specialty offer letters.

The Chairman informed that the information regarding travel and accommodation will be sent to all the external examiners.

Q7. What are the guidelines issued by the University with regard to the job functions of the CMRIs of the affiliated medical colleges?

Reply: As per NMC regulations for internship.

The Chairman stated that regarding the job functions of the CMRIs of the affiliated medical colleges, clear guidelines in consultation with the Directorate of Medical Education will be arrived.

The Director of Medical Education informed that re-structured Log Book based on NMC norms should be prepared. She also suggested that the faculties should motivate the CMRIs to try to learn the concepts. They should have both knowledge and skills.

Dr. Selvakumar, Professor of Paediatrics, Thanjavur Medical College informed that Government Tirunelveli Medical College has published Log Book for CMRI and it is available online.

The Academic Officer informed that in consultation with Legal Wing, the University will prepare a uniform Log Book for CMRIs.

Dr.Sankaranarayanan, ENT Specialist also suggested that the University in consultation with the Director of Medical Education and senior faculties can frame uniform Log Book for both UG / PGs.

Q8. What are the guidelines issued by the University with regard to establishment of skill labs and therequisites in the affiliated medical colleges?

Reply: As per NMC norms.

The Chairman said that all Medical colleges should have a separate skill lab and asked all the Deans to establish the same in their institutions.

Q9. What are the guidelines of the University with regard to conduct of examination for UG/PG Students withcommunicable diseases (Example: Chickenpox) for theory and practical examinations.

Reply: If the candidate is fit to take the examination, can be conducted in complete isolation.

The Chairman informed that if the candidate is fit to take the examination, it can be conducted in complete isolation. A committee may be formed to frame guidelines.

VI. Dr.K. MURUGESAN, HOD/PROFESSOR OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY, GOVT DHARMAPURIMEDICAL COLLEGE, DHARMAPURI

Questions:

Q1. Revision of Honorarium, Halting charge, Remuneration, paper correction, thesis evaluation & othercharges for examiners.

Reply: The request will be placed in the ensuing Exams Reforms Committee (ERC) after comparisonwith other Universities.

The Chairman said that the University will ensure to increase the existing allowances in consultation with other Universities and will implement to pay the highest allowances among them to the examiners after placing it in the Exam Reforms Committee Meeting.

Q2. Revision of remuneration for various examination related work like conduction of theory andpractical examination in medical college.

Reply: The request will be placed in the ensuing Exams Reforms Committee (ERC) after comparison withother Universities.

The Chairman said that the University will ensure to increase the existing allowances for various examination related work in consultation with other Universities and will implement to pay the highest allowances among them to the examiners after placing it in the Exam Reforms Committee Meeting.

VII. Tmt.S. SEBNAMARY, PRINCIPAL, CHILD JESUS COLLEGE OF NURSING, TRICHY.

Questions

Q1.Online paper valuation - They are giving chance for the same faculty nearly 3-4 times in a year, but not giving chance for other eligible faculty working in the same institution, let them give chance for the faculty whoever has the faculty code.

Reply:Noted. All eligible examiners will be given an opportunity if their names are in the Faculty Management System.

The Chairman replied that all the eligible examiners will be given an opportunity for Online Paper Valuation if their names are enrolled in the Faculty Management System.

Q2.Nursing Foundation practical let them mark the Principal as an internal examiner.

Reply:Faculty in administrative posts are not considered for examinership.

The Chairman stated that Principal of affiliated institutions are involved in various administrative works which has lot of responsibilities and so the faculties in administration side are not considered for examinership.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Principal, Vignesh College of Nursing, Thiruvannamalai informed that as per the norms of the Indian Nursing Council, every Nursing College Principal should take two hours class per day and 10 hours per week. Hence they may be also appointed as examiners.

Regarding this, the Chairman stated that a Committee will be constituted to sort out this issue.

Q3.Let them send the circular from the university about Common Entrance exam, so that we can inform the new comers during admission.

Reply:There will be no common entrance examination.

The Chairman replied that there will be no common entrance examination this year.

Q4.About Semester system let them give us clear schedule.

Reply:Noted

The Chairman replied that the University will issue clear schedule regarding the semester system shortly.

Q5.About internal calculation we are following New INC syllabus, is there any change or same to be followed.

Reply:As per INC norms

The Chairman replied that internal assessment should be calculated as per INC norms.

VIII. Dr.A.SRINIVASAN, PROFESSOR OF ORTHOPAEDICS, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, OMANDURAR GOVERNMENT ESTATE, WALLAJAH ROAD, CHENNAI-600 002.

Questions:

Q1. Medicine with science and technology combined are reaching new heights. Is our university planning to introduce new courses like in artificial intelligence, machine learning etc in conjunction with medicine like IITM is doing?

Reply:A chair has been created for Artificial Intelligence. Steps are being taken for a dual degree combining Engineering and Medical Curriculum.

The Chairman pointed out on combining Engineering and Medical Curriculum and replied that the IIT, Madras has now introduced an integrated course – Bioengineering and intervention. He further stated that the University is also planning to collaborate with Anna University and IIT Madras for a dual degree programme.

Q2. Our Ph.D. course enrollment is low partly due to low numbers of guides and co-guides! any steps to increase the facilities, guides, resources and increase the enrolment?

Reply: The University encourages Research by faculty and students and has been proactive in increasing the number of Guides and Co-guides to enable more researchers to pursue PhD.

The Academic Officer informed that the University follows the Ph.D regulations which was framed in the year 2010. Now steps are being taken to revamp the existing regulations. She added that Board of Studies (Research) recommended to revise the guidelines for Ph.D.

The Chairman stated that the above matter will be discussed in Board of Studies (Research). Steps will be initiated to increase the number of Ph.Ds with more number of publications.

Q3. Our website needs to be injected with vibrant interactive format like introduction of chat bot, responsiveness and clarity. Any steps in upgrading the website?

Reply: The University is in the process of revamping the Website

Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram, Dean, Theni Medical College said that the University website should be updated regularly and the Senate members list also should be updated.

The Chairman assured that the University will upgrade the website and all the information will be updated.

Q4. Is there any step taken to improve online journal/library access?

Reply: The University has renewed the Library e-consortium for the year 2019-2020 under Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing disciplines as follows:

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Dental : Wiley's 27 Dental e-journals Database subscribed under Dental discipline for the subscription period from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 and also Springer's European Archives of Pediatric Dentistry; Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery.

Pharmacy : Bentham Science has provided access to 37 e-journals under Pharmacy discipline for the subscription period from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019

Nursing : EBSCO has provided CINAHL Nursing Educational e-journals under Nursing discipline for the subscription period from 05.08.2019 to 31.07.2020.

For 2023 -2024, the procedure is under process.

The Chairman informed that the University has renewed the Library e-consortium for the year 2019-2020 and for the subscription for the year 2023-2024, is under process.

Q5. Does our university have inter university collaboration? if so please give the details and the benefits

Reply: Yes. Anna University, Veterinary University and National Institute of Epidemiology. It is to promote inter University collaborations in Research

The Chairman said that the aim of the University is to promote Research and encourage the faculties to involve in more research activities. The University is having collaborations with Anna University, Veterinary University and National Institute of Epidemiology so that the students and faculties can actively take part in Research in these centres.

IX. TMT. METTILDA ARONKENNEDY

Questions:

Q1. Appoint principal as a Chief-Superintendent. If anybody is not willing let them give opportunity to others. Principals are doing all the arrangements and we are also responsible for the conduction of examination. Especially few colleges are running one or two programme only. We are willing to be a chief superintendent

Reply: Faculty in administrative posts are not considered for examinership.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Principal, Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Coimbatore stated that if the Principal is given an opportunity to serve as a Chief Superintendent, he will make sure that the examination is conducted in a smooth manner. The Chairman replied that the Principal of any institution cannot be appointed as the Chief Superintendent of the examination as he is the administrative head of the institution involving in various administrative works.

Regarding this, the Chairman stated that a Committee will be constituted to sort out this issue.

Q2. Fix UGC pay scale.

Reply: Not under the purview of this University

The Chairman replied that UGC pay scale does not come under the purview of the University.

Q3. Appoint principal as a practical examiner for their specialty and for Nursing foundation.

Reply: Faculty in administrative posts are not considered for examinership.

The Chairman replied that the Principals cannot be appointed as examiners as he is the administrative head of the institution.

Q4. Fix certain norms for the examiner and paper evaluation.

Reply: Presently done as per INC norms.

The Chairman stated that University follows the norms of the Indian Nursing Council.

X. Dr.R. ILLANCHEZHIAN, PRINCIPAL / MECIAL SUPERINTENDENT, IMMANUEL ARASARAYURVEDA MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, MARTHANDAM, KANYAKUMARI DIST.

Questions:

Q1. As of now, seven Ayurveda Medical Colleges are affiliated with The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, but a separate department for Ayurveda is not available at the university level. If a separated department is there, it will be beneficial for M.D. doctors to pursue Ph.D.s from our university. This is our long-term demand from the faculties of Ayurveda.

Reply: Under process.

Dr. Manavalan, Principal of Govt. Yoga & Naturopathy Medical College, Chennai thanked the Vice-Chancellor for actively participating in the International Yoga Day at the University campus and informed that the University has established a separate Department for AYUSH in the campus and requested to start functioning so that it would be beneficial for the staff and general public.

The Chairman assured that all the sanctioned posts in the Departments will be filled up and all the departments will be started to function actively. He further stated that University does not have constituent college.

Q2. No single Ayurveda faculty member is posted at the university. If there is a separate department for Ayurveda, many of the errors can be reduced. The examination authority doesn't know about the subject because the medium of Ayurveda is Sanskrit.

Reply: Under process.

The Chairman stated that the above matter is under process.

Q3. University-level Affiliation for starting Panchakarma Therapist and Ayurveda Pharmacist courses in Self-financing Colleges in Tamil Nadu Already a syllabus was framed for B.Pharm. (Ayurveda) in 2015 itself, but the course has not started. Now a days, there is demand for Panchakarma therapists and ayurvedic pharmacists. If the course starts now, it will be a great benefit.

Reply: Not approved by Standing Academic Board in 2018. If request comes from members can be placed in the next Board of Studies.

It was pointed out that Directorate of Indian Medicine conducts the above course. If self-financing colleges in Tamilnadu are given a chance to conduct the above course, it will be beneficial.

The Chairman said to place an agenda in the ensuing Board of Studies for its consideration.

Q4. Workshop about the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations (2022) The newly started Syllabus by NCISM will be helpful to maintain uniformity in teaching among the Ayurvedic colleges affiliated with the university. In this new syllabus, MCQs are asked for 20 marks. So before the main exam, at least a few of the faculties from each college should be trained by the university, and with their help, the remaining faculties will be trained at the institute level.

Reply: Noted

Noted

Q5. Members should be selected equally from all the colleges under the university for the Board of Studies (BOS) and Faculty of Ayurveda (FOA). Some of the faculty selected for the BOS and FOA have resigned and been relieved from their institutes, but their names have continued for many years. So many of the issues were not brought to the committee because of the absence of a relieved member.

Reply: Noted

The Chairman assured that members of all the discipline will be equally considered for Board of Studies. The above issue will be rectified from the next Board of Studies Meeting.

XI. Dr. SHARATH ASOKAN, PRINCIPAL, K.S.R. INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH, K.S.R. KALVI NAGAR, TIRUCHENGODE

Questions:

Q1. The term of our University representative (Prof. Dr. C. Sainath) in the Dental Council of India has ended and we request you to do the needful to elect / nominate the next person to represent us in the DCI.

Reply: In process.

The Chairman said that the election of University representative to Dental Council of India will be done shortly.

Q2. We request you to provide / continue the services of e-library or e-consortium with access to journals, as previously done, to benefit the Postgraduate students and the constituent colleges affiliated with our University.

The University has renewed the Library e-consortium for the year 2019-2020 under Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing disciplines as follows:

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For 2023 -2024, the procedure is under process.

The Chairman informed that the University has renewed the Library e-consortium for the year 2019-2020 and for the subscription for the year 2023-2024, is under process.

Q3. We request you to waiver / reduce the fees for making the constituent colleges as PHD centers. Instead of charging each department in the college, we can charge one nominal fees for the entire institute every year like the Continuation of Provisional Affiliation. We sincerely request you to consider this to promote research in our colleges.

Reply: Accepted in Principle. Will be placed in the Appropriate University Body.

The member informed that though the department is recognized for conducting research, it is very difficult to receive grants for research purpose from the funding agencies, since the institute as a whole is not recognized as PhD centre. Hence requested to recognize the institute as a whole.

The Chairman assured that this would be placed in the ensuing Standing Academic Board.

Q4. We request you to kindly promote our University Journal and give our constituent colleges a chance to publish in the same.

Reply: Noted

The Chairman said that the University has a proposal to start University journal.

ANY OTHER ITEM:

1. Dr. Jayalal, Professor of Surgery, Kanyakumari Medical College, Kanyakumari requested the Chairman to pass a resolution opposing the introduction of NExT by the National Medical Commission for the Final year MBBS candidates. As the Senate is the August body of the University and conducting of examination is the right and capability of the University and the National Medical Commission cannot withdraw the right from the University and give it to another external agency.

The request of the Individual will be discussed in the Governing Council and appropriate action initiated.

2. One of the member requested for preparing the time table for the conduct of University exams in the morning session instead of afternoon session.

3. Some of the members pointed out that results not published for some of the courses.

4. One of the member pointed out the need of accessibility of University helpline numbers.

5. The need for academic calendar was highlighted.

The Chairman assured that all the above points will be taken for consideration.

2.BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/VICECHANCELLOR:

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING OF THE SENATE (ANNUALMEETING) HELD ON 10.08.2022, WHICH WAS PLACED BEFORE THE 294TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD ON 13.12.2022 FOR ITS INFORMATION

TO INFORM THE SENATE, THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKEN ON THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 59th MEETING OF THE SENATE (ANNUAL MEETING) HELD ON 10.08.2022, WHICH WAS PLACED BEFORE THE 296th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD ON 05.07.2023 FOR ITS INFORMATION

*Resolved to approve the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Senate (Annual Meeting) held on 10.8.2022 & the Follow-up action taken on the Resolutions passed at the 59th Meeting of the Senate (Annual) held on 10.8.2022 is **RECORDED**.*

TO INFORM THE SENATE ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023

RECORDED

3.BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE STANDING ACADEMIC BOARD

NIL

4.BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

NIL

The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members for their excellent co-operation in finalizing various issues and requested them to extend their continued co-operation to bring this University to greater heights.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting sine die.

**Dr.K.NARAYANASAMY
VICE CHANCELLOR**