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ELECTION NOTIFICATION
STUDENTS' COUNCIL 2019-20
19TH AUGUST 2019.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee Report communicated by the UGC pursuant to the Supreme Court directions, Election for Students' council 2019-20 in Pondicherry University is notified as per the modalities and schedule given below:

1. There will be a single student body of the University known as Students' Council.
2. The mode of election will be indirect.
3. The School representatives shall be directly elected by the students of the respective schools located in Pondicherry campus. Similarly, separate representatives shall be directly elected for Karaikal, Port Blair and Community Colleges of Mahe and Pondicherry. The representatives of Schools/Campuses/Community College will constitute the Electoral College for electing office bearers to the Students' Council.
4. In order to give equal representation to all the students, the student community has been divided into three categories. Category-I consists of the students of the 1st three years of Integrated courses; Category-II consists of the students of fourth and fifth years of Integrated and PG courses; Category-III consists of the PhD scholars.
5. The number of school representatives shall be based on the strength of the students of the particular Schools/Campuses/Community College.
6. The number of representatives from each category is as follows:

| Category I: Integrated Courses {first, second and third year students} | |
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| Strength of the students in the School/Campus/Community College | No. of Representatives |
| up to 400 | 2 (one male and one female) |
| 401 to 800 | 4 (two males and two females) |
| 801 to 1200 | 6 (three males and three females) |
| 1201 to 1600 | 8 (four males and four females) |
| ➤ 1600 | 10 (five males and five females) |
| Category II: Integrated Courses {fourth and fifth year students} and PG Students (including L.L.M.) | |
| up to 400 | 2 (one male and one female) |
| 401 to 800 | 4 (two males and two females) |

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| 801 to 1200 | 6 (three males and three females) |
| 1201 to 1600 | 8 (four males and four females) |
| > 1600 | 10 (five males and five females) |
| Category III: Ph.D. Scholars | |
| Up to 100 | 1 (either male or female) |
| 101 to 200 | 2 (one male and one female) |
| 201 to 300 | 3 (at least one male and one female) |
| 301 to 400 | 4 (two male and two female) |
| >400 | 5 (at least two males and two females) |

7. The Students' Council shall have the following office bearers:
- President (one)
 - Vice-President (Two: one male and one female)
 - Secretary (One)
 - Joint Secretary (One)
 - Executive members (Six – three males and three females)
8. No person who is not a regular student on the rolls of the university enrolled in its full-time course of duration of at least one year, can take part in the election process in any capacity.
9. The elections shall be free of political involvement of any kind including affiliation to external outfits.
10. The entire process of elections commencing from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of results including the campaign period shall not exceed 10 working days.
11. The maximum Age limit to contest the elections shall be:

| Category | Students Belonging | Age {in years} (cut-off dates given in brackets) | |
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| | | Minimum | Maximum |
| I | First, Second & Third year Integrated and Undergraduate Students | 17 years (Born on or before 20.08.2002) | 22 (Born on or after 20.08.1997) |
| II | Fourth, Fifth year Integrated & P.G. Students | -- | 24 (Born on or after 20.08.1995) |
| III | Ph.D. Scholars | | 28 (Born on or after 20.08.1991) |

12. The candidate contesting the election shall have no academic arrears and should have minimum 75% attendance. Certificate attesting to the 75% of attendance of previous semester has to be

produced. The students of first year Integrated/P.G. course/Ph.D Scholars have to produce the certificate for the current semester attendance. The certificate has to be produced in this regard from the Head of the Department concerned.

13. The candidate shall have **one opportunity** to contest for the post of President, Vice President, Secretary and Joint Secretary and **two opportunities** to contest for the post of an executive member. Nomination shall be filed for only one post of the office bearer at a time. If a candidate files a nomination for more than one post, his nominations for the all the posts will stand rejected.
14. The candidate shall have no previous criminal record and shall not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the university authorities.
15. The candidate must be a regular student of the university enrolled in a full-time course of duration of at least one year and should not be a distance education student. The students admitted only for add-on courses (evening courses) will not be eligible participate in the election.
16. All Ph.D. scholars who have not completed four years from the date of Ph.D. registration are eligible to participate. Scholars who have completed Pre-PhD Synopsis presentation on or before the nomination date are not eligible to participate in the election.
17. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be **Rs.10,000** for the entire election process.
18. Each candidate shall, within two weeks of the declaration of the results, submit complete and certified accounts to the university authorities which shall be made available for any student to examine the same.
19. The candidates are strictly barred from utilizing funds from any external sources.
20. No candidate shall indulge in or abet any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities-religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students.
21. There shall be no reference or criticism to private life of other candidates or supporters of such other candidates. No allegations shall be made or distortions of any kind resorted to.
22. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Places of worship within or outside the campus shall not be used for election propaganda.
23. The candidates are strictly prohibited from indulging or abetting in any or all activities which are considered to be "corrupt

practices" and offences such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 24 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station.

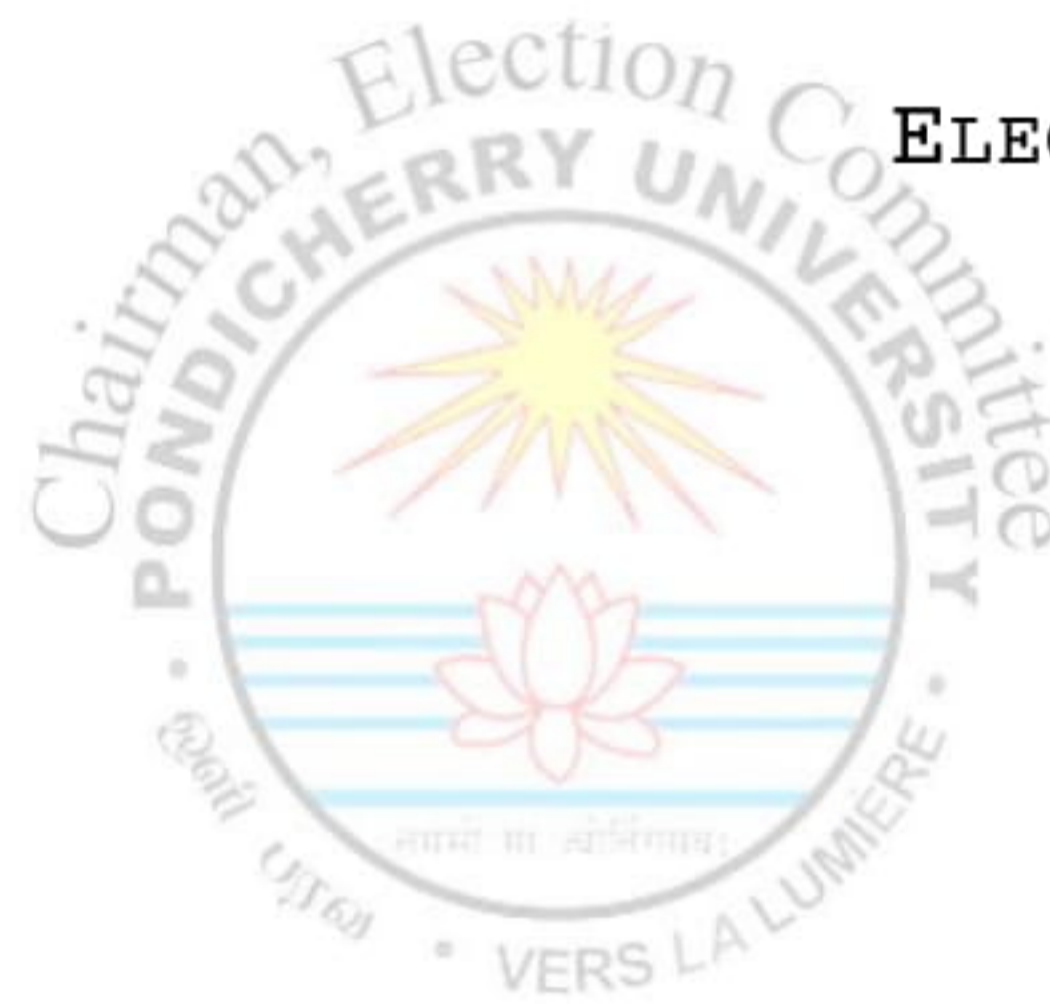
24. No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing provided such hand-made posters are procured within the expenditure limit set out herein above.
25. No candidate shall carry out processions or public meetings or propaganda inside or outside the university campus.
26. The use of loudspeakers or vehicles or animals or beating drums or busting crackers for canvassing is strictly prohibited.
27. No candidate or his/her supporters shall deface or cause any damage or destruction to any property of the University, for any purpose whatsoever, under any circumstances. All the candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction defacing of any university property.
28. The candidates may utilize only hand-made posters (not bigger than A-3 size) at the specified spaces in the campus in the following locations: Notice Boards at the Gate Nos. 1 & 2, Canteens, Shopping complex, Lecture Hall complexes I & II, Main Library, Students Service Centre, Student Notice Boards of the respective campuses and Community Colleges.
29. The candidates shall co-operate with the officers on Election duty and shall ensure peaceful and orderly polling and allow the voters to exercise their franchise without any annoyance or obstruction. The candidates shall not serve or distribute any eatables or other solid and liquid consumables except water.
30. Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass/letter of authority from the Chairman, Election Committee shall enter the polling booths.
31. The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of non-compliance of above conditions.
32. If candidates have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of the elections, they may bring the same to the notice of the Election Committee.
33. All candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up of the polling area and removal of all election related posters within 48 hours of the conclusion of polling.
34. During the period of the elections, no person who is not a student

on the rolls of the College/university shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity other than the persons assigned to the election duty.

35. Any person, candidate or student violating these rules shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings. In addition to this, the candidature as the case may be, being revoked.
36. There shall not be any canvassing inside the classrooms/buildings of the department and Library.
37. Observers shall be appointed to oversee the election process.
38. It shall be the duty of officers, faculty and every student of the University to ensure maintenance of law and order in the campus during the conduct of the election.
39. In the event of any contravention of any of the above conditions, the candidate shall be liable to be stripped of his candidature or his elected post as the case may be and the university may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such violators.
40. The student representatives of the Grievances Redressal Cell should not contest in the election.
41. In case of tie between candidates for any post, the first preference would be given to the candidates to decide themselves by mutual consent. If not, the candidate would be chosen by draw of lots.
42. In addition to the above-mentioned code of conduct, provisions of Indian Penal Code 1860, S.153A and Chapter IXA Offences relating to Elections shall be applicable.
43. As per the UGC's letter dated 14th July 2016, *None of The Above* [NOTA] option is to be included in the ballot papers.
44. Students who are away from headquarters on official duty such as field work, seminars/conferences etc. with the **prior approval of the Heads of Departments** may cast their votes by e-mail to the email of the Dean/E.O., as the case may be. Such students, however, must inform the E.O./Dean ahead of the Elections and obtain their concurrence and they will be sent the ballots by Email. Postal ballots have to be received by the E.O./Dean before the closing time of the polls to be counted.
45. The Election will be overseen by a Committee consisting of:
 - a. Prof K V Devi Prasad, DE&ES Chairman
 - b. Prof S. Sudalaimuthu, Chief Warden, Boys' Hostel
 - c. Prof D. Sultana, Chief Warden, Girls' Hostel
 - d. Prof A. Shahin Sultana, Dean, Students Welfare and
 - e. Prof Victor Ananda Kumar, Dept. of Management Studies
46. The Dean or a teacher nominated by him will be the Election

Officer for each of the Schools.

47. For the Election of Office Bearers, the election shall be conducted by the Committee above.
48. For the Election of Office Bearers, the representatives of Karaikal, Port Blair and Mahe campus shall cast their ballots by Email sent to the mail address that will be notified by the Election Committee.
49. A Grievance Committee has been constituted and Members of the Grievance cell are prohibited from filing complaints. Any other student may file a complaint with the Grievance cell, within a period of 3 weeks from the date of declaration of results. All complaints must be filed under the name of the student filing the complaint.



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CHAIRMAN
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ELECTION COMMITTEE (2019-20),
STUDENTS' COUNCIL,
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY