

CHAPTER III

THE SENATE AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
POWERS AND DUTIES

20. *The Senate* – (a) The Senate shall consist of the following persons, namely :—

Class I – Ex-Officio Members

- (1) The Chancellor
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor
- (4) The Director of Collegiate Education
- (5) The Director of School Education in-charge of Higher Secondary Education
- (6) The Director of Technical Education
- (7) The Director of Legal Studies
- (8) The Director of Medical Education
- (9) Heads of University Departments of Study and Research
- (10) Principals of all Affiliated Colleges;
- (11) The Librarian of the University Library;
- (12) The Director of Physical Education of the University and
- (13) Members of the Syndicate who are not otherwise members of the Senate.

Class II – Other Members

- (1) One member elected by teachers of each affiliated college.
- (2) One member elected from among themselves by the Secretaries of the College Committee of the private colleges, as defined in the Tamil Nadu Private College (Regulation) Act, 1976 (President's Act 19 of 1976) within the University area.
- (3) One member elected by Headmasters of Higher Secondary Schools in each revenue district within the University area.
- (4) Two members elected by registered graduates in each revenue district within the University area from among themselves.
- (5) Two members elected by the Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from among themselves and one member elected by the Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council from among themselves.

- (6) Not more than eight members nominated by the Chancellor representing—
- (i) recognized research institutions
 - (ii) recognised cultural associations
 - (iii) Chambers of Commerce
 - (iv) Industries
 - (v) Authors
 - (vi) Journalists
 - (vii) Lawyers
 - (viii) Sports; and

(7) (a) Six members nominated by the Pro-Chancellor of whom not less than three shall be nominated to secure the representation of the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes not otherwise adequately represented.

(b) Save as otherwise provided, elected and nominated members of the Senate shall hold office for a period of three years and such member shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

(c) When a person ceases to be a member of the Senate he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may happen to be a member, by virtue of his membership of the Senate.

21. Senate to review the broad policies and programmes of the University. — Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers and functions, namely :—

(a) to review, from time to time, the broad policies and programmes of the University and to suggest measures for the improvement and development of the University;

(b) to advise the Chancellor in respect of any matter, which may be referred to it for advice; and

(c) to exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

22. Meetings of the Senate - (1) The Senate shall meet at least twice in every year on dates to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor. One of such meetings shall be called the annual meeting. The Senate may also meet at such other times as it may, from time to time, determine.

(2) One-third of the total strength of the members of the Senate shall be the quorum required for a meeting of the Senate :

Provided that such quorum shall not be required at a convocation of the University or a meeting of the Senate, held for the purpose of conferring degrees, titles, diplomas or other academic distinctions.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit, and shall, upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than fifty per cent of the total members of the Senate, convene a special meeting of the Senate.

23. The Standing Committee on Academic Affairs — (1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Academic Affairs of the University which shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the statutes and the ordinances, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic affairs of the University.

(2) (a) The Standing Committee on Academic Affairs shall in addition to the Vice-Chancellor consist of the following persons namely :-

Class I - Ex-officio Members

- (1) The Director of Collegiate Education;
- (2) The Director of Technical Education;
- (3) The Director of Medical Education;
- (4) The Chairmen of all Boards for Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses of studies; and
- (5) The Deans of all Faculties.

Class II - Other Members

Two members elected by Principals of affiliated colleges from among themselves in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

(b) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs.

(c) The members of the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs, other than the *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years and such members shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The members of the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the University except such daily and travelling allowances as may be prescribed:

Provided that nothing contained in this clause shall preclude any member from drawing his normal emoluments to which he is entitled by virtue of the office he holds.

(e) A member of the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs, other than *ex-officio* member, may tender resignation of his membership at any time before the term of his office expires. Such resignation shall be conveyed to the Chancellor by a letter in writing by the member, and the resignation shall take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Chancellor.

(3) The powers and duties of the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs shall be such as may be prescribed by the statutes''.