

## CHAPTER XIX

### CONVOCATIONS FOR CONFERRING DEGREES

**1. Statute — Convocations** — Convocations, for the purpose of conferring degrees shall ordinarily be held twice every year, in the months of February and October and or at such other times as the Chancellor shall direct.

\* **2. Statute - Date of Application-** Candidates for degrees must submit to the Registrar their applications for admission to their several degrees in the prescribed forms with the prescribed fee on or before 15th January and 15th September respectively for the Convocation to be held in February and October. No person shall be admitted to a Convocation who has not thus sent in his application to the Registrar.

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\* **Amendment: Chapter XIV CONVOCATIONS FOR CONFERRING DEGREE**

**S1.No.2 Statute and S1.No.3 Statutes be deleted and be substituted with the following:-**

**2. Statute** — All the Candidates who are declared to have passed the respective examinations by the duly constituted Examiners and as approved by the Syndicate, shall be admitted to their several Degrees at the Convocation that follows and the Diploma issued as and when the candidates submit to the University their applications in the prescribed form along with the prescribed fees.

\* **3. Statute-Penalty for absence-** Any person, who having sent in his name to the Registrar as a candidate for a degree at a Convocation, fails to appear on that occasion shall, when next he applies for his degree, pay again the prescribed fee.

4. **Statute Degree "in absentia"** \_ A candidate for a degree may also be admitted in absentia to that degree on payment of the prescribed fee.

5. **Statute \_ Admission to Convocation a second time for the same Degree** No candidate who has already proceeded to a Degree and has been awarded his Diploma shall be admitted in the same Degree, a second time at a Convocation, notwithstanding that he may have qualified in an additional group or branch or in an additional language.

6. **Statute Assembly in Syndicate Hall** \_ The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties, and members of the Syndicate shall wear the academic robes prescribed and assemble in the Syndicate Room at the appointed Hour.

In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall preside, in his absence also the Vice-Chancellor shall preside, in their absence another member of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor shall preside.

7. **Statute \_ Graces of Syndicate** \_ The graces of the Syndicate on behalf of the candidates for admission to the several degrees will be supplicated in the following order:

Law by the Dean, Faculty of Law.

Medicine — by the Dean, Faculty of Medicine.

Engineering and Technology and Applied Science \_ by the Dean, Faculty of  
Engineering and Technology.

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\* Amendment:

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Amendment assented by the Chancellor vide letter No.10053/1J2/93, dated 11.1.1994 of the Secretary to the Governor.

Science by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

Teaching \_ by the Dean, Faculty of Teaching.

Arts \_ by the Dean, Faculty of Arts.

Management

Sociology by the Dean, Faculty of Social Science.

Social Work

Population Studies

8. **Statute \_ Form of Grace** — The formula to be used for each grace shall **mutatis mutandis** be as follows:

..... Chancellor, I move that a grace of the Syndicate be passed that these persons whom the Syndicate on the reports of the Examiners has certified to be qualified for the Degrees in the faculty of ..... be admitted to that those Degrees.

9. **Statute \_ Passing of Grace** - Whereupon the Chancellor shall put the question "Doth it please you that this grace be passed' and the Syndicate assenting, the Chancellor shall say 'This grace is passed'

10. **Statute \_ Procession** \_ When all the graces have been passed, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties and members of the Syndicate shall proceed in procession to the hall in which the degrees are to be conferred.

11. **Statute \_ Arrangement of seats** a The hall shall be so arranged that the Chancellor's chair may be somewhat in advance; the chairs assigned to the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties, and members of the Syndicate being so arranged as to leave full space for the presentation of the candidates. Special seats shall be provided in the hall for the members of the Senate and the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs.

12. **Statute \_ Seating of Candidate** \_ The candidates shall wear the gowns and hoods pertaining to their respective degrees, and shall be arranged opposite to the Chancellor.

13. On the procession entering the hall, the candidates shall rise and remain standing until the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties and members of the Syndicate have taken their seats.

14. **Statute — Procedure** — The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice- Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties and members of the Syndicate having taken their places, the Chancellor shall say:

This Convocation of the Bharathiar University has been called to confer degrees upon (Persons of eminence on whom the Syndicate has decided to confer honorary degrees) the candidates who, in the examinations recently held for the purpose have been certified to be worthy of the same. Let the candidates stand forward.

15. **Statute \_ Questions** \_ Then, the candidates standing, the Chancellor shall put to them the following questions:

**Question** - Do you sincerely promise and declare that if admitted to the degrees for which you are severally candidates, and for which you have been recommended, you will in your daily life and conversation conduct yourself as becomes members of this University?

**Answer** - I do promise.

**Question** - Do you promise that to the utmost of your opportunity and ability you will support and promote the cause of morality and sound learning?

**Answer** - I do promise.

**Question** - Do you promise that you will, as far as in you lies, uphold and advance social order and the well-being of your fellowmen?

**Answer** - I do promise.

In the case of candidates for professional degrees, the following addition shall be made:-

**Question** - Do you promise that you will faithfully and carefully fulfil the duties of the legal, medical, engineering, technological, commercial and teaching professions, that you will, on all occasions, maintain their purity and reputation, and that you will never deviate from the straight path of their honourable exercise by making your knowledge subservient to unworthy ends?

**Answer** - I do promise.

16. **Statute -- Address** — Then a Convocation address may be made to the candidates by a member of the Senate or Syndicate or a member of the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs or any other person appointed by the Chancellor

17. The Chancellor shall say: et the candidates be now presented.

18. **Statute \_ Presentation of degrees** — Then the candidates shall be presented to the Chancellor by the heads of their respective colleges being members of the Senate or by other members of the Senate or Syndicate, the candidates having first received their diplomas from the Registrar.

19. When all the candidates for the degrees in a Faculty have been presented, the Chancellor shall say to the candidates who stand in standing:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor of the Bharathiar University, I admit you to the several degrees in Faculty of

for which you *have* been declared qualified in this University and in token thereof you have been presented with these diplomas and I authorise you to wear the robes ordained, as the insignia of your degree.

20. **Statute -. ord of Degrees** — When all the candidates have been presented, the Registrar shall lay the record of the degrees that have been conferred before the Chancellor, who shall sign the same

21. **Statute -- Dissolution of Convocation** -- After the admission of all the candidates to various degrees, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Deans of *the Faculties and members of the Syndicate shall* rise up and the Chancellor shall say:

I dissolve this Convocation.

22. **Statute — Procession** — Then the *Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Deans of the faculties and members of the Syndicate shall retire* in procession to the Syndicate room, the graduates standing.

**23. Statute — Procedure for Honorary Degree** — Nothing in the foregoing Statute, except Statutes 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of this Chapter in so far as they are applicable, shall apply in the case of Honorary Degrees.