



PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Election Notification – 2016

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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

Modality of Election

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 Puducherry 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 of the students, the student community has been divided into three categories. Category-I consists of the students of the first 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 Ph.D scholars.
5. The number of school representative 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 1 : Integrated Courses (first, second and third year students)	
Strength of the students in the School/Campuses/ Community College	No. of Representatives
Upto 400	2 (one male & one female)
401 to 800	4 (two males & two females)
801 to 1200	6 (three males & three females)
1201 to 1600	8 (four males & four females)
>1600	10 (five males & five females)
Category 2: Integrated courses (fourth and fifth year students) and PG courses	
Up to 400	2 (one male & one female)
401 to 800	4 (two males & two females)
801 to 1200	6 (three males & three females)
1201 to 1600	8 (four males & four females)
> 1600	10 (five males & five females)
Category 3: 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 males and two females)
> 400	5 (at least two males and two females)

7. The Students' Council shall have the following office bearers:

- a) **President (One)**
- b) **Vice-President (Two - one male and one female)**
- c) **Secretary (One)**
- d) **Joint Secretary (One)**
- e) **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 a 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 date is the nomination date for the School Representative)	
		Minimum	Maximum
1	First three years of Integrated Courses	17 (completed)	22 (not completed)
2	Fourth and Fifth years of Integrated Courses and PG Courses	----	24 (not completed)
3	Ph.D. Scholars	----	28 (not completed)

12. The candidate contesting the election shall have no academic arrears and should have minimum 75 % attendance. The 75% of attendance of previous two semesters has to be produced. The students of first year Integrated/PG courses/Ph.D Scholars have to produce the current semester attendance. The certificate has to be produced in this regard from the concerned Head of the Department.
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 nomination for the all the posts stands disqualified.
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 to participate in the election.
16. All the Ph.D. scholars who have not completed four years from the date of Ph.D. registration and on the roll to receive any of the Fellowships will be eligible to participate. The candidate who has made Pre-PhD Synopsis presentation on or before the nomination date is not eligible to contest/participate in the election.
17. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs.5,000/-.
18. Each candidate shall within two weeks of the declaration of the result, 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 or public activities of the 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. Candidates may only utilize handmade posters 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 candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any university property.
28. The candidates may utilise 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 and 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 Chief Election officer 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 authority.
 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 this rule 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 canvass inside the classroom/buildings of the department and library.
 37. The observers shall be appointed to oversee the election process. Two observers shall be appointed for each school/campus/community college.
 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 the election.
 41. In case of tie between candidates for any post(s), first preference would be given to the tie candidates to decide themselves by mutual consent. If not, the candidate would be chosen by draw.
 42. In addition to the above mentioned code of conduct, provisions of Indian Penal Code 1860 (Section 153 A and Chapter IX A – Offences Relating to Election) shall be applicable.
 43. As per the UGC letter dated 14th July 2016, None Of The Above (NOTA) option is to be included in the ballot papers.

44. Election Officers

Prof. K.Srinivas, Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry (email ID puelection2016@gmail.com) will be the Chief Election Officer of the University and **Dr.D.Lazar**, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, School of Management, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry will be the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

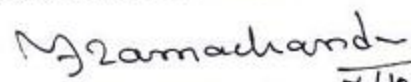
Dr. Rajeswari Seshadri, Dean in-charge, Students' Welfare will be the Election Officer for conducting the election to the the Office Bearers of the Students Council.

Dean or a senior faculty nominated by the Dean will be the election officer for the School concerned. **Dr. S. Amilan**, Centre Head, Karikal campus and **Prof. N.Ramanujam**, Professor and Head, Department of Disaster Management, will be the election officers for the Karikal and Port-Blair Campuses respectively. **Dr. Prabhath Bhaskaran**, Centre Head and **Prof. A.Chellaperumal**, Principal will be the Election Officers for the Community Colleges of Mahe Centre and Pondicherry respectively.

All matters relating to student representatives, starting from the filing of nomination up to the declaration of the results for School/Campus/Community College, will be dealt by the respective Dean or his/her nominee/Campus Heads/Principal respectively. The election of office bearers will be dealt by Dean, Students' Welfare and the overall supervision of the elections will be the responsibility of Chief Election Officer assisted by the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

Representatives of Port-Blair and Karaikal campuses and Community College of Mahe Centre shall cast their votes for the office bearers of the Students' Council through e-mail to the Election Officer (e-mail ID of Dean, Students Council with a copy to the Chief Election Officer), which will be counted along with the secret ballot votes by other representatives.

Violation of any sort of the election guidelines/rules/regulations/conditions shall invite stringent punishment.


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