

The Council also approved to appoint Mr.S. Saravanakumaran for 6 months from 01.02.2017 on contract basis.

The Council also approved to keep the following on reserve in order of merit  
Mr.M.Mathavan  
Mr.B.Theeparuban

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## 2. Appointment of on call Drivers

The Council approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee to appoint the following to the Post of Drivers on 'on call' basis with immediate effect.

Mr.Seevaratnam Vijitharan  
Mr.Velautham Thusikaran  
Mr.Mehanathan Uthayaruban  
Mr.Maheswaran Thineshkumar

The Council also approved to keep the following on reserve in order of merit

Mr. Arumugam Ranjan  
Mr. Sathasivam Mayooran

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## 13. Strategic Plan for the University of Jaffna

It was informed that most of the faculties have sent their revised Strategic Management Plan for 2017-2021 according to the suggestions made at the special meeting. The Council approved the Strategic Management Plan of the university of Jaffna for 2017- 2021 and decided to send the document to the University Grants Commission.

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## 14. Special Council meeting for the Election of Vice Chancellor

The Chairperson requested the council to fix dates for the normal Council and the special Council for the presentation by Vice Chancellor Candidates before commencing the election. She further said that according to the relevant UGC circular the presentation by the Vice Chancellor Candidates (minimum of 15 minutes) has to be done before commencing the election.

The dates for the normal Council and the special Council meetings were fixed as follows:

25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Saturday) – Normal Monthly Council  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Sunday) – Special Council for presentation by Vice Chancellor candidate and the election followed by another Special Council to confirm the Minutes of the previous special Council.

The following decisions were taken relevant to Vice Chancellors Election.

1. Each Candidate can deliver their presentation for about 10 – 15 minutes and no question time thereafter.
  - i. Presentation by candidates - 9.30 a.m
  - ii. Election - 11.30 a.m
  - iii. Special Council to confirm minutes 1.30 p.m

2. One can cast 3 votes for 3 different candidates by marking "X" against the candidates. If two candidates get equal votes, another election to be conducted among those two candidates.

The Chairperson informed that five applications were received before 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 which was the closing date for the submission of applications and one application from USA was received on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The Chairperson further said that advertisement says that the application should reach the office of Registrar before 3.p.m on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This application was sent by registered post and this was registered in USA on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Dr.N.Jeyakumaran said that it has to be accepted since he registered in USA on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and the postal rule is applicable on this. Most of members emphasized that this application cannot be legally accepted since it has not reached the office on time. Dr.N.Jeyakumaran requested to obtain the legal opinion from the UGC.

Prof.V.Tharmaratnam said that since the application was posted in USA on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 the applicant cannot be very much faulted for this delay.

The Chairperson at this point said that according to the procurement procedure any bids received after closing date and time will be rejected.

The Chairperson further said that the candidate has not applied through head of his Institution whereas he has to apply through head of his Institution since he is from outside the University of Jaffna and he has not mentioned about his citizenship whether he is Sri Lankan or not.

Finally it was decided to write to the legal officer of UGC to get legal opinion on accepting the application with the following three facts.

- i. Applications reached at the office of the Registrar after the closing date.
- ii. This application was not forwarded through his head of Institution.
- iii. The applicant has not mentioned about his citizenship.

Dr.Sivasekaram suggested to take decisions since there are legally acceptable reasons to reject this application.

The Chairperson got opinion of Ms.Abimannasingham over the phone and according to her the late application cannot be accepted since our advertisement says that the application should reach the office of Registrar before 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Hence it was decided to combine other applications and sent to all council members.

Registrar

  
**Mr. N. Rajavisahan**  
**For Registrar/ Secretary to the Council**