

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR THE ELECTION TO THE POST OF
VICE CHANCELLOR HELD ON 26.02.2017 AT 9.30 A.M. IN THE
BOARD ROOM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**

Present:

Prof. (Ms.) V. Arasaratnam
Dr.T.Mangaleswaran
Prof. (Mrs.) T.Mikunthan
Dr.A.Atputharajah
Mr.S.Kuganesan
Dr.A. Pushpanathan
Dr.K.Suthakar
Prof.P.Ravirajan
Prof.(Mrs).S.Ramesh
Mr.Mano Sekaram
Prof.V.Tharmaratnam
Prof.S.K.Sitrampalam
Eng.R.M.W.Ratnayake
Dr.P.Lakshman
Dr.S.Sivasegaram
Dr.N.Jeyakumaran
Prof.S.H.Hasbullah
Dr.Aru Thirumurugan
Mr.S.Rangarajah
Dr.D.Nesiah
Mr.N.Vethanayahan
Mr.M.Kanapathipillai
Mr.V.Kanagasabapathy

Vice Chancellor (**Chairperson**)
Rector/Vavuniya Campus
Dean/Agriculture
Dean/Engineering
Dean/Applied Science
Dean/ Business Studies
For Dean/Arts
Rep. of Senate
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Excused:

Ms. S Abimannasingham

UGC Appointed Member

In Attendance:

Mr.N.Rajavisahan

For Registrar (**Secretary**)

UGC Observer

Prof.H.Abayagunawardana

UGC Nominee

Applications were called for the Post of Vice Chancellor of University of Jaffna by paper advertisement appeared on 23rd November 2016 (Dinamina, Daily News, Thinakkural and Valampuri) and also by circulating the notice among the Universities and publishing the notice in the Website of the University of Jaffna. The closing date for accepting the applications was on 3.00 pm on 16.01.2017. The Search Committee and the Evaluation Committee were appointed by the Council at its 415th meeting held on 21.12.2016.

The following 5 applications were received before the closing date.

1. Prof G.Mikunthan
2. Dr.S.Raviraj
3. Prof.S.Srisatkunarajah
4. Prof.T.Velnampy
5. Prof.R.Vigneswaran

The application submitted by Prof. Sam Thiyagalingam, No72, East Concord Street, 1320, Boston, Massachusetts 02118, USA reached the Office of the Registrar on 19.01.2017.

All 6 applications were submitted to Evaluation Committee.

However, the Council at its Special meeting held on 28.01.2017 decided that the 6th candidate, Prof. Sam Thiyagalingam was not eligible to be considered for nomination for the post of Vice Chancellor as the application had reached the Registrar's office after that due date. At the same meeting the Council requested the Registrar to get a clarification on this matter from the UGC. Accordingly, the Registrar has sought the opinion from the UGC, and UGC has informed that the University is not bound to accept applications received after the closing date and time.

Accordingly, the report of the Evaluation Committee along with the copies of the applications of the 5 eligible candidates were sent to the Council members on 14th February, 2017.

The Council at its 416th meeting held on 25th February, 2017 had reaffirmed the decision taken at the Special Council meeting held on 28.01.2017 regarding the ineligibility of the 6th candidate, Prof. Sam Thiyagalingam for nomination for the post of Vice Chancellor.

As decided at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 28.01.2017, the Special Meeting to nominate three candidates out of 5 eligible candidates is held on 26th February, 2017 commencing from 9.30 am. At the commencement of the meeting three members, namely, Prof. V. Tharmaratnam, Dr. N. Jeyakumaran and Dr. D. Nesiah stated that they are taking part in today's proceedings while reserving their rights to protest, if necessity arises.

All five eligible candidates were invited for short presentation before the Council Members.

As per the provision in the UGC Circular No. 14/2016 the Council conducted a secret ballot to elect three nominees.

The results are as follows.

Number of members eligible to vote: 24

Number of members present at the meeting: 23

Name	Total Votes
1. Prof.G.Mikunthan	05
2. Dr.S.Raviraj	09
3. Prof.S.Srisatkunarajah	17
4. Prof.T.Velnamby	09
5. Prof. R.Vigneswaran	11

As two candidates secured equal number of votes for the third place, second round of voting was conducted.

Results of the second round of voting are as follows:

1. Dr.S.Raviraj	09
2. Prof. T.Velnamby	14

Accordingly, the Council decided to submit the following three names arranged in accordance with the number of votes secured to the University Grant Commission for consideration for the Post of Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna.

1. Prof.S.Srisatkunarajah
2. Prof. R.Vigneswaran
3. Prof. T.Velnamby

The Chairperson thanked the observer Prof.H.Abayagunawardana, UGC nominee for his valuable presence.

N.Rajavisahan
Registrar/Secretary to the Council.
26.02.2017