

STATUTE GOVERNING CONVOCATIONS FOR CONFERRING DEGREES

(Framed Under Section 40(c) and (d) read with Section 68 and 69 of K.S.U. Act 2000)

1. Title and Commencement:

- i) These statutes shall be called Statutes Governing Convocations for Conferring Degrees.**
- ii These statutes shall come into effect from the date of assent of the Chancellor.**

2. Annual Convocation:

- i) A Convocation for the purpose of conferring Degrees shall be held once a year in the month of January/ February and at other times as the Chancellor may direct on the recommendation of University Syndicate.**
- ii) The Registrar, shall at least 30 days before the Annual Convocation cause a Notification to be published in the leading News Papers and in the University Office, Managalangotri indicating the date of Convocation.**

- 3. i) After the publication of results of Degree Examinations held every year, the Registrar (Evaluation) will prepare a list of candidates eligible to receive their Degrees at the next Annual Convocation. A list of such candidates eligible for conferment of Degrees shall be presented at the Annual Convocation and all the candidates shall be conferred Degrees.**

- ii) Candidates included in the list mentioned in Clause 3(i) above shall be eligible to receive their Degrees, either in person or in absentia.**

- 4. Admission to the Convocation shall be limited only to the candidates eligible for post-graduate degrees, Doctorates, Honorary Doctorates and Winners of Prizes and Medals in First Degrees and all the first class graduates of all the faculties.**

5. Distribution of Degree Certificates:

- i) Distribution of Degree Certificates to the persons coming under Clause 3 above shall be made either at the Convocation or at any time after the Convocation. Provided however, that no such candidate will be admitted to the Convocation who does not submit his application in the prescribed form to the Registrar (Evaluation) with the prescribed fee so as to reach him not later than 20 days before the date fixed for the Convocation. Provided further that such candidates shall not be allowed to apply for and receive the same Degree in person at any subsequent Convocation.**

- ii) Distribution of Degrees Certificates to all other graduates included in the list mentioned in Clause 3(i) shall ordinarily be made by the Registrar (Evaluation) from where, a month after such Convocation is held, but it shall be pre-condition that such a candidate had applied to the Registrar (Evaluation) in the prescribed form within the time specified in the University Notification after paying the prescribed fees.**

- iii) Others who have not have taken the Degree Certificates at the Colleges in the manner noted above may at any time after the Annual Convocation apply to the Registrar (Evaluation) in the prescribed form along with the payment of the prescribed fees and they shall be issued the Degree Certificates.
- 6. i) Between two Annual Convocations if University Examinations are held and students are in such Examinations, thus becoming eligible for conferment of degrees at the next annual Convocation, the Registrar (Evaluation) is competent to issue provisional certificates declaring them to have passed such University examinations. Such candidates will however, obtain conferment of degrees only at the next annual Convocation.
- ii) Degree Certificates to such candidates will be issued only on an application made to the Registrar (Evaluation) by paying the prescribed fees.

7. Every candidate applying for the degree shall sign a declaration in the following form printed in the application form:

“I hereby solemnly declare and promise that, if admitted to the degree of..... recommended, I shall, in my daily life and conversation, conduct myself, as befits a member of this University, that I shall to the utmost of my capacity and opportunity, support the cause of morality and sound learning, and that, as far as in me lies, I shall uphold and advance the social order and the well-being of my fellowmen”.

In the case of Professional Degrees, the following shall be added to the above declaration:

“I shall faithfully and carefully fulfill the duties of the profession to which I may be admitted by virtue of my degree: that I shall on all occasions maintain its purity and reputation and I shall never deviate from the straight path of their honourable exercise by making my knowledge subservient to unworthy ends”.

8. **Attendance at Convocation:**

Candidates attending the Convocation shall come in white dress and shall occupy their respective seats before the proceedings begin.

9. **Preliminary Meeting of the Academic Council:**

- i) **There shall be a meeting of the Academic Council preliminary to the Convocation at which the report of the Syndicate containing lists of candidates recommended for the degrees relating to various Faculties be admitted to the several degrees for which they have been recommended.**
- ii) **The Dean of each Faculty, or in his absence, the senior member of such Faculty present, shall then move the persons so recommended for the degrees relating to his Faculty be admitted to the several degrees for which they have been recommended.**

10. Convocation Procession

The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Members of the Academic Council and Syndicate shall pass in procession to the place where the Convocation is to be held, the order of the procession being as under:

- i) Members of the Academic Council and Syndicate (in pairs)
- ii) Deans of Faculties (in pairs)
- iii) The Registrar (Evaluation)
- iv) The Registrar
- v) Recipients of Honorary Degrees
- vi) Chief Guest invited to deliver convocation address.
- vii) The Vice-Chancellor
- viii) Mace-bearer
- ix) The Pro-Chancellor
- x) The Chancellor (followed by Aide-de-Camp)

Candidates and other invitees in the hall will remain standing till the Members forming the procession take their seats.

11. Conferment of Degrees:

i) After the members forming the procession have taken their places, the Vice-Chancellor will request the Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor to declare the Convocation open in the following words: "Mr. Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor, I have the honour to request you, Sir, to declare the Convocation open". The Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor will then declare the Convocation open and say: "This Convocation of the Mangalore University has been called to confer degrees upon the candidates who in the examinations held for the purpose, have been successful and certified to be worthy of receiving the degrees. Let the candidates be presented".

ii) The Deans of Faculties or Heads of Colleges or other members of the Academic Council who may be nominated for the purpose by the Vice-Chancellor shall present the candidates to the Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor for the award or degrees:

"Sir, I present the candidates whose names are set out in the list for the degrees of..... under the Faculty of..... They have been examined and found qualified for the respective degrees to which I pray they may be admitted".

All the candidates who belong to the several degrees under the Faculty will rise from their seats and bow to the Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor and then resume their seats.

iii) At the conclusion of presentation of candidates, the Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor shall say to the candidates. "By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor of the Mangalore University, I admit all the candidates presented to the degrees of in this University; and in taken thereof they have been presented with these diplomas".

12. Convocation Address:

An address suitable to the occasion will then be delivered by the Chief Guest.

13. Convocation Conclusion:

The Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor shall then dissolve the convocation. The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the members of the Academic Council and Syndicate shall retire in procession. And the order shall be reverse of the order given in Clause 10.

14. Schedule of Robes for the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Members of the Academic Council and the Syndicate.

Chancellor:

Gown: Rich dark red or vermilion with gold facings.

Pro-Chancellor:

Gown: Red with golden yellow facings

Vice-Chancellor:

Gown: Black with Blue and Gold facings

Registrar and Registrar (Evaluation)

Gown: Black-faced gown of Silk or Stuff.

Members of the Academic Council and the Syndicate:

Gown: Black, Silk or Alpaca gown with Three inch gold coloured border of Braid or Silk from each shoulder to the bottom in front, or the Gown and Hood prescribed for the University degree taken.

For recipients of Honorary Degrees, Robe: White Dress

	Gown	Hood
L.L.D.	Crimson silk with gold facing	Scarlet silk with gold linings
D.S.T.	Crimson Silk with blue border	Dark red with gold linings
D.Litt.	White silk with sky blue border	Sky blue with gold linings

15. Honorary Degrees or Other Distinctions:-

(i) If not less than two thirds of the members of the Syndicate recommend that an Honorary degree or other academic distinction be conferred on any person on the ground that he is in its opinion, by reason of eminent attainment and position, fit and proper to receive such degree on the person concerned.

(ii) The Honorary degree or distinction may be conferred only in exceptional cases. It shall not be conferred as a matter of course. Only such of the persons who have

contributed substantially to the advancement of Literature, Philosophy, Arts, Music, Painting or any other subject assigned to the Faculty of Arts, Science or Technology or conspicuous service rendered by them to the cause of education shall be identified for the purpose of grant of such Honorary degrees (D.Litt.)

- (iii) A degree of Doctor of Science & Technology (D.S.T.) Honoris Causa may be conferred upon such persons in the branch of Science or Technology, Planning, Organising or Developing Scientific and Technological Institutions.
 - (iv) A degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) Honoris Causa may be conferred upon such persons who are distinguished Lawyers, Judges, Jurists, Statesmen or have made noteworthy contribution to the cause of the public.
 - (v) Honorary degrees shall be conferred only at the Annual Convocation and may be taken in person or in absentia.
 - (vi) The presentation of persons at the convocation on whom Honorary degrees are to be conferred shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor.
 - (vii) The Diploma or Certificate for an Honorary Degree shall be signed by the Chancellor/ Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor.
 - (viii) The procedure outlined in the Statutes governing the Annual Convocation shall apply Mutatis/ Mutandis in the case of conferment of Honorary Degrees also except that in the latter case the recipient of the Honorary Degree may be allowed to make a brief address after receiving the degree and be a member of the convocation.
16. The Vice-Chancellor may make suitable changes with the prior approval of the Chancellor in regard to the procedure to be followed at convocation when circumstances necessitate.

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Sd/
REGISTRAR.