UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT (ELECTION SECTION)

Calicut University.P.O, 673 635

Election to the Senate from the Constituency of Non-teaching staff of University from among themselves as per Item No. (9) under 'Elected Members' of Section 17 of the Calicut University Act 5 of 1975.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

- 1. The persons whose names are printed in the ballot paper have been nominated as candidates for election to the Senate by the Non-teaching staff of University from among themselves as per Item No.(9) under 'Elected Members' of Section 17 of the Calicut University Act 5 of 1975.
- 2. The number of seats to be filled by election is **1 (One) member**
- 3. The date and hour fixed for the poll is on 28.06.2018 at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. at University Senate House and 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Dr.John Matthai Centre, Thrissur
- 4. <u>Prohibition of canvassing in or near the polling station</u>

No person shall, on the date or dates on which a poll is taken at any polling station, commit any of the following acts within the polling station or within a distance of 100 metres of the polling station, namely:

(a) Canvassing for votes or (b) Soliciting the vote of any elector or (c) Persuading any elector not to vote for a particular candidate or (d) Persuading any elector not to vote at the election or (e) Exhibiting any notice or sign for improving his prospectus of election.

5. Voting:-

- a. Exercise your franchise by secret ballot. No vote shall be given by proxy
- b. Each voter has to produce a duly signed identity form (attested by employer/branch head/officers concerned). Ballot papers shall not be issued to those who failed to produce the identity form.
- c. The elector shall sign against his/her name in the copy of the Electoral Roll kept by the Presiding Officer before the ballot paper issued to him/her.
- d. The voter who recieved the ballot paper shall then proceed to the polling booth to record the vote.
- e. The elector shall mark the vote in the manner prescribed in the column provided for the purpose in the ballot paper as given below:-

Vote by placing the figure 1 in the space opposite the name of the candidate who is his/her first choice and may also place the figure 2 & 3 in the space opposite the name of the candidate who is his/her second & third choice respectively and so on. The elector has as many preferences as there are candidates. Crosses or other marks must not be used that will invalidate the vote.

f. After recording the vote, fold the ballot so as to conceal his/her marking and then deposit the ballot paper through a slit provided in the ballot box.

- g. The Ballot paper must be deposited in the box even if the voter does not desire to record his/her vote for any candidate.
- h. No ballot paper shall be taken away from the Polling booth.
- i. If a voter is incapacitated by physical infirmity it shall be competent for him to record his vote by the hand of the Returning officer or his deputy.
- j. No voter shall be allowed to enter the place arranged for marking the vote when another voter is there and no voter shall remain there longer than is necessary for recording his vote.
- 6. A ballot paper shall be rejected:
 - a. If it does not bear the Returning Officer's initials; or
 - b. If the voter signs his name or writes any word or makes any mark by which the identity of the voter becomes recognisable; or
 - c. If the figure 1 is not marked; or
 - d. If the figure **1** is set opposite the name of more than one candidate or is so marked as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to apply; or
 - e. If the figure 1 and some other figures are set opposite the name of the same candidate; or
 - f. If it is void for uncertainty; or
 - g. If it violates any other Law
- 7. The Scrutiny and Counting of Votes will be as per the notification issued in this regard. (on 28.07.2018)
- 8. No person shall be present at the scrutiny and counting of votes except the Vice-Chancellor, the Returning Officer and such persons as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint to assist the Returning Officer, the candidates or not more than one representative of each candidate, appointed by him in writing, and approved by the Returning Officer.

REGISTRAR & RETURNING OFFICER