



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

Department of Students' Welfare - College Union / Campus Union Election 2026-27 : Minutes of the Syndicate meeting held on 19.09.2026, vide Item No. 2026.1072* - Implemented - Orders issued.

Dept. of Students' Welfare

U.O.No. 13078/2026/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 24.09.2026

*Read:-*1. Bye-laws of the College Students' Union, approved by the Syndicate as per resolution 84-75 dated 31.01.1984 and revised as per resolution 2012.587 dtd 29.06.2012.

2. U.O.No.11181/2026/Admn dtd 11.08.2026.

3. U.O.No. 12646/2026/Admn Dtd 11.09.2026.

4. Extract of Minutes of the Syndicate meeting held on 19.09.2026, vide Item No. 2026.1072* .

5. Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 24.09.2026 .

ORDER

1. The Students' Union Elections in the Affiliated Colleges, University Study Centres, and Teaching Departments under the University are conducted in accordance with the **Bye-laws of the College Students' Union**, approved by the Syndicate vide Resolution No. 84-75 dated 31.01.1984 and subsequently revised vide Resolution No. 2012.587 dated 29.06.2012.

2. As per the reference cited as (2) above, the Vice-Chancellor constituted a Committee to study and report on the remedial measures to be taken to improve the conduct of Student Union Elections, in accordance with the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee Report.

3. As per the University Order cited as (3) above, the schedule for the Students' Union Election 2026–27 was approved by the Vice-Chancellor. In accordance with the approved schedule, the Dean, Students' Welfare, convened interactive sessions with the Returning Officers of the affiliated colleges under the University from **16 to 18 September 2026**. The suggestions and recommendations made by the Returning Officers for the smooth and effective conduct of the Students' Union Elections were compiled and submitted by the Dean, Students' Welfare, to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for consideration.

(4) The Syndicate meeting held on 19.09.2026, considered the **Report of the Committee constituted to study and report on the remedial steps to be taken to improve the conduct of the Students' Union Elections, as envisaged in the Lyngdoh Committee Report**, and the **Report submitted by the Dean, Students' Welfare, based on the three-day interaction with the Returning Officers** in connection with the College Union Elections for the Academic Year

2026–27 in the affiliated colleges, Teaching departments and study centres, as cited in reference (4) above, approved the following resolutions:

(A) Mode of Election (Presidential or Parliamentary Mode):

- University Campuses:

Resolved to adopt the Presidential Mode of election for the Students' Union Elections in the University Campuses, until further orders or revision of the decision in this matter.

- University Centres outside the Campus:

Resolved that the existing mode of election and procedure of Students' Union Election shall continue in the Centres directly administered by the University. Any Centre requiring a change in the existing election procedure or mode of election, the Co-ordinator shall submit the matter to the Vice-Chancellor through the proper channel for consideration and appropriate orders.

- Affiliated Colleges:

Resolved that the existing mode of election and procedure of Students' Union Election shall be decided by the Principal of the affiliated colleges. Any affiliated college proposing any change in the existing mode or election procedure shall intimate the matter to the University.

(B) Disassociation from Political Parties and External Influence.

Resolved to prohibit the participation and interference of outsiders in the Students' Union Election process and to ensure that no candidate receives political or external financial/material support. Any violation shall attract appropriate disciplinary action, including cancellation of candidature or election, as applicable.

(C) Frequency of Election.

Resolved to conduct the Students' Union Elections ordinarily on an annual basis, preferably within six – eight weeks from the date of commencement of the semester of the respective academic year, and to complete the entire election process, including campaigning, nomination and declaration of results, ordinarily within ten days. The Department of Students' Welfare shall prepare and circulate the election schedule to the University Campuses, Centres and affiliated colleges, ensuring that the election process causes minimum disruption to regular teaching and academic activities.

(D) Formation of Research Scholars' Union – University of Calicut

Resolved to constitute the Research Scholars' Union (RSU) as a University-wide representative body for all eligible full-time PhD scholars registered under the University of Calicut, including research scholars pursuing research in recognised research centres in affiliated colleges.

The structure of RSU shall be as follows:

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson (Lady)

General Secretary

Secretary (Lady)

Student Editor

Secretary, Fine Arts

General Captain

Councillor(s) to the Calicut University Union – as applicable

Faculty Representatives – as applicable

Resolved further that the election to RSU shall be conducted through a centralised process for eligible research scholars in the University Teaching Departments and University Campuses at Thenjipalam, Thrissur and Chethalayam, respectively. In case of recognised research centres in affiliated colleges, the election of representatives shall be conducted by the Principal of the respective college, following a procedure similar to that adopted for Academic Council election of the University. The overall election process shall be conducted by the Department of Students' Welfare (Dean of Students' Welfare as the Returning Officer) in co-ordination with the Directorate of Research and Directorate of Admissions.

(E) Integration of the Student Unions on the University campuses.

Resolved to constitute a single Students' Union for each of the following University Campuses, covering all eligible full-time UG/PG/Integrated PG students of the respective Campus, irrespective of whether the programme is regular or under self-financing stream:

Campus Students' Union – CU Campus (CSU–CU Campus)

Campus Students' Union – JMC, Thrissur (CSU–JMC)

Campus Students' Union – ITSR, Chethalayam (CSU–ITSR)

Resolved further that all eligible students enrolled in recognised full-time programmes of a minimum one academic year duration in the respective Campus shall constitute the electorate of the Campus Students' Union, subject to the eligibility conditions prescribed by the University from time to time. Resolved further that a uniform Students' Union fee, Magazine Fee etc. may be collected from eligible students of the three University Campuses and utilised for student activities of the respective Campus Students' Unions. The programmes and activities initiated in the University Campuses in future shall also be brought under the coordinated framework of the respective Campus Students' Unions, as applicable.

(F) Eligibility Criteria for Candidates

Resolved that, for the purpose of contesting the Students' Union Elections, the age limit for undergraduate students shall be 17 to 22 years, with appropriate relaxation for professional programmes of 4–5 years; in the case of FYUG fourth-year students, the maximum age limit shall be 23 years; for postgraduate students and students of the fourth and fifth years of Integrated Programmes, respectively, the maximum age limit shall be 24 and 25 years, respectively. In the case of the Research Scholars' Union (RSU), the maximum age limit shall be 28 years, subject to satisfying other eligibility conditions prescribed by the University from time to time. Candidates shall satisfy the minimum attendance requirement of 75 % on the date of election notification. Condonations, leaves, or attendance relaxations granted for academic or examination purposes shall not be credited toward calculating the minimum 75% attendance required for the candidate's nomination. Candidates shall not have academic arrears upto the year of contesting the election (Based on the results officially declared by the University/College).

(G) Code of Conduct:

Resolved that the Code of Conduct prescribed for the Students' Union Elections shall be strictly followed, and that candidates shall refrain from personal attacks, defamatory statements, unverified allegations, hate speech and appeals based on caste, religion, community or language. Bribery, intimidation, impersonation and other corrupt practices shall be prohibited. Election campaigning shall be undertaken only with the prior permission of the competent authority and shall not interfere with academic activities or be conducted in laboratories or other prohibited areas by the institute. Public meetings, processions and the use of loudspeakers shall require prior permission. Distribution of food, gifts or other inducements and election propaganda on polling day shall be prohibited, and access to polling stations shall be restricted to authorised persons only. Any violation of the Code of Conduct shall attract appropriate action, including restriction or cancellation of campaigning privileges, cancellation/disqualification of candidature and/or disciplinary action, as applicable.

(H) Ballot Paper Printing and Distribution

Resolved that colour-coded ballot papers for individual posts shall be followed as the standard practice for the conduct of Students' Union Elections. However, in cases where a college faces genuine practical difficulties in adopting colour-coded separate ballot papers, particularly due to a large number of students or other practical considerations, the use of combining different posts into a ballot paper may be followed. In such cases, all other mandatory requirements relating to the printing, format, identification, serial numbering, authentication, issue, and accounting of ballot papers shall be strictly complied with. Each ballot paper shall bear a unique

serial number, and the corresponding serial number shall be recorded on the counterfoil. The ballot papers shall be printed in a standardised format approved by the competent authority and shall be issued under the responsibility of the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer shall ensure that the ballot papers and their counterfoils are preserved in sealed covers and shall maintain the same as per election norms.

(I) Definition of Office Bearers / Executive of the College/Campus Union

Resolved that, for the purpose of the Students' Union Elections, the Office Bearers of the College Union shall comprise the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Joint Secretary, while the Executive Members shall comprise the University Union Councillor, Fine Arts Secretary, General Captain, Student Editor, Class/Year/Faculty Representatives, as the case may be, and Association Secretaries, as per the existing provisions/notification of the University.

(J) Assistance to Voters with Disabilities

Resolved that a voter who requires assistance in casting his/her vote due to blindness or other physical disability may be accompanied by a person of his/her choice, provided that such companion is a currently enrolled student of the same college and is included in the active electoral roll, subject to verification and permission by the Presiding Officer. The companion shall only assist in casting the vote and shall maintain the secrecy of the voter's choice. The fact of such assistance shall be recorded in the election register.

(K) Election Rules & Contesting Restrictions – Simultaneous Contesting

Resolved that a student may submit nomination papers for more than one post in the College Union Election. However, before the final publication of the list of validly nominated candidates, the candidate shall formally withdraw all nominations except one. Failure to withdraw the additional nominations within the prescribed time shall result in the cancellation of all nominations filed by the candidate for that election cycle.

Further, The meeting resolved to entrust the Dean of Students' Welfare with the responsibility of incorporating the required amendments with the above resolutions in the existing Bye-laws, while retaining all other provisions unchanged, and to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to accord the necessary approval to the revised Bye-laws for implementation in the College Union Elections for the academic year 2026–27.

5. The Vice-Chancellor, vide the reference cited as (5), has accorded sanction for implementing the decisions approved by the Syndicate, as recorded in the **Extract of the Minutes of the Syndicate Meeting held on 19.09.2026 (Item No. 2026.1072*)**, in the University. The Vice-Chancellor has further ordered that the said decisions shall be made applicable to the College Union Elections

scheduled to be notified on **29.09.2026**.

6. Orders are issued accordingly.

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Dean of Students' Welfare

To

1. The Principals of all affiliated colleges/Coordinators of self-financing study centers.
2. HODs of All Teaching Departments.
3. PRO, University of Calicut
4. PS to VC/PA to PVC/ PA to Registrar/PA to CE.

Forwarded / By Order

Section Officer