



St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 002

MINUTES OF THE 56TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The 56th Governing Body meeting was held on 15th October, 2020 in SAIL Hall at 11.00 am. It was held in blended mode (both offline and online).

Members Present

Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ - Vice- Chairman of the Governing Body and Rector

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal, Secretary of the Governing Body

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ, Secretary

Dr A. Megala, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli

Dr R. Babu Rajendran, Department of Environmental Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (Virtually)

Mr C. Selvam, Business Leader & Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies, Pune (Virtually)

Prof. P. P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (Virtually)

Rev. Dr D. Thomas Alexander, SJ – Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai (Virtually)

Dr V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal

Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ, Vice Principal

Rev. Fr K. Royappan SJ, Treasurer

Rev. Dr V. Joseph Xavier SJ, Executive Director, JIM

Dr N. Ravi, Department of Physics (Staff Representative)

Mr V. S. Joe Iruthayaraj, Department of Computer Science (Staff Representative)

Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean-IQAC

Dr S. Sahaya Sathish, Dean-School of Biological Sciences

Dr Y. Dominic, Dean-School of Computing Sciences

Dr V. Francis, Dean-School of Languages and Culture

Dr G. John, Dean-School of Management Studies

Dr A. N. Paul Angelo, Dean-School of Physical Sciences

Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of Examinations

Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah SJ, Chairman and Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province, Dindigul was unable to attend the meeting.

Introduction/ Initiation

The 56th Governing Body meeting was initiated by Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ, Vice Chairman of Governing Body and Rector, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli. In his introductory remarks, he spoke of the effective use of technology in academic activities during the Covid -19 pandemic.

Prayer and Welcome

Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanantham SJ, Vice-Principal led the prayer using video display. Rev. Fr. Principal Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Secretary of the Governing Body welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He expressed his sincere thanks to the former members and introduced the new members.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PASSING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the 55th Governing Body meeting held on 22nd January 2020, was read by Dr A.N. Paul Angelo, Dean-School of Physical Sciences. It was unanimously accepted and passed. The minutes of the 44th Academic council meeting held on 5th August 2020 was read by Dr Y. Dominic, Dean-School of Computing Sciences. Prof. P.P. Mathur, UGC representative expressed that many graduates are finding it difficult to get jobs. Similarly the companies are also finding it difficult to get the right work force. So, he requested the college to fine tune the curriculum, which will fetch enough placements to the students. He also suggested that more electives (of industrial demand) could be offered to students in order to enhance placements. Mr C. Selvam, Business Expert KPIT Technologies, Pune suggested a few electives and of the view that a tie-up between a company and an educational institution will help the students to get job. After the discussion the minutes of the 44th Academic council was accepted and passed.

2. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Admission Particulars

Dr G. John, Dean-School of Management Studies read out the details pertaining to the college admission. A total number of 986 students were admitted in I UG (Shift-I) and 1034 students in I UG (Shift-II). Two hundred and eighty two (282) students were admitted in I PG (Shift-I), 361 in I PG (Shift-II) and 110 in MBA. Overall students' strength of the college is 7,383 (UG-5,623, PG- 1,530 and MBA- 230).

Result Analysis

Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of Examinations presented the result analysis for April 2020, conducted for 2017 UG and MCA batches and 2018 P.G. batch from

21st September to 26th September, 2020. The passing board was convened on 6th October, 2020. For the remaining batch of students it was granted pass as per the instruction given by the Government. He also noted that the pass percentage in this semester is high due to Covid-19 pandemic and expressed his concern that the students have to pay more attention in the ensuing semesters.

Ph.D. Details

Dr V. Francis, Dean-School of Languages and Culture presented the details pertaining to Ph.D. Programme in the campus. During the academic year 2019-2020, 79 scholars have registered for Ph.D. programme in various departments (Full time–47 and Part time–32). Sixty two have completed their Ph.D. in the same academic year. The overall strength of the Ph.D. scholars in the campus is 335 (Full-time – 120, Part-time – 215).

3. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE

Dr S. Sahaya Sathish, Dean-School of Biological Sciences read out the details related to Receipt of UGC funds and the Approval of Autonomy Grant Budget. The college received the balance amount for the academic year 2019-2020 Rs 4,00,000/- under Autonomy Grant, Rs 80,737/- under Minor Research Projects, Rs 73,032/- under Major Research Project and Rs 15,00,000/- under Paramarsh Scheme, Grants received from other agencies from 10.01.2020 to 9.10.2020 is Rs 6,44,840/-. He also presented the proposed autonomy Grant Budget for Rs 22,00,000/- on 29th April 2020 and it was approved by the members of the committee.

Institution of Endowments / Scholarships

Rev. Fr. K. Royappan SJ, Treasurer, read out the details connected with the institution of Endowments / scholarships and the details of scholarships received by the students. Eight Endowments were instituted from 11.01.2020 to 09. 10. 2020 to the tune of Rs 4, 65,000/-.

The following are the details of the scholarships received by the students (from the Government and other agencies for the academic year 2019 – 2020):

1. Merit Scholarship	-	Rs 2,86,000/-
2. Chief Minister's Scholarship	-	Rs 19,700/-
3. Higher Education Special Scholarship	-	Rs 19,84,500/-
4. SC Hindu Scholarship	-	Rs 21,82,069/-
5. SC Christian Scholarship	-	Rs 17,57,046/-
6. ST Scholarship	-	Rs 42,254/-
7. BC Scholarship	-	Rs 15,03,829/-

8. MBC Scholarship	-	Rs 3,33,361/-
9. DNC Scholarship	-	Rs 46,139/-
10. Endowment Scholarship	-	Rs 2,19,315/-

4. APPROVAL OF MATTERS RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL INTEREST

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ presented the list of new appointments and the legal proceedings. He began his presentation with the introduction of the newly appointed administrators, HoDs, Coordinators and Directors. Sixteen unaided teaching staff were appointed this year. He also informed that the case relating to the approval of the teaching staff appointed in 2019 has been filed in the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court.

Dr N. Ravi, Staff representative read out the various committees and its members for the approval of the Governing Body. He informed that only a few changes were carried out in accordance with the new appointments. It was approved by the Governing Body.

Report of MBA- JIM

The report of MBA – JIM was read out by Rev Dr V Joseph Xavier SJ. He assumed the office as the executive director of JIM on 3rd June 2020. The academic year officially began on 10th August 2020. The seniors had their classes from July. The faculty members were given enough training to handle online classes. Initially the classes were held through Google classroom, later it was changed to Talent LMS. Faculty use board to teach so that the students get the feel of the classroom learning. The 2020-2022 batch students were admitted following AICTE/UGC admission norms and the online classes for the first year students began on 2nd September, 2020. Three new teaching staff were appointed on that year.

5. NEW INITIATIVES/ RECENT HAPPENINGS

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ Principal listed out the new initiatives and the recent happenings in the campus. The IQAC has initiated the venture of developing a Learning Management System (LMS). Three new programmes were started during the academic year (B. Com. (Honours), M.A. Counselling Psychology and M. Sc. Data Science. One each additional sections in B. Sc. Computer Science and B. Com were started in Shift-II. St. Joseph's College was ranked 31st in the nation in NIRF Ranking and India Today ranked our college 57th, 46th, 80th, 55th and 39th in the Arts, Science, Commerce, BBA and BCA respectively. A good number of webinars were organized by IQAC and other departments. The college has decided to introduce UGC recommended LOCF from the ensuing syllabus revision. As per the instruction of the Higher Education Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, the college started online teaching from 3rd August 2020. Five self financing PG courses – M. A. History, M. A. HRM, M. A. Tamil, M. Sc. Electronics and M. Sc. Information Technology were suspended from this academic year as per the decision of the

management. The college is taking initiative to become university. The Union Ministry of Education has recognized St. Joseph's College, as member, National Rural Entrepreneurship Mission. Rev. Fr Principal informed that the admission for the academic year 2020- 2021 was good as usual and it will be closed for first UG on 15th October, 2020 and for first PG on 31st October, 2020.

Dr A. Megala, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli made a correction on the last date of admission. She informed that the Government of Tamil Nadu has extended the last date of admission to I UG and I PG till the end of October, 2020.

Dr S. Sahaya Sathish requested the Principal to include Mushroom Cultivation and Marketing (a skill-based Diploma Course under National Skills Qualification Framework- NSQF) under the new programmes started during the academic year 2020-2021 and Rev. Dr Principal agreed to add the same.

6. ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Dr S. Peter, SJ, Director of Alumni/ae Association informed about the activities which were carried by the Alumni/ae Association of St. Joseph's College. The Ninth Jesuit Alumni National Congress was held at St. Joseph's College from 17th to 19th January, 2020. Dodransbicentennial Jubilee Souvenir was released on 5th September, 2020. Rev. Dr S. Peter, SJ took charge of the Alumni Directorship on 5th September, 2020. The Alumni/ae Association has decided to revive its American Chapter soon.

Any Other Matter

Mr. C. Selvam, Business Leader, Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies, Pune asked the college to offer embedded C program to the students as 40 to 60 hours course and also suggested that exposing the students to MATLAB will increase the percentage of absorption in industries.

Rev. Dr D. Thomas Alexander SJ wanted to know whether Ph.D. Scholars are involved in handling classes. Dr G. John, Dean-School of Management Sciences responded that already there is a practice in the Department that the Ph. D. Scholars are asked to handle classes as an alternative staff. Rev Fr Principal informed that it is not mandatory for the Ph. D. scholars to handle classes, rather their help could be used for handling remedial classes. Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanandham SJ suggested that an orientation can be given to research scholars if they are permitted to handle classes. Dr V. Alex Ramani appreciated the involvement of M. Phil and Ph. D. scholars as scribes for the physically challenged students.

Rev. Fr. Principal informed that an amount of Rs.22 lakhs was requested as Autonomy grant from the UGC and he opined that the UGC may not release any grant for the current academic year and the management has to bear it.

Prof. P.P. Mathur (UGC Representative) insisted that a paper on ethics has to be prescribed for all the Ph.D. research scholars, in order to avoid unethical research practices.

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ Secretary, was of the opinion that a little more attention has to be taken in monitoring the online classes. He expressed his unhappiness over a few staff who handle the classes in Tamil. Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj asked the IQAC to initiate a feedback survey on the conduct of online classes. Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean-IQAC replied that such an initiative has already been in the card and will be put to effect at the earliest.

Rev. Dr D Thomas Alexander SJ appreciated the college management for ensuring admission to the rural students; for the effective conduct of online classes and for organizing a good number of webinars. He was interested to know the status of admission for the newly started courses – B. Com (Honours), MA Counselling Psychology and M. Sc. Data Science. Rev. Fr. Principal replied that the response was good in all the new courses, except M.A. Counselling Psychology.

Dr N. Ravi inquired whether vacancies created by the retiring staff are being filled regularly. Rev. Fr. Secretary replied that the management is waiting for further communication from the government.

Dr V. Alex Ramani, the Deputy Principal proposed the vote of thanks.

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ

Principal

