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Minutes of the 59th Governing Body Meeting

The 59th Governing Body Meeting of St. Joseph's College Was Held on 27th October 2022 at 10.30 Am in Toulouse Hall.

Members Present

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

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

Rev. Dr K. Amal SJ, Secretary

Dr A. Megala (State Government Representative) – Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli

Dr T. Senthil Kumar (University Representative) – Professor, Department of Botany, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Prof. P. P. Mathur (UGC Representative) – Vice Chancellor, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Dr P. Rajendran, Deputy Principal

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

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Treasurer, Society of St. Joseph's College

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

Mr V. S. Joe Irudayaraj – (Staff Representative), Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science

Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean, IQAC

Dr A. Egbert Selwin Rose, 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

Prayer and Welcome

The meeting began with prayer led by Dr L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ, Vice Principal. Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Secretary of the Governing Body and Principal welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He introduced the new members – Rev. Dr K. Amal SJ, Secretary of St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Rev. Dr M. Anbarasu SJ, Province Coordinator for Higher Education, Dr P. Rajendran, Deputy Principal and Dr A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean, School of Biological Sciences. He thanked the outgoing former members – Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ (Secretary), Rev. Dr D. Thomas Alexander SJ (Province Coordinator for Higher Education) Dr V. Alex Ramani (Deputy Principal) and Dr S. Sahaya Sathish (Dean, School of Biological S Sciences) for their yeoman service.

Introduction and Initiation

Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando SJ, Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body and Rector of St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous) chaired the Governing Body meeting. He appreciated the new initiatives taken by the college. He conveyed the wishes and blessings sent by Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah SJ, Chairman of the Governing Body and Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province.

1. Approval and Passing of the Minutes

Dr A. N. Paul Angelo, Dean, School of Physical Sciences read out the minutes of the 58th Governing Body Meeting held on 16th March 2022 and the Action Taken Report. It was approved and passed. Dr Y. Dominic, Dean, School of Computing Sciences read out the minutes of the 46th Academic Council Meeting held on 22nd June 2022. Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ suggested that instead of reading the entire minutes of the Academic Council, only the ratifications and approvals could be highlighted. It was approved and passed.

2. Matters Pertaining to Academic Activities

I. Admission Particulars

Dr G. John, Dean, School of Management Studies presented the admission particulars for the academic year 2022 – 2023. Rev. Fr Rector and a few others observed that there was a decline for the admission to Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Rev. Fr Principal responded that

it is the common trend in many colleges this year. Rev. Fr Rector pointed out the positive trend found for the admission of PG Electronics and Data Science. Dr. P. P. Mathur (UGC Representative), Vice Chancellor, Birla Global University, Bhubaneshwar suggested the idea of introducing a new programme titled Bio-Physics. Dr T. Senthil Kumar (University Representative) welcomed the idea but he expressed the difficulty of getting equivalence certificate due to the regulations of TANSCH. It was decided to take up a feasibility study on Prof. P. P. Mathur's suggestion. Rev. Fr Rector enquired about the Action Taken report of the Academic Council Meeting. Dr Y. Dominic responded that it will be reported in the ensuing Academic Council Meeting.

II. Examination Results with Consolidated Report

Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of Examinations presented the Examination Results with a consolidated report for the academic year 2021 – 2022. Prof. P. P. Mathur requested to highlight the departments which had low achievers. Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj mentioned a few departments which had many low achievers. Dr T. Senthil Kumar suggested to conduct remedial programme for low achievers. Rev. Fr Principal said that the college is already conducting remedial programme for the low achievers. Prof. P. P. Mathur pointed out the low performance found among the B. Voc. programmes. Dr P. Rajendran, Deputy Principal noted that though there is low achievement at the entry level, there is a steady progress in the second and third year.

Dr V. Francis, Dean, School of Languages and Culture reported the details regarding PhD programme. Total number of scholars registered for PhD programme during the academic year 2021 – 2022 was 34. The scholars who were conferred with PhD degree in the same period was 36. The overall strength of the PhD scholars in the college is 282.

3. Approval of the Financial Expenditure

I. Receipt of Funds from UGC & Other Funding Agencies

Dr A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean, School of Biological Sciences presented the funds and grants received from various agencies from 03.03.2022 to 30.09.2022. A tune of Rs 74,735/- was received from UGC and from other agencies, the college received Rs 9,83,240/-. Prof. P. P. Mathur observed the lacunae found in research projects. He suggested the idea of appointing a separate person for research activities.

II. Institution of Endowments & Scholarships

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Treasurer presented the institution of endowments and the scholarships given to the students from 01.03.2022 to 10.10.2022. A total of fifteen endowments were instituted to the tune of Rs 16,50,000/-.

III. Details of the Scholarships Received by the Students

Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean, IQAC presented the details of the scholarships received by the students. One thousand five hundred and ninety eight students received State Government Postmatric scholarship to the tune of Rs 75,29,923/-. Three students received fellowships under CSIR and UGC schemes worth Rs 12,81,699/-. Three hundred and fifteen students were given management scholarship worth Rs 2,53,540/-.

Rev. Fr Rector and Rev. Fr Principal thanked the office staff for helping the students to get scholarships.

Dr A. N. Paul Angelo expressed his concern regarding the issuing Toppers' Government Scholarship by the university to our college students. Dr T. Senthil Kumar responded that he will check it with the university scholarship section.

IV. Approval of Main Financial Statement for the Year 2021 – 2022

Rev. Dr K. Amal SJ, Secretary, St. Joseph's College presented the main financial statement for the year 2021 – 2022. The total receipts were Rs 27, 37, 71, 821.38/- and the payments were Rs 27,37, 71,821.38/-.

4. Approval of Matters Relating to Administration and General Interest

I. New Assignments

Rev. Dr K. Amal SJ, Secretary presented the new assignments, new appointments and the legal proceedings. The following are the new administrators:

Rev. Dr K. Amal SJ – Secretary

Dr P. Rajendran – Deputy Principal

Dr A. Egbert Selwin Rose – Dean, School of Biological Sciences

Dr D. Ravindran – Vice Principal (Academic)

Mrs. S. Backya Selva Rathi – Vice Principal (Shift II)

II. New Appointments and Non-Teaching Staff Promotion

Three aided teaching staff and eighteen unaided teaching staff were appointed in 2022. Mr S. Arockiasamy and Mr A. Elango Xavier Jothi were promoted as Assistants.

III. Legal Proceedings

Rev. Fr Secretary mentioned the appeal made by Mr Gerald Marvin against the judgment that came in favour of our college.

IV. Approval of Various Committees

Dr N. Ravi, Staff Representative presented the committees constituted by the Governing Body and it was approved.

V. Report of JIM

Dr N. Ravi read out the report of JIM. The admission for MBA programme was done in three phases. Eighty one male students and thirty nine female students were admitted for the academic year 2022 – 2023. The faculty of JIM had their retreat from 28th to 30th June 2022. First year classes began on 11th July 2022 and for the second year on 20th July 2022. A number of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities were introduced to sharpen the skills of students.

5. New Initiatives and Recent Happenings

Rev. Fr Principal presented the new initiatives and recent happenings of the college. He highlighted the following new initiatives:

- i. Conduct of online component tests through LMS.
- ii. Inauguration of IAS study Centre in association with Rotary Club of Trichy.
- iii. Establishment of Qantler Technologies Development Centre in the campus.

The following are some of the achievements and recent happenings:

- i. Our College secured 26th Rank in NIRF 2022.
- ii. One International Seminar, One webinar, 86 seminars, 16 workshops, 12 Endowment Lectures, Seven FDP and one Alumni meet were conducted.
- iii. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Selfie Corner was opened.

- iv. A new LED Board was placed near the College Canteen.
- v. SHEPHERD organized “Catch the Rain Campaign”, “Tech4Seva Campaign”, “International Youth Day” and “National Nutrition Month”.

He also highlighted the following future plans:

- i. Introducing new UG and PG Programmes
- ii. Setting up a recycling unit for paper Waste Management
- iii. Initiating MoUs with Foreign Universities.
- iv. More Industry tie-ups for various purposes.

He also stated that all the proposed UG and PG Programmes may not be started immediately. Rev. Fr. Rector proposed the idea of recycling of waste papers.

Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanandam was appreciated for the organic farm he is managing.

6. Alumni / ae Association

Rev. Fr. Principal, who is also the new Director of St. Joseph’s Alumni/ae Association, read out the activities carried out during the academic year 2021 – 2022.

The USA Chapter of SJC Alumni Association organized different meetings and conducted special programmes. The Chennai and Northern Tamil Nadu Chapter of SJC Alumni Association was organized in Loyola College, Chennai. M. Sc. Computer Science batch 1995 – 1998, B. Com. batch 1994 – 1997 and B.Com. batch 1991 – 1996 celebrated their reunions.

Rev. Fr. Principal also briefed on Free Breakfast Scheme Initiated by the Alumni Association. He thanked Rev. Fr. S Peter SJ, the former Director of St. Joseph’s Alumni Association for his dedicated services.

7. Any Other Matter

Prof. P. P. Mathur suggested the idea of introducing a course on Cyber Security.

Rev. Fr Secretary thanked the RJD and her office for approving the Posts both teaching and non-teaching of 2017 and 2021 batches.

Rev. Fr Rector thanked the former Secretaries – Rev. Fr A. Antony Pappuraj SJ, Rev. Fr S. Peter SJ and the present Secretary Rev. Fr K. Amal SJ for their efforts in getting the approval of the posts.


Rev. Fr M. Anbarasu SJ thanked St. Joseph's College for supporting Arul Anandar College, Karumathur with ERP.

Rev. Fr Principal suggested to Rev. Fr M. Anbarasu SJ to organize FDPs for the young faculty appointed in the Jesuit colleges of Madurai Province and St. Joseph's College will offer all the support they need for it.

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ proposed a policy to be framed against the use of drugs by students and to enhance the security of the college.

Rev. Fr Rector thanked the members of the Governing Body for their active participation. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr P. Rajendran, Deputy Principal.




Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ
Principal