

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting

Date: 21st May, 2022

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Venue: Board Room

Prayer

The meeting began with an audio visual prayer song followed by a prayer lead by Rev.Dr.Praveen Peter SDB, the controller of Examinations. He prayed to the Almighty to guide and support the members to engage in meaningful discussions towards providing better services to the underprivileged rural youth of the locality.

Welcoming

Rev.Dr.John Alexander SDB, the Rector and Secretary welcomed the members of the governing body to the meeting. He welcomed Dr. S. Kaveriammal, the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Vellore and acknowledged her availability amidst her busy schedule.

He then welcomed the other external members of the governing body Rev. Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier S.J., the Outstanding Educationalist and Dr. A. Liyakath Ali, the University Nominee to the meeting.

He extended his words of welcome to the internal members Rev. Dr. K.A. Maria Arokiaraj, Additional Principal, Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter, Vice Principal (Admin. Shift-I) & Controller of Examinations, Rev. Dr. G. Theophil Anand, Vice Principal (Admin.Shift-II), Dr. S.R. Xavier Rajarathinam, Vice Principal (Academics Shift- I), Dr. A. George Maria Selvam, PG Head, Dept. of Mathematics (Shift-I), the Teacher Representatives and Mr.S.Gnanapragasam, the Office Superintendent to the meeting.

Rev. Dr. D.Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal informed that Rev. Fr. K.M. Jose, the Chairman has expressed his inability to attend the meeting.

He also recorded that the University Grants Commission, New Delhi has appointed Dr.Sachin Sharma, Principal, Sanskar College of Professional Studies, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, as the UGC nominee. He further added that the UGC nominee has been communicated and the office is waiting for his response.

Agenda

Minutes of the Previous Governing Body

Rev. Dr. D.Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal read out the minutes and presented the Action Taken Report of the previous Governing Body meeting held on 30/10/2021. Both the minutes and Action Taken Reports were passed without any corrections.

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Rev. Dr. D.Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal read out the minutes of the finance committee meeting held on 17/05/2022 and presented the Action Taken Report of the previous Finance Committee Meeting held on 28/10/2021. Rev.Fr.Principal highlighted that the UGC grant for the academic year 2019-20 has

been received and the bills are settled to UGC. He also noted that the UGC has not released the grants for the academic years 2020-21 and 2021-22, and mentioned that fund has been transferred from the college account and spent under UGC heads. He further noted that once UGC releases the grants for these years, the bills would be claimed to UGC. Rev.Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ suggested that the bills for the amount advanced from the college account and spent under UGC grant for the academic years 2020-21 and 2021-2022 can be forwarded to the UGC.

There was a suggestion by the members to change the title “Upgradation of Physics Lab” as “Upgradation of Physics and Computer Science Lab”. With the above amendment the minutes of the Finance Committee was passed by the Governing Body.

Minutes of the 39th Ordinary Meeting of the Academic Council

Rev. Dr. D.Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal read the minutes of the 39th Ordinary Meeting of the Academic Council convened on 02/05/2022. The minutes of the 39th Ordinary Meeting of the Academic Council was passed by the Governing Body.

Results

Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter SDB, the Principal presented the results of November 2021 semester examinations. He noted that the dip in the results of I and II B.A. (Economics) is because of the reason that the students are not regular to the classes and in I B.A. (Tamil) is because of their below par performance in English, and in M.Sc., (Mathematics) is because of the negative marking system in the Skill Enhancement Course.

The members also pointed out that the lack of attendance in these classes is because the students are mainly sportspersons or NCC cadets. Rev.Dr.Arockiasamy Xavier S.J. mentioned that these students bring laurels to the college in sports or NCC, hence they can be considered for moderations. Rev.Fr.Principal and Rev.Fr.Controller of Examinations informed him that, sports students representing divisional level and NCC cadets attending state and national level camps and parades are eligible for moderations. Rev.Dr.Arockiasamy Xavier SJ further suggested that curriculum can be tailored for the sportsperson and NCC cadets.

Rev.Dr.K.A.Maria Arokiaraj, the Additional Principal suggested, if the register numbers for the students can be allotted in sequence for the sportspersons and NCC cadets. Rev.Fr.Principal responded that, since the register numbers are allotted and forwarded to the university, well before students are earmarked for sports and NCC, hence, he felt that this option is not viable. He instead suggested that the students name list can be downloaded in excel format and sorted accordingly.

Dr.Xavier Rajarathinam expressed that the first year students are lacking in motivation and members suggested that periodically they could be disseminated with the value system of the college in various forums.

Representation to the State Government to include self-financing students in NCC

The members expressed that the NCC directorate is providing financial aid only to the students from the aided programmes, and students from self-financing programmes are not considered. The governing council requested Dr. S. Kaveriammal, the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Vellore to present this plea to the state government.

Scholarships

Rev.Dr.D.Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal mentioned that the management scholarship worth Rs.62,48,516 has been disbursed to the students during the ongoing academic year 2021-22. He acknowledged the support of the management , Rev.Fr.Rector, Rev.Fr.Additional Principal and Mr.Kulandai Francis, Founder, IVDP.

Enhancement of Physics and Computer Science Lab

In UG computer Science laboratory, CPUs of 62 systems were replaced with newer ones, and remaining 35 Computers would be upgraded with new CPUs before the end of this academic year.

The upgradation of Physics Laboratory is under process, so far Rs. 25 Lakhs had been spent in this regard, and before the commencement of next academic year 2022-23, further equipment would be bought, and the Lab building would be renovated with new furniture, wiring and equipped with a dark room. The proposed expenditure would be Rs. 80 lakhs.

ISO – Accreditation of Lab

Rev.Fr.Principal informed that during the next academic year 2022-23, all the laboratories would be directed to go for ISO certification. Also, the AICTE courses (MCA and MBA) are in the process of applying for NBA accreditation.

Outcome Based Education (OBE)

Series of workshops would be organized and faculty would be trained to design the OBE based curriculum. The board of studies of respective departments would present their OBE based curriculum in the academic council of the upcoming scholastic year 2023-24, and the OBE curriculum would be eventually implemented.

As a response to Dr.Liyakath Ali's query on implementation of National Educational Policy (NEP), the Principal responded that it depends on the decision of the state government. Dr.Liyakath Ali also asked about the College's response on Credit Bank System, and the Principal replied that, the College is waiting for clear directions from the government, since mapping and transferring of credits should be done in detailed manner.

Future Projects

- **Green Initiatives**

Approximately 800 CFL bulbs are replaced with LED bulbs in Main Building, Church, Hostel, John Med Block, Silver Jubilee, Golden Jubilee, Bicentenary and Library Buildings. In the upcoming academic year, the rest of the blocks would be fitted with LED bulbs.

The existing solar panels have been destroyed during the recent thunderstorms. The installation of new solar panels systems is under consideration as per the availability of funds.

- **Gray Water Conversion**

This project is long pending because of lack of funds, and in the upcoming year efforts would be made to earmark the fund and implement Gray Water conversion plants.

- **Leadership Training Center**

The estimated cost for building up the leadership training center is approximately Rs.5 to Rs.6 Crores, and fund would be raised from various sources and the project would be realized.

- **Plantation of Palmyra Trees**

During the academic year 2019-20, nearly 25,000 Palmyra trees were planted, and the target was not achieved in the academic years 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to the pandemic. In the upcoming scholastic year 2022-23, the scheme would be resumed.

- **Starts Ups(CIBI)**

In the next academic year Rs. 10 Lakhs would be budgeted for incubations and innovations.

- **Upgradation of Smart Class Rooms**

As per the quotations received from various players, each smart class room would cost Rs.8 Lakhs approximately. Considering the number of departments and rapid change of technology in ICT, this project would be incorporated in phases.

Rev.Dr.G.Theophil Anand enquired if Data Science related courses can be introduced as allied/elective course for programmes other than computer science and computer applications. Rev.Fr.Principal responded that the students can avail it as an additional diploma (PG Diploma in Data Science offered by MCA department), and in future these courses would be offered as value added courses with additional credits for all the departments.

Suggestions by the External Members

Rev. Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ appreciated the green initiatives of the college, especially the replacement of CFL bulbs with LEDs. He suggested the transfer of credits from online courses, and to organize orientation programmes for the first year students. He also suggested the college to consider the option of starting B.Sc., / M.Sc. (Data science) programmes.

Dr.Liyakath Ali suggested starting value added courses in computational biology.

Vote of Thanks

Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal acknowledged the members for their contributions. After which, the members disbursed for the group photo followed by Lunch.