



St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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MINUTES OF THE 52nd GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The 52nd Governing Body Meeting of St. Joseph's College was held at Toulouse Hall on 25th September 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

In attendance:

- Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando SJ, Rector and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body.
- Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal and Secretary of the Governing Body
- Rev. Dr. A. Antony Pappuraj SJ, Secretary of the College
- Dr. V. Sujatha, Principal, Cauvery College for Women, Tiruchirappalli. (Eminent Expert)
- Prof. K.A. Jayakumar, Deputy Principal.
- Rev. Dr. S. Aruldoss SJ, Vice Principal.
- Rev. Fr. K. Royappan SJ, Campus Treasurer.
- Rev. Dr. C. Joe Arun SJ, Director, St Joseph's Institute of Management.
- Dr. I. Arul Rayappan, Head, Department of Physics (Staff Representative)
- Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj, Head, Department of English (Staff Representative)
- Dr. S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Dean, IQAC.
- Dr. S.R. Senthilkumar, Dean, School of Biological Sciences.
- Dr. L. Arockiam, Dean, School of Computing Sciences.
- Dr. G. Beschi, Dean, School of Languages & Culture.
- Rev. Dr. K. Arockiam SJ, Dean, School of Management Studies.
- Dr N. Ravi, Dean, School of Physical Sciences.
- Dr A. Paulraj, Controller of Examinations.

Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando, SJ, Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, called the meeting to order with all of the above present. Rev. Dr. S. Aruldoss SJ, Vice Principal invoked God's blessings. Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, the Principal and Secretary of the Governing Body, welcomed all the members to the meeting.

While initiating the proceedings, Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando SJ mentioned the ensuing Dodransbicentennial Celebrations of the college and also highlighted the words of

Superior General of Jesuits, Rev. Dr. Arturo Sosa SJ that intellectual rigour would require absolute effort and dedication. He appreciated the applications developed by the students as a joint venture Tiruchirappalli Corporation as part of Swachh Bharat initiative.

Dr. N. Ravi, Dean, School of Physical Sciences presented the minutes of the 51st Governing Body Meeting held on 27th February 2018. Fr. Secretary pointed out that the issue raised by Dr. L.J. Charlaas, HoD of Commerce Department, during 51st Governing Body meeting pertaining to the semester question paper pattern in B.Com be appropriately recorded in the minutes. Fr. Rector suggested that the 'Department of Foundation Course' be renamed as 'Department of Human Excellence'. The minutes of the 51st Governing Body was approved with minor corrections.

Dr. G. Beschi, Dean, School of Languages and Culture read out the minutes of 42nd Academic Council Meeting held on 11th April 2018. It was passed after the approval. Rev. Dr. K. Arockiam, SJ, Dean, School of Management Studies presented details pertaining to the academic activities of the students admitted in 2017-18.

Dr A. Paulraj, Controller of Examinations, presented a detailed report on students' performance in semester examinations conducted in April 2018. He noted that the performance of the students in UG Programmes had improved. He also noted that most of the PG Programmes fell in the descriptor A. The pass percentage indicated an upward trend in semesters V and VI compared to Semesters II. Rev. Fr. Rector appreciated the staff and the students for their genuine efforts.

Rev. Fr. Secretary sought clarification to a large number of failures in Semester II. Fr. Principal clarified that the first-year students found it difficult to cope with the academic demands of transition from vernacular medium schools to tertiary level education. He noted that those students showed substantial improvement in the semesters V and VI.

Fr. Aruldoss expressed concern over the low pass percentage and unruliness of the second-year students and Dr. V. Sujatha said that it was a general phenomenon and she added that students would be more focused in the final year. Fr. Rector urged the members to take some initiative to make the students have more focus on their studies in semester III. Fr. Principal asked the HoDs to give proper counseling to the students.

Fr. Secretary showed his concern over the slackness shown towards Foundation Course Exams by the students. Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj pointed out that that this was because the marks of the Foundation Course were not taken for overall percentage and thus the students were lethargic.

Dr. L. Arockiam Dean, School of Computing Sciences read out the details of Ph.D. Registration during 2017-18. Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj stated that admissions for other state students' could be restricted for Ph.D. since a large number of them are admitted, hampering the prospects of our students. Dr. V. Sujatha, Eminent Expert also seconded it. Fr. Principal asked the Ph.D. guides to admit atleast one student with JRF Scholarship. Dr. S. Alfred Cecil

Raj, Dean, IQAC, pointed out that number of guides in the Department of Biotechnology was given wrongly in the list (5 or 6) and he also said that the number of guides in MBA could be included in the list.

Dr. S.R. Senthilkumar, Dean, School of Biological Sciences read out the Financial Expenditure, Receipt of UGC Funds and approval of Autonomy Grant Budget. Rev. Fr. K. Royappan SJ, Treasurer, presented the Endowments Scholarships and details of scholarships received by the students. Fr. Secretary presented the Main Financial Statement and all the three were approved by the Board.

Fr. Secretary mentioned the legal procedures undertaken by the institution regarding the appointment of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff members and also mentioned that a case was filed for the appointments of 2017 batch.

Dr. I. Arul Rayappan, Staff Representative read out the list of various Committees and it was approved.

Rev. Dr. C. Joe Arun SJ, Director, JIM, presented the report of the MBA. He mentioned about the new curriculum, startup ideas and Annual Faculty Retreat. He also stated that the admission has increased and more number of engineers had been admitted. Dr. V. Sujatha, Eminent Expert, insisted on the establishment of the incubation centre. She also recommended taking students to IIT, Chennai for their learning about incubation. Fr. C. Joe Arun clarified that with the help of Dr. Muthusingaram, the Director of IIT Madras Incubation Cell, JIM is conducting its placement interviews and comes twice a year to validate the process of the students. Dr. V. Sujatha insisted on starting Campus Company. Fr. C. Joe Arun mentioned that JIM is in the process of starting incubation with the help of Dr. Muthusingaram.

Fr. Principal informed the members about the announcement of Rs. 2 crores for RUSA for the College and also about UGC's approval for the VISCOM Department. The members of the Governing Board discussed the policies proposed in 51st Governing Body meeting held on 27th February 2018. These policies relating to 'Promotion of Research and Consultancy' were subsequently passed. Policies relating to Research, especially for Ph.D. students were deliberated at length by the members before approval. During the discussion, it was suggested that specific Code of Ethics in research work could be introduced with emphasis on the consequences of plagiarism.

The Board took up for discussion the policies on 'Handbook on Code of Conduct for students and teachers' and 'Handbook on Human Values and Professional Ethics'. After discussion, it was passed.


The Members of the Governing Board discussed the policies relating to the Core value of the institution and Professional Code of Statutory Bodies and Regulatory Authorities. The policies were passed after taking the suggestions given by the members into consideration.

Fr. Principal felt that these policies would pave way for streamlining the activities of the college and help in enhancing the quality of the Institution. He further mentioned about ensuing 175th year celebrations and a variety of program planned befitting the occasion. He thanked the website committee working meticulously to develop a new website for the college. He also thanked Deans, Staff and Students for helping the Institution to get good ranking in NAAC.

Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj presented the report of Alumni/ae Association. Fr. Rector expressed satisfaction about the increasing strength of Alumni Association which happens to be an important metric in one of the criteria in NAAC Accreditation.

Prof K.A. Jayakumar, Deputy Principal proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting ended at 1.30 pm.




Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ

Principal