



## **St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**

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**TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 002**

### **MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNING BODY MEETING**

The 57th Governing Body Meeting of St. Joseph's College was held on 5th October 2021 at 11.00 am in Toulouse Hall in blended mode (both online and offline).

#### **Members Present**

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

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

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ – Secretary

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

Dr R. Babu Rajendran (University Representative) – Department of Environmental Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (virtually present)

Prof. P. P. Mathur (UGC Representative) – Vice-Chancellor, Birla Global University, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha (virtually present)

Rev. Dr D. Thomas Alexander SJ (Province Coordinator for Higher Education) – Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai (virtually present)

Dr V. Alex Ramani, 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

Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ – Director, JIM

Dr N. Ravi – Head, 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 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; Mr C. Selvam, Business Leader & Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies, Pune and

Dr Y. Dominic, Dean, School of Computing Sciences, were unable to attend the meeting.

### **Prayer and Welcome**

The meeting began with a prayer led by Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanantham SJ, Vice-Principal. Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy

Xavier SJ, Secretary of the Governing Body and Principal welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He also introduced the new members – Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Treasurer, Society of St. Joseph's College and Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ, Director, JIM.

### **Introduction and Initiation**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting was chaired by Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ – Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body and Rector, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. In his introductory remarks, he highlighted some of the laurels achieved by the college in the academic year 2020-2021 especially in securing 27<sup>th</sup> position in NIRF ranking and thanked all the external experts for their continued support.

### **1. Approval and Passing of the Minutes**

The minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was read by Dr A. N. Paul Angelo, Dean, School of Physical Sciences. The minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was read by Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean, IQAC. Both the minutes were passed.

## **2. Academic Activities**

### **Admission Particulars**

Dr G. John, Dean, School of Management Studies read out the details pertaining to the admission of students for the academic year 2021-2022. A total number of 942 students were admitted in I UG (Shift-I) and 1065 students in I UG (Shift-II). Two hundred and ninety-one (291) students were admitted in I PG (Shift-I), three hundred and eighty-five (385) in IPG (Shift-II) and one hundred and seventeen (117) in MBA. Overall student strength of the college is seven thousand five hundred and seventy-three (7,573 – Shift I-3432, Shift II-3907 and MBA-234)

### **Result Analysis**

Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of Examinations presented the result analysis for November 2020 and June 2021, conducted for the batches of 2018, 2019 and 2020. The passing board for these examinations were held on 1st February 2021 and 16th July 2021 respectively. Prof. P. P. Mathur (UGC Representative) enquired the reason for the high pass percentage of BBA and B.Com. students in the fourth semester when compared to the third semester.

Rev. Fr Principal responded saying that it was due to the online examination. Dr A. Rose Venis suggested to conduct remedial programme for the low achievers.

### **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 2020-2021, 33 scholars have registered for

Ph. D. programme in various departments (Full time – 20 and Part time – 13). Fifty-three candidates were conferred with Ph. D. degree. The overall strength of the Ph. D. scholars in the campus is 322 (Full-time – 115 and Part-time – 207). Rev. Fr Rector enquired whether there was any difference between the last year and this year in the enrolment of Ph. D. students. Dr V. Francis responded that the enrolment of Ph. D. students in the academic year 2020-2021 is a bit lower than the previous year owing to the covid pandemic and the new regulations of the university.

Prof. P. P. Mathur asked whether all the faculty were qualified with Ph. D. degree. Rev. Fr Principal responded stating that most of the staff have completed Ph. D. and the others are on the verge of completion.

## **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 Grand Budget. The college received Rs 14,50,000 Special Grant under Heritage Scheme –

Extension of Existing Museum and Herbarium Building. The SHEPHERD department received

Rs 1,75,000 (Perennial Project Award). The college received Rs 5,76,800 through major and minor projects from ICSSR.

The Finance Committee Meeting was held on 12th August 2020 to get the approval of Autonomy Grant Budget.

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the settlement of the expenditure incurred under the Autonomy Grant and it was approved by the committee.

### **Institution of Endowments / Scholarships**

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Treasurer, Society of St. Joseph's College read out the details connected with the institution of Endowments / scholarships and the details of scholarships received by the students. Seven Endowments were instituted from 06.10.2020 to 15.09. 2021 to the tune of

Rs 16,67,500 (Sixteen lakhs sixty seven thousand five hundred).

The following are the details of the scholarships received by the students (from the Government and other agencies for the academic year 2020-2021):

1. Ph. D. Full-time – OBC Fresh Scholarship - Rs 60, 000
2. Higher Education Special Scholarship - Rs 92,000/-
3. SC Hindu Scholarship - Rs 20,62,119/-
4. SC Christian Scholarship - Rs 17,78,872/-
5. ST Scholarship - Rs 42,119/-
7. BC Scholarship - Rs 9,41,796/-
8. MBC Scholarship - Rs 2,15,421/-
9. DNC Scholarship - Rs 35,296/-
10. Endowment Scholarship - Rs 2,81,315/-

Rev. Fr. Peter SJ, Secretary presented the main financial statement for the academic year 2020-2021. The total Receipt was Rs 21,12,09,409.79 and the total Payment was Rs 21,04,15,507.10

Rev. Fr Principal expressed his gratitude to the management of St. Joseph's College for providing financial support to many poor students through management scholarships.

#### **4. Approval of Matters Relating to Administration and General Interest**

##### **New Appointments and Legal Proceedings**

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ, Secretary presented the list of newly appointed staff and the legal proceedings. He read out the names of newly appointed administrators, Heads of the Departments and Coordinators. Ten aided teaching staff and seven unaided staff were appointed newly. 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. He shared the happy news that the teaching staff members appointed in 2018-2019 have received their regular salary. Dr S. Sahaya Sathish thanked

Rev. Fr Secretary for his strenuous efforts to get the salary and for the immediate release of the arrear for the teaching staff appointed in 2018-2019.

##### **Approval of Various Committees**

Mr V. S. Joe Irudayaraj (Staff Representative) read out 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 P. Paulraj SJ, Director, St. Joseph's Institute of Management. The admission process for MBA programme was done in the months of April, May and June. The newly admitted students were given a few basic courses through online. JIM Alumni Meet was well organized. The offline classes for the first year students began from 6th September 2021. The second year students were on internship programme.

#### **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 college has established a fully automated Documentation Centre at the office of the IQAC. It will facilitate the timely submission of data and the easy retrieval of the same.

He appreciated and thanked the IQAC team and all the staff members for their whole-hearted support to the college to secure 27th Rank in NIRF 2021 and securing good ranking in India Today – Best Colleges Ranking 2021. He listed out the Workshops, Orientation Programmes, Faculty Development Programmes and Webinars organized by the college. He also detailed the activities carried out through PARAMARSH.

#### **6. Alumni/ae Association**

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ, Director of Alumni/ae Association informed on the activities carried out by the Alumni/ae Association of

St Joseph's College. Seven Alumni reunion meetings were organized during the academic year 2020-2021. The USA Chapter of SJC Alumni is vibrant again and it organized a good number of programmes this year. An alumni from the USA contributed

Rs 5,00,000 for free breakfast scheme for the poor students of Shift-I. Josephites Global Virtual Reunion-2021 was organized on 13th March 2021.

Prof. P. P. Mathur suggested that the college can tap the potential of the alumni to get good academic support from them.

### **Any Other Matter**

1. Rev. Fr. S. Peter SJ, Secretary was of the opinion that the departments have to actively work to strengthen the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's College by making their department alumni to join the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's College.
2. Dr. A. Rose Venis, suggested that all the outgoing students must be enrolled as members of St. Joseph's College Alumni Association.
3. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Province Coordinator for Higher Education appreciated the college management and the staff for constantly striving to secure high ranking in NIRF 2021 and India Today – Best Colleges Ranking. He lauded the college for implementing LOCF from the current academic year. He also appreciated the college for its contribution to the victims of Covid.
4. Dr A. Megala, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli expressed her positive remark for the great achievements the college reaped during the academic year. She enquired whether the girl students received Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship. Dr V. Francis responded that a few girl students from I PG have applied this year and the details of this scholarship scheme will be intimated to all the girl students.
5. Mr V. S. Joe Irudhayaraj raised a few issues related to the welfare of the staff and students of the college. Rev. Fr Jeyapathy Francis SJ intervened and suggested that instead of placing these issues in the Governing Body, they could be placed to the administrators in some other forum

The meeting ended with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal.



Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ

Principal