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Minutes of 60th Governing Body Meeting

The 60th Governing Body Meeting of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was held on 23rd March 2023 at 11.00 am in Toulouse Hall.

Members Present

Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah SJ – Chairman of the Governing Body and Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province, Dindigul

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 K. Amal SJ – Secretary

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

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

Rev. Dr M. Anbarasu SJ – Province Higher Education Coordinator and Vice Principal, Arul Anandar College (Autonomous), Karumathur

Dr P. Rajendran – Deputy Principal

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

Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ – Director, St. Joseph's Institute of Management/MBA

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 Computer 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

Prof. P. P. Mathur (UGC Representative), Vice Chancellor, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Mr C. Selvam (Eminent Expert), Business Leader, Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies, Pune and

Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ were unable to attend the meeting.

Prayer and Welcome

The meeting began with prayer led by Dr P. Rajendran, Deputy Principal. Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Secretary of the Governing Body and Principal of St Joseph's College welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He thanked all the members for their constructive suggestions for the growth of St. Joseph's College.

Introduction and Initiation

Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah SJ, Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province chaired the Governing Body Meeting. He initiated the meeting by highlighting the key aspects shared by the Jesuit General at the Boston Conference held in June 2022. He highlighted that higher education system faces a lot of challenges today. But we are not able to perceive them clearly. There are three segments or three viruses which pose a great challenge to all the higher educational institutions. They are; fragmentation, superficiality and instrumentality. Rev. Fr Provincial asked the members of the Governing Body to reflect over these issues. He then asked Dr A. N. Paul Angelo to present the minutes of 59th Governing Body meeting of St. Joseph's College.

1. Approval and Passing of the Minutes

(i) Passing of the Minutes of 59th Governing Body Meeting

Dr A. N. Paul Angelo, Dean, School of Physical Sciences informed the apex body that since the minutes of 59th Governing Body Meeting was sent to all the members through email and also the hard copy of the same is given to the members present; he requested to go through it and suggest any correction if needed. It was approved by all the members and was passed.

(ii) Action Taken Report

Dr V. Francis, Dean, School of Languages and Culture presented the action taken report. The report highlighted the MoUs signed with various institutions, the proposed UG and PG Programmes and the increase of seed money for research by the Jesuit management of St. Joseph's College. Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ, Rector and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body made a positive comment on the FDPs organized for the junior faculty. Rev. Dr M. Anbarasu SJ, Province Higher Education Coordinator also appreciated the college for organizing many FDPs. Dr T. Senthil Kumar, University Representative asked the management to encourage the faculty to apply for DST grants.

2. Matters Pertaining to Academic Activities

Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of Examinations presented a detailed analysis of November 2022 examination results. He highlighted department wise and programme wise semester performance for the odd semester examinations. He pointed out that the performance of II PG students was better than I PG. He also mentioned the programmes which had low passing percentage.

Rev. Fr Provincial suggested that an exclusive paragraph containing all the important observations on the result analysis could be incorporated in the report.

Dr T. Senthil Kumar enquired whether remedial programmes were conducted for the slow learners. Rev. Fr Principal briefed about the remedial

programmes conducted for the slow learners. He also made a remark on the current tendency of students regarding low attendance – students are hardly bothered of their low attendance.

Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ, Director of St. Joseph's Institute of Management (JIM) presented the report of JIM. His report focused on the following key points:

- A good number of online and offline lectures were organized
- Case-based approach for learning and reflecting was introduced
- Parent Teacher interface was conducted
- The Annual Board of studies was held on 21 March 2023
- An Annual retreat was organized for all the students

Mr V. S. Joe Irudayaraj, Staff Representative and Associate Professor of Computer Science enquired how the annual retreat was conducted for the Hindu and the Muslim students. Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ responded saying that the other religious students were given a common religious orientation.

3. Approval of the Financial Expenditure

(i) Funds Received

Dr A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean, School of Biological Sciences detailed the funds received from various agencies from 1.10.2022 to 28.2.2023.

Ms Stephy R R (Ph D scholar) received Rs. 35,068/- from CSIR.

Dr A. Alexander (Assistant Professor of Physics) received Rs. 1,30,868/- from Indian Academy of Science, Bengaluru.

(ii) Endowments Instituted

Rev. Dr K. Amal SJ, Secretary, St. Joseph's College gave the details of the endowments instituted from 11.10.2022 to 28.02.2023. Nine endowments were instituted during this period to the tune of Rs. 5,70,000/-

S1. No.	Name of the Endowment	Name of the Donor	Amount in Rs.
1	Prof. V. Rangarajan Endowment Lecture	Dr G. Subramanian	5,000
2	Qantler Technologies Pvt Ltd Endowment Scholarship	Qantler Technologies Pvt Ltd	1,00,000
3	Prof. V. Rangarajan Endowment Lecture	Dr Vani Santhosh, Mr V Giridharan, Mr V Anand, Mrs Bhooma Rangarajan	40,000
4	Dr R. Selvaraj Endowment Lecture	Dr S Sriram, Mrs M Ramya, Dr R Sudha, Mrs S Rajalakshmi	1,00,000
5	Mr P. Lakshmanan & Smt Girijalakshmanan Endowment Cash Award	Mr S Jayasankar	1,00,000
6	Rev. Dr Rex A Pai SJ Endowment Scholarship	Dr K S Arulsamy	1,00,000
7	Rev Dr K. M. Matthew SJ Endowment Medal	Dr K S Arulsamy	25,000
8	Dr R. Karunanithy Endowment Cash Award	Dr R Karunanithy	50,000
9	ISDC Endowment Cash Award	Mr Tom M Joseph	50,000

(iii) Jesuit Educational Support (JES)

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Treasurer, Society of St. Joseph's College read out the Jesuit Educational Support (JES) rendered to the poor and deserving students of the college. Under JES, The Society of St. Joseph's College offered Rs 25,23,927/- from 01.01.2022 to 31.03.2022 and Rs 1,47,70,631/- from 01.04.2022 to 20.03.2023.

Rev. Fr Provincial expressed his joy on hearing the economic help rendered by the Society of St. Joseph's College to the poor and needy students.

4. Achievements and Recent Happenings

Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean, IQAC listed out the laurels achieved by the college and the important recent happenings in the college. He pointed out the achievements reaped by the students and staff in various fields. He also highlighted the FDPs, National and International Conferences / Workshops / Seminars, Alumni Meet organized by various departments and Awareness programmes organized by NSS, SHEPHERD and other departments. He also included the list of festivals, camps and melas organized by the college.

Dr N. Ravi requested to include the centenary birthday celebration organized by the department of physics in honour of Rev Fr Chinnadurai SJ.

5. Alumni/ae Association

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal and Director of Alumni/ae Association presented the report of alumni/ae association. SJC Alumni/ae has instituted Rs. 1,10,000/-towards conducting endowments lecture in honour of Rev. Fr Stans Samy SJ. The Second Josephites' Global Reunion was celebrated in a grand manner on 25th February 2023. Besides the common Josephites' Global Reunion, a few departments had their own alumni/ae reunions.

The alumni/ae association has also launched a new scheme called 'Each one – Adopt one for Free Breakfast'. This scheme aims to provide free breakfast to poor day scholar students who come from far off places.

6. New Initiatives and Future Directions

Rev. Fr Principal spelled out the new initiatives started by the college. The faculty were taken on research visits to eminent educational institutions. He

highlighted the MoUs signed with a few industries. He was delighted to share the installation of a wind mill in a SHEPHERD village.

Rev. Fr Principal also listed out a few future initiatives. He gave emphasis on strengthening innovation, incubation, start-up and entrepreneurial activities of the students. The other future plans include; strengthening ICT tools, creating centres for skill development and offering coaching for various government examinations.

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ suggested to explore the possibilities of establish biogas waste, waste water management, rain water harvesting and recycling of waste paper.

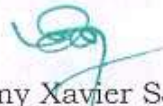
Rev. Fr Provincial acknowledged the efforts taken by the college to organize SJC Innovation Fest 2023. He asked to find out how this could effectively support the students. Rev. Fr P. Paulraj shared the practice followed in JIM. JIM used to allot Rs 1,25,000 for a team. Twenty-five thousand will be utilized for giving training to the students and the remaining one lakh will be used for preparing the model.

Any Other Matter

Dr A. Gunasekaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli enquired why the details related to research are not included in the Governing Body meeting. Dr Y. Domnic, Dean, School of Computing Sciences stated that details pertaining to research will usually be recorded in Governing Body meeting held in the month of October. Dr G. John, Dean, School of Management Studies wished the campus to become a paperless one by reducing the use of papers for various purposes. Rev. Fr Provincial thanked all the members of the Governing Body for their yeoman service. Dr A. Egbert Selwin Rose made a correction in the number of certificate courses conducted in the college. The printed report mentioned only five certificate courses, but the actual number certificate courses conducted were eighteen. Mr V. S. Joe Irudayaraj thanked the management for throwing a hearty meal for Christmas and for increasing salary for the

management staff. Rev. Dr M. Anbarasu SJ thanked JCICT of St Joseph's College for offering technical support to establish ERP system at Arul Anandar College (Autonomous), Karumathur. The meeting came to an end with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ, Rector and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body.




Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ
Principal