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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 002

MINUTES OF THE 46th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

- 1) Passing of the minutes of the previous Academic Council meeting held on 30th June 2021.
- 2) Passing of the minutes of various Boards of Studies of this year (2021–22).
- 3) Ratification on academic matter
- 4) Any other academic matter

The 46th Academic Council Meeting was held on the 22nd June, 2022 between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. at Toulouse Hall. The following members of the Academic Council were present:

Chairman

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, SJ, Principal, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli

Secretary

Rev. Dr. K. Amal, SJ, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli

Tamil Nadu State Government Representative

Dr. A. Megala, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli Region, Tiruchirappalli

University Representatives

Dr. R. Thirumurugan, Professor, Department of Animal Science, School of Life Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Dr. K. Thamaraiselvi, Professor, Department of Environmental Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan, Director, Council for College & Curriculum Development, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

External Expert

Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli

Administrators

Dr. V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal, Shift II
Rev. Dr. L. John Peter Arulanandam, SJ, Vice-Principal (Administration)
Dr. K. Alex, Vice-Principal (Academic)
Prof. S. Dominique, Vice-Principal (Infrastructure)
Rev. Dr. S. Santiago, SJ, Vice Principal, Shift II
Dr. B. Augustine Arockiaraj, Vice Principal, Shift II
Dr. A. Rose Venis, Dean – IQAC
Dr. R. Qurshid Begum, Additional Dean – IQAC
Dr. S. Sahaya Sathish, 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
Rev. Fr. M. Berchmans, SJ, Director, SHEPHERD, Sports and Games
Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam, SJ, Director, Library
Prof. V. S. Joe Irudayaraj, President, Staff Association
Mr. N. M. Pushparaj, Superintendent

Department Representatives

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| Biochemistry | - Prof. T. Antony Diwakar Chandran |
| Biotechnology | - Dr. A. Edward |
| Botany | - Dr. S.R. Senthil Kumar |
| Business Administration | - Prof. C. F. Octovia Antony Sessammal |
| Chemistry | - Dr. S. Joseph Selvaraj |
| Commerce | - Dr. F.R. Alexander Pravin Durai |
| Commerce with Computer Applications | - Dr. J. Rajees |
| Computer Science | - Prof. A. Charles |
| Counseling Psychology | - Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam, SJ |
| Data Science | - Dr. J. Priya Stella Mary |
| Economics | - Dr. G. Iruthayaraj |
| Electronics | |
| B.Sc. Visual Communication and | |
| B.Voc. Visual Communication Tech. | - Dr. B. Kanickairaj |
| English | - Dr. V. L. Jayapaul |
| Human Excellence | - Rev. Dr. S. Paul Prakash, SJ |
| French | - Prof. M. Mohanalakshmi |
| Hindi | - Dr. S. Sreedevi |
| History | - Dr. S. Manikandan |
| Human Resource Management | - Dr. J. Wilfred Angello Gerald |
| Information Technology | - Dr. P. Joseph Charles |
| Management Studies | - Dr. P. Jega Patrick |

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| Mathematics | - Dr. T. Rajaretnam |
| Physical Education | - Dr. A. Prem Edwin |
| Physics | - Dr. N. Ravi |
| Sanskrit | - Dr. M.S. Madhavachari |
| Statistics | - Dr. Lilly George |
| Tamil | - Dr. G. Beschi |
| B.Voc. Software Dev. & System Admn. | - Dr. George Gabriel Richard Roy |

Staff Representatives

Dr. N. Ravi

Mr. V. Joe Irudayaraj

The 46th Academic Council Meeting was held on 22nd June, 2022 at 11.00 am in Toulouse Hall. The meeting began with a prayer song. Rev. Fr. Principal, the Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members of the Academic Council. In a special way, he welcomed and introduced. Rev. Dr. K. Amal, the new Secretary of the College to the members of the Academic Council. He also thanked the outgoing members of the 45th Academic Council Meeting and introduced the new members to the august gathering.

Rev. Fr. Principal highlighted the agenda of the ACM and appreciated and thanked Dr. Y. Dominic, Dean, School of Computing Sciences for his meticulous planning and execution of the 46th Academic Council Meeting.

Agenda1: Passing of the Minutes of the 45th Academic Council Meeting Held on 30th June, 2021

Dr. Y. Dominic, Dean, School of Computing Sciences presented the minutes of the 45th Academic Council Meeting held on 30th June, 2021. It was approved and passed by the members of the Academic Council.

Agenda 2: Passing of the Minutes of Various Boards of Studies of the Academic Year 2021-2022

Rev. Fr. Principal asked the department representatives to present the minutes of the Board of Studies of their respective departments. He requested them to highlight only the important and major changes or revisions done on the syllabus.

School of Biological Sciences

Prof. T. Antony Diwakar Chandran, Head of the Department of Bio-Chemistry presented the minutes of the department of Bio-Chemistry. Dr. A. Edward, Head of the Department of Biotechnology presented the minutes of his department. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan, Director of CCCD, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli suggested to highlight the titles of non-major electives in the syllabus. The Minutes of the Department of Botany was presented by Dr. S. R. Senthil Kumar, Head, Department of Botany. Dr. R. Thirumurugan, Professor of Animal Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli enquired whether 20 % change was carried out in the syllabus revision. Rev. Fr. Principal responded stating that the major revision was done last year during the framing of LOCF syllabus and only minor changes were carried out in this year. The minutes of the School of Biological Sciences were approved and passed.

School of Computing Sciences

Minutes of the Department of Computer Science was presented by its Head, Prof. A. Charles. Dr. J. Priya Stella Mary presented the minutes of the Department of Data Science. Dr. P. Joseph Charles, Head, Department of Information Technology presented the minutes of his department. Dr. T. Rajaretnam, Head, Department of Mathematics presented the minutes of the Department of Mathematics. Dr. Lilly George, Head of the Department of Statistics, presented the minutes of Statistics department.

Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan suggested to include papers on value education and gender studies in UG syllabus as it is mandatory as per UGC norms. Rev. Fr. Principal responded that value education and gender studies are there in the existing syllabus with different names. Dr. S. Sahaya Sathish, Dean, School of Biological Studies replied that Value Education course is offered to the students with the subtitle “Essentials of Humanity”.

School of Languages and Culture

Rev. Fr. Principal called upon the Heads of School of Languages and Culture to present the minutes of their departments. Dr. V. L. Jayapaul, Head, Department of English presented the minutes of his department. He highlighted the teaching methodology and evaluation pattern for the paper “Research Methodology and Project Work” meant for II MA English students. Prof. M. Mohanalakshmi, Head, Department of French presented the minutes of her department. Minutes of the Department of Hindi was presented by Dr. S. Sreedevi, Head, Department of Hindi. The minutes of the Department of History was presented by Dr. S. Manikandan. Dr. M.S. Madhavachari, Head, Department of Sanskrit presented the minutes of his department and Dr. G. Beschi, Head, Department of Tamil presented the minutes of his department. The minutes of the School of Languages and Culture was approved and passed.

School of Management Studies

Prof. C. F. Octovia Antony Sessammal, Head of the department of BBA presented the minutes of the department of BBA. She highlighted a minor change that was done in question paper pattern for quantitative papers. Minutes of B. Com and B. Com (Hons) were presented by Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai, Head, Department of Commerce. He highlighted that the AECC: II Environmental Studies for B. Com (Hons.) is shifted to the second semester from the third semester in order to be in alignment with the common curriculum of the College. He also mentioned a few corrections made with regard to the hours and credits in two papers. Dr. J. Rajees, Head of the Department of Commerce Computer Application readout a few minor changes made in the syllabus of his Department. Dr. G. Iruthayaraj, Head of the Department of Economics presented the minutes of the department of Economics. Minutes of the department of Human Resource Management was presented by its Head, Dr. J. Wilfred Angello Gerald. He pointed out a few minor changes made in the syllabus. The minutes of various BoS of School of Management Studies were approved by the members.

School of Physical Sciences

Dr. S. Joseph Selvaraj, Head of the Department of Chemistry presented the minutes of his department. Dr. B. Kanickairaj, Head of the Department of Electronics presented the minutes of the Department of Electronics. He mentioned the revamping of course pattern for PG Electronics and including the latest text books for the same. Dr. V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal pointed out that the semester titles are missing in the PG syllabus book. Head of the Department of Physics, Dr. N. Ravi, presented the minutes of his Department. He highlighted the minor corrections carried out in the syllabus. The minutes of the Departments belonging to the School of Physical Sciences were approved by the Academic Council members.

Other Departments

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam, Head, Department of Counselling Psychology presented the minutes of the department of Counselling Psychology. He mentioned that based on the recommendation of Bharathidasan University, the degree is officially changed from M.A. Counselling Psychology into M. Sc. Counselling Psychology. Dr. B. Kanickairaj presented the minutes of B. Sc. Visual Communication and B. Voc. Visual Communication Technology. He stated that the department has decided to accept the replacing of the paper "Online Journalism" with "Visual Art" and also restructuring the unit on 'Product Photography' in the paper "Photography". Dr. George Gabriel Richard Roy read out the minutes of the department of B. Voc. Software Development and System Administration.

Dr. Jega Patrick presented the minutes of the department of Management Studies. Major revision was carried out in the syllabus of MBA programme. The department has decided to conduct preparatory courses for 21 days for twenty days in the first semester instead of the usual bridge course which runs for 3 to 4 days. This is done with an objective of handholding the students who come from diverse backgrounds; from history to physical sciences to commerce etc. The total credits for the MBA programme have been decreased from 120 to 103 doing away with courses which does not add much value to the programme.

The project and dissertation have been shifted to VI semester in order to enable the students to find placement in the same companies where they do their projects. The following suggestions were made regarding the revision of the syllabus for MBA: Dr. S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of the Examinations suggested to change the credits given in integers into round numbers and pointed out some mismatching found between the hours and credits with regard to 1.5 credit courses. Dr. P. Jega Patrick explained that for 3 credit courses it is 30 sessions and 1.5 credit course, which is done in a workshop mode for 3 days is for 15 sessions.

Dr. V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal suggested the department to design a separate syllabus for the preparatory course and assign some credits for the same, for which the Dr. Jega Patrick explained that it is preparatory course and hence need not carry any credit since all these are intended for familiarizing the students in different areas which are mandatory for the students to learn in MBA programme. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan informed that according to AICTE norms, the credits for MBA course can be up to 120. He suggested to increase the

number of credits wherever applicable. Dr. Shaya Satish was of the opinion to have more number of weeks for the project and dissertation for which Dr. Jega Patrick said that he will revert after discussing with the Board of Studies, JIM. Dr. Jega Patrick also mentioned that the examination pattern is still being discussed and requested Fr. Principal to give BOS, JIM some more time for finalizing the same. Rev. Fr Principal asked the department to look into the suggestions given by the members.

The minutes of the departments of Counselling Psychology, B. Sc. Visual Communication, B.Voc. Visual Communication Technology, B. Voc. Software Development and System Administration and MBA were approved and passed by the Academic Council.

Dr R. Thirumurugan pointed out the equal weightage of mark given for CIA and Semester Examinations. He recommended to give less weightage to CIA and more to the Semester Examination as that of TANSICHE. Dr A. Megala, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education stated that according to UGC norms the maximum hours for a paper should not exceed six. Dr V. Rajesh Kannan also pointed out the same and he further added that autonomous colleges have the freedom to make some adjustments.

Agenda 3: Ratification

The next agenda of the meeting was ratification on academic matters for the year 2021-2022. Dr. A.N. Paul Angelo, Dean, School of Physical Sciences placed the following ratification for approval before the Academic Council:

- g) Knowledge levels for assessment of outcomes based on Blooms Taxonomy
- h) Weightage given to K – Levels in LOCF question paper
- i) Pattern and mark allotment for Continuous Internal Assessment
- j) Question paper pattern for Mid Semester Test, End Semester Test and Semester Examinations

He also placed the Self-Paced courses of the I PG programmes launched on JosTEL for ratification. Both the ratifications were approved and passed by the Academic Council.

Agenda 4: Any other Academic Matter

Dr. A.N. Paul Angelo, Dean, School of Physical Sciences briefed on the modalities of certificate courses that are going to be started from the next academic year.

Dr N. Ravi, Head, Department of Physics asked the rationale behind the change of question paper pattern in the department of BBA. Dr Y. Dominic replied that the suggested pattern is in practice.

Dr V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal suggested to follow Blooms Taxonomy while giving weightage to assessment.

Dr S. Sahaya Sathish, Dean, School of Biological Science made his remark on the major changes made in the syllabus by certain departments. Whereas, the Botany department

strictly followed the rule and did not make any change in the content. Rev. Fr Principal replied that the changes were done only after informing him.

Dr. S. R. Senthil Kumar appreciated the college for securing the best new NPTEL local chapter and he congratulated Dr A. N. Paul Angelo for his strenuous efforts for the same.


Dr V. Francis, Dean, School of Languages and Culture proposed the resolution of thanking the outgoing members of the academic council.

Rev. Fr. Principal made the following observations in his concluding remark:

- He highlighted the efforts taken by the college to improve the academic and discipline levels of the students after the pandemic.
- He pointed out the works carried out in connection with the implementation of LOCF.
- He appreciated the academic initiatives carried out by the departments.
- He also lauded the efforts taken to launch JosTEL, the online learning portal.
- He appreciated the departments for conducting remedial coaching for the slow learners.
- He recognized all the small initiatives taken in the entire campus.
- He complimented Dr S.R. Senthil Kumar for obtaining four patents.
- He emphasized the vital role played by St. Joseph's College in the nation building.

The meeting came to an end at 12.50 pm with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G. John, Dean, School of Management Studies.




Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ
Chairman, Academic Council