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MINUTES OF THE 53rd GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The 53rd Governing Body Meeting of St. Joseph's College was held at Toulouse Hall on 27th February 2019 at 11 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. R. Babu Rajendran, Professor and Head, Dept. of Environmental Biotechnology,
Bharathidasan University

Dr. V. Sujatha, Principal, Cauvery College for Women, Tiruchirappalli

Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Province Coordinator for Higher Education

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, Management Studies

Dr. I. Arul Rayappan, Staff Representative

Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj, 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 and 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

The meeting commenced with a short prayer led by Rev. Dr. K. Arockiam SJ, Dean, School of Management Studies. Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando SJ, Rector and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, called the meeting to order. Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal and Secretary of the Governing Body, and Rev. Dr. A. Antony Pappuraj SJ, Secretary of the College, welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando initiated the proceedings of the Governing Body. The minutes of the 52nd Governing Body Meeting held on 25th September 2018 were read out by Dr. N. Ravi, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, and were passed in the meeting.

Clarifying the details concerning the appointment of the staff, Rev. Fr. Secretary held that the members who were appointed until the year 2016, got approval for their appointments, and they need to get their salary. He added that two non-teaching staff members namely Dr. S. Arociasamy and Mr. A. Elango Xavier Jothi got a promotion through legal action.

Dr. A. Paulraj, Controller of Examinations, presented a comprehensive report on the students' performance in the examinations held in November 2018, and offered details of the pass percentage and the corresponding descriptor for various departments. He observed that the result trend among the various UG programmes had improved over the years. Comparing PG with UG programmes, he claimed that the performance of the former was better than that of the latter. While most of the PG programmes were identified in descriptor A, only two PG programmes were identified in descriptor E. Dr. Paulraj noted that the pass percentage had shown an upward trend in higher semesters compared to Semester I. Rev. Fr. Rector expressed his concern over those Departments that were identified in descriptor E, and insisted on better performance in the future. Rev. Fr. Secretary sought a clarification as to whether the two departments which were found in descriptor E last time had made any improvement. The Controller explained that the Department of Economics was identified in the same category.

Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj, Head of the Department of English, and the Staff Representative, suggested that each paper could be handled by one senior Professor and one junior Professor. Concerning General English, Rev. Fr. Rector insisted on improving the English grammar of the students. Rev. Fr. Principal said that there are various factors that are responsible for the poor performance of the students. Dr. S. Joseph Arul Jayraj informed the gathering of the introduction of maintaining a record notebook by each General English student for writing meanings of five words a day as proposed by Rev. Fr. Principal. Rev. Dr. S. Aruldoss SJ, Vice Principal, brought to the notice of the members that the departments like Economics, History and so forth do not receive bright students at UG level, but they get better students for PG. This is one of the significant reasons for lack of better performance of

the students at UG level. Rev. Dr. C. Joe Arun SJ, Director, St. Joseph's Institute of Management, observed that the problem arises owing to calculation of mere overall percentage of the class, clarifying that in a situation where only seven students appear for examination, even if one student fails, the overall result of the class will be shown very poor, while in another situation or class where seventy students appear for examination, even if twenty students fail, the overall result appears to be positive. Therefore, it will not be the right criterion to consider the progress of a class by merely looking into the overall result of that class.

The report of MBA, was presented by its Director, Rev. Dr. C. Joe Arun SJ, who spelled out the various activities that were organized by the Department. He claimed that the International Colloquium on 'Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on Managing Businesses' was highly successful, and the papers presented by students were well appreciated. He enunciated that the Start Up Mela organized in the month of February 2019 elicited an overwhelming response. While shedding light upon enhancement of the learning infrastructure facilities, Fr. Arun informed the members that the room adjacent to library had been converted into a smart classroom, and outbound training facilities had been set up within the JIM premises. In this regard, Dr. Sujatha, Eminent Expert and Principal of Cauvery College for Women, suggested that a portable technological device, which is available at the cost Rs. 38,000/-, could be bought and made use of as a teaching aid. As regards placement, Fr. Arun observed that, out of 160 candidates, 106 candidates had been placed.

Dr. S.R. Senthilkumar, Dean, School of Biological Sciences, presented the report on the Approval of Financial Expenditure, which comprised not only the receipt of UGC funds for Autonomy, Research Projects, Sports Infrastructure Scheme and Special Heritage Scheme, but also the grants received from other agencies. He also announced the details of the two newly-instituted endowments.

The particulars of Financial Aid and Concessions rendered by the Management for the welfare of students were delivered by Rev. Fr. K. Royappan SJ, Treasurer. Rev. Fr. Thomas Alexander, Province Coordinator for Higher Education, asked who usually recommends students for receiving concession. Rev. Fr. Rector explicated that usually the hostel Directors with the help of Assistant Directors identify the deserving students. Rev. Fr. S. Aruldoss added that Assistant Directors of the hostels play the pivotal role in recognizing the needy students for obtaining concession, and the final approval is granted by Rev. Fr. Rector. Rev. Fr. Principal stated that the deserving students are selected through class mentors as well. Rev. Fr. Royappan revealed that the students, who were affected by the Gaja Cyclone, were

also given concession this year. Rev. Fr. S. Aruldoss hinted at the additional grant given to excellent students.

Dr. Sujatha spoke of the practice executed in Cauvery College to assist the undergraduate students who had completed their UG programme to get job opportunities so that they could easily take care of their postgraduate studies. Dr. I. Arul Rayappan reminded the members of the practice of “Earn While You Learn,” which had already been implemented in the College. Rev. Fr. Aruldoss affirmed that hostel students were allowed to go for part-time job, and those students were permitted to return to hostel till 10.00 pm.


Dr. G. Beschi, Dean, School of Languages and Culture, presented the details of the New Initiatives such as installation of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Systems, Management Research Grant, redesigning of the college website, Mock Visit from UGC for autonomy extension, and renovation of Toulouse Hall. Fr. Principal declared that efforts are taken to update the ERP, and the College Management has allotted Research Grant in order to pay more attention to research. Dr. Sujatha said that the candidates could approach even private institutions and industries for research projects. Rev. Fr. Secretary informed the members that from the year 2017 onwards, the part-time research scholars who have registered for PhD are given twenty percent concession in payment of fees. Rev. Fr. Aruldoss suggested that the patent right could be attained for ERP system and for other unique features of the college.

Dr. L. Arockiam, Dean, School of Management Studies, read out the report on Recent Happenings, particularly the inaugural function of the Dodransbicentennial Celebrations, Pongal Celebrations, and staging of the Shakespearean play *Romeo and Juliet* by the Department of English. Rev. Fr. Principal presented the details of the achievements of the Fine Arts, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers. He thanked all the coordinators, NCC officers and NSS programme officers for their commendable service. He was happy to bring to the notice of the members that the National Level Debate conducted in view of Dodransbicentennial Celebrations of the College had an overwhelming response. Dr. I. Arul Rayappan explained about the International Web Conference on Advanced Materials organized by the Department of Physics.

Rev. Fr. Principal read out the future directions. Dr. L. Arockiam proposed the idea of establishment of Research Innovation and Incubation Centre, Centre for Data Monitoring, Training and Placement Centre that encompasses industrial relations, and Job Centre for identifying appropriate jobs for students. Rev. Fr. Aruldoss insisted on strengthening the placement and increasing water reservoirs in the campus. Rev. Fr. Thomas Alexander asserted that serious efforts should be taken to make St. Joseph’s College, Trichy, and Loyola College, Chennai as deemed universities. He also appreciated the hostel administrators for permitting

students to go for part-time jobs. Dr. Joseph Arul Jayraj drew the attention of the members to his proposal that the students could be permitted to undergo their internship during the summer vacation rather than during Christmas vacation. He put forth the scheme of recycling of water. Fr. Principal responded that a study was being made on such scheme. Claiming that NAAC work is on the verge of its completion, Fr. Principal thanked the IQAC coordinator for his service. Prof K A Jayakumar, Deputy Principal, proposed the vote of thanks.




Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ
Principal