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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI 620 002, INDIA

MINUTES OF THE 49TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2024

The 49th Academic Council Meeting was held on 10th October 2024 at 11:00 am in the Rev. Fr. P. Carty Boardroom. 65 members were present for the meeting, while four members were absent.

Members Present

Chairperson

Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss SJ

Department Representatives

Mr. A. Charles

Dr. T. Rajaretnam

Dr. M. Thiagarajan

Mr. A. Benno Susai Vijayakumar

Dr. M. Suvakkin

Dr. Albin D Robert Lawrence

Dr. V. Swabna

Dr. B. Kanickairaj

Dr. A. Prem Edwin

Dr. S. Sahaya Sathish

Dr. V. L. Jayapaul

Dr. I. Johnson

Ms. C. F. Octavia Antony Sessammal

Rev. Dr. S. Paul Pragash SJ

Dr. M. S. Madhavachari

Dr. G. John

Ms. M. Mohanalakshmi

Dr. R. Vijayakumar

Dr. S. Joseph Selvaraj

Dr. S. Sreedevi

Ms. A. Mary Magdalene

Dr. G. John

Dr. J. Santhosh Kumar

Dr. G. Beschi

Dr. N. Maheswari

Mr. G. Louis Victor

Dr. George Gabriel Richard Roy

Dr. L. Arockiam

Dr. S. Hendry Leo Kanickam

Dr. S. Tamilarasi

Dr. A. John Balaiah

Staff Representatives

Dr. Lilly George

Dr. J. Wilfred Angello Gerald

Dr. P. Lawrence Rozario Raj

Dr. F. X. Virgin Fraga

External Experts

Mr. S. Jebanesan Croos, Technical & Business Head, Florescer Infotech, Coimbatore

University Representatives

Dr. K. Anbarasu, Professor and Head, Department of Marine Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Dr. C. Ranganathan, Professor and Head i/c, Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Dr. M. Babu, Dean, Faculty of Management, Professor and Director i/c, Bharathidasan School of Management, Programme Coordinator – MBA, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Controller of Examinations

Dr. K. Alex

Member Secretary

Dr. J. John Love Joy

Special Invitees

Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ, Rector

Rev. Dr. K. Amal SJ, Secretary

Dr. A. Rose Venis, Director - IQAC

Dr. R. Qurshid Begum, Additional Director – IQAC

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

Dr. P. Rajendran, Deputy Principal

Rev. Dr. L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ, Vice Principal (Administration)

Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai, Vice Principal (Academic)

Dr. G. Iruthayaraj, Vice Principal

Rev. Dr. V. Gilbert Camillus SJ, Vice Principal, Shift II

Ms. S. Backya Selva Rathi, Vice Principal, Shift II

Mr. T. Antony Diwakar Chandran, Vice Principal, Shift II

Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean - School of Biological Sciences

Dr. A. Anthony Eldred, Dean - School of Computing Sciences

Dr. M. Julias Ceasar, Dean - School of Management Studies

Dr. J. Charles, Dean - School of Physical Sciences

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam SJ, Director - Library

Rev. Dr. T. Sahayaraj SJ, Director - SHEPHERD

Rev. Fr. A. I. Rajasekaran SJ, Director - Sports and Games

Dr. A. Joseph Sahayaraj President - Teaching Staff Association

Mr. N. M. Pushparaj, Superintendent

Dr. X. Mercy Angeline, Librarian

Mr. B. Vimalraj, Chairman - Student Representative

The meeting was initiated with a prayer song. Fr. Principal, the chairperson of the Academic Council, thanked the former Principal, Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, and University Nominees – Dr. R. Thirumurugan, Dr. K. Thamarai Selvi, and Dr. U. Alibava for their service, availability and contribution. He also thanked the meticulous contribution of the Former Heads of various departments – Dr. A. Edward, Dr. S. R. Senthilkumar, Dr. F.R. Alexander Pravin Durai, Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam SJ and Dr. L. Arockiyam, Dr. P. Joseph Charles; and the staff representatives Dr. K. Rajan and Dr. V.S. Joe Irudhayaraj along with the special invitees – Dr. D. Ravindran, Mr. S. Dominique, Rev. Fr. M. Berchmans SJ, Dr. B. Augustine Arockiaraj and the former student representative Mr. J. Movin Jeeva Sudhan. Rev. Fr. Principal highlighted the agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, and the agenda is as follows:

Agenda

- 49.1. Welcome and introductory remarks by the Chairperson**
- 49.2. To confirm the minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on March 27, 2024**
- 49.3. To consider and approve the minutes of various Boards of Studies as well as syllabi of the new programmes**
 - 49.3.1. To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Computer Science as well as the syllabi of the new programmes B. Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (B. Sc. AI & ML) and M. Sc. Artificial Intelligence (M. Sc. AI)
 - 49.3.2. To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Commerce as well as the syllabi of the new programmes B. Com. Business Analytics (B. Com-BA) and B.Com. Strategic Finance (B. Com-SF)
 - 49.3.3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Visual Communication Technology as well as the syllabi of the new programme M. Sc. Visual Communication
- 49.4. To consider and approve the changes in the syllabi 2024-2025 of the Department of Commerce Honours**
- 49.5. To consider and approve the recommendations of various Committees and Departments**
 - 49.5.1. To consider and approve the composition and functions of the Boards of Studies of various departments
 - 49.5.2. To consider and approve the guidelines for introducing certificate courses
 - 49.5.3. To consider and approve the change in Programme Nomenclature
- 49.6. To consider and ratify the recommendations of various Committees**
 - 49.6.1. To consider and ratify the recommendations of the Curriculum Development Cell
 - 49.6.2. To consider and ratify the recommendations of the Examinations Committee
- 49.7. Any other Academic Matter**

Agenda 49.1: Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Chairman

Rev. Fr. Principal heartily welcomed the new members comprising the university nominees Dr. K. Anbarasu, Dr. C. Ranganathan, Dr. M. Babu and the special invitee Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan, Director, Council for College and Curriculum Development, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli - 620 024. He also extended a warm welcome to the various Heads of Departments, members of the Academic Council, Deans, and the Student Representative.

In his introductory note, Fr. Principal highlighted the importance of 21st-century skills and the skills necessary for the VUCA world. He also spoke on the need for innovation among academic ventures by the faculty. Fr. Principal's address revolved around ten main ideas: Academic Governance, Curriculum Development and Innovation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, Research and Development, Faculty Development and Support, Policy Formation and Decision-Making, Student Welfare and Development, Industry and Community Engagement, Ethical Standards and Accountability, and Adaptation to Global Trends. He concluded his address by noting that the academic council is the custodian of academic excellence within an educational institution and that the decisions made here profoundly impact the institution's academic credibility, the quality of its graduates and its overall contribution to society.

Agenda 49.2: To confirm the minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on March 27, 2024

Dr. M. Julias Caesar, Dean of the School of Management, was invited to present the minutes of the 48th Academic Council Meeting held on 27th March 2024. The minutes was approved and passed by the members.

Agenda 49.3: To consider and approve the minutes of various Boards of Studies as well as syllabi of the new programmes

49.3.1: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Computer Science as well as the syllabi of the new programmes - B. Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (B. Sc. AI & ML) and M. Sc. Artificial Intelligence (M. Sc. AI)

The minutes of the Board of Studies for the new Computer Science programmes included a B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, which was presented by Mr. A. Charles, Head, Department of Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan, the Special Invitee, enquired about the student strength of the course, and it was duly mentioned that 60 students were admitted. Dr. M. Babu, the University Nominee, suggested that a basic course on the 'Fundamentals of Data Analytics' could be considered in the first semester. The minutes was approved and passed.

49.3.2: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Commerce as well as the syllabi of the new programmes B.Com. Business Analytics (B.Com.-BA) and B.Com. Strategic Finance (B.Com.-SF)

The minutes of the Board of Studies for the Department of Commerce was presented by Dr. G. John, Head, Department of Commerce. For the course on B.Com. Business Analytics, Dr. Rajesh Kannan suggested that a course on 'Research Methodology' could be shifted to Semester V. Concerning B. Com Strategic Finance, Dr. M. Babu suggested that 'Business Management' could be shifted from Semester VI to Semester I. Dr. G. John responded affirmatively. With regard to the 25% modification in the TANSCHÉ framework, Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan said that the modification, apart from the introduction of new courses, was inclusive of the alteration done in the course contents as well. Dr. K. Anbarasu, the university nominee also reiterated that autonomous colleges can introduce unique courses, keeping in mind the equivalence of the programmes. The minutes was approved and passed.

49.3.3: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Visual Communication Technology as well as the syllabi of the new programme M. Sc. Visual Communication

Dr. S. Tamilarasi, Head, Department of Visual Communication Technology, presented the minutes of the Board of Studies for the Department of Visual Communication Technology. Dr. C. Ranganathan enquired about the basis for the college's credit distribution system in following the 6-credit system when the TANSCHÉ and the NAAC from UGC suggested '5' as the highest credit in 2024 and asked the college to adhere to the UGC norms. The minutes was approved and passed.

Agenda 49.4: To consider and approve the changes in the syllabi 2024-2025 of the Department of Commerce Honours

Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai presented the changes in the syllabi 2024-2025 of the Department of Commerce Honours. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan suggested that 'Research Methodology' be introduced, and Dr. T. Rajaretnam, the Head of the Department of Data Science, also mentioned the introduction of Software Power B. Dr. C. Ranganathan noted that the replacement of a unit amounts to a 20% change in the syllabus. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan also suggested that 'Fundamentals of Financial Analysis' be shifted from Semester V to Semester I. The changes in the syllabi were approved and passed.

Agenda 49.5: To consider and approve the recommendations of various Committees and Departments

49.5.1: To consider and approve the composition and functions of the Board of Studies of various departments

Dr. J. Charles, Dean of the School of Physical Sciences, presented the new composition and functions of the Board of Studies of various departments. Twenty-four departments reconstituted their boards in line with the UGC guidelines. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan mentioned that the admission regulation could be added to the functions of the Board of Studies. The composition and functions of the Board of Studies of various departments were approved and passed.

49.5.2: To consider and approve the guidelines for introducing certificate courses

Mr. A. Benno Susai Vijayakumar, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, presented the guidelines for introducing Certificate Courses. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan noted that the hour distribution for offline instruction should be either more or equivalent to that of online instruction. He also suggested that the new Certificate Courses and the corresponding syllabi must be proposed by the Board of Studies. Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean – School of Biological Sciences, responded that certificate courses that fit into the departments would be presented for approval in the appropriate Boards of Studies and courses considered unique by the college would be presented for approval in the Academic Council. Dr. K. Anbarasu noted that the certificate courses should be skill-oriented and must help the students in getting jobs. Resolved to approve and pass the guidelines for introducing certificate courses.

49.5.3: To consider and approve the change in Programme Nomenclature

Dr. G. Beschi presented the changes in Programme nomenclature. The programmes *B.A. English Literature* and *M.A. English Literature* are to be renamed as *B.A. English* and *M.A. English*, and the programmes *B.A. Tamil Literature* and *M.A. Tamil Literature* are to be renamed as *B.A. Tamil* and *M.A. Tamil*, respectively. These changes were to be implemented from the current academic year (2024 – 2025) to ensure compliance with the requirements of the parent university. Resolved to change the programme nomenclature to *B.A. English*, *M.A. English*, *B.A. Tamil* and *M.A. Tamil*.

Agenda 49.6: To consider and ratify the recommendations of various Committees

49.6.1: To consider and ratify the recommendations of the Curriculum Development Cell

Dr. A. Anthony Eldred presented the recommendations of the Curriculum Development Cell. The recommendations were considered and passed by the members.

49.6.2: To consider and ratify the recommendations of the Examinations Reforms Committee

Dr. K. Alex, the Controller of Examinations, presented the recommendations of the Examinations Reforms Committee. When asked about the procedure involved in making changes to the existing components of the internal assessment practices, Dr. K. Alex responded that suggestions were sought from the Heads of various Departments before reducing the number of components. He also stated that, in order to draw a variety of assessment methods, the selection of the method of assessment was left to the discretion of the course teacher. Dr. C. Ranganathan asked for clarification on the standardised semester exam question pattern for the School of Management Studies, to which Dr. K. Alex replied that as such quantitative courses involved a lot of planning and setting, a standardised format would help ease the process. The existing question paper ran to 10 pages, making it difficult and time-consuming for students while taking tests. This is now reduced to 3 pages focusing on the predetermined K-Levels. Moreover, the departments having management studies followed different question paper models. The recommendations were considered and passed by the members.

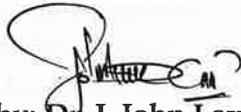
Agenda 49.7: Any other Academic Matter

In the mentioning of the orientation programmes for the members of the Faculty and FDPs, Fr. Principal noted that the number of participants who benefited from the program could be included in the details.

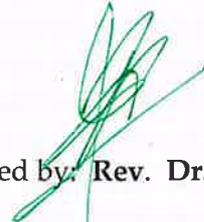
Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan enquired about the ABC status and requested to speed up its process, to which Fr. Principal offered to take it up for discussion with the officials.

Dr. K. Alex noted that since the college had adopted LOCF, triangulation of the attainment could be complete by the next academic year. Dr. I. Johnson expressed his concern over heavy dependence on outcome-based education because a wide range of employment opportunities and the complexities involved in correlating attainment and employment could be challenging.

Fr. Principal proposed the Vote of Thanks, and the meeting came to an end at 1:10 p.m.



Prepared by: **Dr. J. John Love Joy**



Approved by: **Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss SJ**

Principal

