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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI 620 002, INDIA

MINUTES OF THE 50th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 16.04.2025

The 50th Academic Council Meeting was held on 16th April 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Rev. Dr. P. Carty Boardroom. 60 members were present, while 7 members were absent.

Members Present

Principal & Chairperson: *Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss SJ*

Department Representatives

<i>Mr. A. Charles</i>	<i>Mr. A. Benno Susai Vijayakumar</i>	<i>Dr. V. Swabna</i>
<i>Dr. S. Sahaya Sathish</i>	<i>Ms. C. F. Octavia Antony Sessammal</i>	<i>Dr. G. John</i>
<i>Dr. S. Joseph Selvaraj</i>	<i>Dr. N. Maheswari</i>	<i>Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai</i>
<i>Dr. L. Arockiam</i>	<i>Dr. A. John Balaiah</i>	<i>Dr. T. Rajaretnam</i>
<i>Dr. M. Suvakkin</i>	<i>Dr. B. Kanickairaj</i>	<i>Dr. V. L. Jayapaul</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. S. Paul Pragash SJ</i>	<i>Ms. M. Mohanalakshmi</i>	<i>Dr. S. Sreedevi</i>
<i>Mr. G. Louis Victor</i>	<i>Dr. S. Hendry Leo Kanickam</i>	<i>Dr. Albin D Robert Lawrence</i>
<i>Dr. A. Prem Edwin</i>	<i>Dr. I. Johnson</i>	<i>Dr. M. S. Madhavachari</i>
<i>Dr. R. Vijayakumar</i>	<i>Ms. A. Mary Magdalene</i>	<i>Dr. G. Beschi</i>
<i>Dr. George Gabriel Richard Roy</i>	<i>Dr. S. Tamilarasi</i>	

Staff Representatives

<i>Dr. Lilly George</i>	<i>Dr. J. Wilfred Angello Gerald</i>
<i>Dr. P. Lawrence Rozario Raj</i>	<i>Dr. F. X. Virgin Fraga</i>

Experts/Academicians

Dr. R. Karvembu, Professor, Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli 620015
Dr. R. John Bosco Balaguru, Dean, Sponsored Research, SASTRA University, Thanjavur

University Nominees

Dr. K. Anbarasu, *Professor and Head, Department of Marine Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 620024*
Dr. C. Ranganathan, *Prof. & Head ilc, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 620024*
Dr. M. Babu, *Dean, Faculty of Management, Professor and Director ilc, Bharathidasan School of Management, Programme Coordinator – MBA, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 620024*

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. C. Prahalathan, *Director, CCCD, BDU*
Dr. P. Rajendran, *Deputy Principal*
Rev. Dr. L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ, *Vice Principal (Shift I)*
Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai, *Vice Principal (Shift I)*
Dr. G. Iruthayaraj, *Vice Principal (Shift I)*
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)*
Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ, *Dean, School of Human Excellence*
Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose, *Dean, School of Biological Sciences*
Dr. A. Anthony Eldred, *Dean, School of Computing Sciences*
Dr. J. John Love Joy, *Dean, School of Languages and Culture*
Dr. M. Julias Ceasar, *Dean, School of Management Studies*
Rev. Dr. P. Paulraj SJ, *Director, MBA*
Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam SJ, *Director, Library*
Dr. A. Joseph Sahayaraj, *President, Teaching Staff Association*
Mr. N.M. Pushparaj, *Superintendent*

Leave of Absence

Dr. J. Santhosh Kumar, *Head, Department of History*
Dr. M. Thiagarajan, *Head, Department of Mathematics*
Mr. Senthil Paramasivam, *CEO, Nallas Software Solutions Private Limited, Coimbatore 641 035*
Mr. S. Jebanesan Croos, *Technical & Business Head, FlorescerInfotech, Coimbatore*
Dr. J. Charles, *Dean, School of Physical Sciences*
Rev. Dr. T. Sahayaraj SJ, *Director, SHEPHERD*
Rev. Fr. A. I. Rajasekaran SJ, *Director, Sports and Games*

Agenda

- 50.1. **Welcome & Introductory Remarks**
- 50.2. **To Confirm the Minutes of the 49th ACM**
- 50.3. **To Consider & Approve the Minutes of Various BoS, as well as the Dept. Syllabus**
- 50.4. **To Consider & Approve the Recommendations of the Curriculum Development Cell**
- 50.5. **To Consider & Approve the Recommendations of the Bridge Course Executive Committee**
- 50.6. **To Consider & Approve the Recommendations of the Examinations Reforms Committee**
- 50.7. **Introduction & Revival of Programmes**
- 50.8. **Any other Academic Matter**

Agenda 50.1: Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss SJ, Principal & Chairperson, welcomed the university nominees Dr. K. Anbarasu, Dr. C. Ranganathan, and Dr. M. Babu, and the academic experts Dr. R. Karvembu and Dr. R. John Bosco Balaguru. He also extended a warm welcome to the Special Invitees, deans and the Heads of the Departments.

Agenda 50.2: To Confirm and Approve the Minutes of the 49th Academic Council Meeting

Rev. Dr. L. Arulanandam SJ, Vice-Principal, presented the minutes of the 49th Academic Council Meeting. Dr. G. John pointed out that Software Power B should be changed to Software Power BI. The minutes was approved and passed.

Agenda 50.3: To Consider & Approve the Minutes of Various BoS, as well as the Dept. Syllabi

School of Biological Sciences

Item 50.3.1: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies as well as the syllabus of the Department of Biochemistry

Mr. A. Benno Susai Vijayakumar, HoD of Biochemistry, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.2: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Biotechnology

Dr. V. Swabna, HoD of Biotechnology, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.3: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Botany

Dr. S. Sahaya Sathish, HoD of Botany, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

School of Computing Sciences

Item 50.3.4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Artificial Intelligence

Mr. A. Charles, HoD of Artificial Intelligence, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes was approved and passed.

Item 50.3.5: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Computer Science

Dr. L. Arockiam, HoD of Computer Science, presented the minutes and the syllabi. Dr. R. John Bosco recommended including a course on Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality, as it could add significant value to the MCA programme. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.6: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Data Science

Dr. T. Rajaretnam, HoD of Data Science, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.7: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Information Technology

Dr. S. Hendry Leo Kanickam, HoD of Information Technology, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.8: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Mathematics

Dr. A. Anthony Eldred, Dean – School of Computing Science, presented the minutes and the syllabi. Dr. C. Ranganathan, the University Nominee, emphasized the need for a minimum of four discipline-specific courses at the PG level. Dr. T. Rajaretnam observed that the course ‘Foundations of Mathematics’ offered at the undergraduate level appeared too generic, and suggested that it be narrowed to focus on a specific area of Mathematics. Dr. R. John Bosco, the Expert Member, proposed that the department could consider introducing more Data Science-related courses without compromising on the core features of Mathematics, as this could enhance the value of the programme. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.9: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Statistics

Dr. R. Vijayakumar, HoD of Statistics, presented the minutes and the syllabi. Dr. R. John Bosco mentioned that since statistics courses had been increasingly becoming AI-driven, it would be beneficial to consider a course that connects both fields. The minutes was approved and passed.

School of Languages and Culture

Item 50.3.10: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of English

Dr. V. L. Jayapaul, HoD of English, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes was approved and passed.

Item 50.3.11: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of French

Ms. M. Mohanalakshmi, HoD of French, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.12: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Hindi

Dr. S. Sreedevi, HoD of Hindi, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.13: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of History

Dr. J. John Love Joy, Dean – School of Languages and Culture, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.14: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Sanskrit

Dr. M. S. Madhavachari, HoD of Sanskrit, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.15: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Tamil

Dr. G. Beschi, HoD of Tamil, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.16: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Human Excellence

Rev. Dr. S. Paul Pragash SJ, HoD of Human Excellence, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

School of Management Studies

Item 50.3.17: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Commerce

Dr. G. John, HoD of Commerce, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.18: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Commerce Business Analytics

Dr. G. John, HoD of Commerce Business Analytics, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.19: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Commerce Computer Applications

Dr. N. Maheswari, HoD of Commerce Computer Applications, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.20: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Commerce Honours

Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai, HoD of Commerce Honours, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.21: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Commerce Strategic Finance

Ms. A. Mary Magdalene, HoD of Commerce Strategic Finance, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.22: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Counselling Psychology

Dr. A. John Balaiah, HoD of Counselling Psychology, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.23: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Economics

Dr. M. Suvakkin, HoD of Economics, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.24: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Human Resource Management

Mr. G. Louis Victor, HoD of Human Resource Management, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

School of Physical Sciences

Item 50.3.25: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabus of the Department of Chemistry

Dr. S. Joseph Selvaraj, HoD of Chemistry, presented the minutes of the Board of Studies for the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Ranganthan noted that the title 'Current Trends in Chemistry', could be changed to 'Recent Trends in Chemistry'. He also noted that the discipline-specific course 'Organic

Chemistry - II' offered in the sixth semester could be provided as a core course. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.26: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabus of the Department of Electronics

Dr. B. Kanickairaj, HoD of Electronics, presented the minutes and the syllabi. Dr. Bosco commended the UG syllabus for its balanced approach but expressed concerns regarding the theory courses offered as electives, particularly in the first semester. He highlighted that the courses titled 'Digital Signal Processing' and 'Digital Communication Systems' should be considered compulsory discipline-specific electives rather than optional ones, given their relevance. Fr. Principal acknowledged the suggestion and assured that it would be considered in the next revision. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.27: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Physics

Dr. I. Johnson, HoD of Physics, presented the minutes of the Board of Studies and the syllabi. Dr. R. John Bosco observed the overdose of content on mathematics in UG programme. He also noted that offering a discipline-specific course on classical mechanics might prove too challenging for students. For PG students, Dr. Bosco recommended renaming the course 'Artificial Intelligence in Physics' to 'Artificial Intelligence'. Additionally, he proposed offering courses such as computational physics, Quantum Computing, and Photonics as electives. Overall, the observation was that the UG programme was intensive, while the PG programme appeared diluted. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.28: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Physical Education

Dr. A. Prem Edwin, Physical Director of the college, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

School of Media Studies and Vocational Programmes

Item 50.3.29: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Visual Communication

Dr. S. Tamilarasi, HoD of Visual Communication, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.30: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of B.Voc. Visual Communication

Dr. S. Tamilarasi, HoD of B.Voc. Visual Communication, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.31: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of B.Voc. Software Development & System Administration

Dr. George Gabriel Richard Roy, HoD of B.Voc. Software Development & System Administration, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

School of Business Management

Item 50.3.32: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Business Administration

Ms. C. F. Octavia Antony Sessammal, HoD of Business Administration, presented the minutes and the syllabi. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Item 50.3.33: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies, as well as the syllabi of the Department of Management Studies (JIM)

Dr. Albin D. Robert Lawrence, Dean – Academics, presented the minutes and the syllabi. Dr. K. Anbarasu, the University Nominee, pointed out a contradiction in the minutes and the syllabus structure, particularly regarding the one-credit course on 'Indian Knowledge Systems.' This concern was acknowledged, and Dr. Albin assured that the statement would be revised to eliminate any ambiguity. The minutes and the syllabi were approved and passed.

Agenda 50.4: To Consider & Approve the Recommendations of the Curriculum Development Cell

Dr. A. Rose Venis, Dean – IQAC, presented the recommendations, which included *Mandatory MOOCs in UG & PG Programmes, Creditization of online courses offered through JosTel and Bilingual (English or Tamil) instruction and test/exam options for students.* Apart from the items given in the agenda, he also highlighted the following salient features of the curriculum:

- Introduction of 'Health and Well-being' for all UG students,
- Incorporation of IKS in the curriculum,
- Offering courses aligned with NSQF by select departments, and
- Integration of AI and internship-embedded courses in the curriculum

The recommendations of the Curriculum Development Cell were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Agenda 50.5: To Consider & Approve the Recommendations of the Bridge Course Executive Committee

Dr. V. L. Jayapaul presented the recommendations of the Bridge Course Executive Committee which included the following,

Item 50.5.1: Offering Bridge Course to the first-year students

Item 50.5.1: Course class schedule for late admission students

Dr. Anbarasu suggested that the bridge course could be offered from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The recommendations were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Agenda 50.6: To Consider & Approve the Recommendations of the Examinations Reforms Committee

Dr. K. Alex, Controller of Examinations, presented the recommendations and discussed the following agenda items,

Item 50.6.1: Special Arrears

Item 50.6.2: MOOC completion and evaluation process

Item 50.6.3: Assessment structure for self-learning courses

Item 50.6.4: Grace marks for sports students

Rev. Dr. L. Arulanadam suggested that the recommendations could include a note specifying that grace marks awarded to sportspersons apply only to continuous internal assessment. The recommendations were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Agenda 50.7: Introduction and Revival of Programmes

Dr. J. John Love Joy, Dean – School of Languages and Culture, presented the proposal. The introduction and revival of programmes were reviewed and duly approved.

Agenda 50.8: Any other Academic Matter

Item 50.8.1: Value-Added & Certificate Courses

Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean – School of Biological Sciences, presented the list of courses offered, and he noted that the typographical error 'Articulture' should be changed to 'Horticulture'. The list was duly noted with appreciation.

Item 50.8.2: Orientation & FDPs conducted for the faculty

Dr. A. Anthony Eldred presented the data. The Orientation and FDPs conducted for the faculty were noted with appreciation.

Item 50.8.3: Orientation programmes conducted for students

Dr. M. Julias Ceasar, Dean – School of Management Studies, detailed the sessions conducted. The Orientation programmes were noted with appreciation.

Item 50.8.4: Exit Poll Recommendations

Dr. R. Qurshid Begum, Additional Director – IQAC, presented the recommendations. Dr. G. John highlighted the research publications by M.Com. students in a peer-reviewed journal and recommended its inclusion under 'New Initiatives'. The recommendations were reviewed and approved.

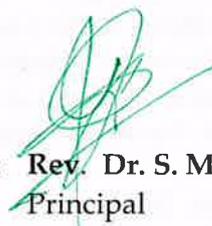
Vote of Thanks

Fr. Principal expressed gratitude to all Council members for their active participation and constructive discussions. He also reiterated the institution's commitment to academic excellence and collaborative governance.

The meeting concluded at 01:20 p.m.



Prepared by: Dr. J. John Love Joy



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

