



St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 002

MINUTES OF THE 58TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The 58th Governing Body Meeting of St. Joseph's College was held on 16th March 2022 at 11.00 am in Toulouse Hall in blended mode (both online and offline).

Members Present

Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ, Rector - Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal – Secretary of the Governing Body

Rev. Dr S. Peter SJ, Secretary

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

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

Mr C. Selvam (Eminent Expert) – Business Leader, Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies, Pune (virtually present)

Prof. P. P. Mathur (UGC Representative) – Vice Chancellor, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (virtually present)

Dr V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal

Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ – Vice Principal

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

Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ – Director, JIM

Dr N. Ravi – (Staff Representative) Head, Department of Physics

Mr V. S. Joe Irudayaraj – (Staff Representative), Department of Computer Science

Dr A. Rose Venis, 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. Dr Danis Ponniah SJ, Chairman and Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province, Dindigul and Rev. Dr D. Thomas Alexander SJ (Province Coordinator for Higher Education) – Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai were unable to attend the meeting.

Prayer and Welcome

The meeting began with a prayer led by Dr V. Alex Ramani, Deputy Principal. Rev Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Secretary of the Governing Body and Principal welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He also introduced the new University Representative, Dr T. Senthil Kumar and thanked the former University Representative, Dr R. Babu Rajendran for his services.

Introduction and Initiation

The 58th Governing Body meeting was chaired by Rev. Dr Leonard Fernando SJ – Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body and Rector, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. In his introductory remarks, he appreciated the college for starting Joseph Startup Centre and asked to pay more attention towards research, innovation, incubation and start-ups. He also informed that the Province has asked the college to speed up the process of starting St. Joseph's University.

1. Approval and Passing of the Minutes of 57th Governing Body Meeting

- i.** The minutes of the 57th Governing Body Meeting held on 5th October 2021 was read by Dr A. N. Paul Angelo, Dean, School of Physical Sciences. It was approved and passed.

ii. Action Taken Report

The Action Taken Report was read by Dr V. Francis, Dean, School of Languages and Culture. The report highlighted the starting of remedial programmes for the slow learners and the alumni meetings conducted by the departments to strengthen the Alumni Association of the college.

2. Matters Pertaining to Academic Activities

i. Examination Result Analysis

Dr S. Alfred Cecil Raj, Controller of Examinations presented the result analysis for February 2022. The passing board for the examination was held on 26th February 2022. The presentation included the number of students applied, passed and the pass percentage. Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis and Dr A. Megala, RJDCE, pointed out the differences found in the results of the Departments of History and Economics. The Controller of the Examinations responded saying that it was due to the online mode of examination. Rev. Fr. Principal stated that the students have the tendency of copying in the online examinations. Dr G. John, Dean, School of Management studies requested, if possible, to present data to understand whether there is any significant difference between various groups, ie. 'First generation', 'Rural', 'Urban', 'Dalit' and 'Non-Dalit', so that the college can think of some intervention strategies. The Controller replied that it has been in practice from 2007 and expressed his readiness to change it, if the Governing Body decides. Dr Y. Dominic, Dean of Computing Sciences also responded stating that this analysis is needed to study the outcome of the policy laid by the Jesuit Madurai Province.

Dr S. Sahaya Sathish asked the reason for omitting certain criteria in the result analysis of MBA. Rev. Fr. Principal responded saying that it will be looked in the next examination result analysis. Mr V. S. Joe Irudayaraj suggested that the pass percentage of the students could be based on the strength of students found on-roll. Dr G. John appreciated and thanked the management for their generosity in permitting the students to write the semester examinations despite their failure to pay the semester fee.

ii. Report of MBA – JIM

The report of MBA – JIM was read out by Rev. Dr P. Paulraj SJ, Director, St. Joseph's Institute of Management. He highlighted the measures taken by JIM in order to provide a holistic education to the students. An academic committee consisting of top executives was constituted to provide quality education to the students. JIM conducted four online conclaves based on the premise-digital transformation in business. Parent-teacher meeting was conducted in November 2021. Trainings on "Communicative Competence" and "Dining Etiquette" were offered to the students. Christmas and Pongal celebrations were organized in a meaningful way. Ninety percent of the students have received their placement and the remaining students are waiting for their final results.

3. Approval of the Financial Expenditure

Dr S. Sahaya Sathish, Dean, School of Biological Sciences presented the funds and grants received from UGC and other agencies.

Institution of Endowments and Scholarships

Rev. Fr A. M. Jayapathy Francis SJ, Treasurer, Society of St. Joseph's College presented the details connected with the institution of Endowments and the details of scholarships given to the students. Four Endowments were instituted from 16th September 2021 to 28th February 2022 to the tune of Rs 5,75,000.

The following are the details of the financial aid and concessions given by the management during the academic years 2020 -2021 and 2021 – 2022:

1. Concessions given by management (2020-2022) Rs 46,49,318
2. Mid-Day Meal Scheme (2020-2021) Rs 2,31,175
3. Mid-Day Meal Scheme (2021-2022) Rs 1, 21,975
4. Concession given by Rev. Fr Rector (01.01.2020 to 31.03.2020)
Rs 34,38,751
5. Concession given by Rev. Fr Rector (01. 04.2020 to 31.12.2020)
Rs 6,70,399
6. Concession given by Rev. Fr Rector (01.01.2021 to 31.03.2021)
Rs 6,60,127
7. Concession given by Rev. Fr Rector (01.04.2021 to 31.12.2021)
Rs 3,51,394

4. Achievements and Recent Happenings

Dr A. Rose Venis, Dean, IQAC listed out the achievements and recent happenings in the college. The college has signed seven MoUs. Seven Faculty Development Programmes were organized. Three International Conferences were organized. Four NET/SET coaching programmes were conducted. IQAC organized a workshop on Creating LMS Platform. It submitted data for NIRF 2022 and India Today Best Colleges Ranking. The college sports team won eight championship titles. The college has been recognized to serve as Local Chapter for NPTEL. National Science Day (28th February 2022) was observed with a Science Exhibition. Rev. Dr L. John Peter Arulanandam supplemented the campus tour and induction programme organized for the students of I UG and II UG.

5. New Initiatives and Future Directions

Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, Principal presented the New Initiatives and Future Directions. The following New Initiatives were taken by the college:

1. A mobile app that has merged e-attendance and e-planner
2. Joseph Startup Centre to carry out startup activities

The following Future Directions were highlighted by Rev. Fr principal:

1. Offering Online courses as per the recommendations of the UGC
2. Merging the LMS of the college with the CoE and ERP portals
3. Increased focus on startups, innovation, entrepreneurship and ERP activities
4. Increasing the seed money for research
5. Establishment of Teaching Learning Centre
6. Conduct of Innovation festivals

Rev. Fr Principal added that due to poor admission for five PG courses, they were suspended a few years before. Since a few departments have made a request to restart those courses, a committee will be set up to study the feasibility of restarting a few PG programmes.


6. Any Other Matter

1. Mr C. Selvam, Associate Vice President KPIT Technologies, Pune, suggested that students could be given research topics for Data Analysis, Electronics and other related subjects.
Rev. Fr Principal welcomed his suggestion and requested him to come to the campus and share his expertise with faculty and students, when he comes down to Tamil Nadu.
2. Prof. P. P. Mathur appreciated the innovative steps taken by the college and the idea to move to university status. He also expressed his desire to join the GB meeting in person.
3. Rev. Fr Secretary thanked Dr A. Megala (RJD of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli) for helping to get approval for the staff appointed in 2018 and requested the help of RJDCE to get approval for the batches 2017 and 2019 also.

4. Dr T. Senthil Kumar spoke on the importance of entrepreneurial skills and urged the management to take initiatives to offer trainings on entrepreneurial skills.
5. Dr A. Megala (RJD of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli) suggested that entrepreneurial training should be imparted to all the students.
6. Rev. Fr Rector thanked all the Governing Body members for their active participation.

The meeting ended with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Rev. Dr. L. John Peter Arulanandam SJ, Vice-Principal.




Rev. Dr M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ
Principal