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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI - 620 002

MINUTES OF THE 47TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST 2023

Agenda

1. Passing of the minutes of the previous Academic Council meeting held on 8th July 2022
2. Passing of the minutes of various Boards of Studies of the academic year 2022–2023
3. CoE's Report
4. Report on Certificate Courses & Value Added Courses
5. Presentation of List of Various Committees
6. Notable Activities

MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Chairman

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ

Rector & Vice Chairman

Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael, SJ

Secretary

Rev. Dr. K. Amal, SJ

Tamil Nadu State Government Representative

Dr. A. Gunasekaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli Region,
Tiruchirappalli - 620023

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Dr. R Thirumurugan, Professor, Department of Animal Science, School of Life Sciences,
Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli - 620024

Dr. K Thamaraiselvi, Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Biotechnology,
Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli - 620024

Dr. U. Alibava, Professor & Head, Department of Tamil Studies, Bharathidasan University,
Tiruchirappalli - 620024

Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan, Director-CCCD, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli- 620024

External Experts

Dr. R. Karvembu, *Professor, Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli - 620015*

Mr. Senthil Paramasivam, *CEO, Nallas Software Solutions Private Limited, Saravanampatti, Coimbatore - 641035*

Administrators

Dr. P. Rajendran, *Deputy Principal*

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

Dr. D. Ravindran, *Vice Principal (Academic)*

Dr. G. Iruthayaraj, *Vice Principal*

Mr. S. Dominique, *Vice Principal (Infrastructure)*

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

Dr. B Augustine Arockiaraj, *Vice Principal, Shift II*

Deans

Dr. A. Rose Venis, *Dean – IQAC*

Dr. R. Qurshid Begum, *Additional Dean – IQAC*

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 & Culture*

Dr. M. Julias Ceasar, *Dean – School of Management Studies*

Dr. J. Charles, *Dean – School of Physical Sciences*

Officials

Dr. K. Alex, *Controller of Examinations*

Rev. Dr. P. Paulraj, *SJ, Director – MBA, (JIM)*

Rev. Dr. Sahayaraj, *SJ, Director, SHEPHERD*

Rev. Fr. M. Berchmans, *Director, Sports and Games*

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam, *SJ, Director, Library*

Dr. A. Joseph Sahayaraj, *President, Teaching Staff Association*

Mr. N.M. Pushparaj, *Superintendent*

Department Representatives

Biochemistry	- Mr. Benno Susai Vijayakumar
Biotechnology	- Dr. A. Edward
Botany	- Dr. S.R. Senthil Kumar
Business Administration	- Ms. C. F. Octovia Antony Sessammal
Chemistry	- Dr. S. Joseph Selvaraj
Commerce	- Dr. F.R. Alexander Pravin Durai
Commerce Computer Applications	- Dr. N. Maheswari
Computer Science	- Mr. A. Charles
Counselling Psychology	- Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Arockiam, SJ
Data Science	- Dr. L. Arockiam
Economics	- Dr. M. Suvakkin
Electronics	- Dr. B. Kanickairaj

English	- Dr. V. L. Jayapal
French	- Ms. M. Mohanalakshmi
Hindi	- Dr. S. Sreedevi
History	- Dr. J. Santhosh Kumar
Human Excellence	- Rev. Dr. S. Paul Pragash, SJ
Human Resource Management	- Dr. G. Louis Victor
Information Technology	- Dr. P. Joseph Charles
Management Studies	- Dr. Albin D Robert Lawrence
Mathematics	- Dr. M. Thiagarajan
Physical Education	- Dr. A. Prem Edwin
Physics	- Dr. I. Johnson
Sanskrit	- Dr. M.S. Madhavachari
Statistics	- Dr. R. Vijayakumar
Tamil	- Dr. G. Beschi
B.Sc. Visual Communication &	
B.Voc. Visual Communication Tech.	- Dr. S. Tamilarasi
B.Voc. Software Dev. & System Admn.	- Dr. George Gabriel Richard Roy

Staff Representatives

Dr. K. Rajan

Dr. J. Wilfred Angello Gerald

Student Representative

J. Movin Jeeva Sudhan

The 47th Academic Council Meeting was held on 8th August 2023 at 11:00 am in Toulouse Hall. 56 members were present and 7 were absent. The meeting began with a prayer song. Rev. Fr. Principal, the chairperson of the Academic Council, welcomed and introduced Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ, the new Rector of the College and the members of the Academic Council. He thanked the outgoing members of the 46th Academic Council while introducing the new members to the August gathering. Rev. Fr. Principal highlighted the agenda of the Academic Council Meeting and thanked the following outgoing members of the Academic Council:

Vice Chairman

Rev. Dr. Leonard Fernando, SJ, Former Rector, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli

Tamil Nadu State Government Representative

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

External Experts

Rev. (Sr.) A. Christina Bridget, *Former Principal, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli- 2*

Mr. A. Joseph Louis, Managing Director, Black Thunder Part Pvt. Ltd., Mettupalayam

Administrators

Dr. K. Alex, Former Vice-Principal (Academic)

Dr. V. Alex Ramani, Former Deputy Principal – Shift II

Rev. Dr. S. Santiago SJ, Former Vice-Principal – Shift II

Agenda 1: The passing of the Minutes of the 46th Academic Council

Dr. J. John Love Joy, Dean, School of Languages and Culture presented the minutes of the 46th Academic Council held on 8 July 2022. It was approved and passed by the members.

Agenda 2: The passing of the Minutes of Various Boards of Studies

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 the revision done in the syllabus.

School of Biological Sciences

Mr. A. Benno Susai Vijayakumar, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, presented the minutes of the Department of Bio-Chemistry. Dr. A. Edward, Head of the Department of Biotechnology, presented the minutes of his department. The Minutes of the Department of Botany was presented by Dr. S. R. Senthil Kumar, Head, Department of Botany. The minutes of the School of Biological Sciences were approved and passed.

School of Computing Sciences

The minutes of the Department of Computer Science was presented by its Head, Mr. A. Charles. The HoD mentioned that the TANSCHÉ Model of April 2023 was followed by the department instead of the latest Model shared by TANSCHÉ in June 2023 since the members of the department felt that the April 2023 Model conformed to the AICTE norms better than that of the June 2023 Model. The department also updated the textbooks as per the suggested TANSCHÉ Model. Dr. L. Arockiam presented the minutes of the Department of Data Science. Dr. P. Joseph Charles, Head, Department of Information Technology presented the minutes of the department. Dr. M. Thiagarajan, Head, Department of Mathematics presented the minutes of the Department of Mathematics. He noted that a few textbooks had been added to the core courses of the new syllabi. Mr. R. Vijayakumar, Head of the Department of Statistics, presented the minutes of the Statistics department. The minutes of the School of Computing Sciences were approved and passed.

School of Languages and Culture

Dr. V. Francis, Associate Professor, Department of English presented the minutes of the department. Rev. Fr Principal noted that the English and the Tamil Departments had to replace their General English and General Tamil Syllabi suggested by TANSCHÉ at the start of the academic year with the new model syllabi of TANSCHÉ. Ms. M. Mohanalakshmi, Head, Department of French presented the minutes of the 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. J. Santhosh Kumar. Dr. M.S. Madhavachari, Head, Department of Sanskrit and Dr. G. Beschi, Head, Department of Tamil presented the minutes of their departments respectively. The minutes of the School of Languages and Culture were approved and passed.

School of Management Studies

Ms. C. F. Octovia Antony Sessammal, Head of the Department of BBA presented the minutes of the department. The Minutes of B.Com. and B.Com. (Hons) were presented by Dr. F. R. Alexander Pravin Durai, Head, Department of Commerce. He highlighted that a few changes were made with regard to the hours and credits of two courses. Dr. N. Maheshwari, Head of

the Department of Commerce Computer Application read out a few minor changes made in the edited version of the syllabus of her department. Rev. Dr Emmanuel Arockiam, Head, Department of Counselling Psychology presented the minutes of the Department of Counselling Psychology. Dr. M. Suvakkin, 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, Mr. G. Louis Victor. The minutes of various BoS of the School of Management Studies were approved and passed 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. The head of the Department of Physics, Dr. I. Johnson, presented the minutes of the department. The minutes of the departments belonging to the School of Physical Sciences were approved and passed.

School of Business Management

Dr. Albin D. Robert Lawrence presented the minutes of the Department of Management Studies. The minutes was approved and passed.

Other Departments

Dr. S. Tamilarasi presented the minutes of B. Sc. Visual Communication and B. Voc. Visual Communication Technology. The minutes was approved and passed. Minutes of B. Voc. Software Development and System Administration was not presented in the Academic Council Meeting since the programme came under the UGC. The BoS of the programme would be due only in the following academic year.

Agenda 3: CoE's Report

Dr. K. Alex, Controller of Examinations, presented the report. Mr. Senthil Paramasivam, the External Industry Expert, sought the reasons for reducing the number of questions. Dr. K. Alex responded that a lot of time had to be spent on preparing questions according to the K Levels. So, in order to garner more nuanced questions, the number of questions was reduced. Concerning the allocation of Library Marks, Dr. K. Alex clarified that library hours were part of the CIA across all departments in the college.

Agenda 4: Report on Certificate & Value Added Courses

Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean, School of Biological Sciences, presented the report and Dr. R. Karvembu, the academic expert from NIT, Trichy enquired if the certificate courses were open to students from other colleges to which Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose agreed. Dr. A. Gunasekaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, observed that the course on 'Memory Techniques' could be offered by the Department of Counselling Psychology instead of the Chemistry Department. He also suggested that the inter-disciplinary nature of Certificate Courses could have external experts from the collaborating department as part of the BoS.

Agenda 5: Presentation of the List of Various Committees

Dr. J. Charles, Dean, School of Physical Sciences presented the List of Various Committees.

Agenda 6: Notable Activities

Dr. A. Rose Venis, Dean, IQAC, presented the notable activities conducted by the college.

Experts' Opinion

- Mr. Senthil Paramasivam, External Expert, CEO, Nallas Software Solutions Private Limited suggested that the syllabi, with special reference to Mathematics and Computer Science Programmes, were aimed to make students employment-ready.
- Dr. R. Karvembu, Professor of Chemistry at NIT, Trichy appreciated the syllabi of the Department of Chemistry.
- Dr. A. Gunasekaran sought clarification on the allocation of Library Marks as some syllabi incorporated the library component while others did not. Dr. A. Egbert Selwin Rose, Dean, School of Biological Sciences clarified that the library referencing was mandatory for all the departments. Fr. Principal mentioned that efforts were being made to make the library referencing more meaningful and effective despite the disinterest among the students. Dr. K. Alex also elaborated on the practice.
- Dr. Alexander Praveen Durai noted that the TANSCHER required programme-wise uniformity.
- Rev. Fr. Principal reiterated the fact that the institution was one of the first to gain autonomy and a host of schemes like '*Naan Mudalvan*' were inspired by novel practices like that of SHEPHERD.
- Dr. A. Gunasekaran enquired about the availability of a Harassment Committee on the campus. Dr. Rose Venis, Dean-IQAC replied that the committee is available and the details of the committee are provided in the college calendar and website.
- Rev. Fr. Rector appreciated the seed money given for research and mentioned that the money earmarked for the academic year was substantial.
- Rev. Fr. Secretary appealed to the Regional Joint Director concerning the Autonomy status mentioning that while equality was appreciated, uniformity in education was questionable because the autonomy given to the colleges could be diluted. He also mentioned that the certificate courses offered by the college attracted GST when students from other colleges partook in them. On this note, Rev. Fr. Principal also mentioned that the University collected GST for the extra seats allocated for the Departments. Rev. Fr. Principal stated that as an institute of nation-building, the UGC could find a way to relieve them from such financial burdens.
- Dr. A. Anthony Eldred, Dean, School of Computing Science thanked the outgoing members of the 46th Academic Council.

Concluding Remarks

Fr. Principal reiterated the importance of autonomy. He also suggested the incorporation of Value-based education since the college decided not to compromise on the basic aspects of holistic education.

The meeting came to an end at 12:50 p.m. with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. M. Julius Caesar, Dean, School of Management Studies.