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ST. PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE (Autonomous), MYSORE**

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THE MINUTES OF THE 17th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 06/01/2023

Time: 3:00 PM

Venue: College Auditorium

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

1	Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha	Principal - Chairperson
2	Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca	Vicar General & Vice President of MDES
3	Rev. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis	Rector – Management Representative
4	Dr. S. N. Hegde	Former VC of UOM. - Special Invitee
5	Prof. Loknath N K	University Nominee
6	Dr. Mohan Monterio	Alumni- Academician
7	Dr. Anjali Arun	Medical Field – Apollo Hospital
8	Dr. Anantha Gowda	Former HR Head Jubilant Life Sciences -Industry
9	Mr. Sanjay Nair	Vice Principal
10	Mr. Othbert Pinto	Director - PG Studies & Research Centre
11	Mr. Britto Dominic Rayan	Controller of Examination
12	Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha	IQAC Coordinator
13	Mr. M. Nagaraj Urs	Academic Coordinator
14	Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier	Special Invitee
15	Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar Gregory	Special Invitee
16	Rev. Fr. Christopher SJ	Special Invitee
17	Ms. Blessy George	Biochemistry
18	Ms. Naziya Habeeb M	Biotechnology
19	Ms. Dorothy P	Botany
20	Ms. Agnes Sylvia D'Souza	Chemistry
21	Mr. Joel J	Christianity
22	Ms. Gloria Priyadharshini	Computer Science & BCA
23	Ms. Sujatha Devi B	Economics
24	Mr. Kunal A	Electronics
25	Mr. William Joseph J	English
26	Ms. Uzma Bathool	Environmental Science
27	Ms. Niveditha Saldanha	French
28	Dr. Poornima Umesh AP	Hindi
29	Ms. Amrutha Shankpal A	Journalism
30	Mr. A. T. Sadebose	Kannada

31	Mr. Babu P	Malayalam
32	Ms. Syeda Farhana	Microbiology
33	Ms. Shobana Thomas	Physics
34	Mr. Anand C	Political Science
35	Ms. Deepthi M. J	Social Work
36	Dr. Sowmya P	Sociology
37	Mr. Ginson George	Psychology
38	Dr. Seetha R	Tamil Language
39	Ms. Cecilia N. A. D'Souza	Zoology
40	Ms. Lydia Vandana	Biochemistry & Healthcare Technology(B.Voc)
41	Mr. Raviraj Vadigeri	Media and Entertainment (B. Voc)
42	Mr. Francis Devasahayagam	Criminology & Forensic Science
43	Ms. Mary Irene J	Food Science & Nutrition
44	Mr. Paul Iruthayaraj	BBA -TH
45	Dr. Reena Francis	Commerce
46	Mr. Chandan Samuel	Management
47	Ms. Mary P. Kurian	Life Skill
48	Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A	PG Social Work
49	Dr. John Siluvai	PG English
50	Dr. Nandeesha H. K	PG Economics
51	Dr. Asha M. S	PG Chemistry
52	Dr. Alphonsus D'Souza	Special Invitee- Science Stream
53	Dr. Prashanth D A	Special Invitee - Arts Stream
55	Dr. Viveka Marie	Special Invitee - Commerce Stream
55	Ms. Reena Mol. V. U	Special Invitee

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT

1	Prof. Anand D	University Nominee
2	Dr. Saraswathi	University Nominee, Librarian, UOM
3	Prof. Cletus J M D'Souza	Former Chairman DoS in Biochemistry, UOM - Education
4	Prof. K Suresh	CEO, JSS Law College, Mysore- Legal Field
5	Mr. Vishwaprasad Alva	Industry
6	Dr. Prakash Arulappa	History
7	Ms. Fathimunnisa Begam	Urdu
9	Mr. Bharatha K	PG Mathematics
10	Mr. Venugopal Gowda M K	PG Journalism and Mass Communication
11	Dr. D. Revannasiddaiah	PG Physics
12	Rev. Dr. Dominic Charles Vas	PG Holistic Spirituality
13	Ms. Peria Nayagammal	Physical Education
14	Dr. Oshma R Pinto	PG Commerce

Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha, Principal, and Chairperson welcomed the council members. The council meeting commenced with a prayer rendered by Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General of Mysore Diocese and Vice President of MDES. The Principal introduced the management nominated member

Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca and other members nominated by the University and by the College. The Principal informed the council that Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras the management nominated member has completed his term. On behalf of the management and council members the Principal thanked the contribution made by Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, under whose leadership the college attained several milestones including autonomy.

The following agenda was placed in the meeting for approval.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 16th Academic Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2022.

The Chairperson placed the Minutes of the 16th Academic Council held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 for approval.

Decision: Approved.

2. Approval of amended NEP "Model Programme Structure for various under Graduate Programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, and Management" framed by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC). { (circular dated: 07/11/2022) and the University of Mysore (circular dated: 09/12/2022)}

Prof. Nagaraj Urs, the academic dean informed the council that the Karnataka State Higher Education Council has amended NEP Guidelines issued earlier. He placed in the council the following amendments proposed by the KSHEC.

Sl. No	Course	Credits Allotted	
		Before Amendment	After Amendment
1.	Environmental Studies.	02	03
2.	India and Indian Constitution.	02	03
3.	OE paper which was mandatory to be taught for 4 semesters earlier is now modified to 3	4x3=12	3x3=9
4.	NCC/NSS/Rangers & Rovers/ Cultural to be offered in the first semester.	Nil	02 Additional Credits to be printed separately in the Students Transcript
5.	Exit after completing first year with Certificate Course	Minimum Credits required = 48	48 + 10 exit credits by SEC for 2 months (Including 6 credits as job specific internship)
6.	Exit after completing second year with Diploma Course	Minimum Credits required = 96	96 + 10 exit credits by SEC for 2 months (Including 6 credits as job specific internship)
7.	Exit after completing three year with Basic Bachelor Degree	Minimum Credits required = 140	Minimum Credits required = 132 Maximum Credits required=140
8.	Bachelor Degree with Honours	Minimum Credits required = 180	Minimum Credits required = 176 Maximum Credits required=180

New Courses to be introduced to all the UG Programmes from the AY- 2022-23			
Sl. No	Title of the Course	Semester	Credits
1.	“Financial Education and Investment Awareness”	3 rd or 4 th	02

Prof. S. N. Hegde, former Vice Chancellor expressed his concern about the freedom of autonomy under NEP in terms of curriculum design, if the affiliated universities insist the autonomous colleges also implement the curriculum framed by KSHEC. In response, Mr. Othbert Pinto, the PG Director said that the Government of Karnataka has appointed the NEP Implementation Centre and the University of Mysore also is following all NEP guidelines without modification and so are the autonomous colleges. Continuing the discussion, the IQAC coordinator said that the college has introduced Life Skills as a mandatory course to all the UG Programmes, and the curriculum was revised from time to time to incorporate skill-oriented courses.

Prof. Loknath clarified that the KSHEC issued guidelines to implement the NEP at the beginning of The Academic Year 2020-21 and there was not sufficient time left to frame the curriculum. This has made all colleges follow the curriculum framed by KSHEC for the first NEP batch. He further clarified that autonomous colleges have the freedom to revise the curriculum by retaining uniformity in allotting the credits and a common pattern in curriculum design, to facilitate the students to migrate from one university to another.

Taking up the discussion of NCC/NSS/Sports/Ranger & Rovers etc, Prof. Loknath suggested that each student should opt for all these courses in either the 1st or 2nd semester. If the students are willing to continue NCC and NSS in the subsequent semesters, they should be allowed to do so without the award of credits.

Dr. S. N. Hedge wanted to know the number of students who opted for multiple exit options under NEP. In response, the academic dean said that none of the students chose the exit option. Prof. Loknath informed the members that the guidelines for a student's exit have been changed and the students opting for an exit should inform the college authorities 6 months in advance and the college should empower the student with skills through Apprenticeship/Internship to make them employable.

Dr. Anjali wanted to know the measures taken by the college for Apprenticeship/Internship if students drop out due to financial crisis or the sudden demise of the sole breadwinner of the family. In response Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, the IQAC coordinator said that the college has already introduced experiential learning activities comprising Field Visits, Internship Programmes, projects, etc., and has MOUs with various organizations. He further informed the council that the KSHEC has established an Academic Credit Bank to store the credentials of students to assist the dropout students if they wish to continue their studies later in any other Institution. Also, there are online courses available for dropout students to continue their studies. Dr. S. N. Hegde opined that the online courses emphasize only theoretical knowledge but the offline courses focus on honing the student's skills and making them employable

Decision: Approved.

2. *Introducing modified curriculum for I & II semesters of UG Programmes from the AY 2022-23 onwards.*

The academic dean informed the council that due to the shortage of time, the curriculum sent by the University was adopted for the NEP first-year students without any modification. Now the curriculum is modified for all the programmes and the respective BOS have approved the same. He placed the modified curriculum in the council and sought approval to introduce it from the AY 2022-23 (I&II semesters) to all the UG Programmes.

Decision: Approved.

3. *Approval to introduce KSHEC framed curriculum under NEP-2020 for III and IV semesters for the AY 2022-23 forwarded by the University of Mysore.*

Taking up the discussion, the academic dean informed the council that the present III and IV semesters students are the first batch of NEP students (2021-22) and the college has no other option but to continue with the curriculum framed by the University for the III and IV semesters (Academic Year 2022-23). The modified curriculum for the III and IV semesters would be implemented from the academic year 2023-24.

Decision: Approved.

4. *Approval of the Introduction of new PG programmes approved by the University of Mysore.*

- a. M.Sc., Criminology & Forensic Science Programme from the Academic Year 2022-23 with the curriculum framed by the University of Mysore for the first batch***
- b. Change of nomenclature of the existing MA Holistic Spirituality Programme into MA in Philosophy and Holistic Spirituality.***
- c. Reintroducing M.Sc. in Psychology Programme.***

The Principal sought the approval of the Academic Council to implement the same.

Decision: Approved.

5. *To approve the proposal to introduce the following PG Programmes from the Academic Year 2023-24*

- i. M.Sc., in Economics***
- ii. MCA***
- iii. MBA***

Decision: Approved.

6. *Approval of the list of BOS members for a three-year term starting from the Academic Year 2022-23 to 2024-2025 for all the UG and PG Programmes.*

Decision: Approved.

7. *Approval of the list of BOE members starting for the Academic Year 2022-24 for UG and PG Programmes.*

Decision: Approved.

8. Introduction of Four Year Honours Undergraduate Programme (4YUGP):

The academic dean informed the council that the National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF) has made a provision under NEP to start Four Year Honours Undergraduate Programmes (4YUGP). In view of this, the college proposes to offer the following 4YUGP from the Academic Year 2023-24 provided the required number of students enrolls for these programmes. More 4YUGP would be introduced from time to time based on the demand.

- a) *Physics*
- b) *Chemistry*
- c) *Mathematics*
- d) *Biochemistry*
- e) *Criminology & Forensic Science*
- f) *Psychology*
- g) *BCA*
- h) *Kannada*
- i) *English*
- j) *Hindi*
- k) *Economics*
- l) *Commerce*
- m) *Social work*
- n) *BBA(Management)*

The Academic Dean informed the council that the College is proposing to promote existing 3-year UG programmes into 4-year UG Honours Programmes under NEP from the academic year 2024-25. The College has identified 14 existing 3-year UG programmes under this scheme and listed them in the agenda to promote into a 4-year Honours Programme.

Taking up the discussion Prof. S. N. Hegde wanted to know the criteria adopted to select fourteen 4-Years Undergraduate Programmes (4YUGP). The PG Director explained to the council that these 14 programmes are selected based on the present demand for the PG programmes and the availability of the facilities like qualified faculty members, infrastructure, and academic collaborations. A suggestion came from the members to promote all the existing UG programmes into 4YUGP. The council expressed the opinion that it would not be possible to promote all the existing 32 UG courses unless additional infrastructure and human resources are planned. Prof SN Hegde & Prof. Lokanath informed the council that the agenda already mentioned that- "More 4YUGP would be introduced from time to time based on demand".

Prof. S. N. Hegde suggested offering a couple of Integrated programmes as flagship programmes. Sharing the feedback on the current status of NEP, Dr. Loknath said that the teachers should read and understand the guidelines of NEP. He further clarified that NEP is student-centric and not teacher-centric. He requested the Chairman to allow all the faculty members to attend the AC meeting either online/offline when the NEP agenda comes for discussion to appraise them with the latest updates. Prof. S. N. Hegde further said that colleges should be prepared to accept changes as "Change is the law of the World".

Decision: Approved.

9. **Any other matter**

Dr. Anantha Gowda wanted to know about the steps taken by the college for the placement of the students. The Principal informed the council that:

1. The college is regularly organizing stream-wise Recruitment Training Programmes by inviting HR personnel from different industries including the Banking Sector.
2. The college also has MOU with different organizations to have regular training and campus recruit drives. He further added that the TCS has already conducted recruitment training for the students.
3. A pool drive for Placements by Infosys is scheduled for 21st January 2023.

Prof. John Siluvai informed the council that the present NEP curriculum framed for French Language requires to be updated for UG programmes including BTHM. He further added that the French Curriculum of the College before the implementation of NEP was more advanced and requested the council to permit the implementation of the same. The council advised him to place the matter before the BOS for approval.


Prof. John Siluvai further informed the council that less number of students are getting admitted to MA in English after the University of Mysore modified the eligibility criteria (allowing only optional English students with 45% and above marks at UG level) for first-year admissions. He further said that he had raised the issue in the earlier AC meeting and the council had then requested him to draft a representation to the university of Mysore with the relevant supporting documents from the other universities and submit it to the Principal. The Principal informed the house that Prof. John Siluvai did submit the representation to him but without the supporting documents. In the absence of the supporting documents, he could not forward his representation to the university of Mysore. Prof. John Siluvai further requested the Principal to work out at the university level to reconsider the earlier eligibility criteria (45% and above in Optional English or 50% and above in English as the first language in the first four semesters or 55% and above in PG Diploma in English). Prof. Loknath advised Prof. John Siluvai to visit the DoS in English of the University of Mysore and meet the BOS members and have a dialogue to resolve the issue.

Ms. Mary P. Kurien expressed her opinion that NEP implementation may affect the academic quality of the graduates and these graduates may not be able to become academically efficient teachers. In reply, Dr. S. N. Hegde said that teaching is a noble profession that creates all the other professions. The IQAC coordinator Mr. Prakash Cutinha said that there are rumors of UGC being getting dissolved and expressed concern about the status of Autonomous Colleges.

Prof. Loknath clarified that UGC will not be dissolved but the nomenclature is going to be changed to Higher Education Council. He informed the council that the NHEQF guidelines give more details. He further informed that this decision of UGC will not affect the autonomy of the colleges.

Mr. Britto Dominic Rayan, the Controller of Examination proposed the vote of thanks. The Principal declared the meeting closed.

Date: 07/01/2023


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