



**MYSORE DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY®
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The Minutes of the 12th Governing Body Meeting Held on 31/03/2023 at 10:30 am

The following members were present:

Sl.No	Name	Designation
1	Msgr. Rev. Fr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General & Vice President of MDES	Chairman
2	Rev. Fr. Madalai Muthu, Treasurer of MDES	Member
3	Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector, St. Philomena's Educational Institutions, Member of MDES	Member
4	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar.	Member: UGC Nominee
5	Prof. Laxman Ayyappa Kulagod Regional Joint Director for Collegiate Education, Mysuru.	Member: Govt. Nominee
6	Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, Former VC of Kuvempu University.	Member-Education
7	Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha, Principal, St. Philomena's College, (Autonomous), Mysore.	Member-Secretary
8	Mr. Vidhyadhar Sanjay Nair, Vice Principal (Academics)	Member
9	Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Librarian & Vice Principal (Admin)	Member
10	Prof. Othbert Pinto, Director, PG Studies and Research Center	Member
11	Mr. A. Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator	Member
12	Mr. M Nagaraj Urs, Academic Dean	Member
13	Dr. Alphonsus D' Souza, Associate Prof. of Chemistry-Senior Faculty	Member
14	Ms. Agnes D' Souza, Associate Prof. of Chemistry-Senior Faculty	Member

The following members were not present:

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1	Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary of MDES	Member
2	Prof. Anand D, University of Mysore Nominee	University-Member

The Principal, Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha introduced and welcomed the members. The meeting commenced with the prayer rendered by Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General of Mysore Diocese and Vice President of MDES. The Principal gave a brief presentation on the major milestones of the institution, various academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities held during the academic year 2022-23

The following agenda was taken up for discussion and approval.

Agenda-1 *Approval of the Minutes of the 11th Governing Body held on 09.05.2022*

The Principal placed the minutes of the 11th Governing Body held on 09.05.2022 which was circulated earlier among the members and sought its approval.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda-2 *Review of the functioning of Autonomy for the academic year 2021-22 and Action Plan for 2022-23.*

The Principal informed the members that the college has submitted the proposal for the extension of autonomy for the third cycle through the University of Mysore to the UGC in October 2022 and is waiting for the response. He briefed the progress made by the college both academically and financially and the challenges faced in the implementation of the curriculum framed by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) and forwarded by the affiliated university in view of the implementation of NEP 2020 by the state government thereby suppressing the academic autonomy of the College. Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice Principal of Administration expressed the challenges faced by the institution due to the central government policies to offer more free online programmes as a part of the UG & PG programme curriculum, collecting of high affiliation fees by the affiliated university, and the task of raising funds to retain the competent faculty. He wished that the UGC and other funding agencies would continue to provide more financial support, especially in the light of NEP 2020. He also informed that the college is focusing on increasing the diversity of programmes to improve student strength. Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda opined that the college should aspire to become a World Class University.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda – 3 Ratification of the following decisions taken by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 06.01.2023.

- a) The Principal briefed the members on the amendments made to the existing “NEP Model Programme Structure” for the Undergraduate Programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, and Management suggested by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) in its circulars dated: 07/11/2022) and the University of Mysore circular dated: 09/12/2022.

Sl.No	Course	Credits Modified	
		Before the Amendment	After the Amendment
i.	Environmental Studies	02	03
ii.	India and Indian Constitution	02	03
iii.	Open Elective courses which were mandatory to be taught for 4 semesters earlier are now modified to 3 semesters.	4x3=12	3x3=9
iv.	Value-based and skill-based courses like NCC/NSS/Rangers & Rovers/Cultural are to be offered in the First Semester.	Nil	02 Additional Credits are to be printed separately on the student's Transcript.
v.	The credit required to issue a Certificate to the students who exit after completing the first year of the programme.	Minimum Credits required=48	48 + 10 exit credits from SEC for 2 months (Including 6 credits as a job-specific internship)
vi.	The credit required to issue a Certificate to the students who exit after completing the Second Year of the programme.	Minimum Credits required=96	96+10 exit credits from SEC for 2 months.(Including 6 credits as a job-specific internship)
vii.	The credit required to issue a Basic Bachelor's Degree Certificate to the students who exit after completing the Third Year of the programme.	Minimum Credits required =140	Minimum Credits required= 132 Maximum Credits required=140
viii.	The credit required to issue an Honours Degree Certificate to the students who exit after completing the Fourth Year of the programme.	Minimum Credits required=180	Minimum Credits required =176 Maximum Credits required=180
ix.	Introduction of the new course “Financial Education and Investment Awareness”	Semesters-3 rd or 4 th	Credits-02

Decision: Approved.

- b) ***Introducing the existing I & II semester NEP curriculum with modification to the UG programmes from the AY 2022-23 onwards.***

The Principal informed the members that the curriculum framed by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) for semesters I and II is revised to the extent of 20 percent by the concerned UG departments of the College and approved in their respective BOS meetings for the UG programmes and is ratified by the Academic Council in its Meeting held on 6th January 2023.

Decision: Approved

- c) ***Introducing the NEP curriculum framed by KSHEC and forwarded by the University of Mysore to the III and IV semesters from the AY 2022-23***

Decision: Approved

- d) ***Starting of M.Sc. in Criminology & Forensic Science Programme approved by the University of Mysore from the Academic Year 2022-23 with the curriculum framed by the University of Mysore.***

The Principal informed the council that the college has introduced the M.Sc. in Criminology & Forensic Science Programme from the AY 2022-23 with the approval of the University of Mysore with a sanctioned strength of 30 students. The programme has received a good response from the student and 22 students have taken the admission. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma mentioned that Officers in Defense Forces can take up this programme and other similar programmes which are in high demand in many parts of the Country may be introduced.

Decision: Approved

- e) ***Changing the nomenclature of the existing MA Holistic Spirituality Programme into MA Philosophy and Holistic Spirituality Programme.***

The Principal informed the members that for the last few years the college was admitting students to MA Holistic Spirituality. However, the programme did not get any admissions for the current AY 2022-23. To make the programme more attractive and meaningful, at the request of the college the University of Mysore has permitted to change its name to MA Philosophy and Holistic Spirituality.

Decision: Approved

- f) ***Reintroducing the M.Sc. in Psychology Programme which was temporarily kept in abeyance due to the non-admission of the required number of students.***

The Principal mentioned that the M.Sc. in Psychology Programme was temporarily kept in

abeyance for not getting the required number of student admissions. As some inquiries for the programme were received the college is reintroducing the M.Sc. in Psychology Programme from the A-Y 2022-23.

Decision: Approved

- g) Starting of the following PG Programmes from the Academic Year 2023-24 for which the approval is obtained from the University of Mysore**

1.MCA 2.MBA

The Principal informed the members that on the advice of the management, the college is starting MCA & MBA programmes from the AY 2023-24 and waiting for a NOC from the University to process the application and submit it to AICTE.

Decision: Approved

- h) Starting of the following Diploma Courses from the Academic Year 2023-24 for which the approval is obtained from the University of Mysore**

Course	Regulation	Sections	Intake
New UG Diploma Courses			
Diploma in Cyber Security	As per University Regulations	1	20
Diploma in HR Analytics	As per University Regulations	1	20
New PG Diploma Courses			
Diploma in Business Analytics	As per University Regulations	1	20
Diploma in Data Science	As per University Regulations	1	20

Decision: Approved

Agenda -4 Introduction of the Four-Year Honours Undergraduate Programme(4YUGP):

The following Four-Year Honours Undergraduate Programmes are shortlisted to offer to the students who complete their three-year UG Programme under NEP. These Programmes would be started in the academic year 2024-25 after receiving the guidelines from the KSHEC and the University of Mysore.

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

Taking up the discussion, the Principal and the PG Director mentioned that there is a lack of clarity regarding NEP guidelines for the four-year Honors undergraduate courses.

Prof. Laxman Ayyapp Kulagod, the Regional Joint Director for Collegiate Education, Mysore informed the council that the honors course would be offered for the colleges having the required infrastructure and qualified faculty. A limited number of students will be permitted to take admissions and the honors programmes would be offered. Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda informed that the four-year honors degree would provide opportunities to students aspiring to go abroad for higher studies.

Mr. M. Nagaraj Urs informed the members that KSHEC in its circular dated 30/03/2023 provides two options (Honours degree with research or without research) for the students who complete the three years UG programme under NEP,

Option-1: The students with a CGPA above 7.5 are eligible to opt for an honors programme with research.

Option-2: The students with a CGPA less than 7.5 are eligible to opt for an honors programme without research.

Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha expressed the need to start new programmes like a Bachelor in Education in the light of NEP. He added that apart from the subjects mentioned in the said agenda, from time to time more departments need to be equipped with resources to take up the four years degree programmes. Prof. Laxman Ayyapp Kulagod suggested that the college authorities should think of starting Bachelors in Aviation Management.

Decision: Approved

Agenda-5

Ratification so the audited income and expenditure statements of various grants approved in the finance committee held on 06.06.2022 & 21.03.2023

The Principal requested Prof. Othbert Pinto to present the audited income and expenditure Statement. Prof. Othbert Pinto informed the council that the income and

expenditure statements were prepared and audited by the CA and approved by the Finance Committee in which the Account Officer of the university is a member. The following audited statement cleared by the Finance Committee was placed before the council or approval.

a) ***The College account for the financial year 2021-22***

Decision: Approved

b) *Autonomous Grant received from UGCf or the financial year 2021-22*

Decision: Approved

c) *UGC Grant received under various heads of the previous financial years and the financial year 2021-22*

Decision: Approved

d) *The College Management accounts for the financial year 2021-22*

Decision: Approved

Agenda-6. Approval of Budget allocation under the following heads:

a) *Budget allocation under different heads for the years 2022-23*

Decision: Approved

b) *Student fee structure for aided and self-financing UG Programmes and self-Financing PG Courses for the Financial Year 2022-23.*

Decision: Approved

Agenda-7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman


a) Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma pointed out the urgent need for the college to gear up the preparations for NAAC accreditation for the next cycle.

b) Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda expressed his concern that the latest advances in artificial intelligence like Chat GPT is a threat to the students' assessment process and demands the need to bring changes in the evaluation process.

The Principal thanked the members for their participation and the valuable suggestions.

Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Date:01.4.2023


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