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THE MINUTES OF THE 18th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 10/11/2023

Time: 3:00 PM

Venue: College Auditorium

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Sl No:	Academic Council Members	Designation/ Department
1	Rev Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca	Vicar General
2	Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis	Rector/Manager
3	Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha	Principal - Chairperson
4	Prof. Anand D	University Nominee, University of Mysore
5	Dr. Saraswathi	Librarian, University of Mysore University Nominee
6	Dr. S. N. Hegde	Former Vice Chancellor & Academician - Special Invitee
7	Prof. Cletus J. M. D'Souza	Former Chairman, DOS in Biochemistry, University of Mysore
8	Dr. Mohan Monterio	Academician
9	Dr. Anantha Gowda	Industrialist
10	Mr. M. Nagaraj Urs.	Vice Principal (Academic) & Academic Dean
11	Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha	Vice Principal (Administration)
12	Mr. Othbert Pinto	Director - PG Centre
13	Ms. Lydia Vandana	Controller of Examinations

14	Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier Sunil	Vice Rector -Special Invitee
15	Rev.Fr.Praveen Kumar Gregory	Campus Administrator - Special Invitee
16	Rev. Fr. Christopher S.J.	Assistant Rector -Special Invitee
17	Mr. A. Thomas Gunaseelan	IQAC Coordinator
18	Dr. Alphonsus D'Souza	UUCMS Nodal Officer & Science Dean
19	Mr. A.T.Sadebose	Language Dean
20	Dr. Praveen Saldanha	Arts Dean
21	Dr. Reena Francis	Commerce Dean
22	Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A	PG-Dean
23	Ms. Blessy George	UG Biochemistry
24	Ms. Naziya Habeeb M	Biotechnology
25	Ms. Shruthi Menezes	UG Mathematics
26	Ms. Jeevitha Saldanha	UG Botany
27	Ms. Agnes Sylvia D'Souza	UG Chemistry
28	Mr. Joel J	UG Christianity
29	Ms. Gloria Priyadarshini	UG Computer Science & BCA
30	Ms. Sujatha Devi B	UG Economics
31	Mr. Kunal A	UG Electronics
32	Mr. William Joseph J	UG English
33	Ms. Uzma Bathool	UG Environmental Science
34	Dr. John Siluvai	UG French
35	Dr. Poornima Umesh AP	UG Hindi
36	Dr. Prakash Arulappa	UG History
37	Ms. Yamuna B. Raj	UG Journalism
38	Mr. Babu P	UG Malayalam

39	Ms. Syeda Farhana	UG Microbiology
40	Mr. M. Nagaraj Urs.	UG Physics
41	Mr. Anand C	UG Political Science
42	Ms. Deepthi M. J	UG Social work
43	Dr. Sowmya P	UG Sociology
44	Mr. Ginson George	UG Psychology
45	Dr. Seetha R	UG Tamil
46	Ms. Mary Sofia	UG Zoology
47	Ms. Lydia Vandana	Health Care Technology(B.Voc)
48	Mr. Raviraj Vadigeri	Media Entertainment (B. Voc)
49	Mr. Francis Devasahayam	UG Criminology & Forensic Science
50	Ms. Mary Irene J	UG Food Science & Nutrition
51	Mr. Paul Irudayaraj	BBA (TH)
52	Dr. Reena Francis	UG Commerce
53	Mr. Chandan Samuel	UG Management
54	Ms. Mary P. Kurian	Life Skills
55	Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A	PG-Social Work
56	Dr. John Siluvai	PG English PG
57	Dr. Oshma R Pinto	PG-Commerce
58	Ms. Lydia Vandana	PG Biochemistry
59	Dr. Revannasiddaiah	PG Physics
60	Mr. Bharatha K	PG Mathematics
61	Dr.Nandeesh H. K	PG Economics
62	Dr. Asha M. S	PG Chemistry
63	Ms. Namratha K.H	PG Computer Science

64	Mr. Venugopal Gowda M K	PG. Journalism
65	Ms. Periyamayammal	Physical Education
66	Dr. Prashanth D A	Special Invitee - Arts Stream
67	Dr. Viveka Marie	Special Invitee - Commerce Stream
68	Ms. Reena Mol. V. U	MCA
69	Dr. Issac George	MBA

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT

SI No:	Academic Council Members	Designation/ Department
1	Prof. Lokanath N K	University Nominee
2	Prof. K. S. Suresh	Academician
3	Dr. Anjali Arun	Academician
4	Mr. Vishwaprasad Alva	Industrialist
5	Ms. Fathimunnisa Begam	UG Urdu
6	Rev. Dr. Dominic Charles Vas	PG Holistic Spirituality

The proceedings of the academic council commenced with a prayer rendered by Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General of Mysore Diocese and Vice President of MDES. Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha, the Principal welcomed the members and presented a brief account on the academic milestones of the institution. He briefed on the current academic programmes and remarkable achievements of the institution in the recent years.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs, Vice Principal (Academics) and Academic Dean, placed the following agenda for discussions, deliberations, and for the approval of the house.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 17th Academic Council Meeting held on 6th January 2023.

The approval for the minutes was proposed by Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice Principal (Administration) and seconded by Mr. A. T. Sadebose, Dean of Languages.

Decision: Approved.

2 Approval to introduce,

i. The modified (30%) NEP-2020 curriculum for III and IV semesters with revised question paper templates approved in the respective BOS meetings of the College.

ii. The NEP-2020 Curriculum without modifications for V and VI semesters forwarded by the University of Mysore and approved in the respective BOS of the College.

The above i & ii will be implemented in the following UG programmes.

a. BA	b. B.Sc.,	c. B. Com	d. BSW
e. BCA	f. BBA-TH	g. BBA	

Dr. S. N. Hegde, renowned academician and special invitee expressed concern over the credibility of autonomous institutions in the context of adoption of the NEP syllabus framed by the KSHEC and approved by University of Mysore. He cited the recent ruling of the Madras High Court which says the government holds no right to impose a curriculum on universities and higher education institutions.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs and Mr. Othbert Pinto, PG Director elucidated the council that the college has followed the regulations of the KSHEC and the University of Mysore in the process of initial adoption of the first, second- and third-year NEP curriculum and further revision of syllabus up to 30 percent in the subsequent years.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs asserted that the college has from time-to-time sought clarification from the officials on the implementation of the curriculum. In this direction, he acknowledged the support received from Prof. Lokanath N K, Honorable Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore who is the University nominee to the academic council. He mentioned that exercising absolute autonomy by the institutions in modifying the curriculum and changing the course titles would affect the provision in NEP to transfer credits to students in cases if they seek change of admission between institutions and universities. He added that this would further create discrepancies in the entry of data in UUCMS.

Prof. Anand D, University Nominee opined that with the recent proposal to implement State Education Policy in the place of NEP from the next academic year, the universities and higher education institutions are awaiting directions from the government and expressed hopes that new measures would incorporate the positive aspects of NEP in SEP for the interest of the students.

Decision: Approved.

3 The following Open Elective courses are to be offered to streams other than the Science stream.

Sl. No	Department	Title of the Course	Credits	Number of teaching hours per week
1	Chemistry	Environmental Chemistry	03	03
2	Chemistry	Water quality & its treatment	03	03

Decision: Approved.

4 To start a new course in Criminology & Forensic Science in B.Sc. programme from the academic year 2023-24.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs informed the council that the new course would facilitate the students to take up Criminology and Forensic Science as one of the two optional subjects in B.Sc. programme.

Decision: Approved.

5 To start the following PG Programmes for which the sanction is obtained from AICTE, Govt of Karnataka & University of Mysore for the academic year 2023-24.

a. MBA	b. MCA
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The Academic Dean stated that the starting of these professional programmes is a remarkable accomplishment for the institution. The newly formed MBA and MCA departments have framed the course structure, syllabi, and credit allocation and the same have been approved in their respective Board of Studies.

Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha explained the various procedures involved in the process of getting approval for the above programmes. He updated the council that college is getting geared up with infrastructure additions required for these programmes with a student intake of 60 each, out of which the management seats are almost filled up, the rest 50 percent of the Government quota will be filled up through PG CET. He introduced the newly recruited teaching staff of MBA and MCA programmes to the members of the council. He sought the cooperation of the academic council for successful progress of these new programmes which will be tentatively launched in the mid-week of December.

Dr. S. N. Hegde suggested to identify eminent guest faculty with expertise and competence in various fields including industry to supplement the faculty strength for these professional programmes.

Dr. Anantha Gowda, industry expert asked about the structure of MBA programme. Dr. Issac George, Head of the department of MBA clarified that the college offers MBA with dual specialization, where the students will study the four elective papers from the specialization areas, which include Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Retail and Supply Chain Management, Digital Marketing and Financial Management in third and fourth semesters.

Decision: Approved.

- 6. Approval to discontinue MA Christianity, MA Sociology & MA Philosophy, and Holistic Spirituality Programmes as these courses do not have any admissions.**

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs informed the council that the college is forced to discontinue the said programmes due to the drastic decline in the admissions for the last few years.

Dr. S. N. Hegde stated that change in demand ratio for the programmes is a cyclic process and suggested that these programmes be only temporarily discontinued and revived later considering their demand in future.

Decision: Approved.

- 7. Approval to extend the following sections which were existing in the CBCS guidelines to the benefit of NEP- 2020 batch students.**

a. To re-conduct C1/C2 IA evaluations, for those students who could not attend C1/C2 IA examinations due to valid reasons, before the end of the last working day of the term.

b. The students having C3 back papers in the ODD/ EVEN semesters will appear for the supplementary examinations along with regular ODD/ EVEN semesters C3 examinations.

c. Makeup examination (C3): The students having back papers will be given another opportunity to appear for the makeup examination to clear the back papers which shall be held within one month of notification of VI semester results. The makeup examination is to be conducted for the benefit of the students of all semesters.

Dr. S. N. Hegde appreciated the college for the tremendous efforts taken to ensure that the students to complete their educational programmes.

Decision: Approved.

8. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Dr. S. N. Hegde enquired about the preparations for the four-year Honours programmes under NEP.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs informed the house that the preparations for the Honours degree would depend on directives from the government with regard to the newly proposed State Education Policy.

Dr. S. N. Hegde suggested that the decision of the previous academic council meeting to offer a Four-Year Honours Undergraduate Programme in a few subjects depending on the student admissions be extended to the proposed State Education Policy.

He stressed the necessity of higher educational institutions to go for the accreditation process by statutory bodies like NAAC to improve academic standards by focusing on effective teaching-learning and accessibility to government funds.

He shared hopes on diversifying job prospects for graduates with multinational companies like Infosys recruiting students from all streams and not just areas of engineering and management. He added that it's essential for institutions to get connected with recruiters through the placement cell which needs to focus on skill enhancement and other co-scholastic domains to make the students industry ready.

Ms. Gloria Priyadharshini, Head of the U G Department of Computer Science and BCA informed that strength of BCA has improved tremendously and requested that

students of BCA programmes be given the option to study specialization subjects like Data Science, Cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning etc.

Dr. S. N. Hegde opined that these courses have to be started considering the skill requirements of the job market in consultation with industry experts.

Prof. Cletus J. M. D'Souza, Former Chairman, DOS in Biochemistry UOM suggested that the institution can adopt a pattern followed by colleges like St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru where the college offers certificate courses online. Ms. Gloria Priyadharshini informed that the college has been offering such online value-added courses for the students.

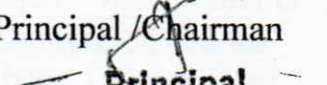
After the discussions on the nature of specialization courses, Prof. Anand D clarified that the college has to seek the permission for specialized BCA programmes from PMEB (Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Board) of University of Mysore.

Dr. Anantha Gowda suggested that the college to involve more industry experts in the academic activities to promote the proper recruitments for all programmes, especially the newly introduced professional programmes like MBA and MCA. Dr. Issac George informed that the pedagogy designed for the MBA programme has incorporated all the aspects to provide the required industry exposure to the students.

The Principal thanked the members for their valuable suggestions.

Mr. A Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Date:

Principal / Chairman

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