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THE MINUTES OF THE 16th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2022. Venue: College Conference Hall. Time: 03.00 pm

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

1.	Dr. Alphonsus D'Souza	Principal - Chairperson
2.	Msgr. Leslie Moras	Episcopal Vicar
3.	Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis	Rector – Management representative
4.	Dr. S. N. Hegde	Former VC of UoM. Academician - Special Invitee
5.	Prof. Cletus J. M. D'Souza	Former Chairman, DOS in Biochemistry, UoM
6.	Dr. Mohan Monterio	Alumni- Academician
7.	Dr. Saraswathi	University Nominee, Librarian, UoM
8.	Dr. Anjali Arun	Medical Field – Apollo Hospital
9.	Dr. Anantha Gowda	Former HR Head, Jubilant Life Sciences .Industry
10.	Mr. Othbert Pinto	Director - PG Studies & Research Centre
11.	Mr. Sanjay Nair	Vice Principal
12.	Mr. Britto Dominic Rayan	Controller of Examinations
13.	Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha	IQAC Coordinator
14.	Mr. M. Nagaraj Urs.	Academic Coordinator
15.	Ms. Blessy George	UG Biochemistry
16.	Ms. Naziya Habeeb M	UG Biotechnology
17.	Ms. Dorothy P.	UG Botany
18.	Ms. Agnes Sylvia D'Souza	UG Chemistry
19.	Mr. Joel J	Christianity
20.	Ms. Gloria Priyadharshini	UG Computer Science & BCA
21.	Ms. Sujatha Devi B	UG Economics
22.	Mr. Kunal A	UG Electronics
23.	Mr. William Joseph J	English
24.	Ms. Uzma Bathool	Environmental Science
25.	Dr. Poornima Umesh AP	Hindi
26.	Dr. Prakash Arulappa	History
27.	Mr. A. T. Sadebose	Kannada
28.	Mr. Babu P	Malayalam
29.	Ms. Syeda Farhana	Microbiology
30.	Mr. Anand C	Political Science
31.	Ms. Deepthi M. J	UG Social Work
32.	Dr. Sowmya P	UG Sociology
33.	Mr. Ginson George	UG Psychology
34.	Dr. Seetha R	Tamil Language
35.	Ms. Fathimunnisa Begam	Urdu Language

36.	Ms. Cecilia N. A. D'Souza	UG Zoology
37.	Ms. Lydia Vandana	Health Care Technology (B. Voc)
38.	Mr. Raviraj Vadigeri	Media Entertainment (B. Voc)
39.	Mr. Francis Devasahayagam	UG Criminology & Forensic Science
40.	Ms. Mary Irene J	UG Food Science & Nutrition
41.	Mr. Paul Iruthayaraj	BBA (TH)
42.	Dr. Reena Francis	UG Commerce
43.	Mr. Chandan Samuel	UG Management
44.	Ms. Mary P. Kurian	Life Skills
45.	Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A	PG Social Work
46.	Dr. John Siluvai	PG English
47.	Dr. Oshma R Pinto	PG Commerce
48.	Ms. Lydia Vandana	PG Biochemistry
49.	Rev. Dr. Dominic Charles Vas	PG Holistic Spirituality
50.	Mr. Bharath K	PG Mathematics
51.	Dr. Nandeesh H. K	PG Economics
52.	Dr. Asha M. S	PG Chemistry
53.	Mr. Venugopal Gowda M K	PG Journalism
54.	Ms. Peria Nayagammal	Physical Education
55.	Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha	Special Invitee - Science Stream
56.	Dr. Prashanth D A	Special Invitee - Arts Stream
57.	Dr. Viveka Marie	Special Invitee - Commerce Stream
58.	Ms. Reena Mol. V. U	Special Invitee
59.	Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier	Special Invitee
60.	Rev. Fr. John Paul	Special Invitee
61.	Rev. Fr. Julian	Special Invitee

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE NOT PRESENT

1.	Prof. Lokanath NK	University Nominee
2.	Prof. Anand D	University Nominee
3.	Prof. K. S. Suresh	Legal Field CEO JSS Law College, Mysore
4.	Mr. Vishwa Prasad Alva	Industry
5.	Rev. Fr. Saji Augustine	French
6.	Ms. Nisarga M N	Journalism
7.	Ms. Shobana Thomas	Physics
8.	Dr. Revannasiddaiah	PG Physics
9.	Mr. Mahesh D M	PG Computer Science

Dr. Alphonsus D'Souza, Principal and Chairperson welcomed the council members. The council meeting commenced with a prayer rendered by Msgr. Leslie Moras, the Episcopal Vicar for Education and Health Ministries, Mysore Diocese. The following agenda was placed in the meeting for approval.

Agenda:1 Approval of the Minutes of the 15th Academic Council Meeting held on 12th Jan 2021

The Chairperson placed before the Council the Minutes of the 15th Academic Council meeting held on 12th January 2021 for approval.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda:2 To implement the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) regulations for Undergraduate Programmes framed by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KHSEC), Govt. of Karnataka and forwarded by the University of Mysore to the affiliated colleges with an option to modify them by the Academic Council of the College from time to time.

Mr. Nagaraj Urs the Academic coordinator briefed the members about the guidelines and the modalities to be adopted to implement the NEP 2020. He further informed the council that the Karnataka Higher Education Council has constituted course-wise committees to frame the curriculum. The curriculum framed by these committees must be taught only all over the state including the autonomous colleges.

Dr. S.N. Hegde expressed that the NEP has brought in a skill-orientated multidisciplinary multiple exits and entry option concepts and the college shall accept the NEP guidelines and curriculum as a one-time measure for this academic year and that framing the curriculum is a prerogative of the college and that should not be withdrawn as the college is empowered with autonomy status. A few members expressed that the curriculum framed by the Karnataka Higher Education Council is too vast and advanced, and students may find it difficult as their academic years were disturbed due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Dr. S.N. Hegde and Msgr. Leslie Moras advised the teachers to record their feedback and submit it to the University so that the curriculum can be revised. It was also suggested to start working on it for the next academic year.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda:3 To implement the Karnataka Higher Education Council Curriculum, forwarded by the University of Mysore to the Undergraduate Programmes of the affiliated colleges for I and II Semesters for the academic year 2021-22 with the freedom to reschedule the evaluation process under the autonomous status granted to the College

Taking up the discussion, the NEP Coordinator said that the NEP Curriculum has offered an interdisciplinary approach with Open Elective courses and that the college has followed the same. Highlighting the advantages, he said that the students had the option to choose from a variety of OE courses.

He further informed that the Academic Section had prepared statutes for the implementation of the NEP and displayed the course/programme pattern for various courses/programmes and highlighted that the college is following the blended mode of learning as per the NEP guidelines.

The college has retained the university pattern of 25 credits for all the programmes and 26 credits for BCA. The NEP curriculum has prescribed NCC/NSS/Rangers & Rovers/Cultural Activities in the first year without any credit weightage. However, the college has allotted 1 extra credit for each of the activities. These extra credits will reflect in their final credit transcript.

Dr. S.N. Hegde appreciated and congratulated the coordinator and the team on their effort.

Decision: *Approved.*

Agenda:4 **To offer the existing (CBCS) “Life Skills” Skill Enhancement Course to all the UG students as a mandatory Value-Added Course outside the NEP 2020 Curriculum framework with additional 02credits from the academic year 2021-22 onwards.**

Msgr. Leslie Moras briefed that St. Philomena’s College had introduced the Life Skills paper much before NEP implementation. It has been a distinctive aspect of the college that was appreciated by NAAC as well. The life skills curriculum comprises a blended learning mode too. Dr. Cletus D’Souza suggested the extra credits of the Life Skills course to be reflected in the Transcript.

Decision: *Approved.*

Agenda:5 **Extending the University notification dated 02.01.2020 No.AC2(S)/34/1990-91 of the one-time opportunity to the 2011 batch UG students (who have exceeded the double the duration of the programme) during the academic year 2021-22 to write the supplementary examination to clear the backlog papers.**

Mr. Britto, the Controller of Examinations informed the council that the college was implementing the notification dated 02.01.2020 of the University of Mysore on extending the opportunity to write the supplementary examination for the 3rd and 5th semesters for the academic year 2021-22

Dr. S.N. Hegde suggested writing to the University of Mysore to stop these types of extensions in the future. Msgr. Leslie Moras said that the problem of extension may not arise in future as NEP provides Multiple Entry/Exit options.

Decision: *Approved*

Agenda:6 **Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**

Mr. Nagaraj Urs sought the opinion of the council on the introduction of new DSC and OE courses under NEP on Education, Library, Data Mining, Physical Education, Logistics, Crypto-currency, Digital Marketing, Radiography, Radiology, MRI, Lab Pathology, etc. in future. Dr. S.N. Hegde appreciated the plan.

Dr. Cletus D' Souza expressed his concern if the Medical Council would permit to start courses on Radiology and Pathology. Dr. Anjali, further added that the huge knowledge gap between doctors and their subordinates could be bridged with the introduction of these courses. The curriculum shall consist of basic level and trained teachers should teach the students. Dr. S. N. Hegde suggested inviting qualified visiting faculty to conduct the classes and provide them with an honorarium.

Dr. S. N. Hegde suggested finding ways to encourage the students to take up physical education seriously. The Vice Principal, Mr. Sanjay Nair mentioned that the college timetable encompasses 2 hours of compulsory Physical Education every week for the students.

Msgr. Leslie Moras sought the suggestion of the council of merging other colleges of MDES with the College to form cluster colleges to sustain in future. Dr. S. N. Hegde suggested autonomous colleges have the freedom to do so.

Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, the IQAC coordinator said since the college is already recognized by the UGC under the 2B and 12F category with a good NAAC ranking, the college could be elevated to a degree-awarding college.

Prof. John Siluvai from the PG Department of English expressed that there was a decline in the number of admissions for M.A. in English since the university has imposed that the student should have studied Optional English at the UG level.

In continuation, Prof. Othbert Pinto, the PG Director expressed his concern that students who have opted for Functional English are denied admission to M.A. in English because the University does not consider Functional English to be equivalent to Optional English.

Dr. S. N. Hegde said that students should not be denied the right to pursue the courses they want to do. He suggested giving an eligibility test for admission. Dr. Saraswathi, the University Librarian suggested making a formal request to the University of Mysore. Msgr. Leslie Moras advised Prof. John Siluvai to make a proper case with the relevant document from other universities where the students who have studied English as a language during their first and second years and functional English as an optional and submit the requisition to the University of Mysore.

Dr. S. N. Hegde asked to follow up after submission.

Decision: *Approved*

The principal thanked all the members of the council for their active participation and declared the meeting closed.

23.03.2022


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