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THE MINUTES OF THE 19th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 05/07/2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Venue: College Auditorium

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT FOR THE MEETING

SL NO	AC MEMBERS	Designation/ Department
1	Rev. Fr. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph	Rector/Manager
2	Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha	Principal - Chairperson
3	Prof. K. Kemparaju	University Nominee
4	Prof. Anand D	University Nominee
5	Dr. Saraswathi	Librarian, University of Mysore University Nominee
6	Dr. S. N. Hegde	Academician - Special Invitee
7	Dr. Mohan Monterio	Academician
8	Dr. Anjali Arun	Academician
9	Dr. Anantha Gowda	Industry
10	Mr. M. Nagaraj Urs.	Vice Principal (Academic) & Academic Dean
11	Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha	Vice Principal (Administration)
12	Dr. Alphonsus D'Souza	UUCMS & PG Co-ordinator

13	Dr. Reena Francis	Controller of Examinations
14	Mr. Thomas Gunaseelan	IQAC Co-ordinator
15	Rev.Fr. Gnana Pragasam	Campus Administrator - Special Invitee
16	Rev. Fr. David Sagayaraj	Assistant to Rector -Special Invitee
17	Mr. A. T. Sadebose	Language Dean
18	Dr. Praveen Saldanha	Arts Dean
19	Dr. Reena Francis	Commerce Dean
20	Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A	PG-Dean
21	Ms. Blessy George	Biochemistry
22	Ms. Naziya Habeeb M	Biotechnology
23	Ms. Shruthi Menenzes	UG Mathematics
24	Ms. Dorothy P	UG Botany
25	Ms. Gloriya Priyadharshini	UG BCA
26	Mr. Kunal A	UG Electronics
27	Mr. William Joseph J	UG English
28	Ms. Uzma Bathool	UG Environmental Science
29	Dr. Poornima Umesh AP	UG Hindi
30	Dr. Prakash Arulappa	UG History
31	Mr. Babu P	UG Malayalam
32	Ms. Syeda Farhana	UG Microbiology
33	Ms. Deepthy M. J	UG Social work
34	Dr. Sowmya P	UG Sociology
35	Mr. Ginson George	UG & PG Psychology
36	Dr. Seetha R	UG Tamil
37	Ms. Mary Sofia I	UG Zoology

38	Dr. Angelina Stanley	Health Care Technology(B.Voc)
39	Mr. Raviraj Vadigeri	Media Entertainment (B. Voc)
40	Mr. Francis Devasahayagam	UG & PG Criminology & Forensic Science
41	Ms. Mary Irene J	UG Food Science & Nutrition
42	Mr. Paul Iruthayaraj	BBA (TH)
43	Mr. Chandan Samuel	UG Management
44	Ms. Harinakshi	UG Computer Science
45	Ms. Suhan Poovaih	PG English
46	Ms.Oshma Pinto	PG-Commerce
47	Ms. Shruthi G	PG Biochemistry
48	Dr. Felan Amal	PG Physics
49	Mr. Bharatha K	PG Mathematics
50	Dr. Nandeesha H. K	PG Economics
51	Dr. Asha M. S	PG Chemistry
52	Ms. Namratha K.H	PG Computer Science
53	Mr. Venugopal Gowda M K	PG. Journalism
54	Ms. Peria Nayagammal	Physical Education
55	Dr. Viveka Marie	Special Invitee - Commerce Stream
56	Mr. Raghu Ram P S	MCA
57	Dr. Issac George	MBA
58	Ms. Meghana S D	PRO

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT

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1	Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca	Vicar General
2	Prof. Cletus J. M. D'Souza	Former Chairman, DOS in Biochemistry UOM
3	Prof. K. S. Suresh	Academician
4	Mr. Vishwaprasad Alva	Industry
5	Ms. Agnes Sylvia D'Souza	Science Dean
6	Mr. Joel J	UG Christianity
7	Ms. Sujatha Devi B	UG Economics
8	Mr. Anand C	UG Political Science
9	Ms. Fathimunnisa Begam	UG Urdu
10	Dr. Prashanth D A	Special Invitee - Arts Stream
11	Dr. Yamuna .B. Raj	UG Journalism

The proceedings of the academic council commenced with a welcome address by the Principal, Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha. He updated the academic and administrative profile of the college for the academic year 2023-24 with details of the programmes offered, student admission, pass percentage, staff strength, major achievements by staff and students, events conducted and infrastructure additions.

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the 18th Academic Council meeting held on 10th November 2023.

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Prof. Anand D, University Nominee and seconded by Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice Principal (Administration).

Decision: Approved.

2. Ratification of the approval from the University of Mysore to introduce the following courses as Discipline Specific courses from the academic year 2024-25:

Programme	Course
B.Sc	Data Science
B.Sc	Environmental Science
B.Sc	Statistics
BA	Visual Media
BA	Optional Kannada

Decision: Approved.

3. Ratification of the approval from the University of Mysore to introduce the following PG programmes from the academic year 2024-25:

a. M.Sc in Food Science and Nutrition

b. MA in Kannada

Decision: Approved.

4. a. Ratification of the approval from AICTE to conduct BBA, BCA and BBA-TH Programmes for the academic year 2024-25.

b. Ratification of the extension of approval from AICTE for MBA and MCA programmes for the academic year 2024-25.

Dr. Anand D expressed his appreciations towards the institution efforts in achieving another significant academic milestone - The introduction of AICTE approved programmes.

Decision: Approved.

5. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs sought the approval of the council in the following matters:

- To provide an opportunity for the deserving cases to conduct additional examinations, besides the supplementary exams, for students who missed**

the end semester exams due to participation in NSS, NCC, sports tournaments, and other co-curricular and extracurricular activities, provided they have sought prior permission from the authorities.

Dr. S. N. Hegde, remarked that such reforms in the examination system will have a positive impact on student development by providing the emphasis on exams, more students will be encouraged to participate in the co-curricular and extracurricular activities leading to more holistic development.

Decision: Approved

b) To mandate enrolment for all students in at least one Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) through SWAYAM starting from the academic year 2024-25.

Addressing Dr. S. N. Hegde's query regarding the current enrolment status of students in MOOCs, Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha informed that all Post graduate students are required to enrol in at least in one MOOC during their Post graduate programme. Dr. Noor Mubasheer C. A., Dean of PG Studies and Research Centre, added that the PG students must successfully complete the MOOC and earn 4 additional credits, which will be reflected in their Transcript.

Dr. Anjali Arun emphasized the importance of upgrading knowledge to enhance future prospects. Adding to this, Dr. S. N. Hegde highlighted that incorporation of blended mode of teaching serves to be essential and effective transformation from the traditional classroom teaching. Prof. K. Kemparaju, the University nominee, stated that the additional credits earned through MOOCs would benefit the students aspiring for higher studies and research abroad, as many foreign institutions require more credits than those typically mandated by Indian universities.

Prof. M. Nagaraj Urs discorded that making MOOC mandatory for UG students as a requirement for passing would create issues. Similar concerns were expressed by Prof. A. T. Sadebose, Dean of Languages. Mr. Paul Iruthayaraj, Head of the Department of BBA-TH, prompted the issue of time constraints for BBA-TH students, who must balance MOOCs with internships, stating that making MOOCs mandatory for graduation could affect their job placements. The Principal reiterated that, in light of the council's suggestions, the administration shall explore various feasible options to implementing MOOCs for UG students.

Dr. Felan Amal, Head of the (PG) Department of Physics, raised concerns on the regulations of the University of Mysore that restricts M.Sc. Physics admissions only to students who have studied Mathematics along with Physics. This regulation poses a challenge for UG students under the National Education Policy, who have

pursued a combination of B.Sc. Physics with subjects other than Mathematics. Dr. S. N. Hegde stressed the need for representation to the University of Mysore to adopt more efficiency in the eligibility criteria, enabling the students to choose their areas of interest for higher studies.

Dr. Saraswathi, University Nominee, commended the college for offering Humanities programmes, which have proven beneficial for candidates opting for Arts (Humanities) courses, helping them to navigate through competitive exams.

Dr. Anantha Gowda, Industry Expert, emphasized the importance of establishing stronger connections with industries to enhance the placement record of the institution. Ms. Meghana S D, the Placement Officer, provided an overview of current placement activities and outlined the future plans. Dr. Anjali Arun suggested that the institution needs to adopt strategies, in involving their placement abilities. Dr. S. N. Hegde reckoned that the institution needs to focus on improving the success rate of students in competitive exams for higher studies and government jobs by enhancing the competitive exam coaching facilities. Dr. Mohan Monterio added that MoUs should help students identify organizations for internships, which offer valuable opportunities for upskilling and provide essential exposure in their respective fields.

The Principal thanked the members for their valuable suggestions.

Dr. Praveen Saldanha, Dean of Arts proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Date: 08-07-2024

Principal /Chairman

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