



ST. PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE (Autonomous), MYSORE
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Minutes of the 21st Academic Council Meeting

Date: 13.08.2025

Venue: College Auditorium

Time: 2:30 PM

The 21st Academic Council (AC) meeting of St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysore, was held on 13th August 2025 at 2:30 PM in the College Auditorium.

The meeting began with a warm welcome to all the Academic Council members by Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha, Principal of the College. In his initial address he reflected on the Institution's 79 years of academic excellence and its strong legacy of upholding academic integrity. Later he highlighted the vital role of the Academic Council in approving, ratifying and recommending changes necessary to maintain high academic standards.

The Principal also expressed gratitude to the outgoing member Dr. Anand D, University Nominee for his academic contribution for two years. A special mention was made for Prof. S. N. Hegde, former Vice Chancellor of University of Mysore appreciating his continuous guidance and wisdom in Academic matters since the College attained Academic Autonomy in 2011.

The following members were present for the 21st Academic Council 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, DOS in Biochemistry

4	Dr. S. N .Hegde	Academician - Special Invitee Former Vice Chancellor
5	DR. D. S. Guru	Senior Professor, DOS in Computer Science Manasagangothri
6	Dr. Mohan Monterio	Academician
7	Sr. Juanita	Academician
8	Dr. Anjali Arun	Academician
9	Rev.Fr. Gnana Pragasam	Campus Administrator - Special Invitee
10	Rev. Fr. David Sagayaraj	Assistant to Rector -Special Invitee
11	Mr. Anand C	Dean of Academic Affairs / Head- Political Science
12	Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha	Vice Principal (Administration)
13	Mr. A Thomas Gunaseelan	IQAC Coordinator/ Head- Physics
14	Dr. Reena Francis	Controller of Examinations & Dean (Commerce & Management)
15	Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A	PG Coordinator, Dean (PG studies & research), Head - MSW
16	Mr. R Britto Dominic Rayan	Dean of Science / Head- UG Chemistry
17	Mr. A. T. Sadebose	Dean of Languages / Head- Kannada
18	Dr. Praveen Saldanha	Dean (Arts)
19	Ms. Lydia Anjali A	UUCMS Coordinator
20	Ms. Naziya Habeeb M	Biotechnology

21	Ms. Shruthi Menezes	UG Mathematics
22	Ms. Dorothy P	UG Botany
23	Rev. Fr. Jose Joseph Kollemkunnel	UG Christianity
24	Ms. Gloriya Priyadharshini	UG BCA
25	Ms. Suhan Poovaiah	UG & PG English
26	Ms. Uzma Bathool	UG Environmental Studies
27	Ms. Milagris Antonius	UG Environmental Science
28	Rev. Fr. Denis D'souza	UG French
29	Dr. Poornima Umesh A P	UG Hindi
30	Dr. Prakash Arulappa	UG History
31	Mr. Venugopal Gowda M K	UG /PG Journalism
32	Mr. Babu P	UG Malayalam
33	Ms. Syeda Farhana Parveen	UG Microbiology
34	Ms. Deepthy M.J	UG Social work
35	Dr. Sowmya P	UG Sociology
36	Dr. Ginson George	UG & PG Psychology
37	Dr. Seetha R	UG Tamil
38	Ms. Fathimunnisa Begam	UG Urdu
39	Ms. Mary Sofia I	UG Zoology
40	Dr. Angelina Stanley	Health Care Technology (B. Voc)
41	Mr. Raviraj Vadigeri	Media& Entertainment (B. Voc)
42	Mr. Francis Devasahayagam	UG& PG Criminology & Forensic Science

43	Ms. Mary Irene J	UG Food Science & Nutrition
44	Ms. Suhana Kulssum	BBA (TH)
45	Mr. Chandan Samuel Nandihal	UG BBA
46	Ms. Harinakshi	UG / PG Computer Science
47	Rev. Fr. Richard Menezes	Life Skills / IKS
48	Dr. Viveka Marie	PG-Commerce
49	Dr. Bharatha K	PG Mathematics
50	Dr. Nandeesh H.K	PG Economics
51	Dr. Asha M.S	PG Chemistry
52	Dr. Seema Siddiqi	PG Food Science and Nutrition
53	Ms. Peria Nayagammal	Physical Education Director
54	Ms. Reena Mol V U	MCA
55	Dr. Issac George	MBA
56	Ms. Amrutha Shankpal A	PRO
57	Dr. Sachin C N	PG Physics

The following members were not present for the 21st Academic Council Meeting.

Sl. No	AC Members	Designation/Department
1	Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca	Vicar General, Diocese of Mysore
2	Prof. Mahesh R	University Nominee, DOS in Business Administration
3	Prof. S J Manjunath	University Nominee, BIMS

4	Mr. Sukumar Rangachari	Industry (CII, Mysore Division)
5	Dr. Anantha Gowda	Industry
6	Mr. Kunal A	Assistant Controller of Examination
7	Ms. Shruthi G	UG/PG Biochemistry

Mr. Anand C, Dean, Academic Affairs, was invited to present the proposed agenda of 21st Academic Council meeting for discussion, deliberation and approval.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of the 20th Academic Council held on 29.01.2025.

The minutes of the 20th Academic Council Meeting held on 29.01.2025 were presented for confirmation. It was proposed by Prof. D S Guru for approval without any changes and seconded by Prof. Kemparaju.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda 2:

a) To seek approval for new curriculum introduced for III and IV Semester (UG) including the Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) from the academic year 2025-26, approved in the BOS meetings as per University of Mysore circular number ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಏಸಿ.6/32/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.07.2025

The proposed curriculum structure for B.Sc., BA, B. Com, BBA, BCA, BBA-TH, and BSW programmes as given by the above University of Mysore circular. The Principal in his presentation, illustrated the number of total credits for III and IV Semester of different programmes. He also presented the introduction of Discipline Specific Electives for III and IV Semesters and also the list of departments offering these electives under the above mentioned circular.

Decision: Approved.

b) Curriculum changes: UG Programs

Modification in the Curriculum of I and II semesters of UG programmes approved in the respective BOS meetings of the College.

Modifications in the curriculum I and II Semesters of UG programmes introduced last year under SEP as approved in the respective BOS meetings were presented by Mr. Anand C.

Prof. S N Hegde, sought clarification regarding the revision of syllabus, asking whether the Boards are just endorsing the existing content as it is or are they proposing any modification in the curriculum. The Principal clarified that the first year, the curriculum would be approved as prescribed by the UoM, and in the second year we make use of our autonomous powers and 30% of the content would be revised through BOS Meeting.

Decision: Approved.

c) To seek approval for few changes in MBA/MCA Curriculum.

Dr. Issac George, Head of MBA Department informed that the syllabus received from B N Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, University of Mysore will be introduced for the 2025-27 batch, as approved by the BOS. He further stated that, for the current academic years IV semester students, the BOS has approved a 2-4 weeks' project, with an entire month allocated for its completion.

Ms. Reena Mol V U, Head of MCA Department informed that Outcome-Based Learning Curriculum, has been introduced. The curriculum has not been revised, as it aligns with current industry trends. However, the BOS has also recommended introducing a certificate course on AI/ML and Cyber security. It was also decided and approved that the 8 credits will be divided into two sections such as 2 credits for internship and 6 credits for major project for final year students. Additionally, all final year students must undergo a compulsory 3-month internship during the fourth semester.

Following the presentation on the curriculum changes, Prof. S N Hegde appreciated the efforts taken to incorporate significant improvements in the curriculum of MBA and MCA.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda 3: To seek approval for the introduction of Indian Knowledge System (IKS), a Certificate Course with 02 Credits for the I year UG Students from 2025-26 academic year onwards.

The Academic Dean of Affairs Mr. Anand C, requested the Indian Knowledge System BOS Chairperson Rev. Fr. Richard Menezes to take up the topic for discussion. He elaborated the scope and course content of the IKS for 2 credits and also detailed out the teaching learning process. Prof. Kemparaju raised a query whether the proposed course is included in awarding the degree, for which the Principal clarified that, it will be a compulsory certificate course and the certificates will be issued by the college and it will not be included for degree awarding.

Prof. S N Hegde appreciated the initiative and suggested implementing it across all streams. Dr. D S Guru suggested that to make a regulation saying, no students has to take up similar course in SWAYAM/MOOCs and create awareness about the same.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda 4: Continuation of Life Skills as a mandatory course to the III and IV Semester UG students under Karnataka State Education Policy.

As discussed in the agenda 3, Life Skills Course is also a compulsory certificate course for all UG students. Dr. D S Guru suggested to make changes in the sentence of agenda 4 (instead of putting III and IV Semester make it as III or IV Semester) The Principal mentioned that present SEP batch students will take up the Life Skill course in III or IV semester as a mandatory certificate course.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda 5: Seeking approval to provide an opportunity to the students (2011 onwards), who have completed their academic requirements but have not completed their Degree due to backlogs, even after the expiry of maximum allowed duration, to reappear for the supplementary examinations (Dec/May) to be notified during the academic year 2025-26.

The Controller of Examination Dr. Reena Francis informed that students with backlogs have requested an additional chance to take up supplementary examination. She proposed extending this chance to students from the 2011 batch onwards as that was the year the college attained its Autonomous status.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda 6: Status of the Research Centre, activities of Research Development Cell (RDC) of the College & Doctoral Degrees awarded.

Status of Research Centre, RDC activities, doctoral degrees awarded were presented by Dr. Noor Mubasheer C A, RDC Coordinator. She also informed that earlier there was only research cell, but now an RDC has been established with five committees, each having a convener.

Decision: Approved.

Agenda 7: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. S N Hegde suggested encouraging more students to actively participate in sports activities. He also interacted with the Sports director, Ms. Peria Nayagammal S, inquiring about the scholarships and recognitions being provided to sportspersons, so that these achievements can inspire other students to take interest and actively participate.

He further suggested developing a scheme for reappointing retired faculty members not for full time but at least for part time.

Decision: The suggestion and observations were noted down.

The Principal expressed his gratitude to all the members for their active participation.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Vice Principal (Administration) Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha.

Minutes Recorded by: Ms. Amrutha Shankpal A, Public Relation and Placement Cell Officer.

Date: 13th August 2025.

Principal/Chairman

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