



St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi
Minutes of the Nineteenth Academic Council Meet

The Nineteenth Academic Council Meeting of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) was held on 16th December 2020 at 3.00 p.m. through online portal Google Meet. Dr. Sr. A.S. J. Lucia Rose, the Chairperson presided over the meeting.

The following members were present:

Dr. Sr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose	Chairperson
Dr. N. Arokiya Mary	Controller of Examinations
Sr. F. Mary Joyce Baby	Director – SSC
Dr. L. Jacquiline Leo	Dean, School of Language and Culture
Dr. S. Mary Baptista Janet	Dean, School of Biological Sciences
Ms. M. Jothimani	Dean, School of Physical& Computing Sciences
Dr. Fernando Alexandria	Dean, School of Management& Economics
Ms. A. Amora	Dean of UGC affairs
Dr. B. Serena Margaret	IQAC Coordinator
Dr. P.J. Joslin	Research Coordinator
Dr. K. Vinitha	Librarian
Dr. A. Amala Arul Arasi, HoD	Department of Tamil
Ms. A. Christina, HoD	Department of French
Ms. A. Judit Sheela Damayanthi, HoD	Department of English
Dr. M. Mary Hepsibai, HoD	Department of History
Ms. X. Esther Vimala, HoD	Department of Economics
Dr. A. PunithaTharani, HoD	Department of Mathematics
Dr. S. Euchrista Immaculate Sylvia, HoD	Department of Physics
Ms. S. Gnanathangam, HoD	Department of Computer Science
Dr. J. Martin Rathi, HoD	Department of Chemistry
Dr. M. Glory, HoD	Department of Botany
Dr. Hermin Pasangha, HoD	Department of Zoology
Dr. G. Stella Beatrice Nirmala, HoD	Department of Commerce
Dr. Mary Judith Reene Fernando, (SSC Coordinator)	Department of MHRM
Dr. V. Joys Selva Mary Albert, (SSC Coordinator)	Department of Microbiology
Ms. S. Gayathri, (SSC Coordinator)	Department of B.B.A.
Dr. S. Jeya Bharathi, (SSC Coordinator)	Department of Psychology
Dr. Sr. S. Kulandai Therese	Member Secretary, Department of Mathematics
Dr. S. Arulraj	External Expert
Dr. B. Geetha	External Expert
Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram	External Expert
Dr. A.I. Auxilia Felicitas	External Expert

Dr. R. Kala	University Nominee
Dr. G. Murugeswari	University Nominee
Dr. K. Swarnalatha	University Nominee
Ms. D. Daisy Bai	Senior Staff, Department of Commerce
Ms. S. Rani Jeyamary	Senior Staff, Department of Chemistry

The meeting commenced with an invocation to the Almighty. Dr. L. Jacqueline Leo, Senior Staff, Department of English welcomed the august body.

Dr. S. Kulandai Therese, Member Secretary, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, read the minutes of the eighteenth meeting of the Academic Council and the house confirmed it.

The agenda of the Academic Council meeting is as per the following:

Agenda No 1/7

Confirmation of minutes of 18th Academic Council meeting

Agenda No. 2/7

Action Taken Report on 18th meeting of Academic Council

Agenda No. 3/7

Students' Portal updation

Agenda No. 4/7

Changes implemented in the Examination Pattern due to Pandemic

Agenda No.5/7

Introduction of New Certificate Courses for I UG

Agenda No. 6/7

Registration of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) programme through MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)

Agenda No. 7/7

Report of Semester Examination Results

Dr. Sr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose presented the Principal's report of academic activities for the period from May 2020 to November 2020. All the external experts appreciated the academic achievements of staff and students for the successful completion of the odd semester in online mode during the pandemic period.

Based on the agenda and the report presented by the Principal, the External Experts discussed and offered the following suggestions:

Dr. Kala from M.S. University, insisted on publishing the results for arrears in April 2020 without waiting for the verdict of the court and following the Government order. Moreover, she asked to conduct the supplementary exams for students who need improvement. Sr. Principal answered that results are not yet published, only I PG arrear results were declared.

Dr. Murugeswari from Computer Science department, recommended the usage of free LMS tools apart from Microsoft Teams for the content development and for creating better learning experience among students. Sr. Principal replied that final year students are doing practicals by using online tools. In addition, she wished the institution to continue to apply for NIRF for which Sr. Principal replied that the work for applying for NIRF is in progress.

Dr. K. Swarnalatha enquired about the implementation of Professional English and Dr. B. Serena Margaret, IQAC coordinator clarified that our college adopts the domain specific content and language integrated learning based on the common European frame work for the past two years after getting permission from TANSHE, even though it is not mandatory for Autonomous Colleges.

Dr. B. Geetha emphasized the institution to offer the certificate courses on foreign languages by having a tie up with the embassies like French Embassy and American Consulate for which Sr. Principal gave a positive assurance.

Dr. A. I. Auxilia Felicitas congratulated the college for completing the semester inspite of many challenges in this Pandemic situation and also emphasized the institution to offer the certificate courses on other foreign languages such as Japanese, German, and Chinese to student fraternity and public. Dr. B. Serena Margaret, IQAC coordinator said that three students have taken up Japanese course through online.

Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram insisted to give more of written assignments to the students engaged in online mode particularly one page assignment. Sr. Principal clarified that regular online assignments are given to the students.

Dr. G. Murugeswari enquired about the conduct of Remedial classes and extra curricular activities. Sr. Principal responded that it is difficult to conduct the Remedial classes and extra curricular activities through online during the lockdown period.

Dr. S. Arulraj appreciated the college and suggested the conduct of two internal tests to reduce the stress during the pandemic and to follow the same after re-evaluating in the institution. As a person from autonomous institution, he shared about continuous scrupulous concentration of staff only on exam activities rather than integral approach in teaching. Sr. Principal replied that the college is conducting three CIAs after analysing the feedback given by students.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. S. Rani Jeyamary, Senior Staff, Department of Chemistry.