



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

The Twentieth Academic Council Meeting of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) was held on 12th May 2021 at 11.00 a.m. through online portal Zoom. Dr. Sr. A.S. J. Lucia Rose, the Chairperson presided over the meeting.

All the academic council 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. Punitha Tharani, HoD	Department of Mathematics
Dr. Sr. Jessie Fernando, 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
Ms. D. Daisy Bai
Ms. S. Rani Jeyamary

University Nominee
Senior Staff, Department of Commerce
Senior Staff, Department of Chemistry

Following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

Dr. G. Murugeswari, University Nominee

Dr. K Swarnalatha, University Nominee

The meeting commenced with an invocation to the Almighty. Ms. M. Jothimani, Dean, School of Physical & Computing Sciences welcomed the august body. The agenda of the Academic Council meeting was as per the following:

Agenda No 1/11

Confirmation of minutes of 19th Academic Council meeting

Related to 1/11

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

Agenda No. 2/11

Action Taken Report on 19th meeting of Academic Council

Related to 2/11

Dr. S. Mary Baptista Janet, Dean, School of Biological Sciences presented the action taken report based on the 19th meeting on the academic council. Ms. A. Amora, Dean of UGC affairs presented the Deans Office report. The members of the Council appreciated the Deans office activities.

Agenda No. 3/11

Starting of a New Course : M.Sc. Psychology

Related to 3/11

Dr. Arulraj appreciated the initiative of starting M.Sc. Psychology

Dr. A. I. Auxilia Felicitas suggested to give admission for M.Sc. Psychology to arts students.

Sr. Principal explained the difficulty faced by arts students.

Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram, an industrialist expert supported the view of admitting literature students to M.Sc. Psychology as it induces real-life learning. As Psychology and Sociology play a vital role in technology and it has a lot of scope in career opportunities, he asked to frame the syllabus with contemporary issues like the impact of social media, e-commerce and Cyber Psychology. Moreover, he insisted to have more practical classes through debate, case study, data collection and group discussion in connection with hospitals and charitable institutions.

Sr. Principal asserted that M.Sc. Psychology is an application-oriented course. Dr. Sr. Mary Joyce Baby, Director of Self-Supporting Courses answered that M.Sc. Psychology needs

biological background. Moreover, she asserted that his comments will be considered while framing the syllabus.

Agenda No. 4/11

Revision of Syllabus - UG (2021-2024) PG (2021-2023)

Related to 4/11

Dr. A. I. Auxilia Felicitas suggested having self-learning papers in general interesting subjects rather than major oriented courses for capable students from all disciplines. Ms. Jothimani, Dean, School of Physical & Computing Sciences specified that our curriculum comprises three papers in the relevant field.

Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram advised to give away assignments based on TED talks to all the departments.

Dr. Serena Margaret, IQAC coordinator countered that the practice of giving assignment on TED talks is in the English Literature department.

Agenda No.5/11

Introduction of Professional English for first UG students

Agenda No. 6/11

Changes in the Question Paper and Evaluation Pattern

Related to 6/11

Dr. Arulraj from the autonomous institution asked the strategy behind keeping the ratio as 40: 60. Dr. N. Arokiya Mary, Controller of Examinations expressed that the present ratio was adapted based on earlier academic council meeting suggestion and it has been shifted from 50:50 to maintain the reliability.

Dr. Kala from M.S. University enquired about the internal and external mark ratio 40:60.

Agenda No. 7/11

Online mode of valuation for ESE due to Covid pandemic

Related to 7/11

Dr. B. Geetha emphasized switching over to online mode evaluation and changing question pattern relevant to the online exam.

Agenda No. 8/11

Change in Career Oriented Course for Physics & Computer Science

Related to 8/11

Dr. B. Geetha emphasized certificate courses.

Agenda No. 9/11

Implementation of various programmes under Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) through MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)

Agenda No. 10/11

Report of Semester Examination Results

Agenda No. 11/11

Any other matter

Dr. Sr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose presented the Principal's report of academic activities for the period from December 2020 to April 2021. All the external experts appreciated the collective academic achievements and laurels made by the staff and students in the even semester 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 asked staff to attend and conduct MOOC courses to enhance the API score.

Sr. Principal answered that staff usually attend and conduct MOOC courses.

Dr. Arulraj appreciated our available student service Midday Free Meal Scheme. He suggested to introduced the free Breakfast scheme for the poor students who come from far away rural places. Sr. Principal consented to implement if it is needed.

Dr. A. I. Auxilia Felicitas congratulated the works carried out for DBT and NIRF.

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

Participants (16)

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Dr. Joys Selva Mary Albert	
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Vote of Thanks

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Assistant Professor of Chemistry

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