

AUXILIUM COLLEGE (Autonomous)

(Re-Accredited by NAAC with A Grade with a CGPA of 3.41)

Gandhi Nagar, Vellore - 632 006

PASSING THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 3rd ordinary meeting of the Academic Council was held at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2nd June 2009. The meeting started with a prayer by Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fatima, Principal and Chairman of the Academic Council.

Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fatima presented the minutes of the second Academic Council which was held on 26th July 2008. Mr. Varadhan enquired whether his suggestion during the last academic council meeting of introducing moot club for the certificate course on Human Rights and Values in Education was followed. Mrs. Fancy Thomas, LSG in Sociology explained that the students were taken for field visits and in the following academic year, moot clubs would be introduced.

Dr. Pichandi asked whether the College has adopted the CBCS scheme introduced by the State Government. It was replied that the College adopted the scheme in the last academic year and the regulations were presented in the last academic council meeting and passed. The minutes of the second academic council meeting was then passed.

Mr. Allan John, Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Tirupathur insisted that the question paper pattern should be common for all the departments. It was replied that the faculty members have discussed about it during staff meetings and they feel that it could be different for different subjects and the Board of Studies of each department decides the pattern. Ms. Hema Nalini, Chairman of the Commerce Board explained that Section A consists of 2 marks questions and Section B consists of questions of scoring pattern and Section C consists of descriptive type questions. Mostly the variation is only in Section A, where the Science departments have multiple choice questions which demands thinking and reasoning. Mrs. Abi Beulah, Chairman of the Biochemistry Board said that the question paper of Biochemistry contains only Sections A and B. There was a discussion regarding the advantages of common question paper pattern and it was suggested by Dr. Pichandi to consider the suggestion. He said that a question paper should test the knowledge in accordance with the changing days and changing times. It was proposed to consider the introduction of common question paper pattern from the academic year 2010 - 2011 onwards.

It was also insisted that the total marks should be the same for all the Science courses and Arts courses. Dr. Pichandi also proposed to have 100% internal marks for skill based electives and Value Education. Dr. (Sr.) Mary Josephine Rani, Vice Principal replied that the performance of the students in CA examinations and semester examinations would be different and the performance is better in the end semester examinations.

Dr. Pichandi informed that the Supreme Court has directed all Colleges to introduce a paper on Women's Rights for undergraduate courses. Mrs. Fancy Thomas, LSG in Sociology replied that there is an elective paper on Women's Rights in the third year. Dr. Pichandi suggested that it could be offered to all the students.

The Chairman then presented the Academic Regulations of Auxilium College effective from the academic year 2009 - 2010. (same as 2008 - 2009, but the following changes have been made)

- 100 marks for skill based elective and 3 hours examination
- Skill based elective 25 - Internal, 75 - External.

Suggestions :

- On page No. 24, under the topic valuation, the condition of maximum period to clear all the subjects prescribed for a programme is included. This point need not come under valuation.
- To remove the statements, "Fraction of final marks in CA and SE shall be rounded off to the nearest integer" and "The valuation will be centralized"
- The academic regulations for UG and PG may be given separately
- To remove, "Note : A student can report any grievance regarding CA or SE, to the Controller of Examinations, who in turn, will present the same to the Examination Committee, chaired by the Principal.

Dr. Pichandi enquired about the approval of the Committees and Sr. Principal explained that the committees are presented and approved in the Governing body.

Prof. Allan John informed that for MSW there should be 120 credits and a total of 2500 marks. The academic regulation was then ratified.

Change of Nomenclature of B.Sc. Zoology:

The Chairman of the Academic Council then presented the change of nomenclature of B.Sc. Zoology to B.Sc. Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology. The members enquired whether the Government has issued orders regarding that. The Government order was presented by Dr. (Sr.) Mary Josephine Rani A., Vice Principal. The Council passed it, but informed that it may be intimated to the Thiruvalluvar University to obtain permission.

Business brought forward:

II year syllabi 2009 - 2010 (for students admitted in the year 2008 - 2009)

III year syllabi 2009 - 2010 (for students admitted in the year 2007 - 2008)

Department of Tamil:

Dr. Uthria Mari Sugirtha, Head of the Department of Tamil presented the syllabi of the 3rd and 4th semesters of B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. Tamil papers. The syllabi were then ratified.

Department of History:

Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fatima, Principal and Chairman presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards.

In the paper UCHIE08, in each unit, the topics are given just in one or two lines was the remark made by Dr. Pichandi and Mr. Varadhan. They suggested that under the main headings, sub headings may also be given. The syllabus must be elaborate so that it may be easy for the students as well as for the question paper setters.

In the paper on Women's Rights, the topics mentioned are not reflective of the title and it has to be modified. Mr. Pichandi also inferred that the references given are outdated and the Bibliography may be updated with new books. He suggested that the UGC funds can be made use of for the purchase of books.

Since the paper on Social Psychology is very abstract, suggestion were given to elaborate the syllabus. It was advised to include more books by Indian authors. In unit III, it was suggested to elaborate the different theories. The syllabi were then ratified.

Department of English:

Mrs. Peterson Rhona Josephine, Chairman of the English Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards of B.A. English, B.A. English (Functional) and the syllabi of four papers Semester I - Women's Writing, Semester III - Translation Studies, Semester IV - 20th Century Literature and Semester IV - Literature Analysis for M.A. English.

As the paper on Human Resource Management of B.A. English (Functional) was heavy it was suggested to modify the syllabus. It was proposed to combine theory and practical for the paper on Computer Applications. The syllabi were then ratified.

Department of Mathematics:

Mrs. Margaret Joan Jebarani G, Chairman of the Mathematics Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards and the syllabi were ratified.

Department of Physics:

Mrs. Nisha Santhakumari P., Chairman of the Physics Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards and the syllabi were ratified.

Department of Chemistry:

Mrs. R.M. Fathima Afroze, Chairman of the Chemistry Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards of B.Sc. Chemistry, Skill Based Elective paper on Entrepreneurial Chemistry, the syllabus of Allied Chemistry - Paper I offered to B.Sc. Zoology, B.Sc. Physics and B.Sc. Biochemistry, the syllabi of all the semesters of M.Sc. Chemistry for students admitted from 2009 - 2010 onwards and the syllabi of M.Phil. Chemistry for students admitted from 2009 - 2010 onwards. The members asked whether practical sessions were conducted for the skill based paper on Entrepreneurial Chemistry. The Chairman replied that few classes were conducted with the facilities available. The syllabi were ratified.

Department of Zoology:

Mrs. V. Padmasani, Chairman of the Zoology Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008, 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards, for B.Sc. Zoology, the syllabi of B.Sc. Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology for students admitted from 2009 - 2010 onwards, and the syllabi of M.Sc. Zoology and M.Phil. Zoology for the students admitted from 2009 - 2010 onwards. The syllabi were then ratified.

Department of Biochemistry:

Mrs. Abi Beulah, Chairman of the Biochemistry Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards. The syllabi were ratified.

Department of Computer Science:

Sr. Alice K.T., Chairman of the Computer Science Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards for B.Sc. Computer Science and Computer Applications, the syllabi of M.Phil. Computer Science and the syllabi were ratified.

Department of Microbiology:

Ms. Ayesha Begum J., Chairman of Microbiology Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards for B.Sc. Microbiology. The syllabi were ratified.

Department of Physical Education:

Mrs. Reetammal, Chairman of the Physical Education Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and Skill Based Elective on Yoga for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards. The syllabi were ratified.

Dr. (Sr.) Eugeni Fatima, Principal explained that there was no demand for the course and there is a plan to drop the programme.

Department of Communication Media:

Sr. Juliana Agnes Victor, Chairman of the Communication Media Board presented the syllabi of 3rd and 4th semester for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards of B.Sc. Visual Communication and the syllabi were ratified.

Department of Commerce:

Ms. K. Hema Nalini, Chairman of the Commerce Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards and the syllabi 1st and 2nd semesters for the students admitted from 2009 - 2010 onwards for B.Com. She also presented the syllabi of M.Com. for students admitted from 2009 - 2010 onwards and then the syllabi were ratified.

Department of Economics:

Sr. Gertrude Nirmala, Chairman of the Economics Board presented the syllabi of General elective papers to be offered for the students admitted in 2007 - 2008 and for students admitted from 2008 - 2009 onwards. The syllabi were ratified.

Department of Business Administration:

Mrs. Beulah Bharathy, Chairman of Business Administration Board presented the syllabi of the 5th and 6th semesters for the students admitted during 2007 - 2008 and 3rd and 4th semesters for the students admitted during 2008 - 2009 onwards. The syllabi were ratified.

Department of Bioinformatics:

The Chairman of the Academic Council presented the syllabi of non major elective on Bio Computing. The syllabi was ratified.

Department of Ethics and Religion:

Sr. Elizabeth Sebastian, Chairman of Ethics and Religion Board presented the syllabi of III year Ethics and Religion and the syllabi were ratified.

The Chairman of the Academic Council then presented the major electives of the under graduate programme, general electives for under graduate courses and the skill based electives. It was passed.

The Chairman of the Academic Council presented the Extension activities and it was passed.

Mrs. Isabella Roseline, Dean of Students Welfare presented the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and it was passed.

Mrs. Reetammal, Head, Department of Physical Education presented the sports activities and it was passed.

Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fatima then presented the new programmes planned for the next year.

Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fatima proposed the vote of thanks and dissolved the Academic Council.