

Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, Vellore District
(Accredited by NAAC with A+ Grade with a CGPA of 3.55 in the 3rd Cycle)

Minutes of the Meeting of Governing Body held at 11.00 a.m. Wednesday, 6th November 2019
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The following members were present:

1. Rev. Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala, Chairperson
2. Rev. Sr. Alice K.T., Secretary
3. Dr. Sr. Regina Mary R. Principal
4. Dr. Sr. Gertrude Mary Nirmala, Management Representative
5. Dr. Ezhilan G. Government Representative
6. Dr. Jagadeesan, University Nominee
7. Dr. Major Syed Shahabudeen, Educationist
8. Prof. M. Dhanushkodi, Special Invitee
9. Ms. Nazareth Jereen Colette, Staff Representative
10. Dr. Jhancy Mary, Staff Representative
11. Dr. Mary Gabriel, Member Secretary
12. Ms. Arul Mary C. Member Secretary

Agenda

1. Invocation : Principal
2. Welcome : Principal
3. Governing Body Members : 2019-2020
4. Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff List 2019-2020
5. Introduction & Presentation : Principal
of the Minutes
6. Teaching Staff vacancy position 2019 – 2020
7. Teaching Staff Statistics for the the year 2019 – 2020
8. Details of recognized M.Phil. and Ph.D. guides
9. Academic Calendar 2019-2020
10. Report of College Activities 2018-2019
11. Semester Examination Results – 2018-2019
12. Admissions – 2019-2020
13. Choice Based Credit System 2019-2020

List of Skill-Based Electives (List Enclosed)

List of Non-Major Elective Papers (List Enclosed)

14. New Courses proposed to be introduced in the year 2019-2020
 - B.Sc. Psychology
 - M.Sc. Microbiology
 - Ph.D. Physics
 - Ph.D. Commerce
15. Significant Events
 - Full automation of the Library
 - Online courses mandatory for all postgraduate students
 - Applied for DST-FIST and got 49.10 lakhs sanctioned
 - Applied for DBT Star status for Colleges
 - Applied for RUSA Phase II and got approved
 - Management Information System was updated with new applications
 - Applied for NIRF and was ranked in the 100 to 150 band
 - New wash room block
16. Details of the Autonomy Grant 2018 – 2019
17. Ratification of the Finance Committee Report
18. Concluding Remarks : Chairperson
19. Vote of Thanks : Secretary

The members of the Governing Body met on 06.11.2019.

Invocation:

The meeting began with the solemn invocation to the Almighty.

Felicitations and Welcome:

The Chairperson of the Governing body Rev. Sr. Maria Nirmala Lazar welcomed the members.

Presentation of the list of Teaching Staff

Prof. M. Dhanushkodi, Special Invitee asked if there is any new recruitment for the year 2019-2020. The Principal Dr. Sr. Regina Mary said in the unaided stream there were many. The Secretary Sr. Alice K.T. said process of recruitment for unaided vacancies is going on and there is case in hearing in court for 12 postings. Dr. Jagadeesan, University Nominee asked are all the staff

qualified. Secretary, Sr.Alice K.T. said that in the unaided stream some staff members are not qualified Professor Dhanushkodi asked why is there a separate list as 'consolidated'. Principal, Dr.Sr. Regina Mary replied saying that those staff members are employed in vacant positions and are paid by the management.

New Courses

Prof. Dhanushkodi asked how many new courses the College has applied for the Secretary Sr.Alice said the previous academic year we applied for M.A. Tamil and Ph.D. Tamil, but the affiliation was not granted. Dr. Major Syed Shahabudeen requested Dr. Jagadeesan to look into the issues and grant affiliation for M.A. Tamil and Ph.D. Tami. Prof. Dhanushkodi responded saying, it is probably because cross-major graduates are not considered for many Government teaching jobs, that is probably the reason the University does not grant affiliation for M.A. Tamil, when the College does not offer B.A.Tamil. Chairperson Sr.Maria Nirmala Lazar responded to the statement and said these are not many takers for B.A. Tamil. Dr. Sr. Nirmala, Controller of Examinations pointed out that for BBA (Hospital Administration) to the University was not ready to grant affiliation Dr.Major Syed Shahabudeen intervened and said UGC guidelines encourages the introduction of new, inter-disciplinary programmes, therefore the University must grant provisions for new courses. Dr. Jagadeesan said such issues should be represented by Autonomous College representatives at the University Academic Council. Dr. Major Syed Shahabudeen added that, the University should approve programmes like M.A. Tamil and M.Sc. Psychology. He added that Auxilium College has adequate staff with eligibility, which should be appreciated and the College can represent this issue of new courses at the syndicate of the University. Dr. Jagadeesan responded saying her will speak to the Vice Chancellor on this, and asks why not the College apply for B.A. Tamil. Dr. Major Syed Shahabudeen replies saying it is not viable.

Prof. Dhanushkodi asked what is the strength of students in BBA (Hospital Administration). The Principal, Dr. Sr. Regina Mary replied saying it is 60 in cash class and the course is on demand among students.

Dr. Major Syed Shahabudeen pointed out to the Examination Results and asked as to why the pass percentage of M.Com. is too low. The Controller of Examinations Dr. Sr. Nirmala replied saying that the top scorers from B.Com. join CA and MBA for higher studies, average and below average students alone choose to take up M.Com. hence the pass percentage is so low.

Prof. Dhanushkodi, asked if there are any preparatory courses on NET/SET examinations is part of the curriculum. Dr.Sr. Nirmala replied saying Paper I of NET/SET is mandatory for all the PG students, and paper II is offered as Independent elective by some departments. Prof. Dhanushkodi suggested that the College can invite any past pupil who had cleared CA, and make them address the present students to motivate them to clear such challenging exams.

Dr. Syed Shahabudeen congratulated Auxilium College for becoming a Mentor College under the PARAMARSH scheme. Prof. Dhanushkodi asked which are the mentee college of Auxilium. Dr.Sr.Regina replied saying there are six college, Don Bosco College, Yelagiri, Don Bosco College of Arts and Science, Dharmapuri, St. Joseph's College, Hosur, Loyola College, Vettavalam, Auxilium College for Women, Regunathapuram, Thanjavur and St. Immaculate College Viriyur, Tiruvannamalai. She also added that IQAC is conducting a conference for all the teaching staff of the mentee Colleges on 09.11.2019.

Dr. Jagadeesan pointed out why the pass percentage of History is very low. Chairperson Sr. Maria Nirmala replied saying that at the entry level students come from very little caliber for College studies, but by the time they come to the third year they improve.

Prof. Dhanushkodi asked why there are very few takers for Visual Communication. Dr.Sr. Regina Mary replied saying Katpadi being a semi urban area there is very less awareness among students and parents about such courses, but the College has a very good infrastructure. Moreover programmes like B.Sc.Visual Communication and M.Sc. Electronic Media have internship and mostly parents are unwilling to put their daughter in the course because of that.

Prof. Dhanushkodi asked about the District Youth Parliament and Dr. Sr. Regina said the institution served as the nodal centre for the DYP programme.

Prof. Dhanushkodi pointed out to the NIRF ranking of Auxilium College and asked how the rating could be increased. Dr.Sr. Regina replied that the ranking is lowered because of inadequate placement record, even when the students get placed, they don't join the job. Prof. Dhanushkodi pointed out that the number of applicants for Revaluation is very few. Dr.Sr. Nirmala added saying the present year applicants are none.

Prof. Dhanushkodi asked what is the ratio between CA and semester, Dr. Jhancy Mary, Head, Department of Chemistry replied saying 40 CA and 60 semester. Sr. Alice said, the University directs the Colleges to have 25 for CA and 75 for semester. Prof. Dhanushkodi said UGC advocates 50 for CA and 50 for semester. Dr. Syed Shahabudeen said, if the University wants the ratio as 75:25, the College can request the University to give the directive in waiting.

Dr. Syed Shahabudeen asked how many Minor / Major projects are in progress. Dr. Sr. Regina replies saying the College has so far sent 15 proposals and waiting to hear from the funding agency. Dr. Syed Shahabudeen said granting seed money by the institution is an important criterion for research for NAAC Accreditation, so the management should have a policy for and provide seed money.

Dr. Syed Shahabudeen asked about online courses in College. Dr. Sr. Regina replied saying online courses are mandatory for all the PG students, many faculty members are also doing online courses, she added that on 23rd November the College is organizing a workshop on online teaching-learning.

Dr. Syed Shahabudeen said the College should promote faculty student exchange programmes.

Concluding Remarks

The Chairperson Rev. Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala presented the concluding remarks of the meeting and thanked all the expert members for their support towards the growth of Auxilium College as the institution is stepping into new avenues.

Vote of Thanks

The Secretary Rev. Sr. Alice K.T. proposed the vote of thanks.