

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY HELD AT 6.00 P.M.
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..MONDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2006..

The following members were present :

1. Rev. Sr. Mary Celine, Secretary
2. Rev. Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fathima Mary L. Principal
3. Mrs. Kamala R. Staff Representative
4. Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu, Principal Voorhees College
5. Rt. Rev.Dr. Soundara Raju P. SDB, Ph.D., Bishop of Vellore

The Agenda

1. Invocation : Chairperson
2. Welcome : Secretary
3. Introduction and Presentation of Minutes : The Principal
4. Report of the College Activities : The Principal
5. Discussion
 - (i) Results
 - (ii) Admissions 2006
 - (iii) Staff List
 - (iv) Suggestions for new courses for 2007-2008 (UG and PG)
 - (v) New Projects
 - (vi) Language Laboratory
 - (vii) Any other
6. Concluding Remarks : Chairperson
7. Closing Prayer

1. Invocation :

The meeting commenced with a prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit

2. Welcome :

The members of the Governing body were welcomed by the Secretary, Rev. Sr. Mary Celine.

3. Introduction and presentation of minutes

The Principal, Dr. (Sr.) Eugini Fathima introduced and welcomed all the members of the Governing body. The Principal welcomed and felicitated Rev. Fr. Soundara Raju, the new Bishop of Vellore and the Secretary of the College honoured him with a Ponnadai.

The Principal presented the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2006 and all the members approved of it.

4. Report of the College activities

The Principal presented the report of the activities of the first term. The highlights of the report were :

State level seminars by the departments of Computer Science and Biochemistry. Introduction of language laboratory classes for the first years in the time table - Report of the IQAC for 2004-2005, 2005-2006 - Formation of ASQC - Auxilium Student Quality Cell - Evaluation of major activities by the staff and ASQC members.

Facilities added during the academic year : Allotment of a room with library facilities for the Career Guidance Cell, installation of 5 computers with internet facility in the Computer lab, Renovation of the Science block, Xerox center and telephone booth, Centralized scholarship, Rs.10 lakhs scholarship fund from Rev. Sr. Secretary's brother, installation of two generators worth Rs. 20 lakhs.

The Principal presented the achievements of the College such as the Best Institution Award by National Service Scheme (NSS) Madras University 2004 - 2005, Best Institutions Wings of Fire Award, Madras University 2004 - 2005, Best College Magazine Award for 2005 - 2006 - III Prize by Divyodaya, Inter Religious Centre, Coimbatore, 63 University Ranks - 6 First Ranks, 7 Second Ranks and 8 Third Ranks in the April 2005 examination.

The Principal further added that the National Service Scheme (NSS) camp was in progress, National Cadet Corps (NCC) had 104 cadets, one was selected for mountaineering and two to attend the army attachment camp at Secunderabad. In Sports, the College is proud of the 13 teams and 67 university blues. A fund of Rs.10,000/- was collected for the Srilankan Refugee fund and the same was handed over to them by Sr. Jayaseeli who had gone to help the refugees.

The Principal also listed the new projects such as the two day seminar on 27th and 28th October organized by the English forum of Vellore and Cambridge University Press, Music Programme on October 7th organized by the department of History, renaming of the Youth Red Cross unit of Auxilium as SNEHA, Good drinking water facility and coaching classes at RICA taken up by the department of business administration.

5. The discussion was taken up as per the agenda.

(i) Results - April 2006

The results, class wise of the April 2006 University examination of the day and Evening Sessions were analysed. The Day Session had an overall pass percentage of 78.11, the Evening Session 81.9 and the postgraduates 80.31. The members felt that there was a fall in the pass percentage of the first years and the reason attributed was the low standard of English among the students.

(ii) Admissions 2006

The details of the number of students admitted to the various courses in the College were presented to the members. The reasons for the decline in the number of students joining certain courses were discussed and suggestions were given to increase the intake of students in these courses.

(iii) Staff List

The vacancies in all the departments were presented along with the number of staff in each department that was being paid by the management. The members were informed that the Government had sanctioned two teaching posts and they expressed their hope that the remaining vacancies would be filled up in the near future.

(iv) Suggestions for New courses for 2007 - 2008 (UG & PG)

The members felt the need for the introduction of new courses like B.Sc. Visual Communication and some Post Graduate and M.Phil Courses. There were also suggestions to introduce co-education in the College but no decision was finalized.

(v) New Projects

The members were briefed on the National Seminar on Innovative Strategies for Internal Quality Assessment on 24th and 25th November 2006, organized by the IQAC. Automation of the administrative system, introduction of Autonomy and choice based credit system and the need for an administrative block were discussed.

(vi) Language Laboratory

The members felt that the introduction of the Language Laboratory was a boon to the students as it was functioning well and the students are benefiting from it.

6. Concluding Remarks :

The Secretary thanked the members for their presence and their valuable suggestions.

7. Closing Prayer

The Governing Body meeting concluded with a thanksgiving prayer by Rev. Fr. Soundara Raju, Bishop of Vellore.