



MINUTES
of
22nd ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 07th March 2023

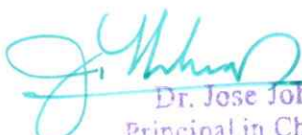
Time: 03.30 P.M.

Mode of Meeting: Online/Offline

Venue: Hadrian Hall

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Agenda	
Item No	Items
	Prayer
	Welcome
	Leave of absence
	Reporting of the college activities -Principal
1	Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 16.08.2022 and discussion on items arising out of the minutes.
2	Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)
3	Note of the Board of Studies in Chemistry
4	Note of the Board of Studies in Environmental studies
5	Institution of Endowments
6	Admission Prospectus for the Year 2023-24 for various UG & PG Programmes
7	Other matters, if any, with the consent of the chair

Members present

S.No.	Name
1	Dr. Fr. Jose John CMI
2	Fr. Tomy P.P. CMI
3	Dr. C.S Francis
4	Prof. Jayachandran K
5	Cmde. N Anil Joseph
6	C.A Vivek Krishna Govind
7	Dr. M.S. Madhusudhanan Nair
8	Dr. Joseph George
9	Dr. Jinu George
10	Dr. Grace Thomas
11	Dr. Tom C. Thomas
12	Dr. Aneesh Kumar K. V
13	Mr. Ebin P.J
14	Dr. Franklin J.
15	Dr. Tessa Mary Jose
16	Dr. Regitha M.R.
17	Dr. Sibi Abraham
18	Dr. Jeenu Kurian
19	Dr. Roby Cherian
20	Mr. Jobin C.Tharian
21	Mr. Sanjose A Thomas
22	Dr. Lakshmipriya R
23	Dr. T.J. James
24	Ms. Ajisha Sara Mohan
25	Mr. Kishore Kumar P
26	Ms. Jeeva K.J.
27	Dr. Rajesh M
28	Dr. Ignatius Abraham
29	Fr. Nijo Antony
30	Dr. Cyriac Antony
31	Dr. June Cyriac

Prayer: The meeting was conducted in the hybrid mode and started at 3.30 PM with a silent prayer.

Welcome: Chairman of the meeting Rev. (Dr.) Jose John welcomed all the members to the meeting.

Leave of absence: Mr. George Thomas, Dr. Suresh Mathew, Dr. Cyriac Joseph, Justice Abraham Mathew, Dr. Giby Kuriakose, Mr. Benny Varghese, Dr. Mathew M.J., Mr. Sujith Narayanan V, Dr. Fr. Sebastian John, Dr. Babu Joseph, Dr. Rajesh James, Dr. Shoba Liza John, Dr. Asha Achy Joseph

Reporting of the college activities – Principal

The following are some of the important activities reported by Principal Fr. Jose John.

- i) College Union Election conducted very smoothly
- ii) The college bagged the third position in the M.G. University Youth Festival
- iii) College day celebrated on 28th February
- iv) A campaigning was organized against the use of drugs in association with the police and the excise department
- v) All India and South India Handball Championships were conducted in the college. Nine of the members of the M.G. University team which won the All India championship are students of our college.
- vi) Five students cleared the UGC NET examination and three were selected for JRF
- vii) Nobel Laureate Ada E Yonath participated in the international seminar organized by the Department of Chemistry
- viii) Three teachers and five students were awarded with PhDs.
- ix) Ten days refresher course for higher secondary teachers was conducted by Commerce department.
- x) A new aquaculture hatchery complex started functioning

Agenda Item No.1: Minutes (already circulated) of the meeting of Academic Council held on 16.08.2022 and discussion on items arising out of the minutes.

The Academic Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 16.08.2022

Agenda Item No.2: Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has created the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) platform, which is based on the DigiLocker framework and provides the ability for students to open Academic Accounts.

Akin to a bank account, the credit bank will be an online repository where students' academic credit, calculated on the basis of classwork and tutorials, will be stored. This will offer seamless student

mobility between or within degree-granting Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through a formal system of **credit recognition, credit accumulation, credit transfers, and credit redemption**. Credits deposited on the ABC platform will be **valid for a maximum of seven years or the duration specified for a given discipline. Once the certificate/degree is collected by the students, all the credits earned by them till then will be deleted** from their respective accounts.

ABC offers learners greater choice and flexibility in choosing courses and institutions, allowing a liberal mix of educational programmes that are vocational, academic and more. A student can avail **multiple entry and exit options in higher education institutions** and opt for a tailor-made degree. They can choose to study one course a year in one institution and switch to another one the next year.

ABC reduces time commitment, which lowers the risk of student dropout and improves social mobility for economically disadvantaged students. Because students don't have to start over from scratch, higher education is more approachable and appealing. If students do not or are unable to complete the entire program of study, they can track their progress toward their qualifications and reward the learning that has been completed. This can boost confidence and encourage further learning.

ABC can promote and facilitate inter-institutional partnerships, thereby elevating quality in education.

ABC promotes the use of vocational courses, multi-disciplinary courses and multi-modal approaches which lead to better career decisions. The adaptability of academic programs will allow students to find employment after receiving any level of award and return as needed to upgrade their qualifications, reduce the dropout rate, and raise the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education.

Students who are enrolled in the courses offered by National Schemes like SWAYAM, NPTEL, V-Lab shall also be considered for credit transfer and credit accumulation under this provision. Those admitted to skill courses from registered higher education institutions offering vocational degrees or diplomas or postgraduate diplomas or certificate programmes are also eligible for accrual and redemption of credits under ABC.

The UGC had, in a gazette notification dated July 28, 2021, informed all higher education institutions about setting up of credit bank. Now, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all higher education institutions to immediately register online the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) platform and upload data of student credits earned during or after the 2021-22 academic year.

The Academic Council discussed the matter in detail and decided to wait for the decisions of the State Government and the University in this regard

Agenda Item No. 3: Note of the Board of Studies in Chemistry

The BoS meeting in Chemistry held on 14/02/2023 proposed to introduce a value added course titled “Scientific Waste Management: Challenges and Opportunities”. It is a 30 hour course with theory and practical sessions. The meeting approved the syllabus of the course and is given below.

Module 1: Basics of waste management, types and significance of waste disposal

Module 2: Conventional waste management and modern technologies: comparison

Module 3: The importance of recycling and waste management studies for different materials

Module 4: Plastics and waste management

Module 5: Sustainable materials over plastics

Module 6: International, national and ground scenario of waste management and opportunities and challenges

Practical sessions include industrial visits to study waste management facilities.

A suggestion came regarding the incorporation of biological aspect of waste management.

The Academic Council approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 4: Note of the Board of Studies in Environmental studies

Practical IV of the third semester of MSc Environmental Science is entirely meant for pollution and waste management studies. Hence an onsite visit by the students on the existing mechanisms implemented on the various measures to reduce / recycle the different kinds of pollution/pollutants and wastes will enrich the students’ practical knowledge along with the theoretical aspects they study during this semester itself.

Hence, the Board of Studies of MSc Environmental Science in its meeting decided to incorporate a field visit (industry or sewage plant or solid waste treatment plant or plastic recycling unit or related sites) in the Practical IV in the third semester in place of the case study in the existing syllabus and give it due advantage in the final grading of the practical examination by giving it a status of one of the components in the internal and external evaluation as below.

The case study section in the Practical IV has to be shifted to the syllabus of the Practical III.

a. Components of Internal Evaluation (for practical) (Existing)

Components	Weightage
Laboratory Involvement	1
Written/ Lab Test	2
Record	1
Case Study	1
Total	5

b. Components of Internal Evaluation (for practical) (Changed)

Components	Weightage
Laboratory Involvement	1
Written/ Lab Test	2
Record	1
Case Study/field visit	1
Total	5

c. Components of External Evaluation (for practical) (Existing)

Components	Weightage
Written/ Lab Test	9
Record	2
Case study	4
Total	15

d. Components of External Evaluation (for practical) (Changed)

Components	Weightage
Written/ Lab Test	9
Record	2
Case study/Field visit	4
Total	15

The Academic Council approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 5: Institution of Endowments

Parents of Late Captain Nirmal Sivarajan, former student of the Department of Economics of our college, wish to institute two endowments as detailed below.

The parents will hand over Rs.10000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand only) in every year for implementing the two Endowment awards of Rs. 5000/- each. The awards will be known as:

- (i) Captain Nirmal Sivarajan Endowment award for the Best Outgoing NCC cadet from the department of Economics
- (ii) Captain Nirmal Sivarajan Endowment award for the Best Outgoing allrounder undergraduate student from the department of Economics

The objectives of the endowment shall be:

- (i) To ignite the young minds to aspire for National Cadet Corps and to inculcate the value of patriotism and national integration.
- (ii) To provide due recognition to the merits and achievements that will nature a desire in students to excel in curricular and co-curricular activities.

The Academic Council recommended to the Governing Body for the institution of these Endowments.

Agenda Item No.6: Admission Prospectus for the Year 2023-24 for various UG & PG Programmes

Admissions to the various UG/PG programmes offered by the college are done on the basis of respective prospectus adhering to reservation norms of the Government of Kerala. As there is no

change in the marking/grading system of the qualifying examinations, it is proposed to follow the admission prospectus of the last year (2022-23) for the year 2023-24 admissions also.

The Academic council meeting approved the decision of the admission committee to follow the admission prospectus of the last year (2022-23) for the year 2023-24 admissions also. The Academic council also authorized the Principal to make necessary changes in the prospectus if the Kerala Government implement the National Education Policy NEP) or the Mahatma Gandhi University sanction new programmes from the academic year 2023-24 onwards.

Agenda Item No.7: Other matters, if any, with the consent of the chair.

i) Nomination of an Expert to the Board of Studies (BoS) in Aquaculture and Fish processing

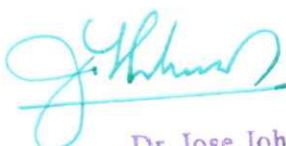
Dr. Leela Edwin, the Academic Council nominee to the Board of Studies in Aquaculture and Fish processing, retired from service as Principal Scientist and HoD, CIFT. As she informed her difficulties in continuing as a member of the BoS, it is proposed to nominate Dr. George Ninan, Director, CIFT, Kochi as an Expert to the Board of Studies (BoS) in Aquaculture and Fish processing in place of Dr. Leela Edwin.

The Academic Council approved the proposal

ii) The Academic council appreciated the services rendered by the retiring teacher Dr. M.S. Madhusudhanan Nair, the controller of Examinations. He served the college for 28 years as a teacher, Head of the Department of Economics and as a member of the Governing Body and the Academic Council.

As there was no other matter, the meeting concluded at 4.30 PM after the formal vote of thanks by Dr. June Cyriac, Secretary of the Academic Council.




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