

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THEVARA (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**Second Board of Studies Meeting -1<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

The Second Board of Studies meeting was held at the Department on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 under the chairmanship of Dr. Mathew Jose K.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. T. P. Thomas

Dr. Joseph George

Mr. Paul Xavier, FCA

Mr. Salil Kumar, ACA

All the staff members of Commerce Department were special invitees, for the meeting. The following staff members were present.

Prof. Johnson John

Asst. Prof. Tessa Mary Jose

Asst. Prof. Sanu Varghese

Asst. Prof. Sajoy P. B.

Asst Prof. James V. George

Rev. Fr. Tomy P.P. CMI

Asst. Prof. Dr. Remya Ramachandran

Mrs. Priya Renjini S.

Ms. Baby Simi

Ms. Radhika P. C.

Ms. Noonu Mary Jose

Ms. Rincy Kudilingal

Ms. Sangama P. S.

Mr. Joseph James

- The meeting commenced with the HOD welcoming the members of the academic board and briefly introducing them. He has also emphasised the purpose of the meeting which is to revise the syllabus of UG and PG in line with the newly granted autonomous status of the college. The revised syllabus will be applicable up to the academic year 2018.
- It was decided to introduce CBCSS for UG and elective system for the PG programme.
- The members observed that currently the students passing out of the commerce stream lack industrial perspective or practical application knowledge. It was decided to revise syllabus by suitably updating the content in line with the above.
- It was decided to provide a practical orientation of the content so as to contribute to the skill development of students and to enhance their employability. Developing entrepreneurship among students was yet another intention.
- It was decided to give priority for cross cutting issues like gender, environment & sustainability, human values and professional ethics.
- To begin with, it was decided to accord priority in revising the contents of papers like Accounting, Income Tax, Company Law and Capital Market. It was observed that the content of these subjects underwent drastic changes in the recent past along with the changes in the policies and regulations.
- The committee recommended to follow application-oriented questions for exams instead of age-old method of testing the theoretical knowledge of students with direct questions.
- The members suggested to arrange tie ups with Chartered Accounting firms and firms working in capital market in order to provide internship to students, thereby providing practical orientation.
- It was also suggested that a part of internal marks can be set aside for the presentation of internship report.
- It was decided to give one month time for the external members to come out with their proposals for updating the content. It is expected that with their rich practical

knowledge, the external members will be able to provide critical inputs in modernising the syllabus to meet the current requirements.

- It was proposed to start M.Phil. Programme in Commerce as the Department is a postgraduate research centre.
- It was also suggested to explore the possibility of starting B. Com Marketing as a regular course and B. Com and MBA as evening courses.
- Finally, it was decided to start the changes with the degree courses and to do the same in the PG classes in the academic year 2016-17.



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