

Minutes of the 6th Governing Body Meeting held on October 7, 2017

The sixth meeting of the Governing Body of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) was held on October 7, 2017 from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the boardroom of St Xavier's College. All the members were present at the meeting. The meeting was conducted by Dr (Fr) Robert Arockiasamy S.J., Principal, and Member Secretary of the Governing Body.

Agenda 1: Welcoming the members and Passing the Minutes of the 5th GC meeting.

- 1.1. Fr Principal welcomed all the members to the 6th GB meeting.
- 1.2. Passing the minutes of the 5th GB meeting: Since the minutes of the 5th GB meeting were passed around through email, the minutes were treated as read and the minutes were passed without any modification.

Agenda 2: Approving the appointment of new members to various BoS

- 2.1. Fr Principal sought for the approval of the following members to various BoS as some members had retire, resigned or transferred. The newly approved members are Mr Jay Mehta, Industry Representative, Sun Pharma to the BoS of Zoology, Dr Kaid Johar, Subject Expert to the BoS of Zoology, Ms Zeba Siddiqui, alumnus to the BoS of Zoology, Prof. R.L. Bhila subject expert, to the BoS of Mathematics, Dr S.K. Patel, Gujarat University to the BoS of Mathematics.
- 2.2. The Governing Body suggested that, it is advisable to have odd number of members in the board of studies as per UGC guidelines and more number of members can be added as invitees.

Agenda 3: Sharing of information on revised admission policy implemented

- 3.1. Principal shared the admission policy implemented after taking a cue from the earlier GB meeting. In the current year, admission was sanctioned purely based on merit.

Agenda 4: Proposal to Initiate New courses

- 4.1 The Principal proposed that SXCA would like to initiate two new courses in PG from next academic year: MSc in Analytical Chemistry and MSc in Biotechnology. This was approved by the Governing Body. However, it was suggested that rather than awarding a degree in Analytical chemistry, it should be named in MSc Chemistry (Analytical

Chemistry). This way, students who masters will have no technical issues for further studies.

- 4.2 Another proposal was to initiate a 4 year BSc Biotechnology course in collaboration with Harrisburg University. After much discussion, it was suggested that the possibility of a dual degree should be explored.
- 4.3 Honourable Vice Chancellor proposed that over a period of time, Xavier's College should move towards online examination module, where minimum time can be sent on assessment.
- 4.4 College also sought permission to conduct examinations, especially ATKT examinations, any time of the year. The Governing Body felt that it is all right to conduct such examinations any time of the year.

Agenda 5: Upcoming National Seminars

- 5.0 Three seminars will be hosted by the college in the current academic year in the following subjects: Psychology, Computer Sciences, and Biochemistry-Biotechnology.

Agenda 6: Exemption rule

- 6.1 The possibility of exempting students to participate in NCC, RDC and other National games if it were to clash with end semester examination was discussed. It was suggested that, the Academic Council can define the criteria for granting exemption, and identify all those National events for which exemption can be given. It was suggested that only those sports where Govt./ Sports Authority of India is involved should be exempted and a separate examination should be conducted.
- 6.2 Principal expressed the difficulty being faced by the college in getting duty exemption while importing equipments for academic purpose. Ho. Vice Chancellor immediately clarified that GU will make this certificate available to St Xavier's College.

Any other matter?

Honourable Controller of Examinations requested for an extension of one week to submit the details for graduation. It was approved by the GU representatives.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the GB can be on March 10, 2018.

The Principal thanked all the Governing Body members for their continued help and support in numerous ways.

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1. Fr Francis Parmar, Chairperson
2. Dr. Rajpalsinh, UGC Nominee
3. Dr Himanshu Pandya, State Govt. Nominee
4. Dr Baldev Patel, Gujarat University Nominee
5. Adv. Rakesh Gupta, Management Nominee
6. Dr (Fr.) Lancelot D'Cruz, Management Representative
7. Fr Fernando Franco, Management Representative
8. Dr U.B. Gothi, Senior Faculty
9. Dr Nirmal Desai, Senior Faculty
10. Dr Sebastian Vadakan, IQAC Coordinator
11. Dr (Fr.) Robert Arockiasamy, Principal, Member Secretary