

Minutes of the Academic Council meeting No.6

Venue: Board Room

Date: 23.09.2017

Time: 11.00 am onwards

The Academic Council of St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad had meeting No. 6 on September 23, 2017 in the board room. The following members had informed in advance that they would not be able to make it to the meeting: Dr Abhijit Sen, Dr Manikam K, and Mr Pankaj Mudholkar. The principal conducted the meeting.

Fr Principal welcomed the members for the meeting. Fr Principal sought approval of the minutes of the meeting No.5 as it had been circulated through email. The minute was approved without any amendment.

1. Members resigned and newly inducted

1.1. The following members resigned from various Boards of studies: Dr KH Chikalia, Chem BoS, Subject expert, Dr Nalini Patel, Subject expert, Zoology, Dr Dhawal Mehta, Alumnus, Zoology dept., Dr. D J Karia, Mathematics.

1.2. The following members are newly inducted: Mr Jay Metha: Industry Rep, Sun Pharma, Zoology, Dr Kaid Johar, Subject expert, Asst. Prof at GU, Zoology, Ms Zeba Siddiqui, Alumnus, Zoology dept., Prof. R. L. Bhila of K K Shah Jarodvala Maninagar Science College, Mathematics dept., Dr. S. K. Patel of Dept. of Mathematics dept, Gujarat University.

2. New admission policy

2.1. Fr Principal briefed about the new admission policy implemented based on the input from Governing Body. In the current year, the admission was based on merit. Academic council members felt that the students whom we have admitted are of good quality and in good quantity both in Gujarati and English Medium. Among the several reasons, the diminished charm for engineering is one of the reason why students are more attracted to regular college degree. However some of them felt that it is too early to comment on quality of students. Another observation was that the one to one interaction with students is poor. It was also suggested that there is a need to counsel students as soon as results are declared and before they apply for applying or choosing a subject. The need for translating the entire instruction in Gujarati was also suggested. In the case of Sanskrit subject, there is a need to promote the course in the schools at an early stage.

3. New Courses

3.1. Three new proposal for starting new courses have come for approval: BSc Biotechnology (Split Programme), MSc Analytical Chemistry and MSc Biotechnology. The split programme is in collaboration with Harrisburg University. In the above context, the need for developing labs for Chemistry and Biotechnology was taken up. It was felt that the selling for these courses should be our staff. Therefore, our present staff should conduct these programmes rather than entrusting to newly inducted staff members.

The committee felt that the proposed 3 course should be taken forward for approval from the Governing Body.

4. Syllabus modification

4.1. In certain subjects minor addition and deletions were carried out in Psychology PS 5503. It was suggested that all major modifications or revision can be executed in 2019, as it is difficult to follow up with ATKT students/ modification can be done in a phased manner provided there are no ATKT students in a particular semester.

4.2. With regard to the request from the BoS of Zoology to have 4 days of practical examination instead of the two days currently sanctioned, it was proposed that (1) find out how other colleges under GU are conducting these practicals (2) only if a practical is spilling over to the next day, we could consider extending the dates (3) take it up in the examination committee for final decision based on a concrete proposal by the department

4.3. The proposal by the Gujarati-Hindi department to induct a student representative in the BoS was rejected saying that there is a possibility that student may dictate terms and conditions. However, there is already a meritorious alumni is present in the BoS.

5. Upcoming seminars

5.1. Psychology, Biochemistry-Biotechnology, Computer Sciences are in the process of organizing National seminars. The Council also encouraged other departments to organize National level seminars and the College expressed the willingness to support with seed money.

6. Make regulations for sports, extra-curricular activities, and proper maintenance and functioning of the playgrounds

6.1. Fr Principal informed the members about the steps taken to develop sports ground (Football and tracks). College believes in whole round development of students and therefore cultural activities and sports activities are encouraged. Therefore heads of various departments should make provision for accommodating for practicals and theory missed as much as possible and students should not be penalized for participating in these activities. It was also suggested that the coordinator of extracurricular activities/ Sports In charge should send a note to the respective Head of the depart so that students can be taken care of.

The Academic committee decided to have the next meeting on February 17, 2018.

Fr Lancelot D'Cruz proposed the vote of thanks

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1. Fr Robert Arockiasamy, S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's College
2. Dr Nisha Shah, Dept of Chemistry, Gujarat University
3. Dr Hyacinth Highland, Dept. of Zoology, Gujarat University

4. Dr Manubhai Makwana, Dept. of Sociology, Gujarat University
5. Dr Sudhir K Jain, Director, IIT Gandhinagar
6. Dr Ernesto Noronha, Professor, IIMA
7. Dr Malay Mahadevia, Whole Time Director, Adani Infrastructure
8. Mr Pankaj Mudholkar , Director, Aakruti promotions & Media Ltd
9. Dr Abhijit Sen, Ex-Director, Plasma Research,
10. Mr Janmejy Vyas, Managing Director, Dishman Pharma
11. Ms Aditi Vyas, MD, Azafran group
12. Fr Vincent Saldanha, Management Representative
13. Dr Lancelot D’Cruz, Dept of Botany, St Xavier’s College
14. Dr Nirmal Desai (CoE), Dept of Chemistry, St Xavier’s College
15. Prof Ami Shah, Dept of Economics, St Xavier’s College
16. Mr Saurabh Vaishnav, Dept of English, St Xavier’s College
17. Prof Puransinh Makwana, Dept of Gujarati-Hindi, St Xavier’s College
18. Dr Khushnuma Banaji, Dept of Psychology, St Xavier’s College
19. Dr Shuchita Mehta, Dept of Sanskrit, St Xavier’s College
20. Dr Sudeshna Menon, Dept of Biochemistry, St Xavier’s College
21. Dr Atul Makwana, Dept of Chemistry, St Xavier’s College
22. Fr David K Roy, Department of Computer Sciences, St Xavier’s College
23. Dr Rajesh Iyer, Dept of Physics-Electronics St Xavier’s College
24. Dr Udayan Prajapati, Dept of Mathematics, St Xavier’s College
25. Dr UB Gothi, Dept of Statistics, St Xavier’s College
26. Prof Bhadauria, St Xavier’s College
27. Prof M.C. Patel, St Xavier’s College
28. Dr Sharad Sondarva, Dept of Biology, St Xavier’s College

29. Dr Mallika Sanyal, Member Secretary, St Xavier's College

30. Dr Sebastian V, IQAC Coordinator, St Xavier's College