

St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad-9
Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Examination Committee held on August 14,
2018

Meeting No. 7 of the Examination committee was held on August 14, 2018 from 3.30pm to 5.15pm in the board room of St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad. All members were present except Dr. A P Patel. CoE welcomed the members to the meeting.

1. Examination reforms

- 1.0. The CoE informed that considerable progress has been made in the past 4 years with regard to issuing of mark sheets, transcripts, consolidated mark sheets etc.
- 1.1. Large number of student getting detained was discussed. In this context Ordinance No.1 (a candidate must complete two semesters to migrate to the next year) and Ordinance No.2 (a candidate must pass at least 50% of all papers to migrate to the next semester) were discussed. It was suggested that College has established the system on campus and should continue with the same for some more time. However:
 - 1.1.1. The rule should be reinforced during orientation time
 - 1.1.2. The rule should be communicated to all staff members
 - 1.1.3. The list of detained students must be announced at the beginning of the year so that students are aware of the ordinances
- 1.2. Constitute a passing board once the results are ready and look into gracing policy (currently the maximum in internal is 6 marks; SS - FC 10 marks; external 9 marks for 3 subjects + 1 in case if the candidate is in short of one marks in the 4th subject).
- 1.3. The need for maintaining sanctity in examination was discussed. It was suggested that departments should not deal with students on exam related topics.
- 1.4. Re-evaluation of supplementary examination as well as FC-SS- and Electives were discussed. College will not offer any re-evaluation of the supplementary examination as well as FC-SS and Electives.
- 1.5. It was suggested that since electives are being conducted smoothly, College should continue with electives. It was suggested that College should continue to offer SS and FC courses although GU has recommended its abolition.
- 1.6. An evaluation of SS-FC shows that many students are not taking these courses seriously and end up failing. The need for giving a different orientation such as social extension/ outreach by tying up with NGOs, to these programmes were suggested. Before the next Academic Council meeting a format is to be presented for GB's approval.

2. Initiating new Course

- 1.1. The Examination Committee felt that the suggestion of the Academic Council for initiating MA Economics, and MA Psychology should be taken forward. However in the case of MA Sanskrit, the possibility of GU PG centre as well as Self-Financed course may be explored in the GB meeting.
- 1.2. Clarification on M.Phil and Ph.D by Xavier's will be sought in the next GB meeting.

- 1.3. The possibility of NSS as an elective with 2+1 Credit (in case of Arts) and as Soft skill Commerce (2cr) and NSS as Elective in BSc (2Cr) with the examination pattern of: Internal 30 Marks and External 70 Marks was also discussed. College will seek approval of the same in the coming GB meeting and will be offered in semester 4 for students (in case of BA a decision will be made whether to offer it in semester 1 or in semester 4)
2. Syllabus of few subjects were revised. Since these are minor changes, new paper code will not be assigned. These subjects are:
 - 2.1. BA Statistics Semester 1 and 2; BSc Statistics Semester 1 and 2
 - 2.2. Zoology Semester 3, ZO 3501 and ZO 3502
3. It was communicated that the Management has instituted several medals to fill the lacunae. These are:

Academic medals instituted for the toppers in all subjects

 - a. FYBA: 3/10; FYBCA: 1/1; FYB.Com1/1; FYBSc: 11/13
 - b. SYBA: 10/18; SYBCA: 1/1; SY B.Com: 1/1; SY BSc: 11/23
 - c. TYBA: 7/7; TYBCA: 1/1; TY B.Com: 1/1; TY BSc: 11/11
 - d. MA: 2/2; MSc: 14/14

Total by Management: 75 medals out of which 21 are academic excellence Gold medals.
4. Any other matter
To a question on what support is currently needed by the Examination section, the following suggestions were made: Structural support and man power.
Similarly the CoE asked what the expectation from the Examination section is, and the following requests were made:
 - a. Ensure that information reaches all the stakeholders. May be a notice board should be set up for the public to view
 - b. Advisable to give a copy of the result to all departments for follow up
5. Next meeting in March, 2019. Date will be announced later.

The CoE proposed the vote of thanks

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