

**Minutes of the 8th Governing Body meeting of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad,
held on September 8, 2018**

The 8th Meeting of the Governing Body of St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad, was held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 in the board room of the College. All the members were present, except Fr Francis Parmar SJ.

- 1.0. The minutes of the last Governing Committee meeting (No. 7) was read and passed unanimously by the body.
- 2.0. **To approve the appointment of GU representatives to various BoS**
 - 2.1. Board of Studies (BoS) of several departments have no representatives from Gujarat University as they have retired from their jobs. College has written to the University requesting to appoint representatives to BoS of Chemistry, Mathematics, Sanskrit and Psychology. The following names have been suggested: Dr Mysuria (Chemistry), Dr Kamyani Mathur (Psychology), Dr Kamlesh Chokshi (Sanskrit), Dr Nitaben (Mathematics). This has to be followed up.
 - 2.2. The Secretary sought the approval of the following members to the Academic Council: Dr Raghavan Rangarajan, Scientist, Dean of the Undergraduate College, Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad and Dr Lancy Lobo, Scientist, Director, Centre for Culture and Development, Baroda.
- 3.0. **Syllabus revision for Approval**
 - 3.1. The following subjects were scrutinized by Academic council and presented for approval of the Governing Body:
 - 3.1.1. BA Statistics Semester 1 and 2; ST 1101, ST 1102, ST 2101 & ST 2102
 - 3.1.2. BSc Statistics Semester 1 and 2; ST 1501 & ST 2501
 - 3.1.3. Zoology Semester 3; ZO 3501 & ZO 3502
- 4.0. **Initiating New courses**
 - 4.1. Based on the recommendations of the Academic Council, the Board discussed the possibility of initiating the following courses and encouraged the college to start the following programmes:
 - 4.1.1. MA with Psychology and MA with Economics.
 - 4.1.2. Offering Ph.D. as per the new guidelines of UGC for Autonomous Colleges in those subjects where there are guides approved by Gujarat University. It was suggested to inform GU in writing before initiating the PhD programme.
 - 4.1.3. Explore the possibility of BSc Psychology (exclusively for XII Science students) leading towards offering MSc Psychology
- 5.0. **Revamping Soft Skill, Foundation and Elective courses**
 - 5.1. A suggestion was made not to remove any existing courses, even if it is not offered
 - 5.2. New titles may be added depending on the need and demand. And the possibility of assigning credits for the following was discussed.

- 5.2.1. Foundation Courses: UG Research, NCC, NSS, Tarumitra, Jagrat, Library services, Remedial Classes/peer learning, Serving in College approved NGOs, Extension activities of the Departments.
- 5.2.2. Soft Skills: Spoken English Course, Sports/ Athletics, Cultural activities, Volunteering/Event Management, Personal Growth Oriented Programmes/ Counselling, Communication skills etc.

A curriculum format should be designed to ensure the programmes are conducted meaningfully and responsibly.

6.0. Examination Reforms

6.1. CoE explained the existing rule about student migration to the next semester. They are:

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): The recommendation of the members of the GB was to **continue with the same for some more time.**

Constitute a “Passing board” once the results are ready and look into policy on “Gracing” (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 short of one mark in the 4th subject). The recommendation of the members of the GB was to **continue with the same for some more time.**

Re-evaluation of supplementary examination as well as FC-SS- and Electives: **College will not offer any re-evaluation of the supplementary examination as well as FC-SS and Electives.**

6.2. The following suggestions were proposed:

6.3. Reconsider ‘organized internal examinations’ to be replaced with ‘continuous internal assessment’. Rather than promoting a mark sheet driven academic evaluation, encourage students to score marks in activities, developing capacity, etc.

6.4. Regional issues have to be given importance in the curriculum. There is a need to introduce innovative evaluative mechanisms for each unit by the teacher who teaches. There is a need to design format/ score card to assign marks or a format proposed by the teacher.

6.5. It was suggested that the Academic Council should discuss the matter and come up with concrete suggestions to the Governing Body.

7.0. Various information

7.1. New courses that were initiated this academic year: MSc Biotechnology, MSc Chemistry (Analytical Chemistry), MSc Physics.

7.2. Seminars to be conducted in the future: International conference by the Dept. of Biochemistry-Biotechnology (January 4-5, 2019), National seminar by IQAC, Workshop for faculty with less than 10 years of experience in Xavier’s (From Nov 22 to 23, 2018), External team visiting to evaluate autonomous system on October 8-9, 2018

8.0. Biometric system: There was mixed feeling towards implementing the system. However, the use of DG card was proposed.

Fr Lancelot D'Cruz proposed the vote of thanks

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