



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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Minutes of the 5th Governing Body Meeting held on March 25, 2017

The fifth meeting of the Governing Body of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) was held on March 25, 2017 from 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the board room 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, Member Secretary of the Governing Body.

Agenda 1: Welcoming the members and Passing the Minutes of the 4th GC meeting.

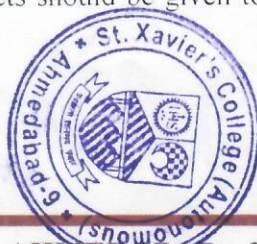
- 1.1. Fr Principal welcomed all the members to the 5th GB meeting.
- 1.2. Passing the minutes of the 4th GB meeting: Since the minutes of the 4th GB meeting were passed around through email, the minutes were treated as read.
- 1.3. Principal sought the approval of three new members to the BoS of Sanskrit department. They are Dr Niranjali Patel, Head, Dept of Sanskrit, SP University Vidyanagar, Dr Yogini Vyas, Head, Dept of Sanskrit, Umaba & Nathiba Manila Arts and Commerce College, Gandhinagar and Dr Rashmikant Dhruv, Head, Sanskrit Dept, Sadguna Arts College, Ahmedabad.

Agenda 2: Approving the syllabus of BA Journalism and Mass Communication and MSc Mathematics

- 2.1. Fr Principal presented the syllabus outline and certain nuances that was approved by the Academic Council. However, it was highlighted that the course in Journalism must have an aspect of media ethics in the final draft. This should be the unique contribution of the course that is offered by St Xavier's College.
- 2.2. It was suggested that college could grade the programme in such a way so that high fees can be justified. However, it was suggested that double the fee of Journalism course may be charged for the media studies since the programme requires high infrastructure set up.

Agenda 3: Issues related to degree awarding to MA and MSc

- 3.1. It was suggested that answer sheets may be discarded after 6 months. However those answer sheets which were given for reassessment should be preserved at least for a year. Moreover the answer sheets should be given to a paper mill for manufacturing new papers.



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- 3.2. With regard to awarding degree, it was suggested that for Xavier's it is offline. Steps to be taken is to write to Hon Vice Chancellor to nominate a committee to look into this aspect.
- 3.3. With regard to the existing fear of students about progress towards higher studies in GU, Dr Baldev Patel confirmed that these are students of GU as the degree is awarded by the same university. Therefore, no discrimination will happen at the time of admission to programmes in Masters.
- 3.3. Principal briefed the members on the development in the college after offering various new courses.

Agenda 4: To approve autonomy grant for 2017-18

- 4.1 The Principal raised the concern about the autonomy grant not being released to the College by the UGC (WRO), Pune. The UGC nominee, Prof Rajpal Singh, assured the Governing Body that he would take up this issue with the UGC officials and do the needful.
- 4.2 The proposed autonomy grant was approved without any modification. Attached at the end.

Agenda 5: Summary of the evaluation of syllabus by staff and students

- 5.0. It was suggested that languages such as Spanish, Japanese and Chinese should be offered by Xavier's in the future as second language with specialization in legal or medical aspects to increase job prospectus.
- 6.0. The next Governing Body meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017.
- 6.0. The Vice-Principal thanked all the Governing Body members for their continued help and support in numerous ways. He also acknowledged with grateful heart the academic, administrative and legal support given to the College by the Hon. VC, Dr. M.N. Patel, Dr Baldev Patel and Adv. Rakesh Gupta.