

Fatima College (Autonomous) Madurai
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING - 22.6.2015 at 10.30am

Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on
22.6.2015 at 10.30am.

Chair Person

1. Dr. Sr. K. Fatima Mary
Principal, Fatima College. *Sr. Fatima Mgy.*

Heads of the Departments

2. Dr. Mrs. S. Mariapackiam *M. Mariapackiam*
3. Dr. Mrs. T-V. Anondhi *T. V. Anand*
4. Dr. Mrs. M. Meenakumari *M. Meenakumari*
5. Dr. Mrs. S. Geetha *S. Geetha*
6. Dr. Mrs. K. Josephine Mary *K. Josephine Mary*
7. Dr. Mrs. S. Rose Mary *S. Rose Mary*
8. Mrs. S. Arulmozhi Packiaseli *S. Arulmozhi Packiaseli*
9. Dr. Mrs. Selvarani *S. Selvarani*
10. Mrs. A. Tamil Selvi *A. Tamil Selvi*
11. Dr. Mrs. Vasantha Esther Rami *Vasantha Esther Rami*
12. Mrs. G. Germaine Mary *G. Germaine Mary*
13. Dr. Mrs. Jacqueline Grgi Vijayakumar *J. Grgi Vijayakumar*

14. Mrs. V. Sharmila V. Sharmila
15. Ms. Sarpia Rani S. Rani
16. Mrs. R. Meenakshi Devi R. Meenakshi Devi
17. Mrs. P. Meenakshi Sundari P. Meenakshi Sundari
18. Dr. Mrs. Arasammal M. Arasammal
19. Mrs. T. Leena Premakumari T. Leena Premakumari
20. Mrs. D. Ramya D. Ramya
21. Dr. Mrs. P. Uma P. Uma
22. Mrs. B. Chandrika B. Chandrika
23. Dr. Mrs. P. Shyamala P. Shyamala
24. Mrs. D. Mary Jenisha D. Mary Jenisha

SENIOR TEACHERS

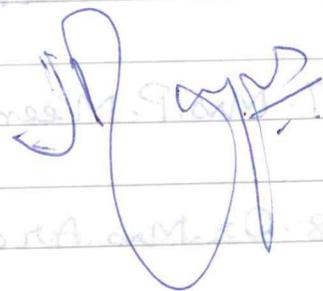
25. Dr. Mrs. T. Jeyanthi Vijayarani T. Jeyanthi Vijayarani
26. Dr. Mrs. B. Madona B. Madona
27. Mrs. E. Helena E. Helena

EXTERNAL EXPERTS

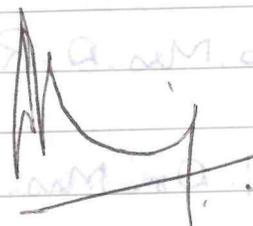
28. Dr. J. Daniel Chellappa J. Daniel Chellappa
 Senior Scientist, Technical Co-ordination wing,
 Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) &c
 Technical Co-ordinator

Central Expert Group on Kudankulam Nuclear
Power Project,
Chennai.

29. Mr. P. Vasimalai
Executive Director
DHAN Foundation
28, Ponmeni Narayanan Street,
S.S. Colony,
Madurai

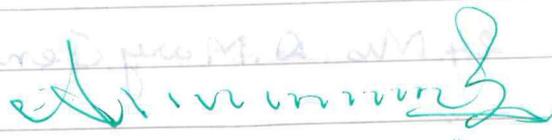


30. Dr. A. Selvaraj,
Chief Executive
Sri Jayarekha Industries
1, Ramraj Nagar
Villapuram
Madurai



UNIVERSITY NOMINEES

31. Dr. A. Vijayarangan
Member Syndicate
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Sociology
School of Social Sciences
Madurai Kamaraj University
Madurai 625021



32. Dr. V. Kalaiselvan
Associate Professor
Dept. of English Language Studies,
School of English and Foreign Languages
Madurai Kamaraj University
Madurai 625021.



33. Dr. V. Chinniah
Professor and Head
Department of Management Studies
Madurai Kamaraj University
Madurai 625021.

NOMINATED MEMBERS

34. Mrs. Mathavi Manisekar Mathavi Manisekar
Controller of Examinations
35. Dr. Mrs. Mahima Ragland Mahima
Controller of Examinations

SPECIAL INVITEES

36. Sr. S. Francis Pauline Sr. Francis Pauline
Secretary, Fatima College
37. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary
Dean of Professional Courses, Fatima College
38. Dr. Sr. M. Fatima Mary Sr. Fatima Mary
Vice-Principal - I, Fatima College
39. Mrs. Delishia Fernando Fernando Delishia
Vice-Principal II - Fatima College
40. Mrs. K. Mary Jacintha
Vice Principal - SF Mary Jacintha
41. Mrs. C. Sujatha
Librarian C. Sujatha
42. Mrs. M. Sudha Devi
Dept. of English M. Sudha Devi

43. Mr. H. Vincent
Placement officer

H. Vincent

STUDENT'S REPRESENTATIVES

44. Ms. S. Madhumathi II B.Sc., Physics

45. Ms. C. Swathi III B.Com., (C.A)

ACHIEVEMENTS

* The college has signed around 27 MOU's with reputed companies, Institutions, Hospitals and NGOs. and the students have undergone internships, Summer internships and on the job training.

* Staff members are appointed as consultants in different organisations like Initiatives Women in Development, Chennai [IWID] Rathna Sagar Publishers, New Delhi.

* Five online courses are launched.

- Economics to Excel - The Research Centre of Economics
- Photo editing techniques - Dept of Computer Science
- Event Management - Dept of Business Administration
- Fashion Designing Using Photoshop - Dept of PGIT
- Spoken Hindi for beginner - Hindi

* Efforts to turn the Departments of Physics, Home Science and Management Studies (MBA) into Research centres are in progress.

* A massive signature Campaign favouring Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was organised as part of the Part V activities.

* An awareness programme campaign on conservation and judicious usage of water was organised in collaboration with DHAN Foundation.

* Many of our students have brought laurels in co-curricular, extracurricular activities at different levels; University / State / Zonal / National / International. The highlights of the activities of our students are:

— won the overall championship in Inter-collegiate competitions.

— Awarded Lion-Champion Award by Lions Club of Madurai

— Awarded as Best Speaker by Vision Tamil Nadu 2023.

— Awarded Best Manager Award and cash prize of Rs. 3000/-.

* The number of new endowments have increased.

(i) No. of new endowments = 24

(ii) Total Amount = Rs. 4,82,500/-

* The college library is fully automated with direct access to WEB OPAC within the campus and Special Resource Section. Also it has modernized cloistered website license Database and membership with InFLIBnet, Delnet and AIRC.

* One Major Research Project and Five Minor Research Projects have been completed by the Faculty members.

* A faculty from the Dept. of physics presented a paper in the International Conference in U.S.A

* One staff from the Dept. of Economics is appointed as a visiting Senior Research Fellow of London School of Economics and Political Science, London.

* Upgradation of UG - Dept. of History into PG and also launching of Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication has been facilitated.

* The Entrepreneurship Development Cell conducts an exhibition of the products made by Self Help groups in the College Bazaar.

* The Extension activities have taken new initiatives to reduce and recycle the plastic waste and to build a Plastic Free Zone.

* Grant received from UGC during 2014-2015.

	Rs.
1. Autonomy Grant	19,49,820.00
2. XI - Plan - Merged Scheme - Colleges in Backward Areas - Building	450,000.00
3. XI - Plan - FIP - Substitute Salary	3,77,588.00
4. XI - Merged Scheme	1,38,000.00
5. XII Plan - Plan Block Grant (PBG)	6,72,736.00
6. Basic Scientific Research	40,00,000.00
7. College with Potential for Excellence Phase II and Phase III	1,00,50,000.00
8. Major & Minor Research Projects	5,36,695.00
9. Career oriented Courses	
- English for Presentation Skills	15,30,000.00
- Naturopathy and Acupuncture	

Total 197,04,839.00

* Students presented Models on "Eco System", Assignments on "Deforestation", "Global Warming" and charts on "Think Green".

* One student of III B-Com has cleared ACS Exam.

* Students of other states and countries have done special projects in order to bring environmental awareness and other socio-economic problems.

* 489 students have been placed in various organisations through campus interview. Out of that, 253 students are the first generation learners which amount to 52 percent. 100% placement for the students of B.Sc. Computer Science, B.Sc., IT, MBA, M.Sc., (CCSC & IT) and M.Sc. (IT & M) is achieved.

FUTURE PLAN:

* Each department is encouraged to sign atleast two MOU's with reputed Institutions/ Universities/ Research centres/ Indian Councils outside Tamil Nadu.

* All the departments should apply for Major and Minor Research Projects and interdisciplinary projects should be motivated.

* To introduce one certificate and diploma course for women in foreign language both for on and off-campus.

* To introduce two peer reviewed online courses for Arts and Science with quality check and to be uploaded for other students.

* To publish peer reviewed International Journal which is interdisciplinary in nature.

* Motivating the staff to enrich their expertise in their field of specialisation and thereby form a structured consultancy.

* To create and cultivate vibrant research zones sprawling the campus.

* Introducing innovative and new courses:
- Undergraduate - Journalism & Mass Communication
- M.A History
- Medical Lab Technology
- Fashion Designing.

* To adopt two or three villages to introduce organic farming.

* To develop a Blood Group Log on campus and in the adopted villages for blood donation.

* To instal more solar panels and thereby contribute to the energy crisis.

* To plan and work for a centre for Women Studies.

* To enable the Students Research cell to take up projects on and off campus and publish them.

* To train the students in collaboration with National Skill Development Council (NSDC) and Sector Skill Council (SSC) to enhance placement.

* Introducing a coaching centre for Civil Services/NET/GATE.

Academic Council Report- 2015

The Academic Council Meeting of Fatima College for the year 2015 was held on 22nd June. The meeting started with a prayer by Sr. M. Fatima Mary, the Vice Principal. Following the prayer, the Principal of Fatima College welcomed the University Nominees and the experts. The nominees from Madurai Kamaraj University are, Dr. A. Vijayarangan, Member Syndicate, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University, Dr. V. Kalai Selvan, Associate Professor, Department of English Language Studies, School of English and Foreign Languages, Madurai Kamaraj University, Dr. V. Chinnai Professor and Head, Department of Management Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University. The other external experts are Dr. J. Daniel Chellappa, Senior Scientist, Technical Co-ordination Wing, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Chennai, Mr. P. Vasimalai, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation, Madurai, Dr. A. Selvaraj, Chief Executive, Sri Jeyarekha Industries, Madurai. All the Heads of the Departments, the Controller of Examinations, Deans and student representatives of the college were also present.

Starting with the History Department, the Heads of all the departments explained the changes and suggestions offered in their respective Board of Studies meeting that were held during the month of March 2015. First the experts listened to the reports read by the Heads of the Departments of Regular Courses followed by the Heads of the Departments of Self Financing Courses. Then, the University Nominees and other external experts had discussions on the presentations and gave some suggestions.

- * Dr. V. Chinnaiah suggested that the profile of the college could be presented to all of them as the nominees assigned by the University were new to the academic year 2015-2016.
- * The principal briefed the members about the college and its modus operandi. Copies of the calendar with the necessary entire details were distributed to all the members for their perusal.
- * Dr. V. Chinnaiah requested an explanation of the methodology of evaluation system with an emphasis on consistency of evaluation and a classification on single or double valuation. Dr. Miss. Mahima Ragland, The Controller of Examination listed the merits of the system in current use and explained the evaluation pattern, question bank and random checking by senior teachers.
- * Dr. A. Vijayarangan asked about the overlapping of certain aspects especially the Computer Application and data analysis in SPSS in both papers PGEAC14 and M-Phil papers offered by the Dept. of Economics. Dr. Ms. T. V. Anandhi, Head, Dept. of Economics justified the above saying that, only an elementary idea of SPSS is offered to M-Phil students since they have to apply the statistical tools in their project work.
- * Mr. P. Vasimalai appreciated the modules, assignments such as adoption of two or three villages, calculation of GDP and following the trend and the identification of the driving factor. He opined that in Financial Economics, Insurance be included and method of writing bibliography and alignment be followed.

* Dr. V. Kalaiselvan asked about the strategy followed to make the students feel free with English. He suggested that the method of assessment of their improvement like upward mobility and the evidence for the real outcome be presented in the forthcoming meeting with reference to all the four skills reading, listening, speaking and writing. He also said that the real number of students promoted to higher level should also to be presented. He stressed on the usage of electronic gadgets like smart phones and mobile apps in the language lab with the focus on the thrust area and suggested that the campus should be converted into a English speaking Campus.

* Dr. A. Vijayarangan was of the opinion that the number of credits and number of hours should be made equal as far as possible.

* Dr. A. Selvaraj suggested that Diploma in Mindfulness & Meditation can be offered by the Dept. of Zoology to all the students of the college.

* Mrs. P. Vasimalai asked about the percentage of anaemic students and suggested to take a concrete measure to reduce the percentage in three years. He was also of the idea that, Behavioural Change Communication should be made as an integral part of Nutrition Education Process. Projects in analysis of food items like fast food, packed food, fruits ripened artificially and their hazards can be taken up. Biosen filter process of water purification can be included.

* Dr. A. Selvaraj asked about the exposure of the students to the practical applications

multimedia and he also invited the students for internship in his industry.

The experts had an elaborate discussion on the syllabus of Journalism and Mass Communication in comparison with other colleges like Loyola, SRM, Anna University courses. They also suggested to produce the study materials by the department.

Mr. P. Vasimalai emphasised that the Department should highlight the goal of the students and the scope of the course. The principal assured a network with the journalists and the media personnel.

A student representative Ms. S. Madhumathi III B.Sc., Physics, President, Students' Union shared her views that the syllabus is up to date and makes the students competent. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. K. Mary Jacintha, Vice Principal of Self-financing courses in which she expressed her sincere thanks and gratitude to the University nominees, external experts, the principal, controllers, Deans and staff of Fatima college.

B. Thelma Mary.