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VIRTUAL ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Minutes of the Academic Council held on May 12, 2021  
at 11.00 a.m through Google Meet- <http://meet.google.com/ddq-ung-hwn>

Members Present :

Chairperson :

1. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary  
Principal, Fatima College

G. Celine Sahaya Mary

Heads of the Departments :

2. Dr. Mrs. J. Soral Evangeline
  3. Dr. Mrs. Shobana Nelasco
  4. Dr. Mrs. M. Meena Kumari
  5. Dr. Mrs. A. Roselin Mary
  6. Dr. Mrs. K. Latha
  7. Mrs. E. Supriya
  8. Mrs. A. Sarpriya Rani
  9. Mrs. A. Paulin Mary
  10. Dr. Mrs. A. Sheela Vimala Rani
  11. Dr. Mrs. B. Medona
  12. Dr. Mrs. A. Tamil Selvi
  13. Dr. Mrs. G. Germaine Mary
  14. Dr. Mrs. B. Sahayarani Fernando
  15. Dr. Mrs. S. Saisa Banu
  16. Dr. Mrs. E. Helena for
  17. Mrs. S. Selvasani
  18. Mrs. V. Mageshwarri
  19. Dr. Mrs. P. Shyamala
  20. Mrs. S. Mary Helen Felista
- SENIOR TEACHERS
21. Dr. Ms. S. Vidya
  22. Dr. Ms. S. J. Kala
  23. Dr. Mrs. N. Malathi
  24. Ms. A. Mable Jasmine Shobha

J. Soral Evangeline  
Shobana Nelasco

M. Meena Kumari

A. Roselin Mary

K. Latha

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### University Nominees

5. Dr. M. Ramakrishnan

Member Syndicate

Professor, Dept. of Comp. Applications

School of Information Technology

Madurai Kamaraj University

Madurai - 625021

6. Dr. S. Pasi Parameswaran

Member Syndicate

Assistant Professor

Dept. of Youth Welfare Studies

School of Youth Empowerment

Madurai Kamaraj University

Madurai - 625021

27. Dr. S. Theenathayalan

Member Syndicate

Associate Professor & Head

Dept. of Economics &

Centre for Research in Economics

The Madurai College (Autonomous)

Madurai - 625011

### External Experts

28 Mr. Raja Rajeswaran, Auditor

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Madurai - 625001

29 Mr. A. Velmurugasaj

Head - Personnel, T/S Sri Chakra Tyres Ltd.

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Melur Taluk

Madurai - 625122

30. Dr. R. Vasudevan

Dean, ECA & Professor

Dept. of Chemistry

Thiagarajar College of Engineering

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31. Sr. A. Amala, Advocate  
St. Joseph's Convent  
Madurai - 625009

### Special Invitees

32. Dr. Sr. M. Francisca Flora  
Secretary, Fatima College
33. Dr. Sr. A. Josephin Nirmala Mary  
Controller of Examinations  
Fatima College
34. Mrs. Nizila Rajwan  
Controller of Examinations  
Fatima College
35. Dr. Sr. Bindu Antony  
Vice Principal - I  
Shift - I, Fatima College
36. Dr. Mrs. G. Uma  
Vice Principal - II  
Shift - I, Fatima College
37. Dr. Sr. J. Azul Mary  
Vice Principal - I  
Shift - II, Fatima College
38. Dr. Mrs. M. Arasammal  
Vice Principal - II  
Shift - II, Fatima College
39. Dr. Mrs. Vasanthha Esther Rani  
Dean of Research  
Shift - I, Fatima College
40. Dr. Mrs. S. L. Kumari  
Dean of Research  
Shift - II, Fatima College
41. Dr. S. Raju  
MBA Director  
Fatima College
42. Dr. Mrs. D. Jeyamala  
MCA Director  
Fatima College

Sr. Francisca Flora

A. Josephin Nirmala

Nizila

Bindu

S. Arasammal

M. L.

Vasanthha Esther Rani

S. L. Kumari

~~S. Raju~~

## Academic Accomplishments and Ongoing Process

Curriculum encompassing teaching and learning resources, student activities and support system is the foundation for the holistic education offered at Falima. The curriculum is revised and revamped periodically based on the topical demands.

## Academic Reforms

Regular, relevant and innovative academic reforms are carried out every year. This year too is no exception.

- Academic Audit is a regular feature of the college
- Remedial Coaching and Communicative English are the distinctive characteristics
- Credit carrying self-learning courses for Advanced learners to be introduced for the UG & PG students.

## Academic Progress

- Outcome-Based Education under Choice Based Credit System implemented successfully for the second year in 2020-2021
- Online mode of teaching and assessment adopted owing to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Summer internships and projects mandated for all PG and UG programmes
- External Viva for Projects made compulsory for all UG Programmes

## Plans for the Academic Year 2021 - 2022

## Quality Initiatives

- Upgrade all PG Departments to Research Centres
- Establish Women's Studies Centre with financial assistance from UGC
- Establish a centre for ICT based teaching and e-learning resources
- Enhance inclusive education to rope in National and International students

- Increase the number of Business start-ups to hone student entrepreneurial skills
- Encourage the Research Centres and the Departments to offer consultancy services to Industries like Food, Agriculture, Media and Corporate Industries

### Teaching Learning

- To encourage faculty to take up additional courses and Training Programmes

### Research

- Encourage individuals or departments applying for patent rights
- Ensure publication of at least one research paper by each staff every year
- Guideship to be obtained by all the Ph.D holders

### Extension

- To establish a tie-up with local corporate industries to increase employability in adopted villages
- To set up core-stakeholders' committees in the target villages to ensure effective follow up of services extended to them
- To initiate organic farming in selected villages using manure produced in college
- Develop a blood group log on campus and in the adopted villages for blood donation

### Green Practices

- Production of Organic manure to be increased
- Rain water harvest catchments to be increased
- To implement effective solid Waste Management on campus

## MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Virtual Academic Council Meeting began with a prayer by Dr. Sr. J. Aul Mary, Vice Principal, Shift - II, on May 12, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. The Chairperson of the Academic Council and the Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary welcomed the gathering and highlighted on the key academic ventures on campus.

Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary invited Dr. S.J. Kala, Dean of Arts to present the resolutions of the Curriculum Development Cell meetings to be approved in the council. She put forth the following resolutions:

- That one Discipline Specific/Interdisciplinary Self Learning Course would be offered as an optional course

\* UG

- That one Discipline Specific/Interdisciplinary Self Learning Course would be offered as an optional course to the I, II and III UG students each year from the 2021 batch onwards.

\* PG

- That one Discipline Specific/Interdisciplinary Self-Learning Course would be offered as an optional course to the I and II PG students each year from the 2021 batch onwards.

- That the nomenclature of the following common courses be changed as follows:

\* UG

- That the nomenclature of the Foundation Courses shall hereafter (2021-22 onwards) be changed as stated herein:
  - \* Foundation Courses - Arts shall be changed to Basic Multidisciplinary Course - Arts
  - \* Foundation Courses - Science shall be changed to Basic Multidisciplinary Course - Science

\* PG

- That the nomenclature, Extra Departmental Courses shall hereafter (2021-22 onwards) be changed to Inter-Departmental Courses
- That the Environmental Education offered during the III & IV Semesters of the UG Programmes shall hereafter (2021-2022

onwards) be offered only during Semester - III and that a Course on Gender Studies shall be offered in Semester - IV if it is presented for approval in the Academic Council

- That the following Ability Enhancement Courses offered so far as Value Education for the I UG and Ethical Studies for the II and III UGs shall hereafter, from the Academic Year 2021-22 onwards be offered as stated herein:

| S. No. | Semester   | Course code | Course Title            | No. of Credits | Part of the Curriculum |
|--------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1      | <u>I</u>   | 21G1VE      | Personal Values         | 1              | Part- <u>IV</u>        |
| 2      | <u>II</u>  | 21G2VE      | Values for Life         | 1              | Part- <u>IV</u>        |
|        | <u>III</u> | 21UAD3ES    | Professional Ethics     | 1              | Add-on Credit          |
|        | <u>IV</u>  | 21UAD4ES    | Personality Development | 1              | Add-on Credit          |
|        | <u>V</u>   | 21UAD5ES    | Family Life Education   | 1              | Add-on Credit          |
|        | <u>VI</u>  | 21UAD6ES    | Life Skills             | 1              | Add-on Credit          |

- That the Controllers of Examinations shall be authorized to appoint the External Examiners for the End Semester Examination of the UG/PG/Professional Programmes to be conducted during the Academic Year 2021-2022.

The Council proposed that the nomenclature be changed to Environmental Studies instead of Environmental Education. Clarification on the mentioned Ability Enhancement Courses were made and Dr. S. J. Kala clarified the same. Dr. Theenathayalan suggested that the Course Titles be Value Education instead of Personal Values and Values for Life. Dr. S. J. Kala explained that the Courses have been titled Personal Values and Values for Life to avoid redundancy.

### Recommendations:

- Dr. Pasi Parameswaran, University Nominee suggested that the Contribution of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Indira Gandhi and Vajpayee are very crucial to Indian Foreign Policies

and that they may be retained in 1945CC9 - Contemporary India (From A.D. 1947 to A.D. 2009). Dr. Sarah Evangelin, the chairperson of the Board of Studies of History clarified that they already find a place in Integration of States and so they have been removed.

- Dr. Theena Thayalan, University Nominee pointed out that the course Contemporary India 1947-2009 is not contemporary in its truest sense as is suggestive of the title. He stressed that it needs to be updated now that it is 2021 and that most of the developments have taken place between 2009 and 2021. In fact, the title should reflect the latest year to show updates in the syllabus. He proposed that Unit. V of the course can focus on the Contemporary India 2009-2021. Dr. Sarah Evangeline instantly promised to update the syllabus and agreed to include the recent developments in the Unit. V as suggested. Reiterating the updation, Dr. Pari Parameswaran felt that the course needs to be updated by all means as it reflects the credibility of the Board of Studies and Academic Council convened regularly in this regard. Mr. Raja Rajeswaran, the Auditor also suggested that important policies be included by reducing the content of the course if it is too heavy.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan observed that hardly any change has been carried out in the courses offered to PG Economics and recommended that at least one new course could be introduced each year. He also pointed out a few changes in certain course titles.
- Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sabaya Mary, the Chairperson of the Academic Council, felt that the suggestions were valid and that they could be considered by the department.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan proposed that the course on Counselling offered by the Department of Sociology and Social Work to the II PG Students could incorporate Guidance too. He then asked for an outline of the Self-Learning Course Geriatric Science and Dr. Meena Kumari explained the same.
- Dr. Pari Parameswaran inquired about the percentage of the Civil Services into the syllabus of UG Sociology and if a course on Urban Development is offered to the Post Graduates. In response to it Dr. Meena Kumari said that all the core Courses of Sociology include Civil Services portions and that.

The course on Urban Development was offered.

• Dr. Theena Thayalan asked the Chairperson of the Board of Studies of English, Dr. A. Roselin Mary, if the title of the Course English for Tourism needs to be revisited and if the course title has to be changed to English for Tourists. The Chairperson of the Board of Studies clarified that the course is aimed at promoting tourism by creating brochures and blogs in English. Dr. Pasi Parameswaran added that the course title could be in line with the content and asked about the takers of the Certificate Course on English for TET Aspirants. The chairperson answered that the course on English for TET aspirants would be offered to the III UG students.

• Dr. Theena Thayalan was apprehensive about criticism being part of the course Appreciating Literature. After much deliberations with the chairperson he suggested that the course could be titled Review of Literature or any other apt title could be given. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary also underlined the same and requested her to look into the matter. Dr. A. Roselin Mary agreed upon it.

• Dr. Theena Thayalan pointed out that the course titles offered by the Research Centre of Tamil, Department of Hindi and French could be both in English and Tamil; English and Hindi and English and French respectively. Dr. K. Latha, Dr. E. Supriya and Dr. A. Sarpi Rani promised to follow it. He also commended the Research Centre of Tamil for offering a wide range of innovative and topical courses.

• Dr. Theena Thayalan sought explanations on the portions allocated for self-study in the courses offered to the Undergraduate and Postgraduate students of Mathematics and expressed his concern over students' comprehension of difficult concepts. He also suggested that with regard to Mathematics Self-Study components can be restricted to certain easy concepts alone. Ms. A. Paulin Mary, the Chairperson of Mathematics Board of Studies clarified that care has been taken to set aside easy components for self-study. She also said that in case of difficulty encountered by students they are guided and assisted by the respective course teachers.

Dr. S. J. Kala, the Dean of Academic Affairs chipped in to explain that self-study components are introduced to instill life-long learning in students. She also added that the course teachers facilitate learning of the self-study components by providing study materials on the same if need be. She underscored that their comprehension/learning of the topic is ensured through assessments.

Dr. Ramakrishnan, the University Nominee suggested that, with regard to difficult courses, Peer Team Teaching can be included.

Dr. Theena Thayalan reiterated that Peer Team Teaching is a Teaching/Learning Pedagogy. He also put forth his view that the course, History of Mathematics can be renamed as Evolution of Mathematics and ensured if the courses on Mathematical Reasoning, Data Interpretation and the Paper - I of Net were offered. Ms. A. Paulin Mary answered that they were offered as Value-Added Certificate course and skill-based courses.

Dr. Theena Thayalan accentuated that the suggestions proposed by the members of the Board of Studies of Physics need to be duly carried out. He also clarified on the modalities of the assessment of the Ph.D Course Work and wanted to know if they were aligned with the M.K.U Guidelines for Ph.D. Dr. Ramakrishnan also emphasised on the need to strictly follow the MKU regulations. Dr. S. J. Kala acknowledged that MKU guidelines for Ph.D were strictly adhered to. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary also affirmed that MKU guidelines for Ph.D are followed by all the Research Guides and Research Centres.

Dr. Theena Thayalan opined that research ethics be incorporated as a unit into the course on Research Methodology offered to the PG Students of Chemistry. He also expressed that the Crash course on Lab Technicians - Beginners Course could be converted to Certificate Course to make it more valuable. Dr. B. Medona, the chairperson of the Board of Studies assured to follow them.

Dr. Theena Thayalan suggested that in consultation with the Board of Studies of Zoology, the title of the course Lab in Bio Physics and Bio Statistics be changed to Lab in Bio Physics. He justified the proposition on the basis

- that by changing the title redundancy could be avoided.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan advised that despite getting the Government approval for the Programme - B.Sc. Home Science with Food Bio. Technology, it is better that universally approved nomenclature be retained so that students do not suffer in securing good jobs.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan was of the view that the course Leadership Skills offered by the Research Centre of Commerce could be titled Personality Development as a course on Soft Skills was already offered. He also made sure if courses on Statistics and Quantitative Techniques were offered. Dr. Sahaya Fernando, the Chairperson of the Board of Studies of Commerce responded that they were offered as two different courses.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan stressed on the need to offer courses on Electronic Media and Short Film Making to the students of Journalism and Mass Communication. Dr. S. Saira Banu, the Chairperson of the Board of Studies of Journalism and Mass Communication said that almost all the courses deal with electronic media and ascertained that courses on Document Production and Short Film production were offered.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan suggested that the titles of the courses offered to the B.B.A students could be aligned with the UGC and TANSICHE mandatory courses. He also opined that courses that are common to B.Com, B.Com C.A and B.B.A program could be offered by any one of the department. He also pointed out that the course title Campus to Corporate was quite misleading and ambiguous and that an appropriate title be given in consultation with the Board of Studies of Business Administration.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan suggested that a course on Economics be offered to the students of Statistics as both disciplines are inseparable. In such a case, the students would have increased job opportunities he stated. He also underscored the need for a subject expert on Economics in the Board of Studies of Statistics.
- Dr. Theena Thayalan highlighted that the details of MoUs signed, could be included in the minutes of the Board.

of Studies of Commerce with Computer Applications and also the other Boards of Studies.

• He also expressed that the UG & PG Department of Computer Applications be clubbed into one. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary expressed that as the PG Department of Computer Applications is approved by a different body - AICTE, they cannot be combined. In keeping with the chairperson's response, Dr. Ramakrishnan too affirmed that they cannot be brought together as the PG Department of Computer Applications is approved by AICTE.

• On the whole, Dr. Theena Thayalan insisted that the details of actions taken must be clearly spelt out in the Action Taken Reports of each Board of Studies.

The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. A. Mable Jasmine Shobha.

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