

DATE: 26/06/2024

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Minutes of the Academic Council held at SJ5,
Fatima College on 26/06/2024 at 2.30 P.m.

Members Present :

ChairPerson of the Academic Council

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

Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary

ChairPersons of the Board of Studies

2. Dr. Mrs. J. Saral Evangelin
3. Dr. Mrs. M. Regina Mary
4. Mrs. V. Sofia Adaikala Mary
5. Dr. Mrs. Fernando Delishia
6. Dr. Mrs. K. Latha
7. Dr. Mrs. E. Supriya
8. Mrs. Sarpiya Rani. A
9. Mrs. A. Sheela Raselin
10. Dr. Mrs. A. Sheela Vimala Rani
11. Dr. Mrs. S. Sokumari
12. Dr. Mrs. Antony Amala Jeyaseeli
13. Dr. Mrs. S. Santhi
14. Dr. S. Vidya
15. Dr. Mrs. S. Fatima Raseeline Mary
16. Mrs. S. Jena Mary
17. Dr. Mrs. V. Vanitha
18. Mrs. S. Selvarani
19. Mrs. T. Leena Premakumari
20. Dr. P. Sakunthala
21. Dr. M. Arasammal
22. Mrs. S. Mary Helan Felista

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V. Vanitha

S. Selvarani

T. Leena Premakumari

P. Sakunthala

M. Arasammal

S. Mary Helan Felista

Senior Teachers

23. Dr. Mrs. K. Rosemary Euphrasia
 24. Dr. Mrs. M. Meena Kumari
 25. Dr. Mrs. M. V. Lecha Chandra
 26. Mrs. V. Mageshwari

K. Rosemary

M. Meena Kumari

M. V. Lecha Chandra

University Nominees

27. Dr. R. Asokan
 Professor
 Department of Mathematics
 School of Mathematics
 Madurai Kamaraj University
 Madurai - 625 021

R. Asokan 26/06/2024

28. Dr. P. Padma
 Associate Professor
 Department of Education
 Directorate of Distance Education
 Madurai Kamaraj University
 Madurai - 625 021

P. Padma 26/06/2024

29. Dr. T. Jebasingh
 Assistant Professor
 Department of Plant Science
 School of Biological Sciences
 Madurai Kamaraj University
 Madurai - 625 021

T. Jebasingh

External Experts

30. Prof. A. Joseph Dorairaj
 Professor of English & Dean
 School of English & Foreign Languages
 Gandhigram Rural Institute
 Deemed to be University
 Gandhigram - 624 302

A. Joseph Dorairaj 26/6/24

31. Mr. Raja Rajeswaran
Auditor
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Opp. to Christian Mission
Hospital
Madurai - 625 001

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32. Mr. A. Velmurugarej
Head Personnel.
Tvs Srichakra Tyres Ltd
Perumalpatti Road
Vellari Patti, Melor Tk
Madurai - 625122

ABSENT

33. Sr. A. Amala
Advocate
St. Joseph's Convent
Madurai - 625 009

(Signature)

Special Invitees

34. Dr. Sr. Ignatius Mary
Secretary, Fatima College, Madurai

Dr. Ignatius Mary

35. Dr. Sr. A. Josephine Nirmala Mary
Controller of Examinations

Dr. Josephine Nirmala

36. Dr. Mrs. A. Vimala
Assistant Controller of Examinations

Vimala

37. Dr. Sr. M. Fatima Mary
Vice-Principal - I (Shift - I)

Fatima

38. Dr. R. Dayana Christy
Vice-Principal - II (Shift - II)

Dayana

39. Dr. Sr. J. Arul Mary
Vice-Principal - I (Shift - II)

Dr. Arul Mary

40. Dr. M. Meenachi
Vice-Principal - II (Shift - II)

M. Meenachi

41. Dr. Mrs. S. J. Kala
Dean of Research (Shift - I)

S. J. Kala

42. Dr. Mrs. P. Shyamala
Dean of Research (Shift-II)



Academic Accomplishments and ongoing Process

Curriculum encompassing teaching, learning resources, student activities and the support system is the foundation for the holistic education offered at Fatima. 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.

- Academic Audit is a regular feature of the College
- Remedial Coaching and Communicative English are the distinctive characteristics.
- Entrepreneurial based Skill enhancement Course have been introduced for the II UG Students (2023 batch)
- Extension Activity have been introduced for II PG Students (2023 batch)

Academic Progress:

- New Programme Introduced
 - M.Sc., Data Science
- Conversion of Course
 - B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication to B.Sc., Visual Communication
- Change of Nomenclature
 - B.A., Sociology with Computer Applications to B.A., Sociology

- The Core Courses of TANSCH Model Syllabus With the Permitted 25 Percent autonomy have been implemented for 2023 UG (III & IV Semesters), 2023 PG (III & IV Semesters), and 2024 batch.
- The existing Semesterwise Practicals for all UG and PG Programmes of the Science Streams was mandated for 2023 and 2024 batch.
- The existing evaluation Pattern 40:60 - Internal : External will be followed for the 2024 UG and PG batch.

Plans for the Academic year 2024-2025.

Quality Initiatives

- Upgrade the PG Departments of History, mathematics, Zoology and Computer Science to Research Centres
- Institute a Centre for Justice and Peace through which Courses like Human Rights and Gender Studies could be offered.
- Continue to train and Update faculty on the recent trends in Digital teaching
- Accelerate the establishment of a Specialised building for Professional Programmes in an Exclusive Campus
- Encourage Staff to offer integrated as well as individual Consultancy Services to Industries and Corporate Services / Sectors.
- Conduct enriched and increased number of Campus Recruitment Drives.

Teaching Learning

- Promote enhanced Digital teaching and learning on Campus

- Increased number of Interactive Digital Whiteboards to be set up in classrooms
- Motivate Staff to develop content for Mooc/SWAYAM Courses
- Encourage more Students to take up Mooc Courses
- Pave way for exchange of Staff and Students among Networking Institutions at the National and International levels
- Increase the frequency of Value-Added and Skill-Embedded Courses offered

Research

- Animate Staff and Students to send more number of Research Proposals for Minor and Major Projects to various funding Agencies
- International and National Collaborative Research Ventures to be Undertaken
- Nurture Creativity among Staff and Equip them with Skills to Secure Patent rights.

Extension

- Offer Entrepreneurial Skill Training Programmes to the Women and School dropouts in the adopted villages.
- Expose them to Welfare Schemes that they are eligible for
- Facilitate Setting up of Start-ups in the adopted Villages.
- Engage the Community and Provide them with a Platform to display their Craftsmanship through an Annual Craft Mela.

Green Practices

- Organise Green Audits at an increased frequency
- Install Solar Panels in a few more buildings
- Take Conscious efforts to Create a low carbon environment.

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Academic Council Meeting began with a Prayer by Dr. Sr. Fatima Mary, Vice-Principal, Shift-I, in SJS on June 25, 2024 at 2.30 P.m. The Chairperson of the Academic Council and the Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary welcomed the gathering, introduced the new members of the Academic Council and highlighted on the significant academic ventures on campus.

Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary invited Dr. M. Moenakumari, Dean of Academic Affairs (Arts) to present the resolutions of the Curriculum Development Cell meetings to be approved in the Council. She presented its minutes and resolutions as follows:

Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, the Chairperson of the Curriculum Development Cell initiated discussions based on the communication received from Registrar (i/c), Madurai Kamaraj University letter no. MKU/R/TANSCH/2022, dated: 13/12/2022, TANSCH Guidelines for UG and PG Degree, on revamping of the syllabus as proposed by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCH) for the academic year 2024-2025 (I UG and II PG batch).

The Honorable Minister for Higher Education on 02/08/2023 convened a meeting for the

Principals of autonomous colleges. As a result of which, it was decided in the Curriculum Development Cell of Fatima College that it will ONLY follow the Core courses given in TANSCH Model Syllabus with the Permitted 25 Percent autonomy and will follow its own syllabus under Part-I, Part-II, Part-III (Electives), Part-IV and Part-V.

It is also decided that the existing evaluation Pattern of 40:60 - Internal: External will be followed for the 2024 UG and PG batch also. Based on the Guidelines, the Curriculum Development Cell of Fatima College, the template for the III and IV Semester was finalized. It was also decided in the CDC of Fatima College, Project Course work will be introduced for the PG Projects which will be discipline Specific and have internal assessment. For effectiveness of PG Project, Research Advisory Committee will be formed.

It was also decided for 2023 batch for III Semester Evs and for IV Semester Gender and Environment Courses will be introduced. The Course design of Extension Activity for the II Year Post Graduate Programme was also finalized.

The ADD ON Credits for UG Programme has been fixed as 15 and PG Programmes as 9.

Following it, the Chairperson of the different Board of Studies Presented the Action Taken Report and the minutes of the Board of Studies held from March 11, 2024 to March 15, 2024, June 10 and June 16, 2024 in the order followed on campus.

At the end of the Presentations by the Chairpersons of the different Board of Studies, the University Nominees and the External Experts Placed on record the following commendations and recommendations.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS :

- Dr. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor of English and Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, suggested providing short internship (7 days) for UG History Students in order to develop their teaching skills.

- University Nominee Dr. T. Jebasingh, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Science, School of Biological Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai recommended to train the students in teaching skills by giving seminars on self-study topics.

Deliberations by Dr. Joseph Dorairaj

- Enquired about the design of Business Communication Course in the UG Economics Programme that was framed based on the TANSCH Model Syllabus.

- Recommended that Sociology or Media Course offered by the Sociology Department to be handled by experts outside the Department.

- Suggested changing the title English Poetry to British Poetry. However as the title is given in TANSCH Syllabus, the same title English Poetry is retained with 20 Percent Revision in the Content.

- Insisted that School teachers should not be included as a board member in the Hindi Board.

- Asked for the number of students going for higher studies in French, out of who opted to learn French as Part I language. He recommended taking more efforts to increase the same.

- brought to the notice of Principal that the Post Graduate Students of Research Centre of

Physics must be aware of the Summer Internship offered by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), IISER, and NIT, and they should avail the facilities.

The University Nominee Dr. Jebasingh, asked about the Percentage of revision in the UG Chemistry Programme, and the Chairperson of Bos of Chemistry replied that the revision is according to the reduction in hours as per the TANSCH template. Dr. Jebasingh enquired about the Conduct of the Skill based lab courses - ornamental fish farming, Dairy farming and Poultry offered by the Zoology Department and asked whether the Poultry farms are available in the Campus. In response, the Chairperson of Bos of Zoology said that one-day field trip and display of videos of farms were arranged by the Department on ornamental fish farming, Dairy farming and Poultry and that no live farms are available. Dr. Jebasingh asked about the Sanctioned Strength of Homescience UG Programme. He also enquired about the Content of Food Biotechnology Course.

External members recommended the Computer Science Department to organise FDP on AI, Chat GPT by including different departments, so that students from various departments could be aware of the recent technology. Also they suggested to introduce Bio-informatics as one of the courses in the Computer Science Programme.

Mr. P.V. Raja Rameswaran, Member of the Institute of Chartered Accounts of India (ICAI), asked the Purpose of including Cryptocurrency in the Syllabus of Practical banking offered

by Commerce Department as it is not legalised in India, leading to grey market. Instead students can be aware of the technological developments such as AI and Chat GPT.

Mr. P.V. Raja Rajeswaran, asked for including stress and time management as Skill Enhancement course for M.com Students. As a response, the Chairperson of Commerce Bos replied, to prepare M.com Students Joining for Jobs and to handle stress in Work Place they are given the course stress and time management. Dr. Jebasingh asked for the Justification of the title change of Value added course from Household chemicals and marketing to Household Products and Marketing.

The Experts asked about the availability of sophisticated lab for recording facility in the Department of Visual Communication. Mrs. S. Jeyamary the Chairperson of Bos of Visual Communication replied that Acoustic Recording Studio, Computer Lab, DSLR Canon D700, DSLR Nikon D7000, Mini lighting Umbrella Setup kit with green backdrop were the available facilities. This academic year, there will be a Video Production room, lighting Setup, video camera and Video Production editing suite available.

The experts recommended using the terminology Accounting Software / Inventory Software rather than Tally, a brand name in the course title of BBA department. Also suggested to opt for better software available as open resources.

Experts suggested that Big data Analysis offered by the Statistics department can be handled by Computer Science faculty.

Experts suggested that the Skill enhancement course of B.Com CA, Preparation for NET examination, is varl. They recommended allotting a separate coordinator involving the members from various

departments so that more number of students would get benefitted.

Sr. Amala, Advocate, Madras High Court, Madurai Bench, Madurai very much appreciated the MoU signed with International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC) and congratulated the team for meeting out the demands of higher education.

Finally, the experts applauded and appreciated the systematic and meticulous organisation of the Academic Council Meeting.

The Meeting came to an end with the Vote of Thanks Proposed by Mrs. Maheswari, Dean of Academic Affairs (Self Finance Course).

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