

GOVERNING BODY MEETING 2024 – 2025**LIST OF MEMBERS**

Date: 23.09.2024 (Monday)

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Hall

Sl. No.	Name of the Members	Designation	Signature
1.	Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J. Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province	Chairman	<i>Thomas</i>
2.	Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J. Rector	Vice - Chairman	<i>Ignacimuthu</i>
3.	Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J. Principal	Member Secretary	<i>Godwin Rufus</i>
4.	Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J.	Secretary	<i>G. Pushparaj</i>
5.	Rev. Fr. Dr. F.X. Dominic Royce, S.J.	Treasurer	<i>Domestic Royce</i>
6.	Dr. A. Lourdasamy	Deputy Principal	<i>A. Lourdasamy</i>
7.	Dr. A. Ravindran, RJDCE, Tirunelveli Region, Tirunelveli	State Government Nominee	<i>Dr. A. Ravindran</i>
8.	Dr. R. Kala Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, M.S. University, Tvl.	University Nominee	ABSENT
9.	Rev. Fr. Dr. K. Arockiam, S.J. St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy	Province Coordinator for Higher Education	ABSENT
10.	Dr. S.P. Victor, Associate Professor, Dept. of Comp. Sci.	Senior Staff	<i>S.P. Victor</i>
11.	Dr. P. Devaraju, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics	Senior Staff	ABSENT
12.	Mr. K. Sundararajan	Office Superintendent	<i>K. Sundararajan</i>
13.	Rev. Dr. S. Arul Ravi, S.J., Vice-Principal (Shift I)	Special Invitee	<i>S. Arul Ravi</i>
14.	Dr. S. Athisayanathan, Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee	<i>S. Athisayanathan</i>
15.	Dr. R. Geetha, Dean of Science	Special Invitee	<i>R. Geetha</i>
16.	Dr. S. Aloysius Albert, Dean of Arts.	Special Invitee	<i>S. Aloysius Albert</i>
17.	Dr. D. Prem Anand Dean of Research & UGC Affairs	Special Invitee	<i>D. Prem Anand</i>
18.	Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, Director, IQAC	Special Invitee	<i>R. Azhagu Raj</i>
19.	Dr. J. Sahayamary, Asst. Director, IQAC	Special Invitee	<i>J. Sahayamary</i>
20.	Dr. S. Chidambaranathan Vice-Principal (Shift II)	Senior Staff (Shift II)	ABSENT.
21.	Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine Assistant Prof., Dept. of Commerce	Dean of Service Organisations	<i>F.X. Robert Bellarmine</i>
22.	Dr. J. Maragaret Sangeetha Assistant Prof., Dept. of Computer Science		<i>J. Maragaret Sangeetha</i>

MINUTES OF THE 73rd GOVERNING BODY MEETING

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The 73rd Governing Body Meeting was held on 23.09.2024 in the Conference Hall at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Robert Bellarmine, Dean of Service Organizations, led the gathering in prayer. Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J., the Provincial and Chairman of the apex body, delivered the welcome address. He commended Rector Rev. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu S.J., Principal Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., and Secretary Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj S.J. for their commitment and dedication in elevating this century-old institution.

He extended a special welcome to Dr. A. Ravindran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education (RJDCE), for his dedicated efforts in uplifting the standards of Higher Education.

Dr. R. Kala, University Nominee, Rev. Fr. Dr. K. Arockiam, S.J., Province Coordinator for Higher Education, Dr. P. Devaraju, Department of Economics, and Dr. S. Chidambaranathan, Vice-Principal (Shift-II), were absent due to personal reasons.

In his introductory remarks, Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J. underscored the essence of Ignatian Pedagogy, stating that:

- Being student-centric, and
- Caring for the students are the most important characteristics of Jesuit Higher Education.

He emphasized that the dreams and aspirations of the students should be fulfilled by the teaching fraternity, who should always remain attuned to this goal.

He proudly stated that our institution is one of only five century-old colleges among the 102 colleges affiliated with MSU. He stressed the importance of adapting to rapid technological changes to remain ahead.

72nd Governing Body Meeting

Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., the Principal, read the minutes of the previous Governing Body Meeting. The Secretary shared a few words about the two new programmes—B.Sc. (AI) and B.A. (Archaeology)—initiated in the current academic year, as well as the temporary suspension of the B.Sc. (Geology) programme due to a low number of applications received this year.

Fr. Provincial recommended creating an Action Taken Report.

Planning & Evaluation Committee Meeting

The Planning & Evaluation Committee Meeting minutes were presented by Dr. Aloysius Albert, Dean of Arts. Discussions ensued regarding a new initiative, 'Xavier Academy,' a collaborative venture between the Society and the Institution.

Finance Committee Meeting

Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research and UGC Affairs, presented the minutes of the 51st Finance Committee Meeting, which were subsequently approved by those in attendance.

Examination Committee Meeting

The Examination Committee Meeting minutes were read by Dr. S. Athisayanathan, Controller of Examinations. Fr. Provincial mentioned the need to clear accumulated mark statements for students. Members requested additional time to enter component marks, and Fr. Rector stated that, based on instructions from the Principal, the ERP team should take the necessary steps.

Academic Council Meeting

Dr. R. Geetha, Dean of Science, presented the minutes of the 49th Academic Council Meeting. Fr. Provincial inquired about publication details, stating that this matter requires more focus and should be included in the Academic Council Meeting.

Admission Committee Report

The Admission Committee Report was presented by Dr. S.P. Victor, Vice-Principal (Shift-I). Fr. Provincial requested the total number of students admitted, emphasizing that this should be specified. Fr. Principal responded that all departments, except Mathematics and Physics, have reached full capacity.

RJDCE noted that continuing with outdated Physics curriculum content may not be beneficial or engaging for students. He recommended the inclusion of trending domains like Remote Sensing and Space Industries, highlighting that a shift in curriculum focus is necessary. He also pointed out that while many students concentrate on Civil Services, numerous opportunities are available in Railways and SSC. He stressed the importance of creating awareness and providing students with live coaching classes to explore these avenues.

Fr. Principal inquired about scholarships available for physically challenged students and raised concerns about extending UG admissions until September. RJDCE responded that the decision was taken by the Secretary and the Minister of Higher Education.

Semester Results

The Controller of Examinations presented the semester results for the Even semester, April-May 2024, clearly indicating the pass percentage for each department. Fr. Provincial emphasized the importance of a thorough results analysis, as this is essential for improving outcomes in upcoming semesters.

Research Activities

Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research and UGC Affairs, presented a report on research activities. Fr. Rector suggested specifying details about publications, patents filed, grants received, and projects sanctioned, as these records reflect the institution's intellectual resource level.

IQAC Activities

The IQAC Activities report was presented by Dr. Azhagu Raj, IQAC Director. He proudly reported that, among 4,000 colleges in India and 424 in Tamil Nadu, our institution achieved 36th rank in the NIRF (National Institutions Ranking Framework).

He requested approval from the apex body to conduct the CAS for Shift-II faculty and to include a female faculty member on the admission committee. Fr. Provincial said that these points would be discussed in the Society. He inquired about the analysis report following the NIRF ranking, to which Dr. Lourdasamy, the Deputy Principal, responded that public perception, research, and inclusivity are areas needing further enhancement to improve the NIRF ranking.

RJDCE suggested examining the top 10 colleges with high ranks and using a comparative study to implement measures to improve the college's rank. Fr. Rector stressed that the same criteria should not be applied indiscriminately to assess colleges in urban and semi-urban areas.

He also suggested including the Memorandum of Agreement signed with Creighton University, USA.

New Programmes

The proposal for new programs was presented by Dr. R. Geetha, Dean of Science. The following new programs are planned to be introduced from the academic year 2025-26:

1. B.Com. (Banking & Finance)
2. B.A. (Social Work)

The floor approved these programmes after a thorough discussion.

Student Activities

Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine, Dean of Service Organizations, presented the report on student activities. Fr. Provincial appreciated for have conducted a good number of events.

Secretary's Report

Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J., Secretary, presented his report. Fr. Rector sought clarification from RJDCE on the University's role in verifying the quality and qualifications of faculty appointed at the institution. RJDCE clarified that the University is not a statutory body with authority for this function.

Fr. Secretary raised concerns about the Maritime Logistics program. The proposed plan is to offer it as B.Com. (Maritime Logistics) in the upcoming academic year. The Deputy Principal highlighted an MoU signed with SSCI, seeking approval from the apex body, and the floor agreed on the nomenclature B.Com. (Maritime Logistics).

Concluding Remarks

Fr. Provincial commended Fr. Rector for his contributions to research publications, urging all faculty to increase their research output and emphasizing that the number of full-time research scholars should rise. He encouraged strengthening institutional partnerships with companies and other institutions. He acknowledged the college management's initiatives to support research by offering grants to faculty interested in research.

He underscored the importance of ongoing faculty training, stating that it ensures quality teaching and learning, setting a benchmark for Higher Education.

Vote of Thanks

Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., the Principal, expressed gratitude to all members for their active participation and valuable suggestions for elevating the institution to new horizons.

The meeting concluded at 12:40 p.m.



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