

**Minutes of the Twenty third ordinary meeting of the
Academic Council held on Thursday 11th June 2009.**

Members present

Chairman: Rev.Dr.C. Antonyraj SDB, Principal

Heads of the Departments

Value Education and Skill Electives	:	Rev.Fr.K.M. Jose SDB
Tamil	:	Rev.Dr.A. Maria Soosai SDB
English	:	Dr.V. Prakash
Economics	:	Mr.K. Selvaraj
Mathematics	:	Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel
Physics	:	Dr.S. Veeraraghavan
Chemistry	:	Mr.R. Mohan
Computer Science	:	Mr.L. Ravi
Bio.Chemistry	:	Ms.A.C. Gomathi
Computer Applications	:	Mr.M. Maria Dominic
Commerce	:	Mr.V. Rajendran
Business Administration	:	Rev.Fr.D. Maria Antonyraj SDB
History	:	Mr. D. Leslin
Social Work	:	Mr. Pochant Allan John
Physical Education	:	Mr.A. Bento Devaraj
Librarian	:	Mr. J. Sunderraj
Office Superintendent	:	Mr.F. Vincent
Teacher Representatives	:	Dr.C. Maria Joseph Bosco Rev.Fr.D. Maria Antonyraj SDB
Experts from outside	:	Mr.C. Thirugnana Sambandam B2, Srada Residency, First Cross, Kagadasapura Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 93.

- University Nominees** :
1. Dr.R. Rajkumar
Professor of Economics
University of Madras, Chennai – 600 005.
 2. Dr.M. Srinivasan
Professor, CAS in Marine Biology,
Annamalai University
Parangipettai – 608 502.
 3. Thiru. A.R. Rajamani
S.G. Lecturer in Commerce
A.A.G Arts College,Cheyyar – 604 607.

Faculty nominated by the principal

Rev.Fr.A.T. Thomas SDB, Controller of Examinations.

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

1. Dr.S. Padmini Swaminathan – Chennai.
2. Mr.Baskaran – Ranipet
3. Mr.S. Rethinam – Chennai
4. Mr.J. Sunderraj – Librarian
5. Mr.S. Joseph – Teacher Representative L.S.S

The Twenty third ordinary meeting of the Academic Council was held at 10.30 AM on Thursday, 11th June 2009 in the Bosco (DMT) Hall. The meeting started with prayer.

Rev.Dr.C. Antonyraj, the Chairman, welcomed all the members of the council and presented the minutes of the previous Academic Council meeting. The Chairman made a request to discuss only important points and not to waste time on discussing minor mistakes in the report. The following corrections were made by the members of the Academic Council in certain matters.

1. Regarding the non-consultation of the preparation of the syllabi for the Allied subject **Business Statistics and Operations Research** for the first and second semesters of the B.B.A Department, the Chairman of the Board of Studies of B.B.A Rev.Fr.D. Maria Antonyraj clarified that the syllabi were prepared only by the Department of Mathematics. The Chairman of the Academic Council agreed to make the necessary correction in the report.

2. Dr.C.M.J. Bosco insisted that project work is very useful for placements. Because of project work and SPSS knowledge Social Work students are placed in CMC hospital. It has to be continued.

3. Regarding the naming of the PG Department of Computer Science as M.Sc Information Technology, Mr.Thirugnana Sambandam mentioned the disadvantages faced by people who have done B.Tech Information Technology in entering into Government service. He objected to the renaming of the P.G. Department of Computer science as M.Sc Information Technology and to keep the name as M.Sc Computer Science. Since many members are also of the same view, the Chairmen agreed to keep the name as MSc Computer Science. To the anxiety of Rev.Dr.A. Maria Soosai regarding the absence of the experts from

outside, the Chairman replied that the communications were sent on time and he had not received any communication regarding their participation.

With the above observations, the minutes of the previous Academic Council was passed.

The following were the business brought forward by the Chairman of Boards of Studies in the Academic Council meeting on 11.06.2009.

Department of Tamil

Rev.Dr.A. Maria Soosai, the Chairman of the P.G. Board of Studies in Tamil presented the revised version of the syllabus after deleting the controversial portions in the prescribed text காயாத கானகத்தே, according to the suggestions of the previous Academic Council. He also presented the syllabi for all the four semesters of the M.A Tamil and the name of the courses for M.Phil in Tamil. He pointed out that courses pertaining to meet competitive examinations such as IAS is incorporated in the curriculum. He also presented the question paper pattern, which was not presented in the last Academic Council.

Dr.V. Prakash pointed out the non-availability of appropriate reference books for the courses TA809. He also clarified whether any translation is needed for unit V of TA909 under the heading **translated novels**. He also suggested the need of internet references for short stories. The Chairman accepted all the suggestions and promised changes wherever necessary in the curriculum.

Mr. Thirugnana Sambandam suggested to introduce historical oriented books for translated novels, கீற்று, களம்.

Mr.D. Leslin suggested to re orient the structure from stone age to the present modern age. To this, the Chairman explained that the methodology adopted by the Board is in the reverse sense i.e., from the modern age to the stone age.

Dr. M. Maria Susai Manuel appreciated the chairman of the P.G. Board of Studies in Tamil for reporting back to the Academic Council, the changes made in the syllabus of a particular paper as directed by the Academic Council. He also suggested the following to be carried out when framing the syllabi for M.A in Tamil.

- (i) To present the structure of the curriculum.
- (ii) To make provisions for subject electives and core courses since, there was no mention of subject electives in the curriculum.
- (iii) To provide Human rights as a compulsory subject in the second semester.
- (iv) To provide the number of credits and the number of teaching hours for each course.
- (v) To follow a uniform pattern in all courses when textbooks or reference books are prescribed.
- (vi) No syllabi for the M.Phil curriculum is given but only the name of the courses offered for M.Phil is given.

To all the above suggestions the Chairman of the Tamil Board of Studies agreed to take appropriate steps and submit in the next Academic Council.

With the above observations the minutes of the Boards of Studies in Tamil was passed.

Department of Economics

Prof.K.Selvaraj, the Chairman of the P.G Board of Studies in Economics presented the minutes of the Boards of Studies in Economics. He also presented the syllabi for the

courses offered in the III and IV semesters of B.A Economics and the courses offered during the III and IV semesters of M.A Economics.

Mr.L. Ravi questioned the validity of providing a mini project as one unit in the research methodology course.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel also strongly objected to this. He also raised the method of setting question paper for the semester examination because; the fifth unit is treated as similar to assignment. He also pointed out that the CDC has directed to have project as a compulsory course in all P.G Courses. So he requested the Department to offer project as a separate course and replace the fifth unit of the Research Methodology course by suitable material.

Mr.D.Leslin also pointed out in detail the relevance of project as a compulsory course in the P.G curriculum. The Chairman of the Academic Council said that the concerned Departments must be given freedom in offering project as a compulsory course. After serious discussion, by the members Dr. C.M.J Bosco, Mr.L.Ravi, Mr. Pochant Allan John, Mr.C. Thirugnana Sambandam, the Chairman of the Board of Studies in Economics agreed to replace the fifth unit of the Research Methodology course and agreed to abide by the decision of the CDC on providing project as a compulsory course.

With the above observations the minutes of the Boards of Studies in Economics was passed.

Department of Commerce

Mr.V. Rajendiran, the Chairman of the P.G Board of Studies in Commerce presented the syllabi for the courses offered for the III and IV semesters of the M.com degree programme, the question paper pattern for M.Phil and also the syllabi for III and IV semesters for B.Com.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel pointed out that while adopting other university syllabi, it is mandatory to get it passed in the presence of the full Board as the subject experts and university nominees were not invited for the meeting. He also pointed out that it is also mandatory to present the same in the Academic Council for approval. The minutes of the P.G Board of studies was passed after the Chairman of the Board of Studies accepted to carry out the suggestions.

Department of Business Administration.

Rev.Fr.D. Maria Antonyraj, the Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Department of Business Administration presented the syllabi for the courses offered during the III, IV, V and VI semesters for B.B.A.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel suggested to delete the condition of 75% attendance mandatory for appearing semester examination.

To the question raised by Dr.V. Prakash, whether appropriate teachers are available to teach courses related to commerce, the Chairman replied that all the teachers appointed in the department are capable of teaching courses in the BBA curriculum.

Mr.L. Ravi requested to change the allotment of marks as 80:20 (in the course project training) according to the direction of CDC, the Chairman agreed to make the change.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel suggested to follow the uniform structure in giving textbooks and reference books.

Mr Pochant Allan requested the Chairman to clarify whether the courses Principles of Management and Principles of Accountancy offered in the I year of BBA are courses related to management. The Chairman clarified that they are.

With the above observations the minutes of the Board of Studies of BBA was passed.

Department of Social Work

Mr. Pochant Allan John, the Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Department of Social Work presented the structure, the new question paper pattern for the M.A Social Work Programme.

Dr.M.Maria Susai Manuel pointed out that the question paper pattern suggested by the Board was not in accordance with the common question paper pattern suggested by CDC. The Chairman of the Board of studies accepted to rectify all the shortfalls.

To the suggestions of the Board namely

- (i) to recommend unruled answer sheets for M.S.W students,
- (ii) to propose UGC recommendation of staff – student ratio,
- (iii) almost all the members said that this is not the business of the Board of Studies.

With the above observations the minutes of the Board of Studies of Social Work was passed.

Department of Mathematics

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel, the Chairman of the P.G Board of Studies in Mathematics presented the change in the evaluation pattern for M.Phil programme in Mathematics as suggested by CDC, the modified syllabus for the course M1034, **Fuite Element Methods**, the syllabi for the courses offered in the III and IV semesters of the U.G curriculum and the syllabi for the allied Bio-Statistics course. The minutes was passed as everything was in accordance with the CDC pattern.

Department of Physics

Dr.S. Veeraghavan, the Chairman of the P.G Board of Studies in Physics presented the syllabi for the III and IV semester courses of the B.Sc degree programme and the syllabi for the Allied Physics courses for the B.Sc Computer Science Programme. The minutes was passed as it was in consistent with the suggestions of the CDC.

Department of Chemistry

Mr.R.Mohan, the Chairman of the UG Board of studies in Chemistry presented the syllabi for the courses offered in the III and IV semesters of the P.G curriculum and the courses offered in the III and IV semesters of the U.G curriculum.

Dr.M.Maria Susai Manuel reminded him about the structure presented in the last Academic Council which was referred back to the Board of studies, as it was not according to the general pattern suggested by the CDC under the CBCS pattern. He replied that he was not aware of the happenings, as it was not brought to his notice by the previous Chairman . As he agreed to rectify everything and to present the revised structure in the next Academic Council meeting, the minutes was passed.

Department of Bio.Chemistry

Ms.A.C. Gomathi, the Chairperson of the Board of Studies of the Department of Bio-Chemistry presented the syllabi for the V and VI semesters for the students admitted during 2007 – 2008 and the syllabi for the courses offered in the V and VI semesters for the students admitted during 2008 – 2009 under the CBCS scheme.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel questioned the validity of reducing the syllabi for the batch 2007 – 2008 as the number of contact hours was reduced to 4 without the presence of the subject experts and university nominees. As she assured that it will not happen in future, the minutes was passed.

Department of Computer Science (UG)

Mr.L.Ravi, the Chairman of the U.G Board of Studies in Computer Science presented the syllabi for the courses offered in the III and IV semesters of the U.G curriculum. He also presented the syllabi for the courses offered in the III and IV semesters for B.B.A. The minutes was passed after correcting a few typographical errors.

Department of Computer Science (PG) and MCA

On behalf of the Chairman of the P.G Board of the Computer Science Rev.Fr.S.Thaddeus, Mr.M. Maria Dominic presented the syllabi for the courses offered in the III and IV semesters of M.Sc Computer Science, the courses offered in the III, IV, V and VI semesters of M.C.A and the core courses of M.Phil.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel argued that in the P.G Board all the qualified members are listed as co-opted members and others are listed as members which he said is not fair. The Chairman of the Academic Council Rev.Dr.C.Antonyraj agreed to reconstitute the Board at the earliest.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel observed that according to the records it looks like one board for M.Sc and M.C.A also requested the Chairman of the Academic Council to form Separate Boards of Studies for M.C.A as it comes under AICTE. To this, the Chairman replied that since a few courses for M.Sc and M.C.A are the same, so far there is one Board only. After serious discussion, it was agreed to form separate Boards for M.Sc with M.Phil together and M.C.A respectively.

To the question raised by Mr.L. Ravi in naming any department as Research Department, the Chairman of the Academic Council said that only those departments, which offer Ph.D programme alone will be called as research department.

Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel pointed out that the marks allotted for CA / Semester Examinations as 40 / 60 is violating the CDC guidelines, the Chairman of the Academic Council agreed to rectify it.

As for the adoption of existing curriculum of the Bharathidasan University, Dr.M. Maria Susai Manuel requested the Chairman to present the syllabus in the next Academic Council and get its approval.

Mr.D.Leslin read a news item in the Hindu and insisted to follow the qualification prescribed by the UGC for guiding M.Phil.

It was also stressed to have 2 core courses, one course by the respective guide and one dissertation for the M.Phil programme, and the total marks not to exceed 400.

Mr.Pochant Allan John questioned whether the documents presented in page numbers 224 & 225, were the materials down loaded from the Internet or prepared originally by the Department. Mr.M. Maria Dominic replied that he is not aware of this as it was prepared by Rev.Fr.Thaddeus.

With the above observations, the minutes of the Board was passed.

Department of Value Education

Rev.Fr.K.M. Jose, the Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Department of Value Education presented the syllabi for

- (i) Human rights for P.G students in semester II.
- (ii) Life Skills for UG during I – IV semesters.
- (iii) Environmental Studies I & II for the UG students in I & II semesters.
- (iv) Major religions for the UG students during the III semester.
- (v) Value Education – General and special ethics for the UG students during the IV semester.
- (vi) Christian religion for the UG students during the IV semester.

Mr.D. Leslin pointed out that several students of the final semester have failed in Value Education courses just short of 1 or 2 marks because of which they were unable to get their degree and become ineligible for higher studies and resulted in a waste of one year. He also suggested to treat this course as similar to NCC and NSS for the award of 1 credit.

Dr.M. Maria Susasi Manuel argued that because of single valuation in Value Education, students feel that they are vichmised. Hence it is better to revise the mode of evaluation and to treet this course also on per with other courses.

Mr.C. Thirugnana Sambandam argued that no examination is necessary for this course. Since it deals with life values, it is better to create some awareness to the students and not to penalize then by way of conducting examination.

Mr.D. Leslin suggested to have the Value Education course in the first / second year and not in the third year.

Dr.V. Prakash raised doubts whether CDC's guide lines are followed in the question paper pattern, Rev.Fr.K.M. Jose replied that the question paper pattern is the same as suggested by the CDC.

Regarding the discussion of having double valuation for this course, the Chairman of the Academic Council informed the house that the Council will be informed of this aspect after taking a decision in CDC and examination Committee.

With these observations, the minutes of the Department of Value Education was passed.