

**JUSTICE BASHEER AHMED SAYEED COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (Autonomous)
CHENNAI – 600 018**

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women held on Tuesday, the 26th April 2016 at 10.30 a.m. in the S.I.E.T. Sports Pavilion Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Dr. Shanaz Ahamed | : | Principal, Chairperson |
| 2. | Dr. Sanniyasi Elumalai | : | Professor and Head
Department of Biotechnology
University of Madras
University Nominee |
| 3. | Dr. T.S. Prema | : | Associate Professor of Economics
D.G. Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam
Chennai – 600 106
University Nominee |
| 4. | Dr. Rajarajan Vanjeko | : | Associate Professor of Commerce
Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai – 600 030
University Nominee |
| 5. | Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail | : | Director, Ecoscience Research Foundation
Management Nominee |
| 6. | Dr. (Mrs.) Sanjida Haris | : | Former Principal
J.B.A.S. College for Women (Autonomous)
Management Nominee |
| 7. | <u>SPECIAL INVITEES:</u> | | |
| i. | Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed | : | Correspondent |
| ii. | Dr. Mercy Rajasekar | : | Controller of Examinations |
| iii. | Mr. R. Selvam | : | Financial Consultant |
| iv. | Dr. B. Madhana Rekha | : | Director, Centre for Women's Studies |
| 8. | Dr. S. Kaneez Fathima
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Zoology – F.N. Session | : | Member Secretary
nominated by the Principal |
| 9. | Dr. Rizwana Banu
Associate Professor
Dept. of English – F.N. Session. | : | Senior Faculty Member
nominated by the Principal |
| 10. | Mrs. Rasheeda Banu
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Home Science – F.N. Session | : | Senior Faculty Member
nominated by the Principal |
| 11. | Mrs. A. Samsunisa
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Commerce – F.N. Session | : | Senior Faculty Member
nominated by the Principal |


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| 12. | Mrs. Faiz Jahan
Assistant Professor
Dept. of English – F.N. Session | : | Senior Faculty Member
nominated by the Principal |
| 13. | Dr. Amthul Azeez | : | Vice-Principal (F.N. Session) |
| 14. | Mrs. M. Jabeen | : | Vice-Principal (A.N. Session) |
| 15. | All Heads of the Departments | : | Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions |

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| 1. | Prof. S. Mahdi A Rizvi | : | Management Nominee |
| 2. | Dr. T.J. Kamalanabhan | : | Management Nominee |

1. Recitation from the Holy Quran:

The meeting commenced with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran and their translation in English by Mrs. Rasheeda Banu, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science.

2. Welcome Address:

Dr. Shanaz Ahamed, the Chairperson and the Principal of the College welcomed all the University and Management Nominees to the Eighteenth Academic Council Meeting. The Principal also welcomed the Correspondent, the Controller of Examinations, Vice-Principals of the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions, all the Heads of the Departments of the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions and the Academic Council Members to the Eighteenth meeting of the Academic Council. She also informed the Council that the Management Nominees Dr. T.J. Kamalanabhan and Prof. S. Mahdi A Rizvi were unable to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

The Principal was happy to inform the Members of the Council that the College was granted the "College with Potential for Excellence" status by the U.G.C., New Delhi. She said that this status enabled the College to receive funds to the tune of Rs.1.50 crores over a period of five years.

She was also pleased to inform the Council that under the "Star College Scheme", an amount of Rs.58 lakhs had been sanctioned to five Science Departments of the College, i.e., Physics, Chemistry, Plant Biology & Plant Biotechnology, Zoology and Biochemistry by the Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science and Technology, New Delhi for a period of three years to strengthen teaching at the Undergraduate level in the College.

3. Examination Result Analysis:

The Principal presented the Result Analysis for the October 2015 Examinations of the Undergraduate, Postgraduate and M.Phil. courses of both the Forenoon & Afternoon Sessions.

The overall pass percentage for the Undergraduate Courses in the Forenoon Session was as follows:


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I Semester 90%,
III Semester 95%
V Semester 94%

In the I Semester, B.Sc. Mathematics, B.Sc. Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics and B.Sc. Interior Design & Decor secured 100% results. In the III Semester, B.A. Political Science, B.Sc. Mathematics, B.Sc. Zoology and B.Sc. Advanced Zoology & Biotechnology secured 100% results. In the V Semester, B.Sc. Psychology, B.Sc. Mathematics and B.Sc. Interior Design & Decor secured 100% results.

The overall pass percentage for the Postgraduate Courses was as follows:

I Semester 95%
III Semester 97%

Among the Postgraduate departments, M.Sc. Zoology secured 100% results in the I Semester. In the III Semester, M.Sc. Applied Psychology, M.Sc. Textile Science & Fashion Designing and M.Sc. Child Development & Child Nutrition secured 100% results.

The overall pass percentage for the M.Phil. courses was 100% with all the departments viz. Zoology, Textiles & Clothing, Human Development and Family Studies and Psychology securing 100% results.

In the Foundation courses, the overall pass percentage was 97% in I & III Semesters. The break-up of the results are as follows:

Tamil:	B.A. I Semester 96%, III Semester 99% B.Sc. I Semester 100%, III Semester 100% B.Com. I Semester 100%
Urdu:	I Semester B.A./B.Sc. 100% III Semester B.A./B.Sc. 100% I Semester B.Com. 91%
Arabic:	I Semester B.A. 100%, B.Sc. 100% III Semester B.A. 100%, B.Sc. 100% I Semester B.Com. 100%
Hindi:	I Semester B.A./B.Sc. 100% III Semester B.A./B.Sc. 98% I Semester B.Com. 93%
Sanskrit:	I Semester B.A./B.Sc. 96% III Semester B.A./B.Sc. 92%
French:	I Semester B.A./B.Sc. 96% III Semester B.A./B.Sc. 95% I Semester B.Com. 100%
General English:	I Semester B.A. 86%, B.Sc. 97% III Semester B.A. 88, B.Sc. 100% I Semester B.Com. 100%

The overall pass percentage for the Undergraduate Courses in the Afternoon Session was as follows:


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I Semester 78%,
III Semester 81%
V Semester 92%

In the III Semester, B.Sc. Electronics & Communication Science secured 100% results. In the V Semester, B.A. Tourism & Travel Management and B.Sc. Electronics & Communication Science secured 100% results.

The overall pass percentage for the Postgraduate Courses was as follows:

I Semester 88%
III Semester 92%
V Semester (M.C.A.) 93%

Among the Postgraduate departments, M.A. Corporate Economics, M.Sc. Computer Science and M.C.A. (Computer Applications) secured 100% results in the I Semester. In the III Semester, M.A. Corporate Economics, M.Sc. Applied Microbiology and M.C.A. secured 100% results.

In the Foundation courses, the overall pass percentage was 97% for the I Semester and 98% for the III Semester. The break-up of the results are as follows:

Tamil: I Semester 99% & III Semester 99%
Urdu: I Semester 99% & III Semester 91%
Hindi: I Semester 99% & III Semester 97%
Sanskrit: I Semester 94% & III Semester 100%
French: I Semester 94% & III Semester 100%

General English: I Semester 95% & III Semester 96%

The Members appreciated the good results produced in the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions. Dr. T.S. Prema, University Nominee, enquired about the student intake in two Postgraduate Departments in the Afternoon Session which had decreased considerably, namely, Corporate Economics and Computer Science (M.C.A.), which she observed was less than ten.

Dr. (Mrs.) Reshma, Head of the Department of Computer Science mentioned that 70% of the sanctioned (seats) student strength were regularly filled up, however, the admissions in 2015-2016 faced a decline due to lack of interest for this course.

The Correspondent, Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed and Financial Consultant, Mr. R. Selvam also agreed and added that many Engineering Colleges were also facing a similar slowdown in admissions. Moreover, the M.C.A. course offered in the Afternoon Session is approved by the University of Madras unlike the Engineering Colleges where the course is approved by AICTE.


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Mrs. V. Vijaya Lakshmi, Head of the Department of Economics (A.N. Session) said that the decrease in student strength is due to three students dropping out after joining the course. She opined that students weigh prospects of doing a course in M.B.A. rather than joining Corporate Economics.

Dr. T.S. Prema, University Nominee, expressed her concern at the employability of students while taking cognizance of the recent trends in social sciences and suggested in-campus placements for students as practiced in other institutions.

4. Felicitation of teachers who have won awards:

The Principal felicitated the following staff members on their achievements:

- The Director of Physical Education, Major Dr. S. Indira, received Larisa Latynina Sports Award instituted by Rice Trust Will Power World Academy on International Women's Day, 2016.
- Mrs. M. Thanveez Fathima, Department of Tamil (A.N. Session) wrote a Short Story on the Topic "Kadirvelin Kavalai" for the book 'Kallich Chedi' published by Kavirasan Tamil Mandram. She was awarded and given the title of "Painthamizh Bharathi" for the above mentioned story on 16th October 2015.
- The following staff members were awarded Ph.D. in their respective disciplines from the Forenoon Session:
 1. Dr. (Mrs.) Beema Jainab S.I., Department of Plant Biology & Plant Biotechnology on 11th January 2016 and
 2. Dr. (Mrs.) K. Sivasankari, Department of Economics on 30th March 2016.

from the Afternoon Session:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) J. Sheerin Banu, Department of Hindi was awarded the Ph.D. Degree on 1st September 2015.

5. Approval of syllabus framed by Board of Studies for Foundation Course – English to take effect from the academic year 2016 – 2017 onwards:

Dr. (Mrs.) Fathima Banu, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English presented the syllabus for Foundation Course English as approved by the Board of Studies in English.

Dr. (Mrs.) Fathima Banu, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English informed the Academic Council that the English Department had for the third time successfully designed and published the textbook for students of Foundation Course in English. The syllabus offered a graded course of study from simple to complex including Preliminary and Intermediate English for First Year students and Progressive and Advanced English for Second Year students of the College. She highlighted that components of Language and Literature were included by incorporating genres such as Short Story, Poetry, One Act Play, Interviews, Speeches and Novel in the syllabus. She informed that care had been taken to cater to the interest of students opting for different careers. Adopting the

template provided by TANSCHÉ, Soft Skills had been included in the syllabus and three credits allotted. The focus of the Soft Skills – I was Listening/ Reading and Personality Development; Soft Skills – II was Interpersonal Skills.

Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Management Nominee, suggested that broad classifications used in the Soft Skills syllabus be specified clearly as it would serve the interest of students who aspire to study abroad. He appreciated the nature and scope of the syllabus.

The syllabus approved by the Board of Students for Foundation Course in English was passed to take effect from the academic year 2016-2017 onwards.

6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

Nil.

Dr. S. Kaneez Fathima, Member-Secretary and Teacher Representative of the Academic Council proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. (Mrs.) SHANAZ AHAMED)
CHAIRPERSON & PRINCIPAL

Date: 26.04.2016

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