

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

Minutes of the Twenty Second (22nd) Meeting of the Academic Council of the Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women held on Thursday, the 4th Oct. 2018 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. Amutha Santhanam | : | Professor
National Centre for Nanosciences and
Nanotechnology, University of Madras
Guindy Campus, Chennai – 600 025
University Nominee |
| 3. | Dr. B. Venugopal | : | Associate Professor
Department of Legal Studies
University of Madras
Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005
University Nominee |
| 4. | Mr. K. Allaudin | : | Director
S-IAS Academy, Chennai
Management Nominee |
| 5. | Dr. M. Mohamed Ibrahim | : | Former Principal
Presidency College (Autonomous)
Chennai – 600 005
Management Nominee |
| 6. | Dr. T.J. Kamalanabhan | : | Professor and Head
Department of Management Studies
Indian Institute of Technology
Chennai – 600 036
Management Nominee |
| 7. | Dr. Sanjida Haris | : | Former Principal
JBAS College for Women (Autonomous)
Management Nominee |
| 8. | Dr. Rayeesunisa
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Commerce – F.N. Session | : | Member Secretary
nominated by the Principal |
| 9. | Dr. Shaik Azeem Taj
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Plant Bio. & Plant Biotech. – F.N. Session | : | Senior Faculty Member
nominated by the Principal |
| 10. | Mrs. Anis Fathima Faisal
Assistant Professor
Dept. of English – F.N. Session | : | Senior Faculty Member
nominated by the Principal |

11. Mrs. G. Meenakshi : Senior Faculty Member
Associate Professor nominated by the Principal
Department of Computer Science – A.N. Session
12. Mrs. A. Iffath Jehan : Senior Faculty Member
Assistant Professor nominated by the Principal
Department of C.S. & I.S.M. – A.N. Session
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

1. Dr. Tamil Selvi : University Nominee

SPECIAL INVITEES:

- i. Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed : Correspondent
- ii. Dr. Mercy Rajasekar : Controller of Examinations
- iii. Mr. R. Selvam : Financial Consultant
- iv. Dr. S. Jameela : Director, Centre for Women's Studies

1. RECITATION FROM THE HOLY QURAN:

The meeting commenced with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran and its translation in English by Dr. G. Nafeesa Masood, H.O.D. & Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic.

2. WELCOME ADDRESS:

Dr. Shanaz Ahamed, the Chairperson and the Principal of the College, welcomed the University and Management Nominees to the Twenty Second Academic Council Meeting. The Principal also welcomed the Correspondent, the Controller of Examinations, Vice-Principals of the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions, the Heads of the Departments of the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions and the Members to the Twenty Second meeting of the Academic Council. She introduced the newly inducted Management Nominee, Dr. M. Mohamed Ibrahim to the Council. The University Nominee, Dr. Tamil Selvi, was unable to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

3. EXAMINATION RESULT ANALYSIS:

The Principal presented the Result Analysis of the April 2018 Examinations of the Under-graduate and Post-graduate Courses of both the Forenoon and the Afternoon Sessions.

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Forenoon Session:

The overall pass percentage for the Under-graduate Courses in the Forenoon Session was as follows:

II Semester: 92.71%,
IV Semester: 95.72%
VI Semester: 98.57%

In the II Semester, B.Sc. Mathematics, B.Sc. Home Science – Nutrition, Food Service Management & Dietetics, Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics and Interior Design & Decor Courses secured 100% results. In the IV Semester, B.Sc. Chemistry secured 100% results. In the VI Semester, B.Sc. Physics, B.Sc. Zoology, B.Sc. Home Science – Nutrition, Food Service Management & Dietetics, Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics and Interior Design & Décor, B.A. Historical Studies and B.A. Corporate Economics Courses secured 100% results.

The overall pass percentage for the Post-graduate Courses was as follows:

II Semester: 97.83%
IV Semester: 99.29%

Among the Post-graduate Departments, M.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc. Textile Science & Fashion Designing and M.A. English secured 100% results in both the II and IV Semesters. M.Sc. Applied Psychology and M.Sc. Child Development & Child Nutrition secured 100% results in the IV Semester.

In the Foundation Courses, the overall pass percentage was 97.86% in the II Semester and 96.52% in the IV Semester.

Afternoon Session:

The overall pass percentage for the Under-graduate Courses in the Afternoon Session was as follows:

II Semester: 79.67%,
IV Semester: 91.59%
VI Semester: 98.83%

Among the Undergraduate Courses, B.Sc. Electronics and Communication Science secured 100% results in the II, IV and VI Semesters. In the II Semester, B.Sc. Microbiology secured 100% results. In the IV Semester, B.Com. Honours secured 100% results. In the VI Semester, B.Com. (Honours), B.Com. Accounting & Finance, B.Com. Information Systems Management, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Interior Design & Décor, B.A. Corporate Economics, B.A. English Literature and B.A. Tourism and Travel Management secured 100% results.

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The overall pass percentage for the Post-graduate Courses was as follows:

II Semester: 88.03%
IV Semester: 99.15%
VI Semester: (M.C.A.) 100%

Among the Post-graduate Departments, M.Com. secured 100% results in the II Semester. In the IV Semester, M.Com. Corporate Secretaryship, M.C.A., M.Sc. Computer Science, M.Sc. Mathematics, M.Sc. Applied Microbiology and M.A. Corporate Economics secured 100% results. In the VI Semester, M.C.A. secured 100% results.

In the Foundation courses, the overall pass percentage was 96.10% in the II Semester and 98.95% in the IV Semester.

Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim, the Management Nominee, wanted to know the reasons for the poor performance of students in B.A. Historical Studies (Forenoon Session) (I Year – 36.73%). Dr. S. Nazeemunnisa Begum, Head, Department of Historical Studies, explained that most of the students who enrolled for the course were from the Tamil medium and had scored a low percentage of marks in the School Board examinations. Such students, in due course of time, improve and excel in the Second and Final year examinations. Dr. Sanjida Haris also agreed with the explanation and commented that the students of the History Department had in the past shown good progress in the final year and secured 100% results.

Mr. K. Allaudin, the Management Nominee, complimented the departments which had secured 100% results. He commented on the poor performance of the students in the II Semester in the Department of B.Com. (ISM) and sought to know the reasons for it. Dr. Barackath, Head, Department of B.Com. (CS & ISM) replied that the reason for such low performance was most likely be due to the lowering of the eligibility criteria by the University. She also stated that they have made a representation to the University and expressed the hope that their request will be considered in the Senate Meeting.

Mr. K. Allaudin wanted to know the percentage of students graduating within the course period. The Principal presented the data which is as follows:

Forenoon Session:

UG Course: 981 appeared; 979 passed and Overall pass percentage is 99.80%
PG Course: 141 appeared; 135 passed and Overall pass percentage is 95.74%

Afternoon Session:

UG Course: 1120 appeared; 1077 passed and Overall pass percentage is 96.16%
PG Course: 113 appeared; 109 passed and Overall pass percentage is 96.46%

Mr. K. Allaudin further raised a query regarding the difference between the B.Com (General) and B.Com (Hons.) courses. Mrs. Jabeen, Head, Department of Commerce (A.N.) clarified that our College was one among the seven city colleges which offered the

B.Com. (Hons.) course. As per the course requirements, the students of B.Com. (Hons.) studied six core papers in each semester, whereas B.Com. (General) students study only five papers. The B.Com. (Hons.) students take up a compulsory internship programme at the end of each semester and industrial visits were also arranged for them. Moreover 75% of the syllabus was covered by in-house faculty members and the remaining 25% was covered by experts from industries through guest lectures. The minimum pass marks for B.Com. (Hons.) is 50%, whereas for B.Com. (General) it is 40%.

Mr. K. Allaudin also enquired about the low percentage of passes in I M.A. Economics (A.N.) and I M.Sc. Physics (A.N.). Dr. V. Vijaya Lakshmi, Head, Department of Economics (A.N.) replied that students found it difficult to cope with the subjects. She further stated that they were conducting remedial classes to improve the performance of the students. Dr. D. Sukanya, Assistant Professor of Physics (A.N.), replied that two students were weak in 'Quantum Mechanics' and were given extra coaching to improve their performance.

Mr. K. Allaudin also raised a query about the placement of students and tie-ups and MoU's. Mrs. Jayanthi Sivagami, the Placement Coordinator stated that the Placement Centre has a good placement record and good tie-ups with IT and Non-IT Companies. She also highlighted the fact that a total number of 682 students got placed in the academic year 2017-2018 compared to the number of 674 the previous academic year. There had been a gradual increase in placements over the years. She further added that the students were also placed off campus.

4. FELICITATION OF TEACHERS WHO HAD WON AWARDS:

The Principal felicitated staff members of both Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions for their achievements for the period from March 2018 to September 2018 and the details of the same is enclosed as "Annexure – 1".

5. SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED BY THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

The Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops conducted by the various departments of both the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions for the period March 2018 to September 2018 was presented by the Principal and is enclosed as "Annexure – 2".

6. ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS IN CURRICULAR/ CO-CURRICULAR/ SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

The achievements of students in curricular/ co-curricular/ sports activities of both the Forenoon and Afternoon Sessions for the period March 2018 to September 2018 was presented by the Principal and is enclosed as "Annexure – 3".

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7. APPROVAL OF THE NEW SYLLABI FRAMED BY BOARDS OF STUDIES TO TAKE EFFECT FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 – 2019 ONWARDS:

Dr. Shanaz Ahamed, Chairperson and Principal of the College, informed the Academic Council that the sixth curriculum revision had been carried out and the Board of Studies meetings had been conducted for all the Undergraduate, Postgraduate and M.Phil. Departments in April 2018, wherein the syllabi was discussed and revised accordingly.

Mrs. M. Jabeen, Vice-Principal (Afternoon Session) made a presentation of the programme outcomes, programme specific outcomes and additional credits for the U.G. Courses and is enclosed as "Annexure – 4. Dr. Amthul Azeez, Vice-Principal (Forenoon Session) presented the programme outcomes, programme specific outcomes and additional credits for the P.G. and M.Phil. Courses and is enclosed as "Annexure – 5.

The Principal requested the Academic Council to approve and pass the revised syllabi to take effect from the academic year 2018 – 2019.

The Heads of the Departments were invited by the Principal to present the highlights of the revised syllabi to the Academic Council. The presentations were made in the following order: M.Phil. Courses, P.G. Courses, U.G. Courses and Languages of the Forenoon and Afternoon Session respectively and is enclosed as "Annexure – 6.

Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed, the Correspondent raised a query regarding the justification and reasons for changes made in the syllabus.

When Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed, the Correspondent raised a question about the justification for the deletion of certain components in a paper in B.Com (A&F), Mrs. Jabeen, Vice-Principal (Afternoon Session) explained that the Companies Act had been revamped. The topic "Accounting Standards" has been incorporated in all units. Moreover, the changes made in the Syllabi are done after due deliberations and discussions with the members of the Board of Studies which include a University Nominee, Subject Experts, Industrialist and Alumna. The suggestions given by the experts during the standing committee meeting and results review meeting are also incorporated when syllabi revision is made. Thus papers are clubbed or swapped or updated as the case may require. The Board of Studies does not pass the syllabus until proper justification is presented by the faculty.

Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed, Correspondent, also raised a query about the Algebra paper. Mrs. Sabira Parveen, Head, Department of Mathematics replied that they had two papers in Algebra – Paper I and Paper II. Due to the revision of the Higher Secondary School Board syllabus, the syllabus of the papers were merged. The Elementary part done in school has been deleted. LPP is offered as a separate paper according to the suggestion made by the Board.

Dr. Amthul Azeez, Vice-Principal (Forenoon Session), also explained that the departments were instructed to enhance the syllabus as there was a revision in the syllabus of the Higher Secondary Board. The number of papers were increased and more new core elective papers were introduced.

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Mr. Faizur Rahman Sayeed, Correspondent, was of the view that instead of having a greater number of papers, it would suffice to have fewer papers and teach the components fully and thoroughly instead of skimming the syllabus.

Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim also remarked that the colleges have to adhere to the TANSCHER regulations. He added that M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses can also be shown in the workload.

The Academic Council approved and passed the syllabi revision.


Mr. K. Allaudin, the Management Nominee, enquired whether the college has taken any measures to enhance the competence of the teaching faculty and he also wanted to know about the facilities offered and the existing infrastructure. Dr. Shanaz Ahamed, Chairperson and Principal of the College replied that the college conducts FDP programmes for teaching staff members regularly. The teaching staff also frequently attend Refresher Courses to get themselves updated. She also added that the College has good infrastructure facilities to teach new subjects to the students.

The Management nominees and other members congratulated the Management for rendering support to the students and the staff. They also lauded the staff members for their excellent performance.

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

Nil.

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


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

Date: 04.10.2018

Encl.: Annexures 1 – 4.

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