



**St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous)**

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# **Fifteenth**

# **Governing Body Minutes**

**16.08.2014**

**10.30 a.m.**

**Board Room 105**



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## Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Governing body meeting held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the College Board Room.

**Members Present:** Rev Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, Rev. Anthony Joseph, Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, Rev. Fr. Anand Prabhu, Rev. Sr. Arpana, Mr. Vinay, Prof. Ravi Richard, Ms. Nirmala Joseph.

**Members Absent:** Prof Naresh Chandra, Mr. Appaji Gowda.

**Members on Invitation:** Ms. Muktha, IQAC Coordinator; Ms. Sneha Rai

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province and President of the BJES chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza started the meeting by requesting the Rector and Vice President of BJES Rev. Anthony Joseph to lead the gathering in prayer. After the prayer, the Principal of the College Dr. Daniel Fernandes extended a warm welcome to the members. He introduced the new members of the governing body while extending his thanks to the previous members.

Ms. Nirmala Joseph presented the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes was proposed to be accepted by Rev. Fr. Anand Prabhu and seconded by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis and the members of the house accepted it unanimously.

### **Admission Report 2014-15**

On the request of the Chairperson, Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, the Principal Dr. Daniel Fernandes presented a detailed admission report of the Academic year 2014-2015. Mr. Vinay Suggested that the management captures the pass percentage data based on the admission categories to view the progress of students in various categories. The report was proposed to be accepted by Fr. Anand Prabhu and seconded by Rev. Sr. Arpana.

### Report of the End Semester Examination Results - April 2014

The Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes requested the Controller of Examinations (COE), Ms. Sneha Rai to present the examination results of the End Semester April 2014. Ms. Sneha presented the discipline-wise results of B.Com, B.Com Travel and Tourism, BBM, M.Com and MIB. The COE also drew the attention of the house to the good performance of the students of B.Com (Travel and Tourism), BBM and M.com in their respective second semester. Mr. Vinay while congratulating the College on the impressive results also wanted more information on the internal assessment systems of the College and if they were adequately robust.

Prof. Ravi Richard and Ms. Nirmala Joseph explained to the house the evaluation techniques adopted by the faculty and the mechanism of Continuous Internal Assessment. The Rector, Rev. Anthony Joseph while commending the results also opined that the results of the B.Com discipline could be improved. Rev. Fr. Anand Prabhu suggested that in the forth coming Governing Body meeting the College incorporate data on a few more aspects of students who failed their end semester examination and the progress of students who had secured second class in their first semester.

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza while congratulating the College and staff members on their dedication and commendable performance, wanted to know if any particular measures were taken by the institution to keep a check on the number of students who could obtain an 'outstanding' grade. Prof. Ravi Richard explained how the internal assessment systems and the question papers were constructed in a demanding manner making outstanding grade a challenge. The report was proposed to be accepted by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis and seconded by Rev. Sr. Arpana.

### Calendar of Events (Even Semester 2014-15)

On the request of the Chairperson, Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, the Principal Dr. Daniel Fernandes, presented a report of the Calendar of Events planned for the even semester starting November 2014. The Principal shared a detailed plan of all the proposed activities including the reopening dates and the number of working days of the semester. Sr. Arpana, Principal Mount Carmel College, expressed her appreciation for all the events that were meticulously planned and sought clarification on the number of batches of B.Com functioning in the College and their respective batch timings. The Principal explained the various batches such as B.Com Regular, B.Com (Professional - International Accounting and Finance), B.Com (BPM - Industry Integrated), B.Com - Travel & Tourism, BBA, PG and their respective timings. The Calendar of Events that was presented was proposed to be accepted by Mr. Ravi Richard and seconded by Mr. Vinay.

## **Proposal of introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**

The Principal, Rev. Dr. Daniel opined that having a variety of programmes would add value to the institution than multiplying the existing streams. Dr. Daniel, then invited the IQAC Coordinator Ms. Muktha to present to the board an overview of "Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)" proposed to be introduced from the academic year 2015-16 along with the Programme matrices of B.Com, B.Com Professional - International Accounting and Finance, B.Com - BPM Industry Integrated, B.Com Travel & Tourism, BBA and PG Programmes. Ms. Muktha started with the need for Higher Educational Institutions to introduce CBCS and also gave a detailed presentation of the courses of all the three years with the credits proposed to be attached to it.

After a quick deliberation on the presentation, Rev. Fr. Anand opined that it was a well thought out and well drafted proposal. Mr. Vinay suggested that in the first and second semester too many options should not be provided to students as they may not be able to decide on subjects at that stage. All the proposals placed before the board was proposed to be accepted by Rev. Fr. Anand Prabhu and seconded by Ms. Nirmala Joseph and was unanimously accepted by the house.

### **Feedback Report**

On invitation from the Principal, the IQAC Coordinator, Ms. Muktha presented a brief report on the feedback received from various stake holders and the action taken report. After a quick deliberation on the report the board approved the same unanimously.

### **Academic and other Updates**

A report of the academic activities was presented by the Head of the Department of Commerce, Prof Ravi Richard. The chairperson Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza invited observations and suggestions if any from the board. Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis congratulated the staff members on the increased number of publications and research projects ensued by them and for having designed all activities with the College objectives in mind. Mr. Vinay said that he was impressed with the numerous activities undertaken by the College and particularly commended the summer course that the students are motivated to take up in London School of Economics.

Mr. Vinay also made two effective suggestions. He recommended that activities initiated by the various clubs of the College like the Josephite Business Club could be done in association with CIL, FICCI and any professional bodies, etc. and that the Finance Budget presentation be made an annual event for the students. Rector

Rev. Anthony Joseph requested an update on the placements taking place in the institution and the approximate percentage of students being placed every year. This query was answered by the Principal Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ and he also elaborated on the top companies that approached SJCC for campus recruitment.

Mr. Vinay wanted to know if the College provided professional and other value added courses to the students, which would help them in placements. Ms. Nirmala Joseph replied that the institution had several courses offered on Chartered Accountancy (CA), CIMA, and ACCA. In addition to that, value added courses were offered to the students on a wide variety of subjects. The Academic update was also commended by Rev Fr. Anand Prabhu, and Rev. Sr. Arpana. The report was proposed to be accepted by Dr. Praveen Martis and seconded by Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ.

#### **Any other matter**

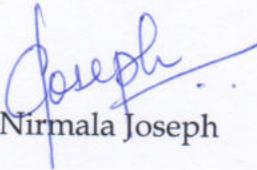
With the permission of the chair, the Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ briefed the members on two important considerations that needed the attention of the board. He briefed the members, through a presentation of a recent gazette notification by the UGC, streamlining the nomenclature of various courses. As per the notification, henceforth the College would be unable to continue with the courses named BBM and MIB. It was suggested that BBM be renamed as BBA in accordance with the notification and MIB could be renamed as MBA/M.Com (International Business). On replying to the query if an MBA nomenclature would attract AICTE norms, Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D' Souza, replied that such norms would not apply for a university awarded MBA. The members of the house unanimously accepted the resolution to change the nomenclature of MIB and BBM as per the UGC guidelines.

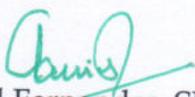
At the end of the session, the Chairperson, Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza gave the concluding remarks by congratulating the College for being back in the national rankings as one of the top 10 in India for Commerce studies. Father also commended the committed staff of the institution, the unique staff-student rapport that exists, excellent performance of students in academics and other activities, impressive industry exposure provided to students, the admirable student support provided in the form of counseling and also suggested that the research culture be instilled and nurtured at the undergraduate level itself and that students should be guided to be proactive in social causes and in reaching out to the society.

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, congratulated the Principal in guiding the institution and also Rev. Anthony Joseph in ably leading the institution.

The Chairperson, Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza expressed his sincere thanks to all the members present particularly Mr. Vinay for all his help.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m. Minutes recorded by Ms. Nirmala Joseph.

  
Ms. Nirmala Joseph

  
Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ  
Principal & Ex-Officio Secretary,  
Governing Body

