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Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous), Vijayawada - 520 008
Academic Council Meeting – Monday, 04.04.2016 at 02.00 P.M.

The meeting of the Academic Council was held on Monday, the 4th April 2016 at 2.00 PM in the Academic Council Hall. The following members attended the meeting

Chairperson	Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ	Principal, ALC,
University Representatives	Dr.N.Usha Dr.R.Padmaja	Dept of English, KU Dept.of Busi.Magt. KU
Management Representatives	Rev Fr.S Raju, SJ Rev Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ	Correspondent, ALC
Secretary-Academic Activities	Dr.B.Siva Kumari	Dept. of Botany
External Experts	Rev Sr.Dr.P.Mercy Sri D Rama Krishna Sri N Harinath Dr.Nambiar	Educationist Industrialist Advocate Medicine
Vice Principals	Rev Fr.S.Melchoir, SJ Mr.M.Arokia Samy	Dept. of Business Administration Dept. of Mathematics
Deans	Dr.M.Sivaram Dr.N.Srinivasa Rao Mr.D.Praveen	Dean of Humanities & H.o.D. Sanskrit & H.o.D. I/c Hindi Dean of Sciences & H.o.D. Statistics Dean of Student Affairs
Controller of Examinations	Rev Fr.N.Bujji Babu, SJ	
Heads of Departments	Dr.B.Raju Dr.D.Krupa Rao Rev Fr.G.M.Victor Emmanuel,SJ Dr. G.Murali Krishna Dr.A.V.Ravi Kumar, Coordinator Dr.G.V.Ramana Sri P Srinivasa Rao Rev Fr.Dr.P.Anthony, SJ Ms.M.Glory Ms.V.Kavitha Sri G.M.Srirangam, Coordinator Dr.M.Srinivasa Reddy Dr.Mrs.B.Baby Rani Sri KV Vijaya Babu Rev Fr.D.Ravi Sekhar, SJ Dr.N.A.Francis Xavier Ms.D.Uma Kumari Dr.K.Job Sudarshan Sri S.A.B.Nehru Sri L Ekambaram Sri Vijay Srinivasan Sri PVS Sairam, Coordinator Dr. G A Prasad Rao Sri JV Nagendra Prasad Rev Fr.Dr.A.Rex Angelo, SJ Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao Dr.CH.Srinivasu	English Telugu Mathematics Physics Renewable Energy Chemistry Botany Zoology, Environmental Science Microbiology Biotechnology Food Technology & Paramedical & Hospital Administration History Economics Political Science Music/Dance & VFX Commerce Business Administration Ethics and Religion Comp.Science Electronics Visual Communication G.E. (Competitive Exams) Librarian Director of Phy. Education Director, ELT Research Centre Director, School of Voc. Edn. Coordinator, IQAC Director, CCLR
Management Invitees	Dr.B.Venkateswara Rao Dr.N.V.Ramana Murthy Sri N Ranga Babu	Dept. of Chemistry Dept. of Maths Dept. of English

The meeting started with a prayer by Rev Fr.D.Ravi Sekhar, SJ, Rector, invoking God's blessings for the successful conduct of the proceedings. Rev.Fr.S.Raju SJ, the Correspondent, welcomed the members.

Dr.B.Siva Kumari, Secretary-Academic Activities, initiated the proceedings and presented the agenda for the Academic Council meeting.

The Secretary-Academic Activities requested Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal and Chairman, Academic Council, to present the academic review for the year 2015-2016.

Fr.Principal presented a review of the academic activities for the academic year 2015-2016, highlighting the following:

- Profile of the College, Staff appointments and students' strength
- Examination Results
- Number of Courses being offered
- Institutional Recognition viz. College being recognized as "A" Grade College by the CCE, AP, Hyderabad based on Key Performance Indicators; selection by the UGC under Community College Scheme, approved as SAI STC Centre by the Sports Authority of India, sanctioned 50-bedded Sports Hostel, selected as Star College by the Dept. of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and establishment of Telugu Wikipedia Resource Centre.
- Research Activities including Faculty being awarded Ph.D./ Submission of Ph.D. Theses
- Institution of Special Appreciation Awards for Faculty for Research in Sciences and Arts & Commerce separately with the objective of further strengthening the research orientation among the faculty members; Special Appreciation Awards for Resource Mobilization, for Literary and Cultural Contributions to encourage the faculty members to contribute their best in the designated areas.
- Awards and Recognitions received by the faculty, especially the most notable Award won by Dr.M.C.Rao, Dept. of Physics, is an Award for Research Excellence by 'The Indus Foundation Inc. USA,
- Faculty's Professional Contribution including Papers Presented, Publications, Guest Lectures Delivered, Guest Lectures Organized, Seminars/Workshops Conducted by the Departments, Participation in Seminars/Workshops and Services Rendered as Resource Persons
- Library activities including Loyola Reviewers Association's Book Review programmes
- Academic Enrichment of Students including Student Seminars/Workshops conducted, Industrial Tours and Field Trips organized, Students' Participation in Seminars/Workshops
- Different events organized on the campus
- Students' Achievements in extra curricular, co-curricular activities and Sports and Games
- Achievements of NCC cadets and NSS Volunteers.
- Activities of NSS and Extension Programme ALANA.
- Jawahar Knowledge Centre and students' placements
- Hostel Life
- Implementation of Student Welfare Schemes and Management Freshships and Scholarships for students
- ALCAA activities including Loyola Run for Amaravathi

Later, ratification of resolutions of the Boards of Studies was taken up and Dr.Siva Kumari invited the Heads/Coordinators of Departments to present the resolutions for Academic Council's ratification.

The Council discussed all the resolutions thoroughly before ratifying the same with necessary modifications.

The Council suggested addition/modification of Resolutions passed by the following Departments:

1. **Statistics:**

Resolution verbatim:

It is resolved to introduce the following Papers from the Academic year 2016-17 for First year students –

Semester I-Paper I: Descriptive Statistics and Probability Theory

Semester II -Paper II: Probability Distributions

Modified Resolution:

It is resolved to introduce the following Papers from the Academic year 2016-17 for the First and Second year students –

Semester I Paper I : Descriptive Statistics and Probability Theory

Semester II Paper II : Probability Distributions

Semester III Paper III : Statistical Methods and Sampling Distributions

Semester IV Paper IV : Statistical Inference

2. **Visual Communication:**

Resolutions verbatim:

It is resolved to continue with the existing syllabi for the 6th Semester.

It is resolved to follow the below-mentioned Papers for the Second Year Journalism students.

Modified Resolutions:

1. It is resolved to continue with the existing syllabi and pattern as approved in the Standing Academic Council Meeting on 29.10.2015 for the 6th Semester
2. It is resolved to continue with the existing syllabi for I to V Semesters.
3. It is resolved to follow the below-mentioned Papers for the Second Year English Literature, Journalism and Animation students.

3. **Ethics and Religion:** Resolution No.3 dropped

During the deliberations, the suggestions made by the members and clarifications made by the Heads of Departments concerned/the Chairman, Academic Council, are as under:

1. **English:**

Mr.D.Ramakrishna, Industrialist, suggested considering the possibility of adding a topic in the curriculum on Interactive Skills in Social Media

Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Chairman, Academic Council, said that the Paper on **Soft Skills and Communication Skills** being envisaged by the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) will cover the topic as suggested by Mr.Ramakrishna.

Dr.N.Usha, University Nominee, suggested inclusion of topics of more group activity-based learning in addition to texts.

Mr.N.Ranga Babu, Faculty of the Dept. of English and Management Invitee, assured Dr.Usha that the Department of English lays greater emphasis on different types of learning-activities to impart the required skills to the students.

2. **Physics:**

Mr.Ramakrishna suggested re-orientation of Practicals to meet the industry's current demands.

The Chairman observed that the UGC is insisting on implementing 70% of its recommended syllabi and said that all the Departments have updated their syllabi in accordance with the UGC guidelines. Drawing Mr.Ramakrishna's attention to the autonomy vested in the Departments in the autonomous Colleges, with respect to the rest of the syllabus, Fr.Principal assured to consider accommodating his suggestion.

With the foregoing modifications/observations, the Academic Council ratified the resolutions passed in the Boards of Studies meetings of all the Departments to update, introduce or change the curriculum.

The resolutions together with the approved modifications in the Syllabi are appended herewith as a separate volume.

Post ratification of the resolutions by the Academic Council, ratification of results of previous year was taken up.

Rev Fr.N.Bujji Babu, SJ, Controller of Examinations, presented the Course-wise results of the previous year i.e. of 2012-2015 batch students, for the Council's ratification.

The Academic Council ratified the results.

Later, Fr. Principal invited the members to make their general observations and suggestions:

Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Management Representative and the Director, ALIET, offered collaborative support to the College for offering Online Courses.

Thanking Fr.Francis Xavier for volunteering to collaborate, Fr.Principal said that the administration is very much toying with the idea of seeking ALIET's collaboration in running Online Courses and said that an exercise will be undertaken soon to finalize the modalities.

Dr.N.Usha, University Nominee, appreciated the administration and the faculty for the stupendous achievements made in the academic year as reported by the Principal. She congratulated the administration on the College being recognized as 'A Grade' College by the CCE, AP. Terming the establishment of Telugu Wikipedia Digital Resource Centre as a rare achievement of the College, she appreciated the faculty for giving a lot of importance to research and wished to see greater quantum of research in future too. Dr.Usha expressed the

view that, given the extraordinarily progress being made by and achievements of the College, ALC would emerge soon as a Model College not only for the State of Andhra Pradesh but for the entire Country. She appreciated the Boards of Studies for undertaking an elaborate exercise for updating the syllabi.

Mr.Ramakrishna, Industrialist, in his observations, called upon the Departments to state the objectives of each Course/Subject to facilitate the External Experts' better understanding of the envisaged changes in syllabi in order to offer more enlightened suggestions. He suggested re-orienting the syllabi in tune with the Industry requirements and called for more application-oriented teaching-learning mechanisms for greater benefit of the students. A multi-directional approach to the syllabi is highly desirable to meet the societal requirements, he added.

Sr.Dr.Mercy, External Expert, and Principal, St.Theresa College, Eluru, appreciated the faculty for their hard work and for a lot of achievements, particularly the tremendous research output. She especially congratulated the administration and faculty on selection of the College under the Star College Scheme by the Government of India. Taking note of variety of courses being offered by the College, she suggested to the administration to explore the possibility of inter-institutional linkage programmes, twinning programmes and Credit Transfers.

Fr.Principal said that St.Theresa's College and ALC share many similarities with respect to the academic programmes which make it conducive for inter-institutional linkages. He assured to take the initiative in that direction in the ensuing academic year. In this connection, Fr.Principal, himself a member of the Academic Council of St.Theresa's College, noted that a Self-Study course is being offered by the College wherein the students will have their own study material and the final Examination is conducted by the College. He said that ALC could also consider offering such programmes.

Fr.Principal said that in the APSCHE course structure being followed by the College, students of different streams will have free hours ranging from three to nine and they will be utilized for offering Skill-oriented Diploma/Certificate Courses in the next academic year, he added.

Mr.G.M.Srirangam said that Credit Transfer need not be a part of curriculum. He referred to the Online Courses being offered by the College under ALOOCs programme and said that the students taking Online Courses from other external institutions will have the benefit of Credit Transfer.

Under any other matter, Fr.Principal moved the following General Resolutions and sought the Academic Council's approval.

I. General Resolutions:

1. It is resolved to introduce a mandatory Certificate Course in Yoga for all the Second Year Students from the academic year 2016-2017
2. It is resolved to make it mandatory for all the Second Year Students to acquire one Skill-oriented Certificate/Diploma Course and at least one Online Course from the academic year 2016-2017.

II. Resolution:

It is resolved to start an Additional Section each in the following Combinations, on account of the increase in demand, from the academic year 2016-2017.

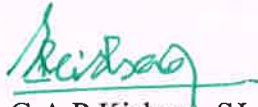
1. B.Sc., Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science
2. B.Sc., Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science
3. B.A., Economics, Political Science and History

III. Resolution:

It is resolved to wind up the Second Section of B.Sc., Visual Communication Degree Course from the academic year 2016-2017, in the light of the sanctioned strength being enhanced from the original 30 seats to 50 seats by the parent University.

The Academic Council unanimously approved the Resolutions.

The meeting concluded with Mr. M.Arokiasamy, Vice Principal, proposing a vote of thanks.


Fr. Dr. G.A.P. Kishore, SJ
Principal & Chairman,
Academic Council