

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI 600  
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**ACADEMIC YEAR- (2018-2019) MINUTES OF  
THE COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>Date</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> February (Wednesday) 2019</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>J.D. Conference Hall</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>CC/ODD/2018-19</b>

The meeting began with an invocation by Dr. Merline Shyla - Dean of Sciences.

**1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks** - - Rev. Fr. A.M. Jayapathy Francis S.J, the Rector welcomed the members to the College Council and clarified the role of College Council. The College Council is primarily an advisory body which focusses on implementing programmes keeping in mind the policies of the province. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. C. Muthu – Head, Computer Science, Dr. Daniel – Director LIAC, Dr. L. Chinappan – Head, Viscom, Dr. Gladston – Head Social Work, Prof. Angeline, Coordinator Physics Shift-2.

**2. Minutes of the Previous College Council Meeting** - The minutes of the previous College council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018 was presented by Prof. Edward Sudhakar, Dean of Arts. After a brief discussion and a few corrections, the minutes were passed. Dr. M. Gautaman, the head of sociology suggested that we could have a common pool of e-resources for the institutions. (LIBA, Engineering College, College of Education and Loyola College)

**3. Academics Academic Reforms, Concerns & Challenges** – Rev. Dr. F. Andrew, S.J, Principal presented the academic activities of the semester (October 2018 – Feb 2019).

- He appreciated Dr. S. Vincent, Dean of Research for receiving TN Senior Scientist Award 2017 in Life Science and congratulated Dr. Merline Shyla, Dean of Sciences on being elected as the Member of Senate in the University of Madras.
- He thanked the Controller of Examinations and his office for their speedy and efficient work of publishing the results within 18 days.
- Veedu Viruthu Vizha controversy was amicably resolved and during PTA some parents raised concern over the hostel facility and CIA Examinations.
- Eighty percent attendance was made mandatory and marks would be awarded for students who maintain more than 80% of attendance.
- Undergraduate and Post-graduate students were permitted to go abroad to do their internship from this academic year.
- NIRF data submission process is over and the college is awaiting the results.
- A special drive has been initiated to help the Arrear students of the prior batches (before 2012). Currently 200 students have registered for writing their arrears. Of which 33 students have only one arrear paper, 32 with two arrear paper, 13 students with 5 papers, 9 with 6 papers and the range goes upto 21 arrear papers. 1980 to 1983 is the oldest batches to

appear for arrears. The college has planned systematically do the assessment and help the students without compromising the quality and reputation of the college.

- An extended committee has been constituted and it has started working on the UG curriculum restructuring. A revised name list of the committee members was read out by Fr. Principal. He requested the Academic Deans to decide the dates for Board of Studies and Academic Council Meeting.

- Feedback collected on curriculum was presented by the IQAC Coordinator. IQAC will soon start the annual academic audit and the COE office had formulated plans to publish the Even Semester results by mid of May 2019.

- During this semester, the college has organized 5 FDP Programs for the staff, 2 Programs by IQAC, 8 international conferences, 26 national conference, 9 endowment lectures and three programmes by LISSTAR.

- The Pulwama Martyrs Day Celebration was a great success and it was well received by the students and the public.

- Department of Plant Biology signed an MoU with University in Michigan.

- This year Sports day was jointly organized for both the shifts. The event was conducted in January to avoid heat. Rev. Fr. Secretary appreciated Fr. Dr. Samuel Jayaseelan, S.J., Mr. Vijayakumar, Physical Director and Mr. Rajasekar, Maintenance Manager for the successful conduct of sports day and requested the Principal to continue the same format. There was discussion on the sports day, Dr. Milton, Head - Department of Advance Zoology suggested that the event could be organized by the end of January and Dr. Merline Shyla, highlighted the difficulty faced by the audience due to seating arrangement. Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal, appreciated the team for the perfect open ceremony and suggested to work on the prize distribution event. Finally Fr. Principal suggested to shift the teachers sports Prize distribution out of the students sports day.

**4. Human Resources Management, Infrastructure and Financial Concerns:** A detailed report was presented by Rev. Dr. Selvanayakam, S.J., the Secretary and Correspondent of the college.

- Old Pavilion and basketball court are renovated, Additional floor in LIFE Building and MCA building is completed except for furnishing work. A new staircase and lift for MCA building is under construction.

- The railway wicket gate is completed and new path to church near Hostel is completed.

- Computer Lab is renovated and 141 new computers and 4 laptops have been purchased during this period.

- Lift for physically challenged students in Main Building is repaired and fully functional.

**Ongoing projects:**

- College compound wall is being renovated at cost of 36 lakhs,

- Change of electrical devices. 10 lakhs

- Water harvesting wells 40-numbers of 12 feet deep to be completed.

- New canal on either side of the road around the football ground.

- Construction work for the New Hostel Block has started with estimated budget of 22 to 26 Crores. There will be four units and each unit can accommodate 400 students. After

completing the first unit (which is built parallel to the Commerce Economic building), the second unit will start. The process is in full swing with the support of Loyola Alumni Association and Loyola College society. He also requested the members to visit the site and give their suggestion.

**Projects pending for approval:**

- Additional floor in Viscom Building is pending due to technical reasons. The floor has very sensitive and sophisticated machines, which needs to be moved out carefully and then the work will start.
- Bertram Hall stage would be renovated immediately after the semester examination with an estimated budget of 18 lakhs.
- The compound wall in the northern side of the college needs to be demolished and reconstructed. The current estimate is 50-60 lakhs but the actual estimating would be furnished by the architect and the college is planning to lay TAR roads in the next academic year.
- Furnishing the new rooms of MCA and LIFE block will be done in the month of May and a separate staircase would be constructed on the western side of the building.
- Main block renovation is estimated to 1.5 Crores. Last year the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor had been renovated and this year, the college will renovate the first floor and the front portion of the main building. In the ground floor, the work will be confined to the portico, notice board area, the common staff room and the extension offices. The government had requested us to handover the college building for election process. We have decided to completely handover the Commerce Economics Block to the Election Commission.

**Point Shared:**

In response to the suggestion given Dr. P. Sagayaraj, Head – Department of physics for making Bertram hall disabled friendly by constructing a permanent lift facility, Rev Fr. Secretary shared the information that according to the 2018-2019 plan, the college is planning to provide lift facility for Social Work and Visual Communication department and renovate the lifts in the main building and jubilee building. Dr. Selvanathan, Head – Department of history wanted the management to provide additional guest rooms for international delegates and a smaller conference hall. Dr. Milton – Head- department of Advance Zoology pointed out that laying down tar roads could be revisited and the management should ensure the functioning of the recycling plant. He also requested the management to make some special arrangement for their

200<sup>th</sup> Ph. D. and promote the concept of Green Building.

Rev. Fr. Principal insisted that the class rooms occupied by the researchers needs to be given back to departments for the want of space.

In response to the query raised the Dr. Merline Shyla, the Dean of Science related to acoustics in Bertram Hall, Rev. Fr. Secretary informed that members that lack of trained personnel to operate

the high quality sound equipment was the major concern and Fr. Rector pointed out too many handling the device could also result in bad sound quality.

Prof. Edward Sudhakar, the Dean of arts highlighted that the construction work in the Loyola Men's Hostel creates lot of noise and dust, which disturbs the teaching-learning environment and requested the management to minimize the construction work during the college hours. He also asked the management to anticipate the problems of constructing the hostel building parallel to the Commerce – Economic Department. Rev. Fr. Rector responded that the structure will have a kind of cover which will cut the visual access of the students to the hostel and it would be impossible to have the construction work in the night. Rev. Fr. Samuel Jayaseelan SJ, the Hostel Director informed the members that the work will continue only for the next 10 days.

Finally Rev. Fr. Secretary informed the members of the list of staff to be recruited for both aided and management vacancies for the next academic year (2019-2020) and also announced the change of officials.

### **Any other matters:**

The student representatives raised the following issues:

- 1) Staff assessment – they wanted to know whether any follow up actions are taken by the management on Staff assessment report
- 2) Food Court – they felt that the price was slightly higher for the students of Shift -1, even the subsidiary rate at Chetti Villas was much higher than the LIBA and Engineering Canteen.
- 3) Fee Structure – students were wondering about the new university fee Rs.1000 and the Examination fee
- 4) Sports day- few students felt that they were not part of the Sports day due to the large crowd. Rev. Fr.

Principal and the Dean of Sciences replied to the query on the new fee introduced by the University. The University of Madras initially proposed to collect Rs.3000 for online record maintenance and later decided to reduce it to Rs. 1000, informed the Dean of Sciences. But many colleges have raised serious concern over the issue and later Dr. Fatima Vasanth, the Deputy Principal suggested that a representation be made to the University of Madras.

Rev. Fr. Rector responded to the issue of food court. He informed the students' representatives that he was fully aware of the issues in the food court and he had made few attempts like providing coupons and even tried to start a small kiosk but the legal agreement with the service provider needs to be taken into consideration.

### **Summarizing the proceedings:** (verbatim recording of the Rectors' Talk):

“I have no summary of the proceedings, I have a few last words, things have been exciting for the last 6 years, I have seen a lot of changes physically and initiatives in which we addressed

issues. I have seen three principals in my tenure, they have all been of different types but all had their common goals, I want to thank them. I also had seen three secretaries and the best of all is the current one who has done things very meticulously. I want to conclude with a few comments and share about some major developments. Four priorities had been made to be implemented among the Jesuits, this cannot be done without the collaboration with our co-workers.

1. To help people find God and follow him.
2. To walk alongside the poor (excluded and those whom the society considers worthless)
3. Caring for our common home, it is to work with gospel for the protection and renewal of God creation.
4. Accompanying young people in the creation of a hopeful future.

This is done at the top most level, the Jesuit Madurai Province, after various meetings, have chosen 5 areas for 10 years. Four of these domains coincide with the Jesuit choices that has been made.

5. Encountering issues that arise out of any of the issues.

We invite you to join us. I have been sitting down with the restructuring committee for a couple of meetings, let us focus on what is happening to the youth now and what the youth will face in 3 years. I wish the college keeps going with the same pace and commitment that it has shaped in the last 6-7 years”.

**Vote of thanks:** Dr. Fatima Vasanth, the Deputy Principal proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting then came to an end at 1.15 p.m.

Finally Rev. Fr. Principal specially thanked Madam Deputy Principal for her tremendous service to this great institution.

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27.02.2019

CONFERENCE HALL

Time : 11.00 A.M.




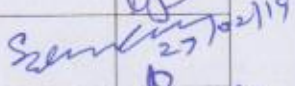
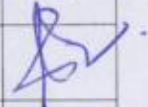
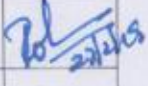
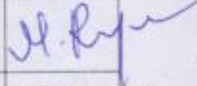
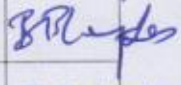
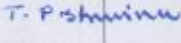
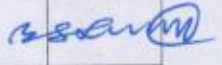
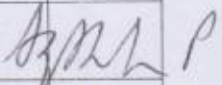
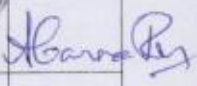
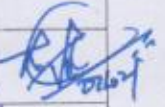
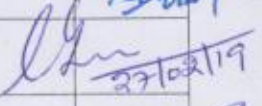
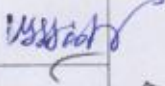
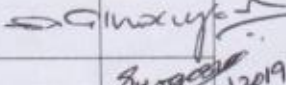
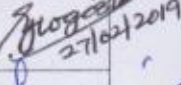
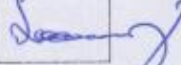
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