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St. Xavier's College – Autonomous, Mumbai

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING ON 02.02.2012

AGENDA:

1. Passing of the Syllabi presented by the Academic Board in its last meeting.
2. Considering and prescribing ways in which students can be given inter-disciplinary options.
3. To scrutinize and approve the amended rules of Autonomy.
4. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

The members present were:

1. Dr. (Fr.) Arun D'Souza, S.J., Rector and Chairperson,
2. Dr. V. V. Dalvi, Representative of the University of Mumbai
3. Prof. P. G. Jogdand, Head, University Dept. of Sociology
4. Dr. (Ms.) Asha Dayama, Dept. of Hindi, Elected Faculty Member
5. Dr. Rajendra Shinde, Department of Botany, Elected Faculty Member
6. Fr. Terence Quadros S.J., Alumnus
7. Dr. (Ms.) Vivien Amonkar, Alumna
8. Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, Alumnus
9. Dr. Frazer Mascarenhas S.J, Principal and Secretary

Dr. (Ms.) Manjusha Molavane, Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Fr. Lawrie Ferrao S.J. & Fr. Conrad Pessa S.J. had excused themselves from the meeting.

The meeting of the Board of Management commenced at 3.00 p.m. in the Board Room. Dr. Arun D'Souza, S.J., Rector of St. Xavier's College, chaired the meeting and began it with a short prayer.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. Fr. Keith D'Souza S.J. proposed and Dr. Asha Dayama seconded the resolution that the Minutes of the Meeting be passed.
2. The Board of Studies after making some changes have approved the syllabi of the First & Second Year B.A/B.Sc. and the same were passed at the last meeting of the Academic Board. The Principal mentioned that the departments find the Board of Studies meetings very energizing and challenging and the student representatives take an active part. Dr. Asha said that their Board of Studies members said that the Hindi syllabus is very ambitious and the University of Mumbai has also implemented



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the syllabus of our Hindi Department this year. Dr. Dalvi suggested that the course codes which have been allotted by our College should match with those of the University of Mumbai, so that they could be easily weighed at the University and the students should not find it difficult later on. The Principal said that the College would think about considering the changes in the course codes.

A resolution to pass the approved syllabi was proposed by Prof. Dalvi and seconded by Dr. Rajendra Shinde.

3. The Principal said that our Autonomous system has to be based on the workload of the staffing pattern of the Government hence the number of lectures cannot be changed. The College would like to start inter-disciplinary courses for the students which would be choice based. The Principal also stated that the College already has choice based subjects for the Second Year & Third Year students and from this academic year we have introduced the Cross Faculty Courses for the Second Year students. There are 7 different courses for the Arts, Science, BMS & BMM students. The Principal said that he would like some suggestions from the members of the Board regarding increasing interdisciplinary choices and whether it would be good for the students to choose an Applied Component from a different subject at the Third Year. He also stated that the faculty members of the College thought that the students will find it difficult to cope with the Applied Component from a different department if they do not have any background of that particular subject. The proposal is that the Applied Component will not be linked to the major subjects of the students at the T.Y. level.

The Principal asked the Board Members for their suggestions & opinion on this. Fr. Keith said that it was a good idea to start the interdisciplinary course because it will benefit the students in future. He mentioned that most of the International Universities also follow the pattern of interdisciplinary choices wherein the students get a chance to choose courses of their choice. Prof. Dalvi also agreed that students should have a liberty to choose a course of their choice under the Credit System. He also said that the purpose of starting an Applied Component course initially was to help a student to apply it in future for employment. Since St. Xavier's College has the opportunity of framing its own syllabus, it should have such Applied Components which can be made more practical and interesting for the students. The Principal said that the College will review all the syllabi. Prof. Dalvi mentioned that he was appointed as a Course Coordinator at the University level wherein they conducted workshops and courses were framed which were made flexible for students to choose. The Principal said that even after giving a choice of Applied Components to the students, the credits in their main subjects will still be considerable. The Arts students will have two Courses in the First Year, 4 Courses in the Second Year and 4 Courses in the 3rd Year, so that will be around 40 credits in



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that particular subject. Prof. Dalvi said that the Applied Component need have nothing to do with the main subject, for eg. Environmental Science which is an Applied Component is offered by around 300 students of Chemistry as well as Microbiology, therefore the credits of that particular subject should not have any bearing on the major subject. The Principal also mentioned that in the last meeting of the Academic Board Dr. Barma had stated that Interdisciplinary courses are also offered to the students at the TIFR, so it is ideal for St. Xavier's College to start these courses wherein the syllabi can be framed in an inter-disciplinary manner.

The Principal suggested the following Resolution : "The Board of Management recommends to the Academic Board that it take up and consider that the students be given a choice to choose any Applied Component at the Second & Third Year B.A. and at the T.Y.B.Sc. level". Fr. Keith D'Souza proposed and Fr. Terence Quadros seconded the resolution.

4. The Rules for Passing under Autonomy were read out and discussed by the Principal. He said that students have been given 3 chances to make up for their failure in the internal evaluation or the End Semester exams. There is no betterment option allowed.

A resolution to pass the Rules for Passing under Autonomy was proposed by Prof. Jogdand and seconded by Prof. Dalvi.

The Principal stated that in the previous meetings the members of the Management Board had suggested that the College should try to open up and contribute to the University on promoting Autonomy. He mentioned that St. Xavier's College has accepted an invitation from the Academic Staff College to host a Professional Development Program for Academic Administrators and Principals on the 13th, 14th & 15th of February 2012, wherein 50-60 Principals and Vice Principals would be attending. Prof. Dalvi said that the St. Xavier's College is a role model for other Colleges and therefore it should conduct a separate workshop to promote Autonomy. It would be a great contribution of St. Xavier's College to the University if Autonomy is shared with other Colleges. The Principal said that number of our faculty members and Vice-Principals have visited other Colleges and tried to promote Autonomy.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Frazer Mascarenhas S.J
Principal & Secretary



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