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**St. Xavier's College – Autonomous, Mumbai**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING ON 09.04.2012**

**AGENDA:**

1. Resolution to take over the M.Sc. courses under Autonomy, with the syllabus of the University and as amended by the Board of Studies of the Department.
2. Resolution to request the University to recommend to the Government the sanction of 2 posts per M.Sc. Department.
3. Resolution to pass the amended rules of the Autonomous College.

The members present were:

1. Dr. (Fr.) Arun D'Souza, S.J., Rector and Chairperson,
2. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Deputy Secretary, University Grants Commission.
3. Dr. (Ms.) Asha Dayama, Dept. of Hindi, Elected Faculty Member
4. Dr. Rajendra Shinde, Department of Botany, Elected Faculty Member
5. Fr. Terence Quadros S.J., Alumnus
6. Dr. (Ms.) Vivien Amonkar, Alumna
7. Fr. Lawrie Ferrao S.J., Director, Xavier Institute of Communication
8. Fr. Conrad Pessa S.J., Secretary of the Trust
9. Dr. Frazer Mascarenhas S.J, Principal and Secretary

Dr. (Ms.) Manjusha Molavane, Prof. V. V. Dalvi, Prof. P. G. Jogdand & Fr. Keith D'Souza, 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. Dr. Asha Dayama proposed and Fr. Conrad Pessa S.J. seconded the resolution that the Minutes of the Meeting be passed.
2. The Principal stated that as per the UGC norms when a College gets the Autonomous status, it has to include both the Undergraduate as well as the Postgraduate courses under the Autonomous system. Our College enrolls 10 students for M.Sc. in Life Science, the practicals for which are conducted in our College. The lectures for the M.Sc. in Life Science were conducted at the University of Mumbai, but in the beginning of this academic year the University Department of Life Science said that



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they will not be able to take our students for M.Sc. lectures, since their classrooms do not have the capacity to accommodate the students. The reason for this decision could also be that since the University is opting for the Semester System, therefore handling the Internal Evaluation for the students will be a heavy load for the University, hence they are not willing to take up the students of our College for the M.Sc. Lectures. The College will require two additional posts per M.Sc. Department for taking up the M.Sc. lectures and this has already been requested of the Joint Director, Higher Education to sanction these posts.

Dr. Shakeel Ahmad asked that if the classes for M.Sc. are held at the College how will the students react to this. Dr. Vivien stated that the M.Sc. lectures & practicals for Geology are being held in the College itself since the University does not have a Department for Geology in Post-Graduation. Similarly the College will have no difficulty in conducting the lectures for Life Science since the practicals are being conducted in the College. The Principal also said that if the additional posts for teaching are not sanctioned by the Government, then the College will not be able to sustain this course and if this course is made self-financing then the students will have to pay higher fees. For the next academic year the College might have to appoint teaching staff from the Management but from the next year if the posts are not sanctioned then the College will have to think of what alternatives are possible. The Principal also mentioned that we have renovated the Laboratories for Life Science & Botany which are well equipped for the M.Sc. students.

A Resolution to pass the taking up of M.Sc. Courses at the College under Autonomy and to recommend to the Government the sanction of 2 posts per M.Sc. Department was proposed by Dr. Shakeel Ahmad and seconded by Fr. Terence Quadros, S.J.

3. The Rules under Autonomy were read out by the Principal and were circulated to the members of the Board of Management and it was stated that a Resolution would be passed in the next meeting. The Principal stated that the Rules will be circulated to the Academic Council to be passed in their meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012. He also said that some new rules have been formulated taking into account the experience of the previous year.

The students who have finished the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester are encouraged to earn a credit by doing internship. It is a non-academic credit which will be mentioned on the Marksheet. The grading for this credit will be done by the Head of the Department on the basis of the report given by a particular organization. It is not mandatory for the students to do the internship but we will encourage them to get this extra credit.

It was resolved that the Rules under Autonomy are to be discussed in the Academic Council Meeting of the College.



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To be deferred till the next Board of Management Meeting.

4. The Principal mentioned to the members of the Board that at the TY this year there were 8 students who had around 25% attendance and hence their Terms were not granted. The parents of these students were informed regarding this, but throughout the year there had been no improvement in their attendance. Out of the 8 students who were not granted terms, 2 students approached the Students Grievance Cell and the Students Grievance Cell called for a response from the Principal. For one of the students the Principal was called for a personal hearing. For the second student, the College received a letter just one day before the exam from the Students Grievance Cell asking the College to allow the student to appear for the exam. The Minister of Higher Education also sent a letter requesting the College to allow the student to appear for the exam. However, the Principal declined to do this since with 25% attendance it is not possible to grant terms to a student. The Principal stated that the University has an Ordinance which requires 75% of attendance and it is very sad that the University itself is putting pressure on the College to allow the students to appear for the exams without this being fulfilled. The Grievance Cell is also not expected to make such recommendations directly to the Principal. The recommendation has to be made by them to the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor has to give an order to the College.

Dr. Shakeel asked whether the College has planned to apply for re-accreditation from the UGC. The Principal stated that he was told by the NAAC Director, that the system has been changed. As soon as the new system is announced the College will apply.

The Principal mentioned to the Board members that the College has successfully conducted a 3-day Professional Development Programme for Principals and there was a very good response. He also mentioned that the College has got a DST Star College Award for 6 Science Departments for strengthening Life Science & Biotechnology Education in Undergraduate Colleges. The College has been sanctioned a grant of 66 lakhs over a period of 3 years.

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

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