

GOVERNING BODY MEETING 2023 – 2024

Date: 26.10.2023 (Thursday)

Time: 09.30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Hall

LIST OF MEMBERS

Sl. No.	Name of the Members	Designation	Signature
1.	Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J. Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province	Chairman	ABSENT
2.	Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, S.J. Rector	Vice - Chairman	Henry Jerome
3.	Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J. Principal	Member & Secretary	[Signature]
4.	Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J.	Secretary	G. Pushparaj 26.10.23
5.	Rev. Fr. Dr. F.X. Dominic Royce, S.J.	Treasurer	
6.	Dr. B. Xavier Innocent	Deputy Principal	B. Xavier Innocent 26/10/23
7.	Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Hyderabad	UGC Nominee	K. Ramamurthy Naidu 26/10/23
8.	Dr. R. Baskaran, RJDCE, Tirunelveli Region, Tirunelveli	State Government Nominee	ABSENT
9.	Dr. R. Kala Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, M.S. University, Tvl.	University Nominee	R. Kala 26.10.23
10.	Rev. Fr. Dr. K. Arockiam, S.J. St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy	Province Coordinator for Hr. Education	ABSENT
11.	Mr. K. Sundararajan	Office Superintendent	K. Sundararajan
12.	Dr. S.P. Victor, Associate Professor, Dept. of Comp. Sci.	Senior Staff	ABSENT
13.	Dr. P. Devaraju, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics	Senior Staff	P. Devaraju
14.	Rev. Dr. S. Arul Ravi, S.J., Vice-Principal (Shift I)	Special Invitee	AD
15.	Dr. S. Athisayanathan, Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee	S. Athisayanathan
16.	Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, Director, IQAC	Special Invitee	R. Azhagu Raj
17.	Dr. J. Sahayamary, Asst. Director, IQAC	Special Invitee	J. Sahayamary
18.	Dr. R. Geetha, Dean of Science	Special Invitee	R. Geetha
19.	Dr. D. Jockim, Dean of Arts	Special Invitee	D. Jockim
20.	Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research & UGC Affairs	Special Invitee	D. Prem Anand
21.	Dr. S. Chidambaranathan Vice-Principal (Shift II)	Senior Staff (Shift II)	S. Chidambaranathan
22.	Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine Assistant Prof., Dept. of Commerce	Dean of Service Organisations	F.X. Robert Bellarmine
23.	Dr. J. Maragaret Sangeetha Assistant Prof., Dept. of Computer Science		J. Maragaret Sangeetha

MINUTES OF THE 71th GOVERNING BODY MEETING**Date: 26.10.2023****Venue: Conference Hall****Time: 09.30 a.m.**

The 71th Governing Body meeting of the college was held on 26.10.2023 in Conference Hall at 09.30 a.m. The meeting started with a prayer said by Dr. J. Margaret Sangeetha, Dean of Service Organizations.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J., Provincial & Chairman, Jesuit Madurai Province, Rev. Fr. Dr. K. Arockiam, S.J., Higher Education Coordinator, Jesuit Madurai Province, Dr. R. Baskaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tirunelveli Region and Dr. S.P. Victor, Vice Principal (Shift-I) were not able to participate in the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances. Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, S.J., Rector & Vice Chairman of the Board St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai welcomed all the members. He acknowledged the services of the many Jesuits, faculty members, non-teaching staff and others who contributed to the development of the institution over the period of one hundred years. In his introductory note, he shared the following:

- After completing 100 years, the college is marching towards the next Century.
- After the construction of the Centenary block and improving the facilities, now, the campus is beautiful and almost complete.
- He requested the staff to become smart by equipping themselves with modern development in teaching-learning process and asked them to involve in e- content creation.
- He informed that introduction of ERP from the following even semester will make some of the academic and administrative processes easy & creative.
- He also made an appeal to everyone to be conscious of what we are doing with the students at our disposal.
- It is important to develop critical thinking to understand the society, so that we can contribute to the development of the society in a meaningful way.

MINUTES OF THE 70TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

At the invitation of the Chair, Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., Principal and Secretary of the Governing Body read the minutes of the 70th Governing Body meeting held on 12.04.2023. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, UGC Nominee expressed happiness for completing 100 years. He advised the college to visit UGC Office to get Autonomy Grant. He also asked the members to give a copy of the application of UGC Autonomy Grant, so that he can explore the possibility. After these clarifications and suggestions, the minutes of the 70th Governing Body Meeting were approved and passed.

MINUTES OF THE 49TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the 49th Finance Committee Meeting held on 26.07.2023 were read by Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research & UGC Affairs. The following are the highlights of the report:

- The interest money pertaining to College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) will be pre-owned to purchase infrastructure and other assorted items for the new building. Since it is informed that UGC funding is perturbed for the past three years, UGC has not allocated any fund.
- It is proposed to increase the honorarium for the different Statutory Body Meetings from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/-
- It is suggested to provide the seed grant for minor projects at the college level. For both Arts and Science disciplines, five projects each, can be sanctioned to the tune of Rs. 25,000. In total, Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand (Rs. 2,50,000/-) can be sanctioned for this purpose. This decision is approved by the Governing Body.
- It is informed that the budget of the new building is 18 Crores including infrastructural facilities.

Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, UGC Nominee appreciated the management for providing seed money for research at the institutional level. He suggested that the finance committee minutes to have two columns with the details of income generated through various sources and expenditure. Rev. Fr. Dr. F. X. Dominic Royce S J, Treasurer replied that usually the budget is prepared for the college with the details of income and expenditure and it may be attached later. He also

suggested not to use the College GST number for purchasing equipment and materials for the college.

Dr. R. Kala, Professor of Mathematics, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and the University Nominee suggested to initiate Centenary Fellowship for full time research scholars. The Vice-Chairman of the Board promised to take such good initiative. She also asked the college to encourage the staff members for SCA Publications. After these deliberations the minutes were approved by the Governing Body members.

MINUTES OF THE 24TH PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the 24th Planning and Evaluation Committee meeting held on 19.07.2023 were read by Dr. D. Jockim, Dean of Arts. The following are the highlights of the report:

- ❖ Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine and Dr. J. Margaret Sangeetha are appointed Deans of Service Organizations.
- ❖ Mr. Jerald is appointed full time Assistant Placement Officer.
- ❖ 706 Students are placed in the last academic year 2022-2023.
- ❖ Department of English is conducting NET coaching class.
- ❖ Applications for research projects are sent to DST, ICSSR etc. by the faculty members.
- ❖ There is a plan to give free education to 100 students in view of Centenary Year.

Fr. Principal suggested to prepare Placement Calendar and display the list of selected candidates on the notice board and college website. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu said that Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting should have a road map of the college for an academic year including admission, placement, projects etc. and academic matters need not reflect in the meeting. He asked the college to apply for the status of Institution of Eminence. After these clarifications and suggestions, the minutes were approved by the members.

MINUTES OF THE 47TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the 47th Academic Council Meeting held on 30.08.2023 were read by Dr. R. Geetha, Dean of Science. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu clarified that according to the new Education Policy B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence is a 4 year Programme. Vice-Chairman informed that M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence will not be started in the forthcoming academic year. The

Governing Body approved to start the following three UG Degree Programmes for the next academic year 2024-2025:

1. B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
2. B.Sc. Geology
3. B.A. History and Archeology

The minutes of 47th Academic Council Meeting were passed and approved by the members.

ADMISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Dr. S. Arul Ravi, S.J., Vice Principal (Shift-I) & Dalit Coordinator presented the report of the Admission Committee. In the academic year 2023 – 2024, the college received 11,603 applications and 1728 students were admitted. 653 minority students were admitted. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu observed that the demand ratio is very good and he appreciated the members of admission committee for their efforts. Moreover, he informed that the college can have its own admission policy since it is an autonomous institution. The Vice-Chairman clarified that 50% of the seats are filled based on the Government guidelines and for the remaining 50%, the college has its own policy in which preference is given to Minorities, Dalits, Refugees, Migrants, Children of single parents etc. In accordance with a recent Supreme Court Verdict on admission, minority colleges are exempted from the Government norms regarding admission and so the Vice Chairman proposed to follow the province admission policy.

SEMESTER RESULTS

Dr. S. Athisayanathan, Controller of Examinations, presented the semester results of 2022- 2023 Even Semester. The semester examinations were held from 02.05.2023 to 15.05.2023. The results were declared on 26.05.2023. The following are the highlights of the results:

- The pass percentage of UG Programme is 77%
- The pass percentage of PG Programme is 91%
- The pass percentage of MCA is 95 %
- The pass percentage of MBA is 92% and
- The overall pass percentage is 80%.

Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu appreciated the college for producing good results except the three

departments B.A. English Literature Section-A (33.33%), B.Sc. Physics (34.09%) and B.Sc. Physical Education (32.56%). Fr. Principal informed that result analysis was done by all the departments and remedial classes were conducted for the weak students.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research & UGC Affairs, presented the research activities of the academic year 2023-2024. The following are the important aspects of the report:

At present, there are 79 research guides and 180 research scholars in the college as on October 2023. He informed that two workshops are conducted so far, for arts and science disciplines separately. Four research scholars are receiving Canara Bank Scholarship from UGC.

The management has given consent to sanction St. Xavier's Research Grant (SXRG 2023-24) to promote and encourage research culture among the faculty members of SXC. Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) will be allocated to ten potential faculty members. Fr. Secretary suggested to display the details regarding all scholarships on the notice board for the benefit of the research scholars.

IQAC ACITIVITES

Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, Director, IQAC presented the report of IQAC from 15.06.2023 to 25.10.2023. The following are the salient features of the report of IQAC:

- ❖ An Orientation Programme for teachers was conducted on 15th, 16th & 17th June 2023.
- ❖ A Faculty Empowerment Programme (FEP) for Teachers was conducted on 22.07.2023.
- ❖ IQAC meeting was held on 12.09.2023.
- ❖ An Internal Academic Audit for the Departments for the academic year 2022-2023 was conducted on 13.09.2023.
- ❖ An Internal Audit for Service Organisations for the academic year 2022-2023 was conducted on 26.09.2023.
- ❖ Our college secured 55th Rank in the college level category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2023. Totally, 2746 colleges from India took part in the NIRF Ranking – 2023.
- ❖ Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) was uploaded in the NAAC portal for the academic year 2021- 2022 on 28.07.2023 and it was accepted on 17.08.2023.

- ❖ As per UGC Communication D. O. No. 25-5/2011 (IUC) dated 05.11.2020 and Ministry of Education (MoE), INFLIBNET Centre dated 30.01.2023, Faculty members (Shift I 86+ shift II: 124; total: 210) registered in Vidwan Portal.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN ODD SEMESTER

Dr. D. Jockim, Dean of Arts presented the schedule of the meetings of the various Statutory and Non Statutory bodies for the academic year 2023 – 2024. Fr. Principal asked to include the details of IQAC meetings also.

STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine, Dean of Service Organization, presented the activities and the plan of the 30 Service Organizations including hostels for the academic year 2023-2024. According to the report, so far, 125 programmes are conducted in the academic year 2023-2024. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu suggested to include NCC and Sports activities in the next report. Fr. Rector suggested to include the details of alumni activities in the report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J., presented Secretary's report which included the appointment of new officials, teaching and non-teaching staff and the details of retirement.

- The teaching staff (Shift-I) Dr. S. Beschi Antony Rayan, Department of Botany, retires in February 2024.

The following Non Teaching staff will retire as per the date mentioned below:

1. Mr. M. Francis, Store Keeper (on 31.01.2024)
 2. Mr. R. Ramasamy, Record Clerk (on 30.04.2024)
 3. Mr. S. Arockiasamy, Lab. Assistant (on 31.05.2024)
- Fifty six new teaching staff were appointed both in Shift-I & Shift-II for the academic year 2023 – 2024 through coordinator's appointment.
 - Eight non-teaching management staff were appointed for the academic year 2023–2024.
 - In total, Rs.63,67,731/- is spent so far in 2023 -2024 for the improvement of the infrastructure of the college.

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ANY OTHER MATTER

- ❖ In principle, it is accepted to award five marks for library usage from the academic year 2023-24 even semester. A team is to be constituted by the Principal and it will study the feasibility and modalities.
- ❖ A Student should complete 75% attendance of practicals to appear for the Semester Practical Examinations.
- ❖ Dr. R. Azhagu Raj suggested to implement Career Advancement Scheme for Shift –II faculty members also.

The Principal thanked all the members for their contribution and meaningful discussion. The meeting came to an end at 12.45 p.m.


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GOVERNING BODY MEETING 2023 -2024

LIST OF MEMBERS

Date: 05.04.2024

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Hall

S.No.	Members Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J. Provincial, Jesuit Madurai Province	Chairperson	<i>Thomas</i>
2.	Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, S.J. Rector	Vice-Chairman	<i>V. Henry Jerome</i>
3.	Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J. Principal	Member Secretary	<i>S. Mariadoss</i>
4.	Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J.	Secretary	<i>G. Pushparaj</i>
5.	Rev. Fr. Dr. F.X. Dominic Royce, S.J.	Treasurer	<i>F.X. Dominic Royce</i>
6.	Dr. B. Xavier Innocent	Deputy Principal	<i>B. Xavier Innocent</i>
7.	Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu Hyderabad	UGC Nominee	<i>ABSENT</i>
8.	Dr. R. Baskaran RJDCE, Tirunelveli Region, Tirunelveli	State Government Nominee	<i>ABSENT</i>
9.	Dr. R. Kala	University Nominee Professor, Department of Mathematics, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli	<i>ABSENT</i>
10.	Rev. Fr. Dr. K. Arockiam, S.J.	Province Coordinator for Higher Education	<i>K. Arockiam</i>
11.	Mr. K. Sundararajan	Administrative Officer	<i>K. Sundararajan</i>
12.	Dr. S.P. Victor Asso. Prof., Dept. of Computer Science	Senior Staff	<i>S.P. Victor</i>
13.	Dr. P. Devaraju Asso. Prof, Dept. of Economics	Senior Staff	<i>P. Devaraju</i>
14.	Rev. Dr. S. Arul Ravi, S.J. Vice-Principal (Shift I)	Special Invitee	<i>S. Arul Ravi</i>
15.	Dr. S. Athisayanathan Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee	<i>S. Athisayanathan</i>
16.	Dr. R. Azhagu Raj Director, IQAC	Special Invitee	<i>R. Azhagu Raj</i>
17.	Dr. J. Sahaya Mary Asst. Director, IQAC	Special Invitee	<i>J. Sahaya Mary</i>

18.	Dr. R. Geetha Dean of Science	Special Invitee	P. Geetha
19.	Dr. D. Jockim Dean of Arts	Special Invitee	D. Jockim
20.	Dr. D. Prem Anand Dean of Research & UGC Affairs	Special Invitee	D. Prem Anand
21.	Dr. S. Chidambaranathan Vice-Principal (Shift II)	Senior Staff (Shift II)	S. Chidambaranathan
22.	Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce	Dean of Service Organizations	F. X. Robert Bellarmine
23.	Dr. J. Margaret Sangeetha Asst. Prof., Dept. of Computer Science		J. Margaret Sangeetha

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Date: 05.04.2024

Venue: Conference Hall

Time: 10.30 a.m.

The 72nd Governing Body meeting of the college was held on 05.04.2024 in Conference Hall at 10.30 a.m. The meeting started with a prayer said by Dr. B. Xavier Innocent, Deputy Principal.

Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, UGC Nominee, Dr. R. Baskaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tirunelveli Region and Dr. R. Kala, University Nominee were not able to participate in the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, S.J., Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai & the Vice Chairman of the Governing Body, welcomed all the members. He extended a special welcome to Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J., new Provincial & Chairman, Jesuit Madurai Province.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J., Provincial & Chairman, Jesuit Madurai Province, in his introductory note, appreciated the college for conducting Centenary Valediction function in a grand manner. He pointed out that after one hundred years of academic excellence, the responsibility of the college is very high and this Governing Body meeting should address this need. He shared the following ideas with the members:

- According to a recent survey, 26% of the graduates are unemployable whereas only 3% of the illiterates are unemployable.
- 39% of the graduates from IIT did not get employment including graduates from BITS PILANI, IIT Kharagpur etc.
- Unemployability is more serious than unemployment.
- There are three problems in the higher education in India: i. Our methodology remain rote learning, ii. Curriculum is not updated and iii. Teaching is not practical oriented.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J. reminded that the Jesuits have been the pathfinders in the education field, so the college should ensure that the students go out of this campus as employable graduates.

MINUTES OF THE 71st GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Dr. S. P. Victor, Vice Principal & Associate Professor of Computer Science read the minutes of the 71st Governing Body meeting held on 26.10.2023. The following clarifications were made based on the minutes:

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- It is not advisable to use college GST number while purchasing equipments like computers.
- Instead of the term 'weak students', 'slow learners' can be used in formal reports.

After these suggestions, the minutes of the 71st Governing Body Meeting were passed and approved by the members.

MINUTES OF THE 25TH PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the 25th Planning and Evaluation Committee meeting held on 10.01.2024 were read by Dr. D. Jockim, Dean of Arts. It was clarified that in the Transfer Certificate, in the column Community, "Refer to Community Certificate" will be mentioned as per the guidelines of the university. After this clarification, the minutes were approved by the members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the 50th Finance Committee meeting held on 24.01.2024 were read by Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research & UGC Affairs. The following were clarified:

- Rev. Fr. Principal informed that each and every account has to be operated jointly by the Principal and the respective Head of the Department. In all the existing accounts, Campus Treasurer has been added as co-signatory.
- Fr. Principal informed the floor that CPE (College with Potential for Excellence) grant is fully spent and there is no money in this account.
- Rev. Fr. Dr. F. X. Dominic Royce S.J., Treasurer, recommended that the departments can open new accounts in any bank through the Society of Francis Xavier.
- Fr. Secretary said that the college is spending money with the hope that it would receive the Autonomy Grant.

After these clarifications and suggestions, the minutes of the Finance Committee were approved and passed by the members.

MINUTES OF THE 48TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the 48th Academic Council Meeting held on 30.08.2023 were read by Dr. R. Geetha, Dean of Science.

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- It is suggested to retain the nomenclature of B.Com. Maritime Logistics since BBA will come under AICTE from the next academic year 2024-2025.
- Fr. Secretary registered that Manonmaniam Sundaranar University has been insisting on paying Temporary Affiliation fee which is very high and the same will be collected from the students as part of their tuition fee.
- Fr. Secretary informed that a three member committee from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University visited the college on 28.02.2024 to verify the complaints lodged by different persons. The Committee was informed that the University had been requested a copy of those complaints received, so that the college could respond appropriately. Following this, the committee returned without further proceedings.

After these clarifications, the minutes of 48th Academic Council Meeting were passed and approved by the members.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Dr. D. Prem Anand, Dean of Research & UGC Affairs, presented the research activities of the academic year 2023-2024. The following are the important aspects of the report:

- At present there are 86 Research Guides.
- 32 candidates defended their Ph.D thesis in the academic year 2023 – 2024.
- 25 candidates have registered for Ph.D. and 252 candidates are pursuing doctoral research at present. Among them, 142 are Part-time scholars and 110 are Full-time scholars.
- A proposal to DST titled “National Quantum Mission” to a tune of 350 Crores for setting up Thematic Hubs on Quantum materials and devices for Quantum computing is uploaded on 04.04.2024.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J, suggested that the Ph.D scholarship amount should be mentioned in the next report. He also suggested to include the details of paper presentation and publication in the Research Activities.

IQAC ACITIVITES

Dr. R. Azhagu Raj, Director, IQAC presented the report of IQAC from 27.10.2023 to 05.04.2024. The following are the salient features of the report of IQAC:

- Three Faculty Empowerment Programmes were conducted in 2023-2024.

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- An External Academic Audit (AAA) for Departments and Service Organizations for the academic year 2022-2023 was conducted on 01.12.2023.
- The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the academic year 2022-2023 was uploaded in the NAAC portal on 26.03.2024.
- The Student Feedback on Curricular Aspects (Exit Poll) for the academic year 2023-2024 was conducted from 21.03.2024 to 23.03.2024, through the ERP Portal.
- Fr. Principal informed that 15 days Empowerment Programme for the faculty members who were appointed since 2014 will be conducted in the month of May 2024.

RESULTS

Dr. S. Athisayanathan, Controller of Examinations presented the results of November 2023 semester examinations. In total 4305 students appeared for the examinations, out of which 3309 students passed. 29 malpractice cases were registered and actions were taken against them after due enquiry. The following are the highlights of the results:

S. No	Class	Pass Percentage
1	UG	75%
2	PG	85%
3	MCA	88%
4	MBA	81%
Overall Pass Percentage		77%

NEW PROGRAMMES 2024-2025

The following new three Programmes are to be started in the academic year 2024-2025:

1. B.A. History & Archeology
2. B.Sc. Geology
3. B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Rev. Dr. Henry Jerome S.J. informed that Madras University offers M.A. Ancient History and Archeology, so starting the new programme B.A. History and Archeology will ensure the upward mobility of the students. Fr. Principal informed that the Board of Studies meeting for the above new courses will be conducted on 24.04.2024. For the new Programmes B.A. History & Archeology, B.Sc. Geology and B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, the Board of Studies Meeting will be conducted having Department of Economics, Department of Physics and Department of MCA as the parent departments respectively. It is suggested to have the following nomenclatures: B.A. Archeology and B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence. Regarding this a request has been sent to M.S University on 15.03.2024.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN ODD SEMESTER

Dr. D. Jockim, Dean of Arts presented the schedule of the meetings of the various Statutory and Non Statutory bodies for the academic year 2023 – 2024.

STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine, Dean of Service Organizations, presented the activities of the 30 Service Organizations including hostels for the academic year 2023-2024. According to the report, 123 programmes were conducted in the academic year 2023-2024. Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J, appreciated the Principal and staff members for conducting various programmes amidst the tight academic schedule.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J., presented Secretary's report. The following are the important details of the report:

- Dr. S. Beschi Antony Rayan retired from service on 29.02.2024.
- Dr. D.X. Kalavathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil completes service on 31.07.2024. She has submitted application for re-employment.

Infrastructure

- 3 rooms meant for Zoology research centre in CARE building were converted into mathematics classrooms with new tables, benches and black boards.
- 50 old computers are replaced with new computers in MCA Lab and M.Sc. Data Science.
- Facility in EDRC, Department of Commerce, was enhanced for better entrepreneurial and research promotion.
- 16 additional CCTV cameras were fixed at different venues of the college campus.
- New pipeline was installed to take water from the well to the Bank and JJ Clinical Lab and the well was cleaned.
- Grant - in - Aid and self-finance offices were upgraded with 5 Computers.

Rev. Fr. Secretary informed that some of the classes will be shifted to new building in May 2024.


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- It was informed that Xavier Academy has been inaugurated on 05.04.2024 and the courses under AAVE will be conducted through Xavier Academy.
- Rev. Fr. Rector suggested to include the budget in the next even semester Governing Body Meeting.
- Rev. Fr. Dr. K. Arockiam, S.J., suggested to present the financial report in the upcoming meeting.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Amirtham, S.J. in his concluding remark highlighted the following:

- Balancing approach is required regarding curricular and co-curricular activities. Jesuit education aims at giving input to students apart from teaching and learning process.
- He appreciated the initiative of giving seed money for research projects and he insisted to ensure the sanctioning of those projects in an objective way.
- The relationship with the Governments and Universities will be more challenging in future.
- Higher pay scale is required to attract talented faculty members in shift-II. However, maintaining lower fee structure will be difficult if more salary is to be given to faculty members.
- Academic life should be more dynamic for the growth and development of the individuals and institution.

Rev. Fr. S. Mariadoss S.J., Principal proposed vote of thanks and the meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.


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