

Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous)::Vijayawada – 520 008
Minutes of the Virtual Board of Management Meeting
held on 18th August 2021, Wednesday, at 3.00 P.M.

A meeting of Virtual Board of Management was held on 18th August 2021 at 3.00 p.m. Rev Fr.P Balashowry, SJ, Rector, ALC, and Vice President, Board of Management, presided over the meeting and conducted the proceedings on authorization by the President, Rev Fr K.Stanislaus, SJ, Provincial, who could not join the meeting initially owing to a technical glitch. The meeting was attended by the following members:

Members Present:

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| 1. Rev Fr.K.Stanislaus, SJ, Provincial | President |
| 2. Rev Fr.P Balashowry, SJ, Rector, ALC | Vice President |
| 3. Rev Fr.Dr.M.Sagayaraj, SJ | Correspondent, ALC |
| 4. Rev Fr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, ALC | Secretary |
| 5. Rev Fr.N.Bujji Babu, SJ
Controller of Examinations | Management Representative |
| 6. Rev Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ
Director, ALIET | Educationist |
| 7. Dr.C Krishna
Regional Jt. Director of Collegiate Edn. | Govt. Nominee |
| 8. Prof.M.R.Srinivasan
H.o.D. Statistics, University of Madras | UGC Nominee |
| 9. Prof. N Usha
Registrar, Krishna University | University Nominee |
| 10. Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao, Coordinator, IQAC
Dept. of Physics | Staff Representative |
| 11. Dr.P.V.S.Sairam
Secretary I/c-Academic Activities | Staff representative |
| 12. Sri G.M.Srirangam
RUSA & NAAC Coordinator | Staff Representative |

Agenda:

1. Prayer– Rev Fr.P.Balashowry, SJ, Vice President & Rector of ALC
2. Welcome – Rev Fr.K.Stanislaus, SJ, President
3. A Brief Review of the Academic Year 2020-2021 – Fr.Principal
4. Presentation of the Minutes of Academic Council Meetings for the year 2020-2021 for Ratification – Dr.PVS Sairam, Secretary I/c, Academic Activities.
5. Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair
6. Chairman's Concluding Remarks
7. Vote of Thanks – Rev Fr.Dr.M.Sagayaraj, SJ, Correspondent

The proceedings commenced with Rev Fr.P Balashowry, SJ, Rector and Vice President, Board of Management, rendering the prayer to invoke God's blessings for the fruitful conduct of the proceedings.

Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, extending a warm welcome to the members, introduced the Members individually to the Board.

Taking up the Agenda, the President asked Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, to present a brief review of the academic activities for the Academic Year 2020-2021.

Prior to presenting the Academic Review, Fr.Principal placed before the Board the minutes of the previous Board of Management meeting.

Later, Fr.Principal presented a Brief Review of the Academic Activities for the Academic Year 2020-2021 through a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- **Commencement of the Academic Year** with Online Classes for Sr. **UG and P.G.** Students on 27.07.2020; for first year **UG** Students on 19.10.2020; and Offline Classes for Sr. Degree Students on 07.12.2020 (III Year); on 04.01.2021 (II Year) and for First Year Degree Students on 16.11.2020 because of Covid-19 Pandemic Second Wave;
- **Profile of the College**, total Teaching Staff (210) including (17) newly recruited, Non-Teaching Staff (104) including 07 newly recruited and Students' Strength (6231);
- **Academic Council Meeting-I** held on 28th January 2021;
- **Retirement of Officials/Faculty Members:** Rev Fr G.M.Victor Emmanuel, SJ, Principal (FAC) and Lect. in Maths, (31.01.2021); Rev Fr Dr.A.Rex Angelo, SJ, Vice-Principal (PG), Lect. in English and Director, ALCAA (31.10.2020); Dr.V.Ashok Babu, Dr.CH Srinivasu, and Dr.A.V.Ravi Kumar, Lecturers in Physics (30.06.2020; 30.09.2020 and 31.05.2021 respectively); Dr.Y.Hanumantha Rao, H.o.D. Chemistry, (30.06.2020) and Sri C.Ravindra Raju, Lect. in History (31.07.2021).
- **Introduction of New Courses** viz. (1) B.Sc. Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (Big Data Analytics); (2) B.Sc. Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence); (3) B.Sc. Agriculture and Rural Management; and (4) Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) in e-Commerce Operations. With this, the total number of UG programmes offered at present stand at 25 with 32 Sections, while that of PG and Intermediate Courses stand at six and five respectively;
- **Institutional Achievements:** College being awarded All India 14th Rank in EduWorld India Autonomous Colleges Rankings 2020-21 among the 827 Autonomous Colleges in the country;
- **Institutional Recognitions:** College being sanctioned **State Level Khelo India Centre** by the Sports Authority of India, vide its letter dt. 18th August 2020 with an annual grant of Rs. Five Lakhs and the Centre becoming operational with effect from 1st October 2020; **the first and only one so far in the Telugu States.**
- **Grants Obtained:**
 - **RUSA:** Under RUSA of MHRD, Govt. of India, under Component-8, an amount of Rs.1,19,49,147/- was released on 27.05.2021 to our College for "Enhancing Quality and Excellence in Select Autonomous College";
 - **The Italian Episcopal Conference:** Our College has been sanctioned the Community College Building Project (1019/2018) by The Italian Episcopal Conference through its Communication dated 21.06.2021 with a grant of Rs.4,67,31,604/-, out of which an amount of Rs.1,75,70,433/- was released on 13.07.2021;
- **Upgradation of Facilities:**
 - **Loyola Learning Management System (LMS):** an important initiative of the College, as part of its continuing academic reforms, Loyola Learning Management System (LMS)

together with its own Mobile App version was launched on 26.08.2020 under the RUSA Scheme (Rs.30 Lakhs);

- **Campus Internet Leased Line's capacity augmented** from its present 100 Mbps to 200 Mbps to put in place a Local Area Network with the required infrastructure (Rs.20 Lakhs);
- **Enhancement of Facilities** in College Office, Dispensary and Academic Council Halls (Rs.26 Lakhs);
- Additional Qualifications acquired: AP SET qualified (03);
- Three Faculty Members being awarded Ph.D. With these, the total number of our faculty members with NET and SET Qualification goes upto 39. Likewise, the total number of Ph.D. holders among our Staff stands at 62 while that of M.Phil. stands at 25;
- Three Research Scholars including a faculty member of our own Physics Department, completed their Ph.D. under the guidance of three of our faculty members;
- Awards, Honours, Recognitions and **two** Patents received by the faculty;
- College being requested by APSCHE (Lr.Dt.25.06.2021) to guide three Colleges for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC;
- Faculty's Professional Contribution including Papers Presented (45) and Publications (45); Invited Talks Delivered (07);
- Webinars/Seminars/Conferences/FDPs conducted: International (03); National (18), and Regional Level (09);
- Faculty participation in 685 Webinars/Seminars/Workshops; FDPs 207; e-Quizzes 134;
- Library activities including Loyola Reviewers Association's Book Review programmes (06)
- Academic Enrichment of Students including Student Seminars/Workshops conducted (29); Industrial Tours/Field Trips (02); Guest Lectures (04), Students' Participation in Seminars/Workshops;
- Different events organized on the Campus;
- Activities of NCC, NSS, NGC, Women's Cell, HEPSN and MAGIC-Youth;
- Activities of Extension Programme ALANA and ALERT including distribution of New Clothes to both the Members of Self Help Groups of ALANA and the Non-Teaching Staff of ALC on 19th December 2020 (Rs.2 Lakhs);
- Distribution of Uniform for about 80 Non-Teaching Staff on 8th September 2020;
- Jawahar Knowledge Centre and Students' Placements;
- APSSDC-sponsored Employability Skills Centre's activities;
- Memoranda of Understanding (35) signed with International Bodies/Govt. Organizations/Sector Skill Council of NSDC/ Universities/ Colleges/Industrial Houses for promoting Faculty and Student Exchange Programmes, Distance Education and cooperation in Literary and Cultural Fields;
- Hostel Life;
- Student Welfare Schemes being implemented;
- Covid-19 Second Wave - Relief Measures undertaken (Rs.10 Lakhs); and
- In Memoriam

Fr.Vice-President, Board of Management, thanked Fr.Principal for presenting a comprehensive but brief academic review highlighting the academic activities conducted, achievements made and outreach activities organized in the course of the academic year.

Ratifications:

Taking up the next item on the agenda, Fr.Vice President invited Dr.P.V.S.Sairam, Secretary I/c, Academic Activities, to present the minutes of Academic Council meetings held during the academic year 2020-2021.

Dr.Sairam presented the minutes of the Academic Council Meetings held on 28th January 2021 and 29th July 2021 including the Resolutions of the Boards of Studies (UG 29 & PG 06) as well as the Resolution concerning introduction of five new UG Programmes including two Apprenticeship Embedded Programmes, two additional sections in B.Com., Computers, 0and two Certificate Courses from the academic year 2021-2022 and sought the ratification of the same by the Board of Management.

Post-presentation of the brief academic review and minutes of the meetings of Academic Council by Fr.Principal and Secretary I/c, Academic Activities, respectively, Fr.Vice President invited the Members to express their views/observations, if any.

Referring to the Brief Academic Review, Dr.C.Krishna, Government Nominee (RJDCE), lauded the achievements made by the College and the faculty members and said that they are reflective of the faculty's commitment and hard work. He wished that ALC would become a role model to all the other Colleges in the state and said that the achievements assume more significance in the backdrop of the academic year being affected by Covid-19 Pandemic.

Prof.M.R.Srinivasan, UGC Nominee, congratulated both the Management and the administration for the yeoman service they have been rendering all along to the stakeholders both in the academic and service sectors.

In reply to the query of Prof. Srinivasan on blending two distinctive subjects viz. Big Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence with triple-majors of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Fr. Principal, Chairman-Academic Council, noted that triple-major system is an integral part of the U.G. course structure in the State and said that adequate care has been taken to put greater emphasis on these two papers - Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, though they are offered along with triple-major subjects.

In this connection Fr.Principal informed the Members that IBM, a globally reputed multi-national technology corporation, which got in touch with the College offering to run few courses with their faculty, agreed to offer to our students one Course in each Semester (both Online and Offline) at a prescribed fee and said that this agreement between the College and IBM would afford our students the benefit of being taught by the IBM faculty and Joint Certification.

Subsequent to the foregoing observations and clarifications, the Board of Management ratified the minutes of the meetings of the Academic Council as well as the Resolutions passed by the Academic Council including the Resolution pertaining to introduction of the following five new UG Programmes including two Apprenticeship Embedded Programmes, two additional sections and two Certificate Courses from the Academic Year 2021-2022

1. (i) B.A., Economics, Public Policy and Anthropology; (ii) B.A., History, Public Policy and Anthropology and (iii) B.A., English Literature, Psychology and Computer Applications with an Intake of 60 (sixty) each.
2. **Apprenticeship Embedded Sector Skill Council–MHRD, Govt. of India, Courses:**
 - (i) Bachelor of Management Studies in Agri Storage and Supply Chain Management and (ii) Bachelor of Business Administration in Retail Operations with an Intake of 60 (sixty) each.
3. two Additional Sections in B.Com., Computers with an Intake of 60 (sixty) each.
4. **Certificate Courses by ALC–JKC to III UG Students during the V & VI Semesters**
 - (i) Communication and Soft Skills Certificate Course and (ii) Essential Employability Skills Certificate Course

Any other matter:

Under any other matter, the President invited the Members to express their views and offer suggestions, if any.

Prof.Srinivasan, UGC Nominee, made a suggestion to consider changing the triple-major of Mathematics, Statistics and Big Data Analytics as *Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science at the U.G. level* and *offering Big Data Analytics at the P.G. level* and observed that it would be more beneficial to the students. He also suggested to the administration approaching the DRDO for financial support for increased research with specialization in the disciplines of Physics and Chemistry.

Prof.N.Usha, University Nominee, said that it is truly heartening to note the achievements registered by the College despite **Covid-19** pandemic and observed that ALC stands out as the best College not only under the purview of Krishna University, but in the entire state of A.P. She said that the administration's thrust on both the academics including research, and philanthropic social service activities undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic period is highly commendable. She appreciated the faculty for their extensive participation in different academic activities including Webinars/Seminars/FDPs, presentation of Papers, Publications, etc. and the faculty's services being requisitioned by APSCHE as Members of the Advisory

Committee of State Level Quality Assurance Cells (QACs) and Q-Leaders of QACs is a significant achievement, she added.

Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Educationist, appreciating the administration and faculty for the laudable achievements made during the academic year, recalled many a creditable credential acquired by the College since its inception in 1954 and suggested to the administration to give a serious thought to upgrade the College into a University, given all the infrastructure available at its disposal as well as a visionary leadership.

Rev.Fr.K.Stanilsaus, SJ, President, Board of Management, congratulating the College Administration on various achievements made and development of infrastructure in the course of the academic year, thanked Rev.Fr.G.M.Victor Emmanuel, S.J, Principal (FAC), retired on 31st January 2021, and the incumbent for all the hard work they have put in with commitment for the around development of the College. Expressing his happiness at the achievements made and grants obtained by the College under different schemes, the President appreciated the faculty for making all these achievements possible through their dedicated hard work.

Fr.Dr.M.Sagayaraj,SJ, Correspondent, welcoming the suggestion made by Fr. Dr.A.Francis Xavier, Educationist, on establishing a University, said that the process initiated earlier in this regard had to be kept on hold as the Requirement of Financial Resources, estimated to be Rs.100 Crores earlier, has gone up to Rs.250 Crores now. However, Fr. Correspondent said that the matter would be considered in depth and a concerted effort would be made towards this project.

Sri GM Srirangam, RUSA & NAAC Coordinator (Staff Representative), suggested devising a Perspective Plan for the College for the next five years focussing on “Changes to be brought in” and “Identification of Thrust Areas with time-bound Action Plan” with the objective of ensuring continued grater institutional presence on the academic firmament in the backdrop of fast changing scenario in the State with regard to higher education sector. He further said that the institutional Perspective Plan should look beyond the NAAC and NIRF perspectives.

Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal and Secretary, Board of Management, mentioning to the members that Autonomous Colleges are given an annual grant of Rs.20 Lakhs under autonomy by the UGC, said that the College did not receive the Grant for the current academic year 2020-2021. In this connection, he said that his inquiries with the Principal of neighboring Maris Stella College (Autonomous) fetched him the information that their College was in receipt of a communication dt. 25th September, 2020 from the UGC-SERO that Release of

Autonomous Grant for the year 2020-2021 is not feasible on account of paucity of funds and hence no expenditure may be incurred by the Autonomous Colleges in anticipation of UGC grants.

Against this backdrop, he said that the usual statutory practice of holding the Finance Committee meeting and presenting its minutes to the Board of Management for its ratification is discontinued for this year. However, Fr.Principal informed the members that the College did not discontinue spending the required amount under the Head "Autonomy" in the interests of the students.

With the foregoing deliberations and ratifications by the Board of Management, the meeting concluded with Rev.Fr.Dr.M.Sagayaraj, SJ, Correspondent, proposing a vote of thanks.

Vote of Thanks: Fr.Dr.M.Sagayaraj, SJ, Correspondent, proposing vote of thanks, noted the contribution of each individual member and thanked the members for their valuable suggestions, guidance and support.

Fr. Correspondent placed on record his sincere thanks to -

1. Rev.Fr.K.Stanislaus, SJ, President, for his guidance and support to the college administration strengthening its energy;
2. Fr.P.Balashowry, SJ, Rector, for his silent and encouraging support both in academic and humanitarian service activities undertaken by the College;
3. Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, for his relentless hard work in developing the College at every level;
4. Fr.Bujji Babu, SJ, Controller of Exams, for his silent and effective team work with timely conduct of Examinations and bringing out results on time;
5. Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Educationist, for his cooperative and collaborative support to the College through his creative ideas for sustaining and promoting standards of the College in every way;
6. Dr.C.Krishna, Govt. Nominee (RJDCE) for his words of appreciation and encouragement to the College and assured that ALC would continue as always striving to achieve greater excellence and be a role model to other colleges in the State as wished by him;
7. Prof.M.R.Srinivasan (UGC Nominee) for his valuable guidance and suggestions on approaching DRDO for increased promotion of research in the college and assured to translate his suggestions into action;

8. Prof.N.Usha (University Nominee) for her continuous support to the administration and for her words of appreciation in pronouncing Andhra Loyola College as the best College in the State.

Fr. Correspondent assured her that the College administration would continue to nurture the young faculty members to keep the standards of ALC ever higher and recalled different incentives being extended to the faculty members by the College for their professional advancement and enrichment;

9. Sri.GM Srirangam, RUSA & NAAC Coordinator (Staff Representative), for his suggestion on “Perspective Plan” for the next five years and appreciated him for the services he has been rendering to the College inspite of his hectic multi-tasking schedule;
10. Dr.P.V.S.Sairam, Vice Principal and Secretary I/c-Academic Activities, for his hardwork and proactive role in each and every initiative planned and implemented in the College for the academic fraternity; and
11. Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao, IQAC Coordinator, for his yeomen services with commitment to the College in all matters. Interpreting him as a Gem, Fr.Correspondent said that his approachability, ever readiness coupled with his capabilities to take up any task assigned and to resolve any issue are highly commendable, he added.

Describing Sri G.M.Srirangam, Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao and Dr.P.V.S.Sairam as *Thrimurthulu* of the Institution, Fr.Correspondent appreciated the remarkable services being rendered by the trio.

Fr.Vice-President thanked Rev.Fr.Correspondent and all the members of the Board for their active participation and assured that all the suggestions of the members would be taken with due consideration to achieve the objective of ALC scaling greater heights.

Fr. Vice-President also placed on record his due acknowledgement of the supportive role played by the technical crew in the successful conduct of virtual Board Meeting.

Fr.Principal placed on record his special thanks to the Nominees of the UGC, Government and the University for their presence and words of appreciation for the achievements and activities of the College.

(Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ)

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