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**Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous), Vijayawada - 520 008**  
**Academic Council Meeting (II) – Wednesday, 28.03.2018 at 02.30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Academic Council was held on Wednesday, 28.03.2018 at 02.30 P.M. in the Academic Council Hall. The following members attended the meeting.

Chairperson	Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ	Principal, ALC,
University Representatives	Prof.YK Sundara Krishna Prof.N.Usha Dr.CM Vinay Kumar	Dept.of Comp.Science, KU Dept of English, KU Dept.of Journalism, KU
Management Representative	Rev Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ	Correspondent, ALC
Secretary-Academic Activities	Dr.CH.Srinivasu	Dept. of Physics
External Experts	Dr.O.Mahesh	Engineering
	Sri N Harinath	Advocate
	Dr.Nambiar	Medicine
	Sri D.Ramakrishna	Industrialist
	Sri Y Harishchandra Prasad	Commerce
Vice Principals	Dr.Gumma Sambasiva Rao Ms.A.Lavanya	Dept. of Telugu Dept. of Comp.Science
Deans	Dr.B Raju	Dean of Humanities & H.o.D. English
	Dr.B.Venkateswara Rao	Dean of Sciences
	Dr.B.Syamsundar	Dean of Student Affairs
Controller of Examinations	Rev Fr.N.Bujji Babu, SJ	
Heads/Coordinators of the Departments	Dr.B.Raju	English
	Dr.R.Ravindra Bhas	Telugu
	Dr.M.Sivaram	Sanskrit and Hindi
	Sri P Chenchu Babu	Mathematics
	Dr.N.Srinivasa Rao	Statistics
	Dr. G.Sahaya Baskaran	Physics
	Dr.G.V.Ramana	Chemistry
	Dr. P Srinivasa Rao	Botany
	Sri G.M.Srirangam	H.o.D. Zoology, Coordinator, Food-Tech. & B.Voc. Programs.
	Sri K Balachandra	Microbiology
	Ms.V.Kavitha	Biotechnology
	Sri C Ravindra Raju	History
	Dr. Mrs.B. Baby Rani	Economics
	Sri KV Vijaya Babu	H.o.D. Political Science & Coordinator, VisCom.
	Dr.N.A.Francis Xavier	Commerce
	Ms.D.Uma Kumari	Business Administration
	Dr.K.Job Sudarshan	Ethics and Religion
	Dr.K.B.S.Sastry	Comp.Science
	Sri L.Ekambaram	Electronics
	Sri PVS Sairam, Coordinator	Foundational Courses and General Electives
	Sri S.S.Sridhar	MCA
	Dr.B.G.K.Murthy	MBA
	Ms.K.Seshulatha, Coordinator	PG Physics
	Sri T Jaison Jose, Coordinator	PG Chemistry
	Sri K Sankar, Coordinator	PG Botany
	Sri M Ankamma Rao, Coordinator	PG Mathematics
	Sri T Rajakumar, Coordinator	PG VisCom.
	Dr. G A Prasad Rao	Librarian
	Sri JV Nagendra Prasad	Director of Phy. Education
	Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao	Coordinator, IQAC
	Dr.B.Sivakumari	Coordinator, DBT-Star College Scheme
	Dr.M.C.Rao	Director, CCLR

The meeting started with a prayer by Rev Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Correspondent, invoking God's blessings for the successful conduct of the proceedings. Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, welcomed the members.

Dr.CH.Srinivasu, Secretary-Academic Activities, initiating the proceedings, informed the members that this Academic Council meeting was being conducted as a paper-less *e-Academic Council Meeting* and presented the agenda for the same.

The Secretary-Academic Activities requested Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal and Chairman, Academic Council, to present the Academic Review for the year 2017-2018. Fr.Principal, in his Brief Review of Academic Activities for the Academic Year 2017-2018 highlighted the following:

- *Institutional Recognitions viz. College being -*
  - a. Accredited at A<sup>+</sup> Grade by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.66/4.00 in March 2017;
  - b. Awarded the All India 24<sup>th</sup> Rank for Colleges by NIRF in April 2017;
  - c. P.G. Courses granted Autonomy by Krishna University in May 2017;
  - d. Extension of Autonomous Status by UGC in September 2017;
  - e. Selected for Support under the FIST (Fund for Improvement of Science and Technology) Project of Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, in January 2018; and
  - f. Selected by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh under its Scheme "Sports in Colleges" in the discipline of Athletics in June 2017.
- Profile of the College, Staff Appointments (19) and Students' Strength (4578)
- Examination Results - being an overall 86, 88 and 88 pass percentages for Intermediate, Degree and PG Wings respectively for the last academic year.
- Number of Courses being offered, including Introduction of B.Sc., Mathematics, Computer Science, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Additional Sections in B.Sc. (MPC Group) and B.Sc. Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science
- Five Faculty Members being awarded Ph.D. (05). With these, the total number of Ph.D. holders among our Staff went upto 59 while that of M.Phil. acquired and NET/SET qualified stood at 37 and 21 respectively.
- Awards, Honours and Recognitions received by the faculty
- Faculty's Professional Contribution including Papers Presented (234) and Publications (127)
- Guest Lectures Delivered (26) and Guest Lectures Organized (22)
- Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies (ISCS)-collaborated and UGC-sponsored International Conference (01), UGC-sponsored National Seminars (03), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, NSSTA-sponsored National Seminar (01) and State Level Seminars (14) conducted.
- Participation in 68 Seminars/Workshops and Services Rendered as Resource Persons (16)
- Library activities including Loyola Reviewers Association's Book Review programmes
- Academic Enrichment of Students including Student Seminars/Workshops (10) conducted, Industrial Tours/Field Trips (11) organized, Students' Participation in Seminars/Workshops.
- Different events organized on the Campus
- Students' Achievements in extra curricular, co-curricular activities and Sports and Games
- Achievements of NCC cadets and NSS Volunteers.
- Activities of NSS and Extension Programme ALANA.
- Jawahar Knowledge Centre and students' placements
- Hostel Life including the starting of Common Mess for all the four Hostels with a centralized modern Kitchen.

- Implementation of Student Welfare Schemes with an amount of Rs.5,33,000/- for Mid Day Meal, Management Freeships and Scholarships for students to the tune of almost Rs.20 Lakhs (19,75,950/- to be precise), College Dispensary, etc.
- In Memoriam

Later the Secretary-Academic Activities invited the Heads/Coordinators of both the U.G. and P.G. Departments to present the Resolutions of their respective Boards of Studies for the Council's ratification.

In the course of the proceedings, Sri D.Ramakrishna, Industrial Expert, suggested making the Syllabi more practical and application-oriented, in tune with the latest advancements with the objective of providing more employability to the students as well as preparing them for the global market.

He further suggested to the Departments to provide the External Experts, henceforth, with a brief note on the Outline of their respective Courses together with Objectives to help them understand the Syllabi and contribute effectively to the debate.

Expressing a similar view on upgradation of Syllabi, Sri Y Harishchandra Prasad, Commerce Expert, suggested that a blanket approval could be considered for the Resolutions of the Boards of Studies which had retained the existing Syllabi without any modification. He said that the time, thus saved, could be devoted for a discussion on the suggestions being made by the External Experts on Curriculum. The University Representatives also expressed a similar view.

Mr.Harish Chandra Prasad further suggested to the University Nominees to explore the possibility of giving complete autonomy to Autonomous Colleges like ALC to make their own innovations in the Syllabi. He said that it was for the Academic Institutions to give their expertise and technology to the Industry which would create employment as in the case of countries like China.

Making an intervention in the discussion, Fr.Principal said that all the suggestions/observations made by the External Experts on upgradation of Syllabi were well taken into consideration. However, he called upon them to be aware of the limitations of the Autonomous Colleges to change their Syllabi as they were required to comply with the guidelines of the UGC, A.P. State Council of Higher Education and affiliating University.

Observing that Collegiate Education in India continues to be shackled, Fr.Principal said that strengthening of School Education also was the prerequisite for improving the quality of Higher Education in the Country. He mentioned that majority of the students taking admission into UG courses lack knowledge of basic concepts of the subjects.

He said that ALC was, perhaps, the only College in A.P. to have adopted the syllabi of UGC for every subject. Stating that ALC always kept experimenting with innovative courses, Fr.Principal said that such innovative courses, however, did not get good number of takers, as the priority of everyone, often, tended to be a white-collared job.

Mr.KV Vijaya Babu suggested the industry and the academia coming together on a bigger platform to evolve Syllabi that could be more useful and beneficial to the future generation of students. He, however, expressed himself against the suggestion to go for blanket approval of the Resolutions of Boards of Studies.

Responding to the suggestion of the External Experts on going for blanket approval of the Resolutions of Boards of Studies, Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao favoured a thorough discussion on the Resolutions of each Board of Studies as per the UGC Guidelines on the role of an Academic Council.

He termed both the concerns of the Industry as well as the limitations of Autonomous Colleges with regard to upgradation of syllabi as true. Describing the response of industries to offer Internship to the students as discouraging, he said that no industry approached the Colleges with a suggestion to offer a particular course to meet its requirements.

Indicating the preparedness/willingness of the College/Departments to offer Courses suggested by the Industry, he referred to the B.Sc., Electronics Technology course introduced in collaboration with Efftronics Systems (P) Ltd., Vijayawada.

Mr.Srirangam suggested a discussion on the problems confronting the Autonomous Colleges in upgrading the syllabi as well as the contributory role of industry towards the same. The duty of the Academic Council as per the UGC Guidelines is "to ratify" the resolutions of Boards of Studies, he said, and added that a thorough discussion was not required.

The Council, having heard the aforesaid views of individual Members, proceeded to take up for consideration the Resolutions of each individual Board of Studies.

**The Academic Council, after considering all the Resolutions, ratified the same in toto. The Resolutions together with the approved Syllabi are appended herewith as a separate volume.**

**Under any other matter, Fr.Principal moved the following two Resolutions and sought the Academic Council's approval:**

**Resolutions:**

1. It is resolved to offer two new Undergraduate Courses viz. (1) ***BBA Aviation Management*** and (2) ***BBA Hotel Management*** with an Intake of 60 (sixty) students each with effect from the Academic Year 2018-2019.
2. It is resolved to give a Grace Period of Two Semesters for those candidates who could not qualify for the Award of Degree within the stipulated period of six years.

**The Academic Council unanimously approved the Resolutions.**

Later, Fr.Principal invited the members to make their general observations and suggestions.

Fr.Dr.Francis Xavier, SJ, Management Representative, said that we had to prepare our students for jobs and suggested giving more employment-orientation to the syllabi of PG Courses.

Responding to the observation of Fr.Francis Xavier, Mr.Srirangam, Autonomy Coordinator, said that introduction of Skill-Based Electives in the curriculum for PG Courses was intended to give employment-orientation to the students, while Communication Skills of students were strengthened through another component of the curriculum i.e. Seminar Courses.

Prof.Sundara Krishna, University Nominee, referring to the extensive discussion that took place on the resolutions of Boards of Studies said that the discussion could be limited to the scope of Resolutions. He also suggested circulating to the members a brief note on Board-wise Resolutions to facilitate appropriate discussion. He called upon the Chairpersons of Boards of Studies to involve industrial experts in their pre-Boards of Studies meetings to get clarity on the industry requirements and upgrade the syllabi accordingly.

He further said that the theory part had greater importance in the Curriculum at the UG level while emphasis had to be on the application part in respect of Professional/Technical/Job-oriented courses.

Fr.Principal brought to the notice of Prof.Sundara Krishna that all the Boards of Studies already had representatives from the Industry in ALC.

Prof.N.Usha, University Nominee, suggested encouraging students to go for Online Courses during summer vacation which would help them in Campus Placements. She congratulated the Faculty Members on the good number of publications made during this academic year. Cautioning the Faculty Members against spurious journals, she called for

faculty's participation in qualitative academic activity. She also called for uniformity with regard to framing of Resolutions.

In this context, Fr.Principal informed Prof. Usha that Online Courses had already been made mandatory for the II Year Degree Students two years ago.

Dr.M.C.Rao, Director, CCLR, responding to the observation of Prof. Usha, said that the Faculty Members always published their Research Papers in peer-reviewed National/International Journals, Web of Sciences and Scopus.

Dr.Vinay Kumar, University Nominee, suggested encouraging more Campus Placements, maintaining comprehensive *Student Data Base* and striving to improve the syllabi on par with premier institutions.

Fr.Principal observed that *Student Data Base* was very much maintained.

Fr.Rex Angelo, SJ, Vice Principal (PG) said that a good number of our PG students always got selected in Campus Placements.

The meeting concluded with Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao, Coordinator, IQAC, proposing a vote of thanks.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Council placed on record its appreciation to Dr.Gumma Sambasiva Rao, Vice Principal (UG), Dr.B.Venkateswara Rao, Dean of Sciences, and Sri KV Vijaya Babu, H.o.D. Political Science, for the services they had been rendering to the Academic Council in different capacities over the years. Dr.Gumma Sambasiva Rao and Dr.B.Venkateswara Rao are due to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, while Sri KV Vijaya Babu is due to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 on attaining their superannuation.

Dr.CH.Srinivasu  
Secretary-Academic Activities

Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ  
Principal & Chairman,  
Academic Council