

ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)::VIJAYAWADA -520008  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The meeting of the Board of Management was held on Wednesday, 18.04.2018 at 3.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall. Rev Fr P.S.Amalraj, SJ, Provincial and President, Board of Management, presided over the meeting, attended by the following members.

**Members Present:**

1.	Rev Fr.P.S.Amalraj, SJ, Provincial	Chairman
2.	Rev Fr.D.Ravi Sekhar, SJ, Rector, ALC	Vice Chairman
3.	Rev Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ	Correspondent, ALC
4.	Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, ALC	Secretary
5.	Rev Fr.Dr.A.Rex Angelo, SJ,Vice Principal (PG)	Management Representative
6.	Rev Fr.N.Bujji Babu, SJ, Controller of Exams	Management Representative
7.	Dr.Ms.K.Prameela	Govt. Nominee
8.	Prof. P.King	University Nominee
9.	Dr.CH.Srinivasu, <b>Secretary-Academic Activities</b>	Staff Representative

**AGENDA**

1. Prayer– Rev Fr.D.Ravi Sekhar, SJ, Vice Chairman & Rector of ALC
2. Welcome – Rev Fr.P.S.Amal Raj, SJ, Chairman
3. A Brief Review of the Academic Year 2017-2018 – Fr.Principal
4. Presentation of the Minutes of Academic Council Meeting for the year 2017-2018 for Ratification – Dr.CH.Srinivasu, Secretary, Academic Activities.
5. Presentation of the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting and the Financial Statement for the Grants Received from UGC for Ratification. – Fr.Principal
6. Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair
7. Chairman's Concluding Remarks
8. Vote of Thanks – Rev Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Correspondent

The proceedings commenced with Rev Fr.D.Ravi Sekhar, SJ, Vice President and Rector, rendering the prayer to invoke God's blessings for the fruitful conduct of the proceedings. Rev Fr.P.S.Amalraj, SJ, Chairman, extended a warm welcome to the members.

In his opening remarks, Fr.Provincial mentioned that the College is in its 64<sup>th</sup> year of the existence. Stating that the mission of Jesuit Education seeks to form students into men and women for others with Competence, Conscience and Compassionate Commitment, he said that ALC has been consistently striving to fulfil this mission for the last 64 years. He further said that education at ALC shapes students into leaders who could contribute to Indian society and democracy at large.

Later, taking up the Agenda, he asked Rev Fr.Dr.G.A.P.Kishore, SJ, Principal, to present a brief review of academic activities for the Academic Year 2017-2018.

Fr.Principal presented a brief Academic Review for the Academic Year 2017-2018 highlighting the following:

- *Institutional Recognitions viz. College being -*
  - a. Accredited at A+ 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

Sharing additional information during the presentation of the Academic Review, Fr.Principal said that the College was awarded the All India 56<sup>th</sup> Rank by NIRF in its latest Rankings declared on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 for the Year 2018. In this context, he attributed different factors like increase in the number of Colleges registering themselves for NIRF Rankings,

variation in parameters followed by the competing Colleges with regard to submission of their data, etc. to the fluctuation in the College ranking for the year 2018 *vis-a-vis* the Rank for the year 2017. Informing that ALC submitted data pertaining to both the Aided and Unaided sections, he said that a few Colleges, which scored better Ranks, apparently submitted data pertaining to only Aided sections according to government sources.

Explaining different steps being taken by the administration to encourage the faculty members to engage in research activities, Fr.Principal said that the Seed Money of Rs.25,000/- being given, hitherto, to Unaided Faculty Members to pursue their Ph.D. programme is being increased to Rs.40,000/- from the ensuing academic year. Likewise, there is also a proposal under consideration to give suitable financial incentive to the faculty members for each of their Research Publication in International/National Journals depending on the impact factor of Paper published, he added.

The Chairman appreciated Fr. Principal for presenting an exhaustive Review of the Academic Activities. Taking note of the faculty's professional development like acquiring Ph.D. Qualification, Research Publications and Research Papers presented by the faculty members, the Chairman said that these are the academic wealth of the College. He thanked Fr.Principal for making a detailed presentation of different Curricular, Co-curricular and Extra-Curricular activities conducted in the course of the academic year and implementation of Student Welfare Schemes and Management Scholarships for students, etc.

He placed on record his appreciation to the faculty members and the students for the creditable performance and numerous achievements made during the academic year under the leadership of Fr.Principal and congratulated Fr.Principal on the same.

He specifically appreciated Fr.Principal for encouraging the faculty members to engage in research activity through increased Seed Money to the unaided Faculty Members to pursue their Ph.D. programme and the proposed financial incentive for the faculty members publishing their Research Papers in International/National Journals.

He appreciated the administration for having the highest ever student strength of over 4800 and for its gesture of giving scholarships to the students and suggested to the administration to explore the possibility of enhancing the same.

Fr.Principal informed Dr.K.Prameela, Government Nominee, and Prof.P.King, University Nominee, who are making their maiden presence in the Board meeting, of a special

component included in the salary structure for unaided faculty members with Ph.D. or M.Phil./NET/SET Qualification.

The Government Nominee said that she was very happy to note this and congratulated Fr.Principal on the same.

In reply to the query of Dr.K.Prameela, Fr.Principal said that the Departments of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, English and Telugu have been recognized as the Approved Research Centres of Krishna University and eighteen of our faculty members are Approved Research Guides of Krishna University.

Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Correspondent, suggested to the administration to encourage and make every Department conduct at least one Seminar in an academic year. Referring to introduction of a new UG course with Pharmaceutical Chemistry as one of the group subjects, Fr.Francis Xavier suggested inviting eminent experts from Pharma industry to teach a few classes for these students and said it would be much more helpful to them.

In this context, Fr.Principal informed the members of a recent decision taken to enhance the allocation of amount for Seminars/Workshops under the Autonomous Grant from the ensuing academic year following the latest UGC-SERO communication concerning the removal of (1) Honorarium to Controller of Exams and (2) Expenditure pertaining to the Boards of Studies and Governing Body meetings from the Autonomous Grant. Fr.Principal said that the increased grant would be utilized for conducting more number of Seminars/Workshops by involving all the Departments, as suggested by Fr.Dr.Francis Xavier.

#### **Ratifications:**

Taking up the next item on the agenda, the Chairman asked the Secretary-Academic Activities, to present the minutes of the Academic Council meeting.

Dr.CH.Srinivasu, Secretary-Academic Activities, presented the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and sought ratification of the same.

#### **The Board of Management ratified the minutes of the Academic Council for the year 2017-2018.**

Later, Fr.Principal presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 06.04.2018, the Financial Statement for the grants received from UGC for the year 2017-2018 and the proposed budget for the Autonomous A/c for the year 2018-2019 and sought ratification of the same.

**The Board of Management unanimously ratified the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee.**

Later, Dr.Prameela, Govt. Nominee, asked Fr.Principal about the implementation of Bio-metric Attendance for students and said that 75% attendance is mandatory for students to receive government scholarships.

Responding to the query of the Government Nominee, Fr.Principal explained the current status on the implementation of Bio-Metric Attendance System. Sharing further information on the subject, he informed the members of several instructions/directions received hitherto from different Government Departments on implementing different types of Bio-metric Attendance Systems and the expenditure incurred by the College so far on implementing the same.

He informed the members of the latest instructions issued by the the Special Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Govt. of A.P., directing the implementation of the Integrated Attendance Management System (IAMS) by purchasing I-coma Bio-Metric System. And these machines are non-compatible with the MHRD-*Vidyawaan* portal, he added.

In the light of the foregoing, Fr.Principal said that a letter had been addressed to the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking clarity on the kind of Bio-Metric Attendance System to be implemented and the same is awaited, he added.

Prof.P.King, University Nominee, asked Fr.Principal whether Academic Audit is conducted every year and Special Appreciation Awards, if any, are given to the faculty members

In his reply, Fr.Principal said that Academic Audit of the College is being done every year by the Academic Auditors appointed by the Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Govt. of A.P.

On the Special Appreciation Awards for the faculty members, Fr.Principal said that ALC makes it a point to give due recognition to the singular contribution/achievements of staff members by presenting them with Special Appreciation Awards in different categories including Research, Literary and Cultural Contribution, Acquiring Additional Qualifications like Ph.D., Resource Mobilization, Organizational Assistance, Dedicated Service, 100% Attendance, etc.

Prof.King suggested to the administration to consider applying for ISO Certificate.


**Chairman's Concluding Remarks:**

In his concluding remarks, Fr.P.S.Amalraj, SJ, Chairman, wished to see the institution move forward with greater success. Observing that the vision for the College in 1954 – the year of its inception - was very great, Fr.Provincial said that he was very happy to see ALC emerging as a premier institution of higher learning in 2018 with creditable Rankings and Recognitions by Government Accrediting Agencies like NAAC and NIRF in recognition of its significant achievements made hitherto.

In this connection, Fr.Provincial observed that it is indeed a privilege for ALC to have been identified for *Support under the FIST* (Fund for Improvement of Science and Technology) Project of Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. He said that it was really commendable for the College to have been awarded the All India 56<sup>th</sup> Rank for Colleges for the year 2018 by the National Institutional Ranking Framework as reported by Fr.Principal in his academic review. He congratulated the administration and the faculty members for bringing these honours to the College.

**Vote of Thanks:** Fr.Dr.A.Francis Xavier, SJ, Correspondent, proposed a vote of thanks. He thanked all the members present, especially the Government Nominee Dr.K.Prameela and University Nominee Prof.P.King for their active participation in the proceedings. He noted the contribution of each individual member and thanked them for their valuable suggestions, guidance and support.

Prof.M.R.Srinivasan, UGC Nominee, Sr.Dr.P.Mercy, Educationist and Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao, IQAC Coordinator and Staff Representative could not attend the meeting

  
(FR.DR.G.A.P.KISHORE, SJ)  
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