



Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal's
**MITHIBAI COLLEGE OF ARTS, CHAUHAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE &
 AMRUTBEN JIVANLAL COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS**
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**Minutes of the First Meeting of the Governing Body Held on Wednesday, 1st August,
 2018 at 11.30 am in the Conference Room, Ground Floor**

Members Present

	CHAIRMAN
1.	Shri. Amrish Patel, President, SVKM
	MEMBERS:
2.	Shri Shalin Divatia, Hon'ble Jt. Secretary, SVKM
3.	Shri Asoke Basak, CEO, SVKM
4.	Dr. M.N. Welling, Advisor to President, SVKM & to Chancellor, NMIMS
5.	Mr. Deepak Ghaisas, Chairman, Gencoval Strategic Services Pvt. Ltd.
6.	Dr.(Mrs.) Nupur Mehrotra, Vice-Principal, Unaided Courses
7.	Smt. Nilima Desai, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry
	University Nominee:
8.	Dr. Ancy Jose, Principal, Nagindas Khandwala College
	Ex-Officio:
9.	Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande, Principal
	Special Invitee:
10.	Ms. Sonali Chatterjee, HOD-Business Economics
11.	Dr. Mahesh Bhagwat, HOD-Department of Political Science
12.	Mr. M.R. Jain, HOD-Department of Accountancy

Note: The details of nominees of UGC and the State Government at the Governing Body are yet to be received.

The meeting was chaired by Chairperson- Governing Body Mithibai College (Autonomous) Shri Amrish Patel, President Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal.

Agenda Sr. No.	Agenda	Remarks
1	Welcome & Introductory remarks by the Chairman	Ex-Officio- Principal Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande, introduced the members and offered a floral welcome to the Chair and other members.



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2	Leave of absence	All were present.
3	Four Experts to be nominated on Academic Council by the Governing Body	The Ex-Officio read a brief profile of the five experts - Dr. Ramkrishna Hosur Dr. Aparna Khanna Mr. Sudhir Soni Mr. Ashu Suyash and Mr. Ashish Apte as regular member The house approved the nominations.
4	Principal's review of the activities & major events	The Principal presented a report on the activities & achievements of the college.
5	Considering the Minutes of Academic Council Meeting for approving the decisions therein	A detailed discussion ensued as the house considered the minutes of the Academic Council meeting.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a brief discussion it was resolved that the syllabi of PG courses to be continued as per University syllabi for this year, work on revisions this year and implement the changes next year.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande, highlighted the salient features of the curriculum developed to be implemented under autonomous status- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A special batch under the B.Com program has been introduced from academic year, 2018-19. The syllabus for this batch has been benchmarked against the IPCC syllabus, for the benefit of students preparing for CA examinations. This course is offered to students on basis of merit. This would be renamed B.Com-Honours, as per UGC guidelines, from next academic session, as per demand of students. b) The BOS of all departments have representation from industry and NMIMS University. The revised syllabi were benchmarked with the syllabi of NMIMS University, Delhi University, Madras University and other such prominent universities offering the courses. c) There has been 70-80% upgradation in syllabi of most courses in comparison to the University of Mumbai syllabi.



		Mr. M.R. Jain requested some clarification on the Government grants for the B.Com special division. Dr. Ancy Jose, Principal cautioned that at the time of University audit which is generally after 5 years, the University authorities may raise an objection to change of nomenclature.
		Dr. M.N. Welling raised an issue over the progression of the students who have studied in the University pattern before the grant of Autonomy. Principal, clarified that for the students in the 1st year degree programs during this academic year and students moving from 2nd to 3rd year in the next academic year however minimal changes are made in delivery pattern and to maintain the grid consistency, there are no radical changes in the syllabi. This has been done keeping in mind their academic progression. Ms. Sonali Chatterjee added that the delivery and transaction of the curriculum would be changed with more projects and case studies incorporated.
		On the issue of the subject nomenclature, Shri Asoke Basak clarified that as per Gazette of India, Feb18 (10.3), nomenclature change within UGC listed courses is permitted, hence the University is not expected to raise objections.
		The Principal informed the house about the plan to create a consortium of Autonomous colleges to discuss the issues faced by autonomous colleges, as suggested by Dr. Ancy Jose.
		The Chair Shri. Amrish Patel highlighted the importance of a robust and an unbiased examination system as a cornerstone of a good institution. He further expressed that the institute should work towards making examination as one of our USPs.
		It was resolved that a committee is to be formed with Dr. M.N. Welling as the convenor, along-with the Principal Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande, Mr. Ashish Apte, Ms Alka Shukla , Dr. Alka Kanetkar , Dr. Nupur Mehrotra and Dr. Krutika Desai to look into the modalities of examination and evaluation system as well as progression of students.



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		<p>Mr. Deepak Ghaisas emphasised on focusing on two aspects while revising the syllabi –a) student's current aspirations and (b) vision of future trends.</p> <p>The same will lead to making the students more employable on completion of the program.</p>
		<p>Responding to the above concern, Shri Shalin Divatia briefed the house about the vision of the President, Shri. Amrish Patel. The SVKM's philosophy is to enhance students employability and make them ready for future challenges, keeping in mind that most of our students come from the middle income group and hence we strive to provide them quality education within their means.</p> <p>He further stated that the syllabi were revised on the basis of two aspects - curriculum and delivery. The curriculum have been currently detailed for the 1st three semesters, where care has been taken to map it with the current requirements for professional courses. The plan for the next 3 semester is to add newer courses like business analytics, research projects etc. On the delivery front, he mentioned, visiting faculty from the industry would be invited for real time experiential learning, and simultaneously carry out the process of upgradation of the pedagogy used by the teachers currently.</p>
		<p>Mr. Deepak Ghaisas expressed his concern that the Indian education system is more exam oriented and less knowledge oriented. To change this is the need of the hour and that the focus should be on evaluation through open book exams.</p>
		<p>Dr.(Mrs.) Nupur Mehrotra informed the house that courses like Data Analytics and Research Methodology, both in theory and practical, have been incorporated in Unaided courses.</p> <p>Under this, the students will submit reports of their internship in the 5th semester and a research dissertation in the 6th Semester. These reports will be part of their evaluation.</p> <p>Finance related courses like BAF, BFM and BBI have been mapped with CFA –Level-1, apart from CA, CS and NCFM with the objective of preparing students for careers in Finance.</p>
		<p>Dr. M.N. Welling expressed concern that the curricula should not only look good on paper but its content and delivery should be done in the depth. For the same, he suggested that departments should undertake regular orientation programs for their faculty members, by involving the industry representatives on the Boards of Studies, who are well versed with the philosophy and the current trends of the course and feedback on the curriculum be taken</p>



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		Smt. Nilima Desai expressed how changes in the syllabus in Chemistry, have helped students to keep themselves abreast with current topics and their practical application.
		Principal highlighted the suggestions made by the experts on the Academic Council, regarding the conduct of continuous evaluation for courses with practicals, instead of conducting only a term end examination. He also brought to the notice of the house that the practicals in the revised curriculum were based on the theory covered in that term.
		Chairperson- Shri. Amrish Patel highlighted the importance of integrity and transparency that should be maintained by teachers while marking practical and internal examinations, and any form of favouritism should be avoided.
		After an exhaustive discussion on the weightage ratio for internal and external evaluation, it was resolved that the committee constituted for examination and evaluation will decide the evaluation pattern for the Unaided courses where currently the proposed pattern was 60:40 (externals to internals).
		Principal introduced the new 5 year Integrated programs to be implemented from next academic session. The proposed programs are (a) Integrated M.Sc- Basic Sciences and (b) Integrated M.Sc- Applied Statistics. The objective of the proposed programs is to prepare students to become global professionals. The names of the committee members is attached as an Annexure.
		Principal suggested that the college adopt the University norms as per UGC guidelines for PhD programs. Dr. M.N. Welling suggested that modification should be made before adoption in order to customise the same for the college. It was resolved that the modifications will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Academic Council.
		The decisions of the Academic Council meeting were approved, subject to modifications wherever required.



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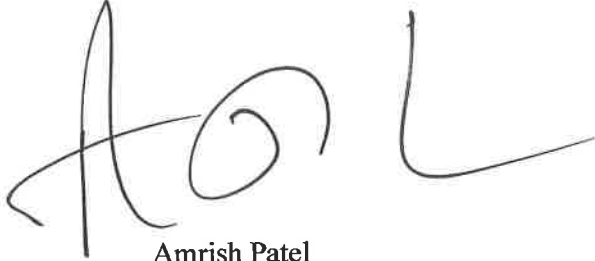


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6	Considering the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting for approving the decisions therein	The Chairman requested Dr. Ancy Jose, for her comments on the current agenda. Dr. Ancy Jose informed the house that her college increased the fees in the current academic year, after two years of grant of autonomy.
		A detailed discussion followed on the issue of increasing deficit in the college budget, year after year. The Principal informed that the Finance Committee recommended, the formation of a fee revision committee. This committee would formulate the structure of revised fees for the next academic session. The chair suggested that in future, this committee may include a retired judge. The Finance committee also recommended the appointment of a Finance and Accounts Officer for Mithibai College-Autonomous.
		The recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved.
7	Any other item with the permission of Chair	As there were no other matter for discussion, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande
Ex-Officio-Governing Body
(Principal)


Amrish Patel
Chairman, Governing Body