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## **Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020**

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of SVKM's Mithibai College-Autonomous was held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 12.00 noon on Zoom meeting (being Lockdown period due to Covid-19 Pandemic).

Following members attended the meeting.

1. Shri Amrish Patel, Hon'ble President, SVKM - (in Chair)
2. Shri ShalinS. Divatia, Hon. Jt. Secretary, SVKM
3. Shri Asoke Basak, CEO, SVKM
4. Dr. M.N. Welling, Advisor to the President-SVKM & Chancellor-NMIMS
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Nupur Mehrotra, HoD, Dept. of Biochemistry
6. Mrs. Nilima Desai, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry
7. Dr. (Ms.) Latha Pillai, Ex-Adviser, NAAC (UGC Nominee)
8. Dr. Ancy Jose, Principal, Nagindas Khandwala College (University Nominee)
9. Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande, Principal (Ex Officio)
10. Ms. Sonali Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics (Special Invitee)
11. Dr. Mahesh Bhagwat, HoD-Political Science (Special Invitee)

### **1. Welcome & Introductory remarks by the Chairman**

Principal Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande welcomed the Chairman and on behalf of Chairman welcomed the members of the Governing Body.

### **2. Leave of Absence, if any**

Leave of absence was granted to following members.

1. Shri Deepak Ghaisas, Chairman-Gencoval Strategic Services
2. Dr. Rohidas Kale, Joint Director, Shikshan Shulk Samiti, Mumbai, M.S.
3. Shri M.R. Jain, Associate Professor, Department of Accountancy.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of last meeting of Governing Body held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

There being no suggestions it was RESOLVED that the minutes of last meeting of Governing Body held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be confirmed and signed.



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**4. Principal's review of the activities & major events**

Principal Dr. Hande reviewed the activities of the college after the last Governing Body meeting i.e. covering the second academic term. He informed that the details of the major activities are given in the note already circulated to the members. However, he would like to mention some of the important matters from this report. Regarding examination results, he mentioned that, results of all the examinations have improved compared to the previous year except MA Economics & HoD-Economics had been informed to take measures to improve the results.

He also informed that Mithibai College-Autonomous has been ranked 5<sup>th</sup> All India & 2<sup>nd</sup> rank in Maharashtra by Education World Ranking 2020. He also informed that Vice-Principal Dr. Krutika Desai had applied for patent which has been registered on Government website for inviting suggestions/objections, if any. He also informed that 11 research papers in recognized journals have been published by the faculty during this period.

During the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown period from March 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, College had organised 62 On-line Webinars including 6 National & 2 International webinars & 2 Short Term Certificate Courses. The SVKM Management also organised trainings of faculties and other staff in online MS Team platform. This has made the faculty members confident of taking online lectures once academic sessions would start. Principal also informed that online classes for 12<sup>th</sup> Std. would start from 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

Dr. Welling emphasized the need to furnish information regarding the number of days taken to declare the results keeping in mind the statutory requirement. He also mentioned that the Impact factors of the recognised journals where research papers have been published should be mentioned. The Principal noted the suggestions for future compliance.

Members noted the review of activities presented by Principal.

**5. To consider the Recommendations of 7<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

The Principal presented the salient recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Academic council meeting before the Governing Body. The main aspects were taken up as below:

**a. Moderation of answer papers:**

Proposal of academic council mentions that the Moderators are to be invited from other Institutions and if not available, Moderators may be invited from Sister Institutions of SVKM. If that is also not possible, in order to avoid delay, senior teachers from the

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respective department may be asked to moderate. The Principal stated that the Academic Council made this recommendation to enable the results to be declared in time.

There was discussion on the recommendations. UGC nominee Dr. Latha Pillai emphasized that all the examination matters including moderations should be in the purview of COE and Examinations & Evaluation Committee. Appointment of moderators should not be done by the department but by the COE and the Examinations & Evaluation Committee, after the list of moderators was approved by the Academic Council. As regards the proposal now made the members felt that this has to be seen in the context of the process that is followed for appointing moderators and utilising their services. The Chairman felt that this matter may be referred to a Committee consisting of Shri.Asoke Basak, Shri.Shalin Divatia, Dr. M.N. Welling, Mr. Ashish Apte, Prin. Dr. Rajpal Shripat Hande, Ms.Alka Shukla and a Senior Professor from the Examination Committee. The committee may discuss and take further decision in the matter.

The Chairman also instructed that Ms. Alka Shukla, CoE may be invited in Academic Council meetings whenever examination matters are placed.

**b. Revisiting “Grading system norms adopted by the Governing Body:**

The Principal informed that since the adoption of grading norms by the Governing Body, directives have been issued from Government of Maharashtra to include marks along with grades on grade cards. He also mentioned that the representations were received from some students to go back to the University grading system to avoid discrimination among students. The Principal informed that the Academic Council revisited the grading norms and have made the present recommendations for consideration.

After some discussion the Chairman emphasized that the teachers should put more efforts to improve the quality of education to become a brand or benchmark autonomous college, and that no compromise should be accepted in the examination & evaluation system which will dilute the standard or rigour of the evaluation system. Although a view was expressed that uniform grading pattern should be adopted across all colleges in the country, it is noted that there was no such legal compulsion. It was also noted that the grading norms adopted by St. Xavier’s College was different from the University system. It was decided not to deviate from the existing grading system adopted by the college and approved earlier by Governing Body. It was also decided that if any review is to be taken the grading system of St. Xavier’s College should be taken as a benchmark.



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c. **Ph.D. programs:**

The Principal at the outset stated that the recommendations regarding Ph.D. process are based on the views expressed by honourable member Shri. Shalin Divatia in the preceding Governing Body meeting. Keeping this in mind details have been worked out regarding admission procedure for Ph.D. and the course work to be carried in the college. Exercise has been done after studying the system followed in renowned Universities and recommendations were now presented for consideration of the Governing body. The recommendations include interalia, course work modalities & passing standards. The Chair emphasized that Ph.D. is a serious matter involving many important aspects. The recommendations should be thoroughly discussed by comparing with the norms and procedure of NMIMS & other benchmark University norms and thereafter may be placed in the next Governing Body with detailed reasoning.

d. **Recommendations regarding conduct of re-examinations:**

The consideration of the recommendations of the Academic Council to conduct re-examinations twice a year along with regular semester examination was deferred. Other recommendations of the 7th Academic Council meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were adopted.

6. **Recommendations of 8<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting dated 16th April, 2020 regarding Credit Policy.**

Principal Dr. Hande requested Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya, Vice Principal-Science to present the Credit Policy document as recommended by the Academic Council.

Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya presented the credit policy proposal which involves many important issues like syllabus, grades, workload related to teachers and infrastructure matters. After some deliberations on the recommendations, it was suggested that the Credit Policy document be referred back to Academic Council for more thorough consideration and thereafter be presented before the Governing Body with clear proposal. The Chair also instructed Mrs. Nimisha Dalal to look after the issues of infrastructure and the time table matters of junior college, requirements of laptops and other gadgets required for implementation of the accepted credit policy.

It was RESOLVED to pass the Recommendations of 8<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting dated 16th April, 2020 excluding the Credit Policy document.

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**7. To consider the Recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**

The recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 were placed before the Governing Body.

The Principal informed that the budget showed huge deficit of Rs. 9.81 crores in the year 2018-19 which is likely to have increased to Rs. 11.23 crores in the year 2019-20. The Finance Committee have recommended for increasing the fees to reduce the ever increasing deficit. With the proposed increase also, the deficit for the year 2020-2021 will remain at estimated amount of Rs. 8.79 crores.

While appreciating the financial support provided by the management to the college to meet the deficit, the university nominee-Dr.Ancy Jose stated that during this pandemic period, it would be proper to defer the fee revision at least for academic year 2020-21.

However, the Chairman stated that the loss is becoming unbearable and looking at such a huge deficit it is very difficult to sustain the Institution. After some deliberation on the matter, the recommendations of Finance Committee were adopted which are attached as Annexures.

**8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

- a) Principal, Dr. Hande informed the house about the University circular dated 22/5/2020 regarding the F.Y/S.Y promotion of students to next higher class. He informed that this circular has been discussed by COE & EEC members and the same may be adopted.  
The Chair instructed that this should be discussed with Shri. Asoke Basak, Shri. Shalin Divatia by Prin. Dr. Hande and thereafter decide about the modalities of implementing the same.
- b) The Chair instructed Prin. Dr. Hande that from next academic session as student interest is reduced in traditional programs as B.Com and B.Sc, the student intake for these 2 programs be 5 and 3 divisions and for M.Com, 30 students respectively. These programs should be restructured and components to develop skills be incorporated.

There being no other matter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

*K. Desai*

Dr. Krutika B. Desai  
Ex-Officio-Governing Body  
(In-Charge Principal)

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Anrishi Patel  
Chairman, Governing Body