

KONGUNADU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE
(AUTONOMOUS)
COIMBATORE - 641 029

MINUTES OF THE 28th GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The Twenty Seventh Meeting of the Governing Body at Kongunadu Arts and Science College was held on 14.08.2021 through Google Meet.

Dr. M. Aruchami, President, Kongunadu Arts and Science College could not attend the meeting. Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram presided over the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. C. A. Vasuki	- Member
Dr. O. N. Paramasivan	- ”
Thiru.K.M.Pambannan	- ”
Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy	- UGC Nominee
Dr.Rupa Gunaseelan	- University Nominee
Thiru. P. Haridas	- Member (Nominated by Management)
Dr. K. Balachandran	- ”
Dr. V. Sangeetha	- ”
Dr. P. Sujatha	- ”
Dr. M. Lekshmanaswamy	- Member Secretary

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED:

Dr. M. Aruchami	- President
Dr. P. Sivakumar	- Member
Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami	- Member

Dr. M. Lekeshmanaswamy, the Principal extended a cordial welcome to all the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Body to the 28th Meeting.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING

The Minutes of the Twenty Seventh Meeting of the Governing Body, held on 15.10.2020 which was sent to the members on 30.11.2020 was taken as confirmed and recorded by the Members of the Governing Body in the absence of any clarification / comment received from the members.

ITEM 2: ACTION TAKEN ON THE SUGGESTIONS PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS

The actions taken on the suggestions made by the members during the last meeting were explained. The members were satisfied and the actions taken were recorded.

ITEM 3: DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION, CONTINUOUS, PROVISIONAL AFFILIATION AND PERMANENT INCREASE IN INTAKE

The Governing Body members resolved to record the details furnished.

ITEM 4: CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA / PG DIPLOMA COURSES

The Governing Body members appreciated the steps taken to introduce new courses.

ITEM 5: ADMISSION TO UG & PG COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

The details of students admission made during the academic year 2020-2021 were recorded. Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy, the UGC Representative asked about the increase in admission during this Academic Year. The Secretary informed that though all the Plus 2 students have been declared Passed by the Government, there is a decrease in admission, as the students from Kerala could not get admitted due to the prevailing pandemic situation and most of the students from rural areas have not come for admission due to the current economic condition.

ITEM 6: MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES AND ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Governing Body members resolved to record the same.

ITEM 7: EXAMINATION RESULTS

After perusing the details, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram, the Senior Member congratulated the departments which have scored 100% percentage.

ITEM 8: MEETINGS OF INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

The Governing Body Members appreciated the activities of IQAC. Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram suggested that the recommendations made should be implemented and a report may be submitted. Dr.P.Sujatha assured to follow the advice.

ITEM 9: ACADEMIC AUDIT

After perusing the suggestions of the Committee, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram said there are useful suggestions in their Report, which the Teachers concerned have to follow and implement, wherever necessary and submit the compliance report so as to know the steps taken by each departments. The Principal assured to follow the suggestions.

ITEM 10: INDIA RANKINGS 2021 (NIRF)

The UGC representative Dr. Y.V. Rami Reddy stated that the Results will be published soon and will be uploaded in the website.

ITEM 11: ATAL RANKING OF INSTITUTIONS ON INNOVATION ACHIEVEMENTS (ARIIA)-2021

The Governing Body members appreciated the achievement

ITEM 12: DBT– STAR COLLEGE SCHEME

Dr. Y.V.Rami Reddy, the UGC Representative conveyed his appreciation on getting the above said fund. Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram made a request to the UGC Representative to kindly enable the Institution to get further installments of the Funds already sanctioned.

ITEM 13: DST -FIST

The Principal explained that the college has invited quotations for purchasing instruments and the same has been submitted to DST FIST .Being the nodal centre of I- STEM, the institution has been asked to upload in the I-STEM portal so that it can be accessed and utilized from any part of the world. Dr.Y.V. Rami Reddy appreciated the venture as it is useful to all science streams and also suggested to include the Annual Maintenance fees in the quotation.

ITEM 14: PARAMARSH

The Governing Body members appreciated the efforts of the college in guiding the mentee institutions.

ITEM 15: INSTITUTION INNOVATION COUNCIL (IIC)

The details of the activities were noted and recorded.

ITEM 16: KASC-TECHUB

The Governing Body members appreciated the activities of the Departments of Botany and Biotechnology KASC- TECH HUB and Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy suggested to encourage other departments to participate in the events.

ITEM 17:YUVA YI - CII LAUNCH

Er. Thiru.R. Somasundaram appreciated the creative efforts of the YUVA team.

ITEM 18: KASC INSTITUTION INNOVATION COUNCIL - IDEA PITCHING WORKSHOP

The Governing Body members appreciated the conduct of workshop and resolved to record the details furnished.

ITEM 19 : NISP 2020 RESOLUTION

University Nominee Dr.Rupa Gunaseelan clarified on the State Startup policy note which has been published by the Govt. of TamilNadu. The Principal replied that the policy will be referred for further details.

ITEM 20: SWAYAM COURSES/MOOCs'

Dr. Y.V.Rami Reddy, UGC representative appreciated the initiative taken in this regard.

ITEM 21:PROFESSIONAL COURSES

The Governing Body Members conveyed congratulations to the students who have successfully passed in the various levels of Cost and Management Accountant (CMA) exams in the year 2020-2021.

ITEM 22:NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY (NDLI)

Dr. Y.V.Rami Reddy congratulated the KASC NDLI Club for having a larger number of members among the NDLI Club in the country.

ITEM 23: SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Y.V.Rami Reddy asked whether there is any increase in scholarship for which Secretary replied that there has been an increase in the said Academic Year.

ITEM 24: GRANTS RECEIVED FROM UGC AND OTHER FUNDING AGENCIES

The Governing Body members resolved to record the details furnished. They further advised to utilize the funds strictly following the guidelines and to furnish the Utilization Certificate in time.

ITEM 25 : RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

The details of the research projects were appreciated and recorded.

ITEM 26 : RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING

After scrutinizing the details, the Members instructed to record the details.

ITEM 27:RESEARCH PROJECTS APPLIED

The Secretary stated that only Universities are encouraged to do research but colleges like Kongunadu Arts and Science College which have sophisticated and adequate infrastructure / labs / equipments on par with the Universities should be motivated with more funds for research. Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy replied that NEP 2020 emphasizes equal opportunity for funding to do research in both Universities and Colleges.

ITEM 28: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoUs')

Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy enquired about the duration of MOUs, its outcome and scope of employability for students and suggested that the submission of short notes on this will be helpful.

The Principal informed that Joint Lectures have been arranged between our college and Hindi Vidya Prachar Samithi's Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College.

ITEM 29: ACHIEVEMENTS

The Secretary made a special mention about Dr.P.K.Kavithashri, the Physical Director of the College who got promoted to the Major Rank in NCC. Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram and other Members congratulated her for the same.

All the Members congratulated the Staff and Students for their remarkable accolades.

ITEM 30: DR.M. ARUCHAMI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Secretary informed the valuable suggestions given by the Governing Body Members during previous meetings have been implemented.

ITEM 31: INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS ASSOCIATION (ISCA), COIMBATORE CHAPTER

The Governing Body Members congratulated the Secretary of the college who is the Convenor of the Coimbatore Chapter for successfully organizing the programmes.

ITEM 32: RESEARCH SCHOLAR MEETING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Governing Body Members appreciated the activities conducted by the Research & Development Cell.

ITEM 33: RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram appreciated the initiatives taken by various staff members to enter into research collaborations and suggested to submit status report.

ITEM 34: RESEARCH ACTIVITIES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 2021

Dr. Y.V. Rami Reddy appreciated that it was a very good achievement during pandemic situation when most of the faculty members are out of campus. Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram stated it is an excellent performance. The Senior Counsel Sri.P.Haridasji stated that he has been seeing the gradual development of the Institution for the past many years; the way it grows and has been appreciating the Institution at every state of improvement.

ITEM 35: INTERNATIONAL /STATE LEVEL CONFERENCES /SEMINARS/ SYMPOSIUM/ WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED (VIRTUALMODE)

The Governing Body Members noted with pleasure that 14 conferences were organized and details were recorded.

ITEM 36: NATIONAL /STATE LEVEL CONFERENCES /SEMINARS/ SYMPOSIUM/ WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED (VIRTUALMODE)

The Governing Body Members noted the details and recorded the same.

ITEM 37: FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Governing Body Members resolved to record the details furnished.

ITEM 38: STUDENT INDUCTION PROGRAMME - 2020

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram stated that the students entering the Institution should be familiarized with the Mission and Vision of the institution. Dr. Y.V. Rami Reddy suggested to include Yoga practice for which the Secretary informed that Yoga training has already been introduced and is being practiced by the Ist Year students at the pre-scheduled times. Secretary further said that UGC has made it mandatory to add Yoga class for 1st Year students. Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram said interested parents may also be allowed to take Yoga classes. Dr. Y.V. Rami Reddy appreciated the same.

ITEM 39: DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram felt happy to observe that almost all the departments have been active in organizing many academic events.

ITEM 40: DEPARTMENTAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Governing Body Members noted the details and recorded the same.

ITEM 41: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram stated that it is a very good report and congratulated each and every one involved in the extra-curricular activities.

ITEM 42: UNNAT BHARATH ABHIYAN

Dr. Y.V. Rami Reddy opined that the good schemes/knowledge/awareness should reach rural and village areas which is the main objective of the Government of India. Also to educate/create awareness to the people in villages to explore the possibilities of earning income/domestic cultivation to support their livelihood and appreciated the staff who implemented the scheme.

ITEM 43: EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Governing Body Members noted the details and recorded the same.

ITEM 44:YOGA AND MEDITATION CENTRE

The Governing Body Members appreciated the same.

ITEM 45:SILAMBAM– WORLDRECORD

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram congratulated and appreciated the Staff who organized and the Students who performed and made the event a World Record in Cholan Book of World Records. Dr. Rami Reddy said it is a great effort on the part of the Staff and the Students who worked hard to make it possible.

ITEM 46: SWC ACTIVITIES

The Governing Body Members appreciated the activities of the Student's Welfare Centre.

ITEM 47: MEGA PLACEMENT DRIVE

The Secretary informed the Members that there was an overwhelming response from the public for the Mega Placement Drive conducted on 17.02.2021 where 141 private sector companies under the auspices of the Government of Tamil Nadu Employment Exchange took part in the event and the event was highly beneficial for those seeking jobs after the Covid lockdown period. Dr. Y.V. Rami Reddy asked whether the event was online or offline. The Secretary replied that it was offline. The Secretary also said that the Government is happy about the infrastructural facility / environment available in the College and the hospitality extended to them and informed that they are going to conduct more events in future. Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy and Er. Thiru. R.Somasundaram appreciated the same.

ITEM 48: PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram stated that it's an exhaustive report. Secretary said many reputed companies visited our College which helped our students to get familiarized with those companies while seeking job. Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy advised not to encourage salary package less than Rs.1.20 lakhs per annum for which Secretary replied that certain companies pay stipend for one year or two before fixing the salary package. Dr.O.N.Paramsivan stated that a monetary payment either by way of Salary or Stipend will be better to motivate the students to join the employment.

ITEM 49: RESIGNATION AND RECRUITMENT OF THE TEACHING STAFF & RESENTSTAFFPOSITION

The Secretary informed 4 teaching staff and 9 non-teaching staff have been recruited. Approval has been accorded for the appointments of 9 non-teaching staff; but for the newly appointed 4 teaching staff, a case has been filed by an individual

about the 200-Point Roster followed to appoint them. Here it is to be mentioned that the College has followed the prevailing Roster system. Sri.P.Haridasji said an interim order has been obtained in the Madras High Court and their appointments will definitely be approved shortly.

ITEM 50: APPOINTMENT OF DEANS

The Governing Body Members noted the information.

ITEM 51: DBT SKILL VIGYAN PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, GOVT. OF INDIA

Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy assured that the proposal will be sanctioned shortly.

ITEM 52: ESTABLISHMENT OF LEARNERS SUPPORT CENTRE

The Principal detailed on the courses offered which were approved by the School of Distance Education under Tamil Nadu Sports and Physical Education University, Chennai . The members appreciated the initiation.

ITEM 53: ACTIVITIES OF SAP (SWAACHTHA Action Plan)

The Governing Body Members noted the details and the same was recorded.

ITEM 54: ICT ACADEMY

The members congratulated the Institution for the activities done under ICT Academy.

ITEM 55: LUMHAA

The members applauded the venture which aligns with the concept of ‘Vasudaiva Kudubagam’.

ITEM 56: INTERACTION MEETING WITH HON’BLE UNION MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Governing Body Members congratulated Dr.S.R.Madan Shankar for his participation as a Jury Member for National Youth Environment Forum 2021.

ITEM 57: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VIRTUAL LAB

The Principal explained on the training programmes attended by the staff members in the Nodal Centre, Amritha Viswavidhya Peedom for the establishment of Virtual Lab. The members appreciated the institution for materializing the Founder’s vision.

ITEM 58: AUTONOMY GRANT NOT RELEASED FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

The Governing Body members resolved to record the details furnished.

ITEM 59: ANY OTHER

- The details of Feedback analysis obtained on teaching were recorded.
- The Governing Body members congratulated the institution for starting a new NCC unit for self - financing stream

- The Governing Body members applauded the future strategies designed for the enhancement of the institution.
- Dr.Y.V.Rami Reddy recommended that faculty members shall set creative objective and goals and institution must encourage them to achieve it.
- Dr. Rupa Gunaseelan suggested that Institution resource depository and content development can be prepared for online teaching.