

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

MINUTES OF THE 29th GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Governing Body of the Kongunadu Arts and Science College was held on 09.03.2022 at 11.00 a.m. through MS Teams.

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram, President, Kongunadu Arts and Science College chaired the meeting. The following Members participated in the meeting:

Dr. C. A. Vasuki	- Member
Thiru. P. Haridasji	- "
Dr. O. N. Paramasivan	- "
Thiru.K.M.Pambanan	- "
Dr. P. S. Mohan	- "
Dr. K. Balachandran	- Member
Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami	- Member
Dr. P. Sujatha	- Member
Dr. V. Sangeetha	- Member
Dr.S.R.Madhanshankar	- Member
Dr. M. Lekeshmanaswamy	- Member Secretary

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED:

Dr. (Prof.) Y. V. Rami Reddy	- UGC Nominee
Dr. P. Sivakumar	- Member
Dr. Rupa Gunaseelan	- University Representative



Dr. M. Lekeshmanaswamy, the Principal & the Member Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Members of the Governing Body who attended the 29th Meeting.

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram, the Chairman of the Meeting conveyed warm greetings to all the Members of the Governing Body. At the outset, the Chairman appreciated the hard work and the excellent efforts put in by the Faculty of the College in conducting various events and in implementing the schemes successfully sanctioned by the Funding Agencies even during the pandemic period. The Chairman further said the Institution expects the faculty members to continue the same good work and extend their support in the days to come.

Dr. C. A. Vasuki, the Secretary of the College, then requested the Principal to present the items of the Agenda before the Members. Accordingly, the agenda were taken up for discussion one by one:

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

The recording of the Minutes of Twenty Eighth Governing Body meeting held on 24.07.2021 was communicated to the Members on 21.09.2021. Since no clarifications / comments received from the members of the Governing Body, the said Minutes was resolved as confirmed and recorded.

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

The Members accepted the Action Taken Report on the various suggestions made by them in the previous 28th General Body Meeting.

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

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details about starting of new programmes, getting Continuous Provisional Affiliation and getting Permanent affiliation for the Courses concerned and recorded the same.

ITEM 4: ADMISSION TO UG & PG COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

After perusing the Admission details of the academic year 2021 – 2022, the Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram happily observed that out of the overall admitted strength, the ratio of girl students (57%) is more than the boy students (43%).

The Chairman also advised the Secretary and the Principal of the College to ensure 100% admission during next academic year against the 55% admission made during this year, as the pandemic situation is gradually reducing and it is expected that an healthy atmosphere will enable the students to join in more number.

ITEM 5: EXAMINATION RESULTS

After perusing the Results of the End of Semester Examinations (Even Semester), the Chairman and the Members of the Governing appreciated the Principal and the Faculty Members for achieving good results both in UG, PG, Certificate, Diploma and Post Diploma courses and resolved to record the details.



**ITEM 6: RESIGNATION AND RECRUITMENT OF THE
TEACHING STAFF & PRESENT STAFF POSITION**

The Members noted the details. Dr. P. S. Mohan, the Member appreciated the College for having more Ph.D. holders as Faculty in Unaided stream also.

ITEM 7: SWAYAM / MOOCs

The Governing Body Members noted the details.

**ITEM 8: ATAL RANKING OF INSTITUTIONS ON INNOVATION
ACHIEVEMENTS (ARIIA) - 2021**

The Members of the Governing Body congratulated and appreciated the team of faculty who had taken efforts to get this recognition as “Performer” in the Band under the category “General-(Non Technical)” to the College in ATAL Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021, a flagship program of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The Members conveyed their happiness over the Appreciation Certificate given to the College by the Ministry of Education (MoE), AICTE and MoE’s Innovation Cell, Govt. of India.

ITEM 9: INDIA RANKINGS 2021 (NIRF)

All the Members of the Governing Body congratulated the Management, the Principal and the faculty and staff members for securing 36th rank in INDIA RANKINGS 2021 under College category. The Chairman asked how many Colleges are there in India, for which Dr. S. R. Madhan Shankar, Dean Academics replied that approximately there are 16000 Arts and Science Colleges in the country. Among the shortlisted 100 colleges, our

Institution ranks 36th. The Chairman requested the Secretary to mention such important highlights in the Notes so as to know the value of Ranking.

ITEM 10: INSTITUTION INNOVATION COUNCIL (IIC)

The Members noted and recorded the activities conducted during the period.

ITEM 11: NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY (NDLI)

Dr. P.S. Mohan, the Member congratulated the Coordinator, Dr.R.Senthilkumar, Librarian of the College for his efforts and outstanding contribution in getting the recognition of NDLI for the College. The Secretary informed the Members that highest number of Registered Users is from our College in the whole country. The Chairman, Er. R. Somasundaram and Dr.O.N.Paramasivan, the Member recorded their appreciation for the same.

ITEM 12: GRANTS RECEIVED FROM UGC AND OTHER FUNDING AGENCIES

The Members perused and recorded the details of Grants received from UGC and various other funding agencies. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram asked whether the College has received the Autonomous grant, for which the Secretary replied that it has not been sanctioned by the UGC.

ITEM 13: PATENTS GRANTED

The Members after going through the details, congratulated the Departments of Biotechnology and Computer Science for getting Patents. The Secretary stated that Self Finance departments are doing well in this regard.

Dr.O.N.Paramasivan, the Member advised that the Department of Biotechnology can be the Role Model to motivate the other departments. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, the Dean Academics informed the Members that the College Management provides total fund and fee for registering the Patents. He further stated that the Institution has applied under Kapila Kalam Fund Scheme for getting the reimbursement of the expenses met by the Management for registering Patents. Dr. O. N. Paramasivan, the Member advised the College to market the patent products by involving the Institution Innovation Council.

ITEM 14: RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

After perusing the details of completed Minor/Major Research Projects, the Chairman asked whether funds have already been received. The Secretary replied that the funds have been received. The Secretary and the other Members appreciated the Faculty Members for getting the Projects.

ITEM 15: RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING

The details of the ongoing Minor/Major Research Projects were noted and recorded by the Members of the Governing Body.

ITEM 16: RESEARCH PROJECTS APPLIED

The Members noted and recorded the details of Minor/Major Research Projects which have been applied to the various funding agencies. The Secretary requested the Principal to motivate the departments of Chemistry, Physics and Zoology which have few Post Doctorates.

ITEM 17: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS (MoUs)

The Governing Body Members noted the details of MoUs. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar informed the Members that Exchange of Lectures have been organized in four Departments by means of MoU and further lectures are scheduled from April 2022 during this year. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram advised to mention the date of commencement and duration. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar further said that in exchange of lectures, the students of the other Institutes are happy with our teaching pattern as per the feedback given by each and every student.

ITEM 18: Dr. M. ARUCHAMI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Members noted and recorded the activities of Dr. M. Aruchami Research Foundation.

ITEM 19: ACTIVITIES OF INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS ASSOCIATION (ISCA), COIMBATORE CHAPTER

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

Sri.P.Haridasji, the Senior Member asked whether the venue of all activities is Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, the Dean, Academics replied in affirmative. The members appreciated Dr. C. A. Vasuki, the Secretary and the Convenor of the Coimbatore Chapter for the efficient functioning of the ISCA, Coimbatore Chapter.



ITEM 20: RESEARCH SCHOLAR MEETINGS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram suggested to review the outcome of the meetings and implement the decisions taken in such meetings viz.,

- 1) To continue to publish articles in High Impact factor journals by the scholars and faculty members.
- 2) To carry out collaborative works with other institutions/field works, etc., with the approval of the respective guide, HoD and the Principal.
- 3) To advise the Scholars to use N-List journals by approaching the Librarian of the College.
- 4) To motivate Faculty members to apply for more research projects.

ITEM 21: RESEARCH COLLABORATION

The Members perused the details of Research Collaborations and recorded.

ITEM 22: RESEARCH ACTIVITIES DURING THE ODD SEMESTER (JUNE -DECEMBER 2021)

The Members perused the details. On behalf of the Members, the Secretary appreciated each and every one who have published more number of scopus citations. Dr. O.N.Paramasivan, the Member appreciated the good work done by the Faculty despite the Covid-19 pandemic prevailed. The Chairman, Er.Somasundaram advised to mention the departments Rank wise I, II, III, etc. according to the more number of publications. Dr. O. N.Paramasivan, the Member advised to award the Best Departments with Prizes so as to encourage the Faculty.

The Chairman observed that Aided Departments have performed better than the Unaided stream.

Sri. P. Haridasji, the Senior Member and the other Members appreciated stating overall performance is better during this Half year.

ITEM 23: DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE ODD SEMESTER (JUNE 2021 – DECEMBER 2021)

The Members perused the details of Departmental activities. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram and the Senior Member, Sri.P.Haridasji asked whether all the departments have been included. The Principal replied that all the departments of both Aided and Unaided were included. The members further recorded the details.

ITEM 24: DEPARTMENTAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS (JUNE 2021-DECEMBER 2021)

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

ITEM 25: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Members after perusing the details, recorded their appreciation to the Faculty who have put in special efforts in organizing various Co-curricular activities under NCC, NSS, Sports, YRC, RRC, Eco club and Women Empowerment Cell.

ITEM 26: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Members noted the details and recorded their appreciation to the Faculty who organized the activities.

ITEM 27: SWC ACTIVITIES

The Members of the Governing Body noted and recorded their appreciation to the Students' Welfare Centre (SWC) for the successful conduct of the Covid-19 vaccination camps on 01.09.2021 and 02.09.2021 for both the 1st and 2nd doses. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram advised to organize for the Booster dose also.

ITEM 28: SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF AUTONOMY

The Members noted the information that the Proforma for extension of Autonomous status submitted by the College to Bharathiar University has been forwarded to UGC, New Delhi. Sri. P. Haridasji, the Senior Member asked for which cycle the proposal has been sent. The Secretary replied that the College has applied for 5th cycle. Further Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, Dean, Academics explained the Members that if a College scores more than 3.5 CGPA, extension will be granted by the UGC for 10 years. All the members suggested the team of faculty to strive hard to get higher CGPA, i.e. more than 3.5 CGPA.

ITEM 29: ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION INSTITUTE (EDII)

The Members conveyed their satisfaction over the activities of the EDII and appreciated the Coordinator for his efforts.

ITEM 30: MSME HOST INSTITUTE

The Secretary informed the Members that ours is the ONLY Arts and Science College in India which has been given this status as the Inspection team observed that the Research outcome of the College is phenomenally

good. Maximum efforts should be made to make this unique opportunity a success.

The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram and Dr. O. N. Paramasivan, the Member congratulated on this unique recognition conferred on the College. Sri.P.Haridasji, the Senior Member appreciated this special recognition earned by the Institution. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, the Dean Academics informed the Members even the innovative ideas fetch money. Dr. O. N. Paramasivan suggested to motivate all 4000 students to give their innovative ideas and if recognized can turn into benefit. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar further informed that during last year 43 students gave their ideas and 3 were judged among them. The Members suggested to tie up with Codissia / small scale industries association and other industries to explore the problems faced by them in the industry and place them before the students to invent solutions and involve them maximum in our activities and discussions.

The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram and Dr. O. N. Paramasivan, the Member and the other Members acknowledged and appreciated the good efforts taken in this regard.

ITEM 31: SKILL HUB – UGC NSDC

The Secretary informed the Members that for the students to join the following two skill development courses run under the UGC Skill Hub Institute, a basic study up to X Standard is adequate and outsiders can also enroll. No fee will be charged to them as the College gets fund from NSDC.

1. Aqua culture technician
2. Plant tissue culture technician

The Members noted and recorded the same.



ITEM 32: INCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATOR

The Members noted the proposal submitted to DST to commence a ITBI in the campus and the presentation of the same before the Task Force committee by Dr. S. R. Madhan Shankar, Dean Academics, Dr. G. Dhandapani, Assistant Professor in Botany and Dr. P. Sujatha, IQAC Co-ordinator. The Members appreciated their efforts and wished them to get the scheme for the college.

ITEM 33: SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE UNDER SECTION 8 COMPANIES ACT 2013

The Members were informed that a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) entitled “Kongunadu Innovation and Business Association” has been formed with 3 Directors to refine and contribute to the development of Entrepreneurial venture in the district of Coimbatore. The SPV will promote establishment and provide mentor support to new business ventures and start ups. The application has been submitted to Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and is awaiting for final approval.

ITEM 34: DBT SKILL VIGYAN PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The Members noted the proposal to commence DBT Skill Vigyan Programme submitted to the Nodal Officer of Tamil Nadu State Council of Science and Technology in the month of July 2020 with an aim to commence Students’ Training Programme, Technician Training Programme, Refresher Course/ Faculty Training Programme, Entrepreneurship Training Programme

and Biotechnology Finishing School. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, Dean Academics, presented the proposal to DBT and is awaiting for final approval.

The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram advised that once the scheme is approved, the details of the same has to be circulated to all the departments of the college to ensure that the benefit of the scheme reaches each and every student in the respective disciplines.

ITEM 35: ICT ACADEMY

The Members of the Governing Body perused the details about the various activities organized by the Faculty of the College in respect of Faculty Development Programme, Skill Development programme, RPA Skill-A-Thon 2021 Programme, Power Seminars and Learnathon 2021. The members also observed the information that our Institution is one among the few institutions who have made 100 students complete the self-learning with a minimum five courses by each student. Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, the Dean Academics informed that recognizing our inputs, one lakh worth books have been contributed by ICT Academy which are placed in the Library with proper bar coding.

The Secretary informed the Members that from next year Ethical aspects will be taught. The Chairman, Er. R.Somasundaram suggested to introduce ethical values in the Research programmes. Dr. O. N. Paramasivan suggested to train about the Cyber Security for which the Secretary replied that from this year the department of Computer Science prepared a Book and going to add 2 papers on these lines.

The Members placed on record their appreciation for the good efforts taken by the Faculty and the support extended by the Management in this regard.

ITEM 36: CENTRE FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT- HONEY WELL

The Secretary informed the Members that this is a prestigious recognition for the College as our Institution is one among the 15 colleges chosen for this center. The center aims to train and recruit 120 students in the college and the students get a salary package of Rs. 4 to 5 lakhs per annum after getting trained.

ITEM 37: YOGA AND MEDITATION CENTRE

The Members of the Governing Body noted and appreciated the activities of the Yoga and Meditation Centre.

ITEM 38: STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details.

The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram advised to add the details of the activities of the Alumni Association from the next meeting. He suggested that well placed Alumni may be encouraged to provide financial assistance to improve the infrastructure facilities in the College.

ITEM 39: PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

The Members of the Governing Body appreciated the performance of the Placement Cell. The Secretary happily informed the Members that the recently placed students have been offered good salary package ranging from 1.44 lakhs to 9.00 lakhs per annum.



ITEM 40: VISIT OF THE ACADEMIC AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram appreciated the report given by the Academic Audit Committee which is a very good review and the College has to follow the points listed out by the Committee and draw up an action plan on the same and implement it. The Principal replied that the review is done in 4AR (Annual Assessment of Action and Achievement Report) meeting. The Members observed about the low graph in Computer Technology. The need for the departmental libraries was discussed. The Secretary suggested to raise funds from their Alumni and to establish individual Libraries in all the Departments. The Members appreciated Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar for establishing an individual Library for Biotechnology Department. Dr.O.N.Paramasivan suggested to make use of NDLI and EDLI for enhancing book bank/resources.

ITEM 41: MEETINGS OF INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

The Members of the Governing Body perused the activities of the IQAC and placed on record their appreciation to the Coordinator for organising the same and opined that the IQAC of the College is much vibrant.

ITEM 42: PARAMARSH

The Members of the Governing Body noted and appreciated the activities undertaken under the Scheme – PARAMARSH.

ITEM 43: ACHIEVEMENTS

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details and congratulated the staff and students on their achievements.

**ITEM 44: INTERNATIONAL LEVEL CONFERENCES / SEMINARS/
SYMPOSIUM / WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED (VIRTUAL
MODE)**

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details and conveyed their satisfaction for having organized the events in virtual mode.

**ITEM 45: NATIONAL / STATE LEVEL CONFERENCES /
SEMINARS/ SYMPOSIUM / WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED
(VIRTUAL MODE)**

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details and conveyed their satisfaction for having organized the events in virtual mode. The Secretary requested the Principal to motivate the departments which have not organized any event to conduct events in future.

ITEM 46: FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Members of the Governing Body noted the details and resolved to record the same.

ITEM 47: STUDENTS' INDUCTION PROGRAMME - 2021

The Members of the Governing Body noted and recorded the details. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram suggested to invite the parents also to join their wards in the events as they are conducted online, for which the Secretary replied that parents have voluntarily participated in the events along with the students.



ITEM 48: SILAMBAM – STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENTS

The Members congratulated the students who won medals in the District Level Silambam Competition held on 27th& 28th Nov’ 2021. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram advised to mention the name of the Coordinator so as to recognize his/her special efforts taken apart from their academic responsibilities.

ITEM 49: FEED BACK ANALYSIS

The Governing Body Members noted the details and congratulated the Faculty members who have secured higher ranks in the feedback. A special mention was made by the Secretary about the Psychology department faculty who scored the maximum rank 5 out of 5 which reveals excellent teaching in the class.

ITEM 50: ANY OTHER

The Secretary informed the Members that Dr. S. Mythili, Associate Professor & Head of Information Technology, who is also an Alumni of the College, has been appointed as Dean, School of Computer Science. The Chairman, Er.Thiru.R.Somasundaram asked the Secretary on what criteria this selection has been made for which the Secretary replied that she has been appointed based on her consistent teaching performance and her best efforts in organizing the academic events of the department of Information Technology.

Dr.S.R.Madhan Shankar, Dean Academics proposed vote of thanks to the Members of Governing Body for their esteemed participation in the meeting despite their busy schedule and also extended whole hearted thanks for all the valuable suggestions given by them.

The Principal informed the Governing Body members that the syllabi for all the courses and programmes were completed on time. To fasten the completion process, extra hours of 1 hour per day was handled by all the faculty members for the I year PG students. Furthermore additional classes were also handled online to facilitate the completion of the course and also revisions of certain courses and portions in syllabus. Faculty members also effectively posted the reading materials, Power point presentation and supplementary material in the Google Classroom so that the teaching learning process was effective.

With this the Meeting came to an end.



MEMBER SECRETARY/PRINCIPAL



CHAIRMAN

