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## MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The 26<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting of Francis Xavier Engineering College (Autonomous) was conducted on 15th March 2024 @ 11 a.m.



### Members Present:

S. No	Name	Designation	Position in BOG
01	<b>Dr.S.Cletus Babu</b>	Chairman SCAD Group of Institutions	Chairperson
02	<b>Dr.J.X.Amali Cletus</b>	Vice - Chairperson SCAD Group of Institutions	Member / Nominee of Trust
03	<b>Mr.C.Arun Babu</b>	Managing Director SCAD Group of Institutions	Member/ Nominee of Trust
04	<b>Mrs.Menandez.J.J</b>	Executive Director SCAD Group of Institutions	Member / Nominee of Trust
05	<b>Mrs.Augusti Marys Priyadarshini</b>	Correspondent SCAD Group of Institutions	Member / Nominee of Trust
06	<b>Dr.K.Murali</b>	Professor Physics CEG Campus Anna University Chennai	Anna University Nominee
07	<b>Dr.P.Latha</b>	Professor & Head EEE Govt. College of Engineering Tirunelveli	DOTe Nominee
08	<b>Dr.K.Jeyakumar</b>	Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, SCADCET and General Manager (Development) SCAD Group	Member / Educationist



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09	<b>Dr.V.Velmurugan</b>	Principal Francis Xavier Engineering College	Member secretary
10	<b>Mr.S.Krishnakumar</b>	General Manager (Administration) SCAD Group of Institutions	Member / Administration
11	<b>Mr.Zahariya Gabriel.J</b>	Asso. Prof. Department of CSE & Professor Admission, Francis Xavier Engineering College	Member / Faculty
12	<b>Dr.L.R.Priya</b>	Prof. Department of ECE & Professor Academics, Francis Xavier Engineering College	Member / Faculty
13	<b>Dr .Mohamed Sathick .M</b>	Director Placement, SCAD Group of Institutions	Special Invitee
14	<b>Dr.John Kennedy.S</b>	Director Admissions SCAD Group of Institutions	Special Invitee
15	<b>Dr.Rajakumar.G</b>	Prof. Department of ECE & COE, Francis Xavier Engineering College	Special Invitee
16	<b>Dr.Shajilin Loret J.B</b>	Professor and HOD Department of Information Technology	Special Invitee
17	<b>Dr.Gnana Saravanan.A</b>	Prof. Department of EEE & Professor Placement Francis Xavier Engineering College	Special Invitee
18	<b>Mr.David Ayling.J</b>	Associate Professor, Department of English Francis Xavier Engineering College	Special Invitee
19	<b>Mrs.Shala.F.John</b>	Assistant Professor Department of English Francis Xavier Engineering College	Special Invitee

### Members Absent:

01	<b>Dr.Joseph Albert</b>	Vice Principal – Retd. St.Xavier's College, Tirunelveli	Educationist
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## **Agenda:**

**Item GC 26.1:** To confirm the Minutes of the 25th Governing Body Meeting Minutes & the Action Taken

**Item GC 26.2: Institutional / IQAC Report since the previous Governing Council**

**Item GC 26.3:** Any Other points of Discussion.

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## **Opening Protocol**

The 26th Governing Body Meeting started with the prayer by Prof. Shala F John, Asso.Prof/English.

The Chairman of the Governing Body, Dr. S. Cletus Babu, Chairman, SCAD Group of Institutions gave an introductory note on the 26<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting, offered his wishes for a fruitful discussion and declared the 26<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting Open.

Dr. L. R Priya, Prof. Academics welcomed the members of the Governing Body.

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## **Agenda:**

**Item GC 26.1:** To ratify the Minutes of the 25th Governing Body Meeting & Report on the Action Taken

Dr. V. Velmurugan, Principal, FXEC, presented the 25<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Minutes and the actions taken report as follows:

**GC 25.3: Approval to proceed with the process of starting B.E/B.Tech Degree Programmes for working Professionals**

### **Action taken:**

- Received Approval from AICTE.
- Awaiting Anna University Approval.
- Communication Received to start the Programmes from the academic Year 2024-25 onwards.
- Programmes approved are UG - CSE, Mech , EEE - 30 Seats each PG - ISE, CSE, Communication Systems - 15 Seats each.

**GC 25.5: Discussion on constructing New Building in FX campus.**

### **Action taken:**

- Plan submitted for Two - G+3 storey Building and awaiting plan approval.
- Build Area
  - 1) Extension of MBA Block - 5,630 sq ft - per floor
  - 2) Lecture Block near Mech Block - 15, 980 sq ft per floor.



## **GC 25.6: Approval for implementing NPTEL- Courses mandate for the UG students admitted from the Academic Year 2022-23 onwards.**

### **Action taken:**

- As per the suggestion, NPTEL Courses to be opted by the students are Validated in BoS and executed.
- Guidelines are posted in the FX Wiki Page for students reference.
- Taking Two courses under NPTEL is made mandatory for all the students who have joined from 2022-23 onwards and the same has been made as an amendment in the regulation.

## **GC 25.7.2 The details of the Library Resources and its utilization must be presented in the subsequent meetings of the Board of Governance.**

### **Action taken:**

- After the previous BOG , 44 Titles and 179 Volumes for the tune of Rs 2 Lakhs have been added.
- Around 24,000 entries have been recorded in the register.

## **GC 25.7.3 Steps must be taken to obtain grants for all the patents published.**

### **Action taken:**

- 66 Patents were submitted in the Kapila Portal and the results awaited.

## **GC 25.7.5 Industry Consultancy shall be concentrated to receive more fundings.**

### **Action taken:**

- Inorder to intensify the same, the Consultancy policy has been revised to motivate all the faculty.
- During the last Six Months, one consultancy has been initiated to the tune of Rs 2, 30,100 and few others are in the pipeline.

## **GC 25.7.6 Societal connect projects shall be increased.**

### **Action taken:**

- Steps are taken through the SIG & SSIG group to work on Societal Connect Projects. As an outcome, 6 Projects are presently active to the tune of Rs 63 Lakhs.
  - 1) Solar Dryer for Agriculture.
  - 2) Palmyra Fruit Essence Extraction
  - 3) Energy Generation through Decorative Windows.
  - 4) IoT Based Smart Application for Agriculture.

- 5) AI Based Smart Wheelchair.
- 6) Jawa Plum Fruit essence Extraction

## **GC 25. The Academic and Administration Audit (AAA) - report received from the External Experts of the audit**

### **Action taken:**

- The Academic and Administration Audit (AAA) was conducted with the support of External Expert Members from various NIRF Rated Autonomous Institutions on 28.06.2023.
- The inputs received by the external committee were discussed with the internal panel members with due diligence and the compliance were rectified to meet out the requirements as stated by the External Members in a period of 10 days from the date of audit.

## **GC 25.7.7 Faculty may be motivated to initiate startups.**

### **Action taken:**

- In order to motivate the faculty to initiate start-up, Reward points for Start-Up initiative have been added in the Faculty Action Plan ( FAP).
- As a result, One start-up (Western Quest Innovation Private Limited) by faculty initiated and registered under MSME Udayam Scheme by Dr. Kannan, Prof/Mech

## **Item GC 26.2: Institutional / IQAC Report since the previous Governing Council**

Dr. V. Velmurugan, Principal, FXEC, presented the Institutional Report and IQAC Report for the period succeeding from the previous Governing Council under the following headings

1. Awards and Rankings & Recognitions
2. Academics & COE
3. Research
4. Industrial Applied Laboratory
5. National & International Events organized
6. Skills & Training
7. Entrepreneurship Development Cell
8. ERP
9. Sports Achievements
10. Extension Activities
11. Industry Connect & Placements
12. Alumni Association

*The Extensive Report on the above was presented in the 26th Governing Body meeting.*



The members of the Board of Governance appreciated the Management for the extended activities conducted in the college since the conduct of the previous Governing Body Meeting and stated that the institution is growing from strength to strength.

### Item GB 26.3: Points of Discussion

The panel appreciated the initiatives taken for the upliftment of the institution and the efforts put in to make the students tower high with accomplishments. The below discussions were deliberated in the discussion forum.

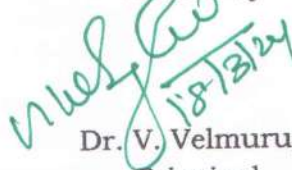
- GB 26.3.1 A mechanism more like a mentoring team can be formulated for the faculty as well as the student to focus on research contributions.
- GB 26.3.2 More number of interdepartmental Projects and Products can be encouraged to be done by the students.
- GB 26.3.3 The publication of patents both by faculty and students shows the progress towards research contribution . However, steps may be taken to receive patent grants.
- GB 26.3.4 The research contributors among the faculty must be motivated to publish their findings in the top journals like IEEE and ASME.
- GB 26.3.5 Interdepartmental publications by faculty must be encouraged.
- GB 26.3.6 More number of international and national contributors can be invited to publish articles in the inhouse Journal - Francis Xavier Journal of Science Engineering and Management.

Prepared by



Prof. Shala F John  
Coordinator

Verified by



Dr. V. Velmurugan  
Principal

Francis Xavier Engineering College

Approved by



Chairperson  
Governing Body