MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE MEETING

The 21st Board of Governance meeting of Francis Xavier Engineering College (Autonomous) was conducted on 7.11.2020 @ 10 a.m through Zoom.

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Agenda:

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Item 20.21.3: Start of New programs
Item 20.21.4: New Research Centre
Item 20.21.5: NAAC Accreditation
Item 20.21.6: NBA Renewal
Item 20.21.7: Any other Matters
The meeting started with a prayer by Dr. Aravind Swaminathan, Prof. Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The meeting was declared open by the Chairperson of the Board of Governance Meeting, Dr. S. Cletus Babu, Chairman, SCAD Group of Institutions. The welcome address was given by Prof. Annie Rose Nirmala, HOD, Department of Master of Business Administration.

Chairman of the Board of Governance Meeting, Dr. S. Cletus Babu, Chairman, SCAD Group of Institutions gave an introductory note on the 21st Board of Governance Meeting and offered his wishes for a fruitful discussion.

Dr. Ganansaravanann, Prof. Placement introduced the Management members of the Board of Governance. Introduction to the Nominees was given by Prof. Friska, HOD, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering.

20.21.1: Administrative process

Dr. V. Velmurugan, Principal, FXEC, gave an overview of the Institution, Administrative Process and Decentralization of powers.

His presentation included

(i) National and State level Awards and Ranks achieved by Francis Xavier Engineering College.

(ii) The Alumni Chapters started recently.

(iii) The outreach programmes extended by the institution under the banner of SCAD for the development of the society.

(iv) The support rendered by the Institution to the District Administration towards the combat against COVID-19 Pandemic.

The achievements as stated in 20.21.1 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) were well appreciated by the Council.

Item 20.21.2: Academic process

Dr. L R Priya, Professor Academics presented the Regulation 2019 under Autonomous, the new initiatives taken and various Points of Discussion as follows:
Item 20.21.3: Start of New programs:

The following discussion and deliberations were made with regard to the introduction of new Programmes.

i) The following 5 new UG Programmes were presented before the council.

(a) B.E Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
(b) B.E Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
(c) B.E Computer Science and Business Systems
(d) B.Tech Computer Technology
(e) B.Tech Information Science and Engineering

After several discussions and deliberations, it was resolved to forward Application to the University for TWO new Undergraduate Programmes –

(a) B.Tech Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
(b) B.Tech Computer Science and Business Systems

ii) With regard to PG Programmes in Civil Engineering the following 2 Programmes were presented before the council.

(a) M.E Structural Engineering
(b) M.E Construction Engineering

The council stated that starting PG programmes in Civil is an additional advantage. Of the two courses presented for approval, the highest priority was given to M.E Construction Engineering and Management as it includes Management Courses.

However, the council stated that a pilot study need to be made; taking into consideration - the demand for the programme, availability of enriched faculty and the future scope of the Programme.

iii) M.E in Cyber forensics shall be added in future as the college has got Cyber forensics Laboratory.
iv) The Council suggested that the management shall take 5 to 10 days to go for an analysis as said in point no. (i) & (ii), and send the details of the finalized Programmes to the members of the council for approval.

Item 20.21.4: New Research Centres:

The proposal for the start of New Research Centres in the following departments were presented before the Council.

(a) Mechanical Engineering
(b) Department of MBA
(c) Department of Civil

With regard to the establishment of Research Centres in Mech, MBA and Civil the council stated that, if the college meets the minimum requirement, application shall be forwarded to the University.

The council stated that, in case with Mechanical Engineering, if the eligibility criteria is not met, the additional highlights towards Research contribution shall be specified as an additional advantage and the representation shall be forwarded with the approval from the Council.

Item 20.21.5: NAAC Accreditation

The submission of SAR was presented to the council and the approval was requested to further proceed with the process.

The submission of SAR was appreciated by the council and after various discussions, the council stated that the institution shall go ahead with the further process of preparation.

Item 20.21.6: NBA Accreditation

The status of NBA accreditation and the permission to apply for Reaccreditation for the Department of CSE, ECE, EEE & MECH was presented before the council.
The Council gave its consent to follow up with reaccreditation process with regard to reaccreditation.

Item 20.21.7: Any Other Matter

After several discussions and deliberations with regard to making the students stand tall with their international counterparts showcasing ethics and intellectual prowess, the following were planned to be executed in the future:

1. **To integrate Sports with the curriculum.**

2. To make the students have a 360° performance and give the engineering professionals of the future a new edge, it was proposed to include “**Feminine Values**” in the curriculum.

3. Teachers are the integral part in the growth of any Institution. Teachers must be motivated to keep themselves updated with the emerging technologies.

4. Alumni being the strength of the Institution, a strong data-base need to be maintained and everyone should be kept in track to have a healthy bond.

5. New Education Policy should be administered at all levels.

6. Minimum of **TWO add-on courses** outside the syllabus to be included in the curriculum; preferably, **Computer and Soft Skills for all the students.**

7. **Skill Academy** need to be formulated in the course of time.

8. **Master Plan for the next FIVE Years** need to be planned.

9. The form of procedure for the Next Board of Governance was planned as follows:

   a. **Minutes of the previous meeting, IQAC Report, Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting, Semester Results** must be presented in the beginning of the meeting.

   b. **New endowments** if any shall also be announced.
10. **Academic & Administrative Audit** must be conducted once in a year.

11. The Council appreciated the following:

   (a) strategies followed in the conduct of on-line Exam utilizing Self-built AI supported Proctoring System.
   (b) Implementation of ERP and all digital initiatives implemented inside the campus.
   (c) 5% of quota allocation for sportsmen in the admission process.

The formal meeting was closed by the Meeting Chair at 12.15 p.m.

Prof. Navaneetha Vellammal, Prof, ECE proposed the vote of thanks.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

Prepared by
David Ayling, J  
AP/ English

Approved by
Chairperson
BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

I am giving my assent to these minutes of meeting of 21st Board of Governance, Francis Xavier Engineering College (Autonomous), as this meeting was held online.

(Peak Yudhvir Singh)  
VGC Nominee.