

**Agenda for the fifth Meeting of the Third Academic Council at 2 p.m  
on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (Tuesday), through Online Platform (Zoom)**

- 1) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th December 2019
- 2) Reporting of activities.
- 3) Approval of minutes of the meeting of various Board of Studies held on 25th August 2020
- 4) Permanent increase of seats on intake of various programmes.
- 5) Renaming of the department of Personnel management to Human Resource Management .
- 6) Other items admitted by the Chair.

**Binoy Joseph Ph.D  
Principal/ Chairman**

**Members Present**

Sl.No	Name	Signature
1.	Dr. Binoy Joseph	Online
2.	Dr. Veeva Mathew	Online
3.	Dr. Manoj Menon	Online
4.	Fr (Dr) Joseph MK	Online
5.	Dr. Baby M D	Online
6.	Dr. Bindiya M Varghese	Online
7.	Dr. Joseph K X	Online
8.	Sr. Dr. Lizy P.J.	Online
9.	Dr. Joji Alex	Leave
10.	Dr. Manoj Mathew	Online
11.	Dr. Anish K.R	Leave
12.	Dr. K. Poulose Jacob	Online
13.	Fr. (Dr.) Johnson X Palackappillil CMI	Leave
14.	Dr. Sam Thomas	Leave
15.	Dr. K. Sekar	Leave
16.	Sri. P Harikrishnan MG University Nominee	Leave
17.	Prof. Jogy Alex MG University Nominee	Online
18.	Dr. Tomy Joseph MG University Nominee	Leave
19.	Fr. (Dr.) Saju M.D	Online

**RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)**

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Third Academic Council of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences(Autonomous) held at 2.00 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (Tuesday) through online Platform (Zoom.)

**Members present**

01.	Dr. Binoy Joseph	Chairman
02.	Dr. Baby M D	Member
03.	Dr. Bindiya M. Varghese	Member
04.	Dr. Joseph K X	Member
05.	Dr. Veeva Mathew	Member
06.	Dr. Manoj Mathew	Member
07.	Sr. Dr. Lizy P J	Member
08.	Dr. Manoj Menon	Member
09.	Dr. K Poullose Jacob	Member
10.	Fr (Dr.) Joseph M K	Member
11.	Prof. Jogy Alex	MGU Nominee
12.	Fr. (Dr.) Saju M D	Member-Secretary

**Leave of Absence**

1.	Dr.Joji Alex	Member
2.	Dr. Anish K R	Member
3.	Fr. (Dr.) Johnson X Palackappillil CMI	Member
4.	Dr. Sam Thomas	Member
5.	Dr. K. Sekar	Member
6.	Dr. Tomy Joseph	MGU Nominee
7.	Sri .P Harikrishnan	MGU Nominee

The meeting started with a silent prayer.

**Welcome**

Dr.Binoy Joseph, Principal, welcomed the members of the Academic Council.

Dr. Binoy Joseph, explained the present situation for conducting the Academic Council meeting through online media in the present scenario. Considering the newly proposed

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educational policy by the Govt.,new programmes modifying the existing ones put forth by the Board of studies concerned are to be discussed in detail for approval by the council

The agenda for the meeting was read out by Dr.Binoy Joseph .After this, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/1: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The Chairman reported the minutes of the previous meeting and sought the approval of the members.

The Council resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/2: Reporting.**

The Chairman gave a briefing on various academic activities carried out since the last meeting

**(a) Re-accreditation of NAAC for the next Phase.**

The Chairman informed the members of the meeting that we are expecting the announcement for the pre-qualifier notification from NAAC shortly.

**(b) NIRF Ranking 2020.**

The Chairman informed the council that the college has been ranked 28<sup>th</sup> among the best 100 colleges in India , by the NIRF under the MHRD in 2020.

**(c) AICTE STTP 2020 Approval.**

It was informed in the meeting that Dr.Padmanabhan ,Assistant Professor completed the short term training programme successfully and others will be completing by Oct/Nov 2020.

**(d) Extension of Autonomy**

The MG University has submitted the proposal for extension of autonomous status to UGC with the NOC of the Govt. of Kerala.

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**Item No. AC 3. 5/3: Approval of minutes of meetings of various Board of studies(BOS) .**

**Item No.AC 3.5/3.1**

The Chairman of the council announced the proposal for the introduction of a new programme – BA (Hons.) in English Literature and Journalism (4 year/8 Semester) during the next academic year and invited the Chairman of the newly constituted Board of studies in English to present the major recommendations of the meeting of BOS.

Chairman of the newly constituted BOS, Prof. Thomas Thiruthanathy presented the major aspects of the newly proposed BA (Hons.) in English Literature and Journalism programme from the next academic year. The programme aims to introduce students into the world of literature and also to the basic principles of Journalism and media studies. He also briefed about the scheme and syllabus of the Honours programme and sought the approval of the council.

The academic council considered the proposal and resolved to approve the new proposal for the academic year 2021-22.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/3.2 :**

Dr. Anish K R, Chairman of the Board of studies - Social Work presented the major recommendations put forth by the last meeting of BOS.

He briefed about the introduction of

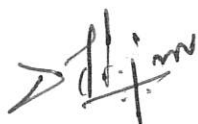
- a) BSW (Hons.) programme(4 year/8 semester) and
- b) MSW programme ( 2 year) with focus on Clinical Social Work and sought the approval of the council.

After considering the same, the council resolved to approve the proposals from 2021-22.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/3.3 :**

In the absence, of the Chairperson, Mr. Noble Chacko, Asst. Professor of Department of Psychology presented the recommendations made during the last meeting of the Board of studies in Psychology. The new proposals are,

- (a) Introduction of BSc. Psychology (Hons.-4 year/8 semester)) programme and



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(b) MSc. Counselling Psychology (2 year) ,and requested the approval of the council for commencing from 2021-22 onwards.

The Academic Council considered the proposal and resolved to approve the same.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/3.4 :**

Dr. K. X. Joseph, Chairman of Board of studies –Commerce ,presented the major recommendations of the last meeting of the Board of studies.

- a) Introduction of a new BCom (Hons.- 4 year /8 semester)) Programme and
- b) Revision in syllabus of BCom Model I&II of Finance and Taxation stream from 2021-22 onwards.

The Principal informed the council that all physical facilities are available in the college for the conduct of the newly proposed programmes w.e.f 2021-22 onwards. Additional requirements if needed shall be provided by the management of the college.

The Academic council considered the proposal and resolved to approve the same.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/4 : Permanent increase of seats on intake of various programmes**

Considering the increased demand for admission to various programmes ,the Principal proposed for the permanent increase of seats in the unaided programmes without any financial commitment to the university / Govt. as detailed below:-

- 1) BCom - 40 to 60 (All streams)
- 2) BBA - 40 to 60
- 3) BSW - 30 to 50
- 4) BSc. Psychology - 30 to 50
- 5) MSc. Psychology - 20 to 30

The council discussed the proposal and the university nominee suggested to submit the application in time to the MG University for the permanent increase of seats.

The proposal was accepted and it was resolved to submit the application for consideration by the MG University



**Items No. AC 3. 5/5 : Renaming of the department of Personnel management to Human Resource Management .**

Dr. Manoj Menon, HOD informed the council that the MA(PM&IR) course conducted by the college was re-designated by the MG University as MHRM. The course name was changed to MHRM, but steps had not been taken to re-designate the name of Department as Department of Human Resource Management.

As proposed by Dr. Manoj Menon, the council resolved to recommend to MG University to approve the change of name of the Department from Personnel Management to Human Resource Management.

**Items No. AC 3. 5/6 : Other items admitted by the chair**

a) Dr. Bindiya M Varghese shared the concern of a large group of students for not publishing their results of the supplementary degree exams of MG University. Since the results of such students are not yet published, the same may affect their eligibility to get admission to PG Programmes.

The matter was discussed and the university nominee informed the council that the university had taken steps to publish the result of supplementary exams and subsequent arrangements were made for sending the confidential result of such candidates to the institutions concerned.

**b) Starting Research Centres :**

The proposal for instituting research centres in the Department of Computer Science, Library Science and Psychology was discussed. Since the three departments are offering programmes under unaided streams only, university rules does not allow to start research centres in unaided Departments. The members suggested to submit application for sanctioning research centres with details, citing the permission given by KTU for starting research centres in unaided engineering colleges.

c) Dr. Manoj Mathew, Controller of Examinations of the college pointed out the delay in the conduct of various semester examinations postponed due to COVID - 19. The Controller of Examinations also pointed out the possibility of conducting on line exam and the university nominee suggested to submit a request to the university for permission.



d) Approval is also required to the following:

1) The MG University granted approval to conduct a two year integrated MLibISc programme from 2020-21 under unaided stream. As per the approved syllabus of MLibISc, a practical paper was included in the first semester (LS1 C05 Knowledge Organization - Library classification) and teaching of this practical paper will be very difficult through online media and will not achieve the assigned objective of this paper in the first semester.

Hence two core papers of I & III semesters are to be interchanged for the smooth conduct of the programme by shifting the first semester "Practical paper" to the third semester and one "theory paper (Information systems and products)" from third semester to the first semester with the same credits.

2) Permission was also sought from the university for the continuance of MLISc. (1 Year) programme upto 2020-21 following the scheme of examination (mark system) till the last batch of MLISc. (1 Year) programme 2020-21, and cease the MLISc (1 Year) programme from the next academic year (2021-22) onwards.

Hence, the action taken by the Principal may be approved by the council.

The council resolved to approve the action taken by the principal.

The Principal also briefed about the COVID relief activities of the college and updated the webinars and other programmes conducted by the various departments. He also informed the suggestions of the college council for giving Data Scholarships to students for attending online classes.


The Principal also explained the latest development on introduction of new Aided programmes by the Government and it is expected that Govt. may sanction one or two new Aided programmes to colleges with higher ranks in NIRF and NAAC during 2020-21.



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The council authorized the Principal to take necessary steps for getting the sanction of new programmes during 2020-21.

The meeting came to an end by 3.00 pm with a few words of thanks by the Chairman.

  
Fr. (Dr.) Saju M D CMI  
Member Secretary

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26-08-2020



  
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Chairman / Principal