

Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.

Minutes of Governing Body held on 07/06/2023

Members Present

- 1) Dr. Winny Varghese, Secretary, Mar Athanasius College Association and Chairman, Governing Body, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering.
- 2) Dr. Bos Mathew Jos, Principal and Secretary, Governing Body, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering.
- 3) Sri. Ajayan C, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department.
- 4) Dr. Shalij P R, Dean of Research, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.
- 5) Dr. George Issac, Executive Committee Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
- 6) Sri. Acy M Kottalil, Governing Board Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
- 7) Prof. M K Babu, Governing Board Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
- 8) Sri. T J Thampi, Governing Board Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
- 9) Dr. Biju B, Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering.
- 10) Dr. Siddharth Shelly, Assistant Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering Department, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering.

The meeting was conducted in mixed mode. Dr. Shalij P R participated in online mode.

The meeting started at 11.15 a.m. with a silent prayer in the Board Room of Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, presided by Dr. Winny Varghese, Secretary, Mar Athanasius College Association and Chairman, Governing Body, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering.

Principal, Dr. Bos Mathew Jos welcomed the Governing Board Members to the meeting. Further, the Principal invited Dr. Winny Varghese, Chairman of the Governing Body to address the meeting.

Dr. Winny Varghese, in his speech, congratulated the Principal, staff and students for getting NAAC accreditation to the College. He explained the challenges in implementing NIRF, which were the quality criteria of the institutions in the future and the need for improving the quality of education with new innovative programs. This will increase employment opportunities with the collaboration of industries all over the country. He also congratulated the Principal, staff and students for the high percentage of placement received by our students during last year.

The Principal made a presentation reviewing the activities and achievements of the college on the following.

- NAAC Accreditation and NBA reaccréditation status
- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
- 2022 Civil Services Examination results
- Academics including result analysis and rank position of 2022 batch.
- Faculty and non-teaching staff strength
- Research, Patents and Publications
- Details of Faculty Development Programmes
- Placement details
- Achievements in Sports and games.
- Activities of Professional bodies, Chapters, clubs, and social outreach initiatives.
- Major Infrastructural Developments.

The governing body noted the above reporting and expressed satisfaction.

The Principal informed that Govt has sanctioned an increase in M.C.A. intake from 30 to 60 from last year and the University has sanctioned Research Centres in all Engineering and Science Departments of the College.

1. Accreditation

The college has got accreditation from NAAC with an A+ Grade on the first attempt itself and Mar Athanasius College of Engineering is the first Engineering college in Kerala to be accredited with NAAC A+ Grade in the first cycle. The college received the Higher Education Minister's Excellence Award in last year and MACE is the only Engineering College in Kerala to receive this award.

2. Autonomy Expert Visit

The Principal invited Dr Biju B to speak about the autonomy expert visit. Dr. Biju B said that the visiting team consists of 6 members and they will be visiting college on 13/06/2023. He introduced the members of the visiting team and the schedule of visits to the Governing Board members. Sri. Ajayan C, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department enquired about the exam centre strong room availability and PTA participation in the meeting. Dr. Biju B replied that all the facilities are available and arrangements are made for the participation of PTA and Alumni members. Sri. Ajayan also recommended the time of the library should be extended up to

09.00 p.m. In reply, Dr. Winny Varghese pointed out the insufficiency of library staff to extend the library timings.

3. International Conference

Principal, Dr. Bos Mathew Jos said that the international conference is scheduled on the 16th and 17th of June 2023 in collaboration with St. Peters Berg University, Russia and preparations are complete for successful conduct the conference.

4. In-house Internship Cell

The Principal said that the College had signed an MOU with M/s Kalki Communication Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Aluva and discussions are on the way with more number of companies. Dr. Biju B said that students are trained on the campus itself under the supervision of the companies. Dr Winny Varghese emphasized the importance for colleges to endeavour to facilitate internships for as many students as possible, particularly in esteemed companies.

5. MOUs with foreign universities.

The Principal informed that the college is trying for MOU with foreign universities, i.e., National School of Business Management Limited, Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Institute of Information Technology, Sri Lanka, St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University LETI, St. Petersburg, Russia, and Gambella University, Ethiopia.

6. Approval of Academic Council of MACE

The Principal informed that 4 members were proposed for the academic council. Dr. Shalij P R enquired whether it is required for the autonomy visit. In reply, the Principal said that it is not a mandatory requirement.

7. NEP implementation plan

The Principal informed that many of the faculty members have attended the NEP classes. Dr. George Issac suggested inviting experts from other institutions and conducting awareness for all the teaching and technical staff.

8. Budget approval

The Governing Body approved the budget proposed by the Principal.

9. Government sanction for new courses and increase in intake

AICTE and the University have sanctioned new courses in B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence) and increased intake for the B.Tech Computer Science and

Engineering (Data science). Principal informed that sanction from the Govt. of Kerala is pending for these courses and requested Sri. Ajayan C to do the needful in this regard.

10. Placement and finishing school

The Principal has informed us that final-year students are being trained as per the company perspective. Steps have been taken for the construction of new floors in the Alumni Centre to provide space for the Finishing school.

Dr. Goerge Issac expressed the vote of thanks to one and all.

The Meeting concluded at 12.30 PM.




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