

IQAC

Minutes of the proceedings of the IQAC meeting held on October 22, 2018 at 1.30 pm in the Principal's Conference Room, Sophia College (Autonomous)

Members Present:

Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal	Principal (Chairperson, IQAC)
Ms. Gilda Pereira	Vice Principal (Arts)
Dr. Yasmin Khan	Vice Principal (Science)
Sr. Annie Peter	Vice Principal (Junior College)
Mrs. Sheila Master	Ex-Student Consultant, IQAC
Dr. Anagha Tendulkar	Coordinator, IQAC
Dr. Roshan D'Souza	Faculty Member
Ms. Jennie Mendes	Faculty Member
Mrs. Boskey Martis	Representative of Office Staff
Mr. Ramesh Ramane	Representative of other non-teaching Staff
Ms. Rajni Desai	Ex-Student
Mrs. Nevah D'Mello	Ex-Student
Sr. Teresa Pereira	Management Representative
Ms. Naomi Veigas	Student Body President
Ms. Kirti Borkar	Cultural Secretary

Minutes

1. The Chairperson Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal welcomed the members to the meeting.
2. The following issues were discussed

I. AUTONOMY

Sophia College was awarded autonomy in the third week of July, and the processes of autonomy were put in place. The execution and implementation of academic autonomy was discussed at length. Tentative schedules were discussed for the second round of the Board of Study meetings for departments, and the meetings of the Academic Council and Governing Body. The composition of new committees as per the UGC guidelines were deliberated upon.

II. GREENING OF THE CAMPUS

Integrating green practices into Sophia Campus life in contribution of the good practices in the college. The members were informed of the following points:

- a. Solar panels have been installed.
- b. A composting machine has been installed and is being used.
- c. The separation of dry and wet garbage was being implemented.

- d. Chemically treated disposal of sanitary pads and provision of special bins, was being explored as we had received funds for this.
- e. Tapping into alternative sources of energy on campus, was being explored.
- f. Maintenance of herbal garden was being done regularly.

III. Role of IQAC

Under Autonomy the revised role of the IQAC was discussed at length. The following initiatives were discussed by the IQAC Coordinator Dr. Anagha Tendulkar –

- a. All details of IQAC Meetings would be posted on the College Website
- b. A separate email ID would be created for IQAC Sophia (Autonomous)
- c. A copy of the new AQAR format to be emailed to the HODs and they were to be briefed about filling in the proforma.
- d. Regular feedback about the institution would be sought from the stakeholders, students, alumne and parents.
- e. TAQs would be administered on an annual basis.
- f. CAS Committee activities would be tracked.
- g. Workshops, conferences for students, inhouse lecturers and lecturers from other colleges on CAS and MOOCs would be organized.
- h. Filling in and submitting PBAS would be made mandatory for all the teaching staff.
- i. IQAC Sophia (Autonomous) would be part of PARAMARSH.

IV. NETWORKING WITH COLLEGES

The need to network with other colleges and universities at National and International levels was discussed. The possibilities are to be explored.

V. SWAYAM

SWAYAM is to be activated to encourage E- learning and preparation of E-content for students.

VI. CERTIFICATE COURSES

Expansion of the number and scope of Certificate Courses was discussed and it was decided that the possibility of running courses like History of Food, Legal Awareness for Women be explored. Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal shared the possibility of conducting a Short-Term Course, 'Encapsulating Gender' for the College lecturers on behalf of the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai.

VII. REMEDIAL COURSES

It was suggested that the term “Learning Enhancement Programme” should replace the term “remedial teaching”. The LEP should be strengthened to reach out to the students who need special academic attention.

VIII. PLACEMENT CELL

The need to have a stronger Placement Cell was discussed. Planned attempts to include more students were discussed. Tracking of progression of students and alumnae and attempts to enhance SCESA membership were considered.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal
Principal (Chairperson IQAC)