

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
PARVATIBAI CHOWGULE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE (AUTONOMOUS)**

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Time:** 11.00 a.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science,  
Margao-Goa.

The Chairman, Shri Umaji V. Chowgule, welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the first Governing Body meeting. He thanked all those who were involved in the process of preparing the College for autonomy, specially Principal V.R.Shirgurkar, who mooted the idea and Dr.R.V.Gaonkar for his major contribution in getting it conferred. He also thanked the Registrar of Goa University, Prof.V.P.Kamat and Director of Higher Education, Principal Bhaskar Nayak and all other members of various committees for their contribution towards the conferment of autonomy.

Subsequent to the welcome, Dr.R.V.Gaonkar, Member Secretary, presented the Agenda and the business, as per the Agenda, was transacted.

**AGENDA**

1. Presentation of the proposed course structure of the Under Graduate Degree Program in Arts & Science.
2. Nomination of the experts from outside the College representing such areas as Industry, Commerce, Law, Education, Medicine, Engineering, etc., to the Academic Council of the College.
3. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

Prior to taking up the first point on the Agenda, the discussion started with the remark from University Nominee, Prof.V.P. Kamat, that the Governing Body does not have the required number of members as per the statute. The statute requires 12 members whereas the Governing Body presently had only 11 members. The Chairman informed that the member would be included as soon as he gets the concurrence. Prof.V.P. Kamat also pointed out that the meeting of the Governing Body should be held at least three times in a year, as per the statute and not twice a year as mentioned in the Notification. The Member Secretary, Dr.R.V.Gaonkar, explained that he could not get representative from University Grants Commission on the Governing Body in spite of sending a request letter to them as soon as the College received autonomy. Due to problems in the UGC office, the matter was still lying with the UGC.

Subsequent to this, discussion on the first point of the Agenda was taken up.

1.	<b>PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED COURSE STRUCTURE OF UG DEGREE PROGRAM</b>
1.2	<b>DISCUSSIONS</b>
	<p>i. University Nominee, Prof. V.P. Kamat, pointed out that the procedure required that the course structure has to go through the Academic Council before it comes to the Governing Body.</p> <p>ii. Member Secretary, Dr.R.V.Gaonkar, said that he was aware about the statutory requirement, i.e. the course structure should be approved by the Academic Council before presenting for approval in the Governing Body meeting. However, the Agenda clearly states that the course structure is presented for the purpose of discussion and generation of ideas and not for approval. The Chairman, Shri Umaji V.Chowgule, confirmed Dr.Gaonkar's views that the course structure was being presented in the Governing Body meeting for the purpose of discussion and generation of ideas. The Chairman also agreed that correct steps and procedures will be followed.</p>
1.3	<b>GENERATION OF IDEAS</b>
	<p>i. The Chairman, Shri Umaji V.Chowgule stated that Compulsory subjects are things students would learn but he emphasized that a student should have the ability to write properly and communicate properly in order to bring academic rigor to the programs. It doesn't matter from which discipline he has graduated. We should become the creator of good communicators.</p> <p>ii. Members pointed out that under extra-curricular activities only three choices are given to the students. The College needs to have at least 20 options from where students can choose. Options like, Creative Writing, Anthropology, Gemology, Amateur Zoology, Dance, some courses in Photography and Videography can be offered as the College has very good infrastructure like the studio, student support service, green house and courses can be formulated using this.</p> <p>iii. Taking the discussion further, members felt that it would be good if we define "graduate attributes" and " program attributes" for the autonomous courses.</p> <p>iv. State Government nominee, Director Bhaskar Nayak, mentioned about the importance of field work and felt that for subjects like, History, Sociology, increased field work is necessary.</p>
2.	<b>NOMINATION OF EXPERTS FROM OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE</b>
	<p>i. The Chairman, Shri Umaji V.Chowgule, said that the names of experts from outside the College could not be confirmed and promised to get the concurrence from these experts within a couple of days and suggested that appropriate Academic Council, as per the statutes, would be constituted giving full representation for all interest and getting the</p>

	<p>appropriate number of persons on the Academic Council as per the statutes.</p> <p>ii. The State Government nominee, Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, felt that the persons who are already part of good autonomous colleges should be nominated.</p> <p>iii. The members felt that in order to speed up the matter, the names of such persons could be shortlisted and circulated to the members of the Governing Body for the purpose of approval.</p>
3.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
	<p>i. The State Government nominee, Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, suggested that -</p> <p>a) We should have a document or a blue print on skills for Goa and we should provide education that matches the required skill sets. The Chairman, Shri Umaji V.Chowgule, asked Dr.E.M.Travassos, member of the Governing Body, to sit with Prof. Bhaskar Nayak, State Government nominee, and finalize a proposal for such a study.</p> <p>b) The College does not need to run all programs under Extra-Curricular activities. The students can be encouraged to enroll in the programs taught by various institutions in and around Margao, such as Kalangana, Nritya Sankul, etc., and in dance and music and even yoga, and such credits could be transferred to the College program pursued by the student.</p> <p>c) The number of students for Postgraduate course in Botany at Goa University is declining. The Department of Botany of the College can have tie-ups with Ella Farm, Ayurvedic Colleges, etc.</p>

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The following members of the Governing Body were present for the meeting :

**Management Representatives**

1. Shri Umaji V.Chowgule - Chairman
2. Dr. Rohini Chowgule - Member
3. Shri R.B.Bilguche - Member

**UGC Nominee**

Not nominated by UGC

**Goa University Nominee**

4. Prof.Vijayendra P. Kamat - Member

**State Government Nominee**

5. Principal Bhaskar Nayak - Member

**Educationist - Nominated by the Management**


6. Shri V.R.Shirgurkar - Member

**Teacher Representatives of the College**

7. Dr.E.M.Travassos - Member
8. Shri H.S.S.Nadkarni - Member
9. Principal R.V.Gaonkar - Member Secretary

Shri Arjun Chowgule, Management Representative, conveyed his inability to attend the meeting

Dated : 14/10/2014

  
Dr.R.V.GAONKAR  
Member Secretary (Ex-officio)  
Governing Body