


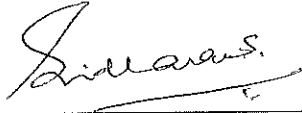
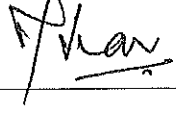
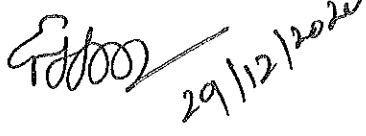
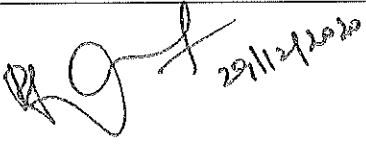
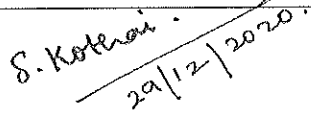
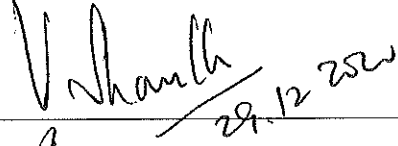
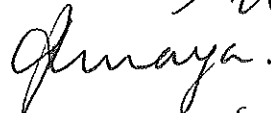
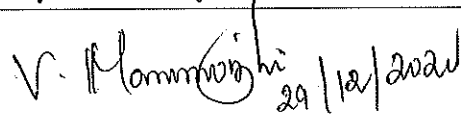
**ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**CHENNAI – 8**

**GOVERNING BODY MEETING**

Time: 11.00 AM

Date: 29/12/2020

The Members present :

1. Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam Chairperson, Ethiraj College Trust	
2. Thiru. S. Sridharan Financial Trustee, Ethiraj College Trust	
3. Dr. M Sekar, Member, Ethiraj College Trust	
4. Prof. S Vittal, Member, Ethiraj College Trust	—
5. Dr.D.Krupa Shankar Member, Ethiraj College Trust	—
6. Prof. Dr.E. Murugan, University Representative, Professor & Head, Department of Physical Chemistry School of Chemical Sciences, Guindy Campus, University of Madras	 29/12/2020
7. Tmt. Indira Arjun Dev, Member Governing Body, UGC Nominee	—
8. Dr. R. Ravanan Joint Director of Collegiate Education Chennai Region Chennai – 600 015.	 29/12/2020
9. Dr. Tmt. S.Kothai, Principal & Secretary.	 29/12/2020
10. Dr. V.Shanthi Staff representative	 29.12.2020
11. Dr. Tmt.R.K. Maya Controller of Examinations	
12. Tmt. V. Manimozhi Academic Council Secretary	 29/12/2020

**ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI-600008**

**MINUTES OF THE 16th GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 29/12/2020 AT 11am**

The Governing Body Meeting of the College was held on 29/12/2020 at 11 am in the online mode with the Chairperson Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam in the Chair and was attended by the following members of the Governing Body.

1. Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam - Chairperson,
2. Thiru S. Sridharan -Financial Trustee
3. Dr. M.Sekar -Trust Board Member
4. Prof. E.Murugan -University Representative, University of Madras
5. Dr. S. Kothai -Principal and Secretary
6. Dr. V. Shanthy -Staff Representative
7. Dr. R K Maya -Controller of Examinations
8. Tmt. V. Manimozhi -Academic Council Secretary

The Chairperson, Dr Chandra Devi Thanikachalam welcomed the gathering and stated that due to unavoidable reasons the UGC Nominee to the Governing Body, Dr Indira Arjun Dev had expressed her inability to join the meeting. She said that Dr. Indira Arjun Dev sent her best wishes and has agreed to join the next Governing Body Meeting scheduled for the next semester. In her introductory remarks, she complimented the staff and students of the college and said that the well documented and extensive report submitted for the Governing Body was testament to the continuing academic activities of the college despite the pandemic induced lockdown and highlighted that nearly 62 webinars were organised during this period.

The Principal and Secretary Dr S. Kothai, introduced the members present and invited Tmt. V Manimozhi, Academic Council Secretary, to read out the minutes of the previous Governing Body Meeting. The Academic Council Secretary, Tmt. V Manimozhi, presented the minutes of the 15th Governing Body Meeting held on 28/02/2019.

**Agenda 1-** The minutes of the previous Governing Body Meeting was approved

**Agenda 2-** The Action Taken report on the matters put up for discussion in the previous Governing Body was taken up and at this point it was suggested that with regard to the Bharathiyar Study Centre that was inaugurated in the college in March 2019, the fund collected could be met with a matching grant from the college management and an Endowment Chair may be instituted in the the name of the study centre.

In the discussions that followed it was decided that the matter could be put before the Board to take suitable steps for the creation of such an Endowment Chair.

**Agenda 3-**The Minutes of the 22nd Academic Council Meeting of the College held on 05/12/2019, for the approval of the Outcome Based Education syllabus for UG and PG programmes were placed and approved.

**Agenda 4-** The minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of 2019-20 and 2020-21 were placed and approved

✓ **Agenda 5-** The results of the End-Semester Examinations of 2019 and 2020 were placed and approved

**Agenda 6-** The admission details of 2019-20 and 2020-21-Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses- Aided and Self-Supporting were placed and approved.

**Agenda 7-** The provisional affiliation granted by the University for two new PG courses- M.A. Human Resource Management and M.Sc. Applied Psychology in Shift II for the academic year 2020-21 were placed and approved.

**Agenda 8-** The college activities for the period February 2019 to December 2020 were placed. Professor E Murugan enquired about the mode of organisation of the activities and the Principal replied that after the lockdown all the activities were organised only through the online mode i.e., virtual meeting. The numerous awards and recognitions received by the Principal Dr. S. Kothai and the teachers of various departments were well appreciated by the members. The members expressed their appreciation for the achievement of the Guinness Record for the world's longest play on Human Rights issues by the students of the college.

While discussing the Management sponsored research projects taken up by the staff and students through ECRIC, (the Ethiraj Centre for Research, Innovation and Creativity-funded by the Management), Dr. M.Sekar, Trust Board member suggested that the research output of these projects in the form of publications, could also be presented from the next meeting. The Principal replied that as most of the projects sanctioned during the period under review were nearing completion only this month, the researchers would be getting their papers published shortly.

Next the MoUs signed by the various departments were discussed and it was suggested that the the MoA signed by the college during the period with Binghamton University, New York, USA should be utilised to its maximum. The Financial Trustee, Thiru S. Sridharan stated that the college should ensure that the MoA should result in interaction between Ethiraj College and Binghamton University at all levels, namely student, faculty etc., Prof.E Murugan, the University Representative and Dr. M. Sekar, Trust Board Member suggested that the outcome of the MoUs signed with other Universities and corporate organisations could be included in future presentations.

It was also suggested that the Dean of Academics of the college should organise more such interactions and ensure full utilization of the MoUs.

Dr. M.Sekar also suggested that the Principal could explore the possibilities of establishing and securing research projects from UGC and other institutions to which the Principal agreed to the suggestion. Thiru.S. Sridharan said the college could explore the possibility of establishing tie-

ups with other notable and like-minded women's universities overseas to which the Principal assented.

Continuing with the need to place emphasis on research activities the members suggested that awareness programmes on the New Education Policy (NEP), which stresses on H-Index and I-Index as a parameter for grants-in-aid should be held for the teaching faculty. The Principal Dr S. Kothai replied that an awareness programme on the NEP for the teaching faculty would be organised in the month of January.

With regard to the activities of the various student leagues, which was one of the unique best practices of the college in ensuring student participation and inclusion in large numbers, the Trust Board Member, Dr. M Sekar felt that this aspect could be highlighted better in the future presentations on student achievements.

**Agenda 9-**The achievements of the students in Sports for the period February 2019 to December 2020 was placed and was appreciated by the members.

In discussions that followed Dr. V.Shanthi, Staff Representative highlighted the need to continue with the training regimen of the sportspersons after lockdown restrictions are lifted. She was of the opinion that the Physical Director of the college could be available after college hours as well to promote sports activities in the college. She also added that the promising sportspersons in schools could be identified and admissions could be given for courses of their choice. Tmt. V Manimozhi, Academic Council Secretary, suggested that talented sports candidates can be identified well in advance and may be given provisional admission in our college.

Dr M. Sekar, Trust Board member endorsed the suggestions and suggested that sports meet for schools could be organised in the college and this would help in identifying such talent. Thiru. S Sridharan, the Financial Trustee suggested that such a meet could be publicized well in advance to enhance active participation by the school students. The Principal, Dr S. Kothai replied that steps would be taken to conduct such a sports meet for schools in the college during the current academic year, so that we could identify good sportspersons for admission to our college.

**Agenda 10-**The Grants received from UGC for the period 2019-20 was presented and approved.

**Agenda11-** The audited statement of accounts for the UGC Autonomy Grant of 2018-19 and the Examination Accounts of 2018-19 were placed and approved.The Trust Board Member, Dr. M Sekar suggested that in future presentations the financials could be presented in the form of a table or bar diagram for purposes of clarity.

**Agenda 12-** The Financial Statements relating to Staff Salary and student scholarship were placed and approved.

**Agenda 13-** In "any other matters" the members asked the Principal to forward the presentation (ppt) in a CD to the UGC Nominee, Dr. Indira Arjun Dev. The Chairperson, Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam, said that the next Governing Body Meeting of the academic year would be conducted in the presence of the UGC Nominee Dr Indira Arjun Dev and the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education.

The meeting came to an end with the Controller of Examinations, Dr R K Maya, proposing the vote of thanks at 12.35 pm.

**Signatures of Members Present:**

1. T. Ch. ee.
2. Sridharan S.
3. Anu
4. S. V. Venkatesh
5. R. Maya
6. S. S. S.
7. V. Shankar
8. V. Hemmipathi
9. R. G. S.