

ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI-600008

MINUTES OF THE 17th GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 22/12/2021 AT 09.30am

The Governing Body Meeting of the College was held on 22/12/2021 at 09.30 am in a blended mode with the Chairperson Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam in the Chair and was attended by the following members of the Governing Body.

Sl.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION	MODE
1.	Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam	Chairperson, Ethiraj College Trust	In-Person
2.	Thiru S. Sridharan	Financial Trustee, Ethiraj College Trust	In-Person
3.	Dr. M. Sekar	Member, Ethiraj College Trust	Online
4.	Dr. Shimla T	UGC Nominee	Online
5.	Dr. R. Ramanan	RJD, Collegiate Education, Chennai	Online
6.	Dr. D.B. Usha Rani	Principal-in-charge	In-Person
7.	Dr. V. Shanthi	Senior Faculty Representative	In-Person
8.	Dr. R K Maya	Controller of Examinations	In-Person
9.	Tmt. V Manimozhi	Academic Council Secretary	In-Person

The Chairperson, Dr Chandra Devi Thanikachalam welcomed the gathering and introduced the members to the UGC Nominee Dr Shimla T in her first presence to the college. She stated that the admission for all courses of study were successfully completed and presently offline classes have begun for all students. She noted that despite the constraints imposed by the pandemic the faculty and students of the departments had taken efforts and achieved much as is evidenced in the report placed at the meeting. She stated that the college has created a safe and secure environment for the 7500 odd students of the college. The Chairperson also noted that 70 staff members have been recruited into the Aided stream.

She invited the Academic Council Secretary Tmt. V. Manimozhi to present the minutes of the previous Governing Body Meeting, the agenda-wise summary of which was presented by her.

Agenda 1- The minutes of the previous Governing Body Meeting held on 29/12/2020 was approved

The Chairperson then requested the Principal-in-charge to present an overview of the college and its activities agenda-wise to the members which was done.

Agenda 2- The UGC Nominee asked that the Action Taken Report could be discussed and the Principal-in-charge provided the same. The Principal-in charge presented the outcomes of the various MoUs that have been signed by the departments and also the interactions carried out. She said that the college activities and the sports activities will be presented in the respective agendas.

Agenda 3-The Minutes of the 23rd Academic Council Meeting of the College held on 21/10/2021, for approval and ratification of the revised syllabi of all UG and PG programmes were placed and approved.

Agenda 4- The minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held in March 2021 and August 2021 were placed and approved

✓ **Agenda 5-** The results of the End-Semester Examinations of 2020-21 were placed and approved.

Agenda 6- The community-wise admission details of 2021-22-Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses- Aided and Self-Supporting were placed and approved. The UGC Nominee wished to know the yield of application for the various courses for which the Principal-in-charge provided the details and Dr Simla was appreciative of the high demand for seats in the college.

Agenda 7- The college activities for the period January 2021 to November 2021 were placed. The Principal-in-charge provided an overview of the various activities in the college which included amongst other-the MoU's signed and their outcomes; the research activities of the faculty; student union and student league activities; awards and recognition of the faculty members; faculty participation in International and national conferences/seminars and workshops; publication by faculty members and student achievements.

While discussing the MoU's that were signed the UGC Nominee wished to know if the credits earned by the students through such programmes would be counted for degree credits. The Principal-in-charge replied that as an autonomous institution we wish to include the credits but will wait for instructions from the degree granting institution, that is the University of Madras in this regard.

The Principal-in charge presented the significant events which took place in the period under review namely, renewal of autonomous status of the college from 2019-20 to 2025-26; the recruitment of 70 Aided Faculty members in various departments; the conduct of Board of Studies Meetings from July 2021 and the syllabi revision of all programmes of study; the

conduct of Academic Council meeting on 21/10/21; and the completion of the Academic Audit for the years 2017-2021.

The efforts made by the management to encourage research activities in the college through the institution of research grants for faculty and students through ECRIC was highlighted by the Principal-in-charge.

In a discussion on the external projects received by the college faculty, the UGC Nominee was appreciative of the Projects taken up by the faculty. She said that the project on the "Study of the Impact of COVID-19 on the learning outcome of middle school children" by Dr. D B. Usha Rani, Principal-in-charge was worthy of being suggested at the national level. She was also appreciative of the research activities of the other faculty members of the college.

Agenda 9-The achievements of the students in Sports for the period January 2021 to December 2021 was placed and was appreciated by the members. The UGC Nominee was appreciative of the efforts taken by the college to conduct a campaign among school students and admit them to college. The Principal-in-charge also stated that a school sports meet is proposed to be held in January 2022 as per the recommendations made in the previous governing body meeting.

Agenda 10-The Grants received from UGC for the period 2020-21 were presented and approved.

Agenda 11- The audited statement of accounts for the UGC Autonomy Grant of 2019-20 and the Examination Accounts of 2019-20 were placed and approved. The Principal-in-charge brought it to the notice of the meeting that the UGC Autonomy grant for the year 2019-20 was still pending to the college. She requested the UGC Nominee to kindly assist the college in bringing this matter to the notice of the UGC. Dr Shimla clarified that the UGC was facing a fund crunch and that she had received similar representations from other colleges. She advised the college to approach the Regional office of the UGC to redress the issue and said that she would look into the matter as well.

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

Agenda 13- In "any other matters" the Principal-in-charge placed the minutes of the ECRIC meeting held on 21st December 2021.

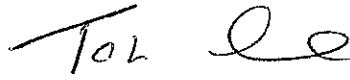
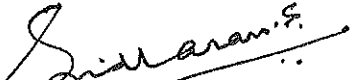


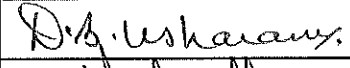
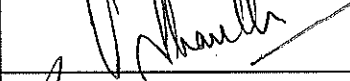
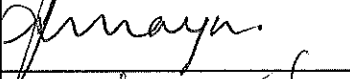
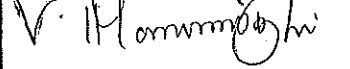
The UGC Nominee Dr Shimla T was very appreciative of the excellent presentation made for the meeting which provided her an overview of the college. She said that as a women's college we were doing yeoman service to the cause of women's education which was very important. While congratulating the college on its rank achieved in NIRF and the A grade in NAAC, she wanted the college to strive to achieve higher results next time.

She was highly appreciative of the response of the college to the challenges thrown up during the pandemic and said that the faculty and students have tackled the challenges very well as was evidenced through the large number of activities done during the period. She wanted the college to focus on upgrading the syllabus to meet the challenges of online education. Overall she stated that she was very happy to note the progress of such a well-established institution with a great history in the field of women's education.

The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education also commented on the fact that the college had obtained 51st Rank in the NIRF but asked the college to make a study of the first 25 Rank winning institutions and try to adopt their best practices. He said he wished that the college would strive to get placed within the first 25 Ranks the next time.

The meeting came to an end at 11.30 am with the vote of thanks by the Principal-in charge.

Signatures of Members Present :

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GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Time: 9.30 AM

Date: 22/12/2021

The Members present :

1. Tmt. Chandra Devi Thanikachalam Chairperson, Ethiraj College Trust	<i>Tel. De.</i>
2. Thiru. S. Sridharan Financial Trustee, Ethiraj College Trust	<i>Sridharan S.</i>
3. Dr. M Sekar, Member, Ethiraj College Trust	<i>M Sekar</i>
4. Prof. S Vittal, Member, Ethiraj College Trust	-
5. Dr.D.Krupa Shankar Member, Ethiraj College Trust	-
6. Prof. Dr.E. Murugan, Professor & Head, Department of Physical Chemistry School of Chemical Sciences, University Representative, Guindy Campus, University of Madras	-
7. Dr. Shimla Former Registrar, YMCA University of Science and Technology UGC Representative	<i>Attended online.</i>
8. Dr. R. Ramanan Regional Joint Director Collegiate Education, Chennai	<i>R. Ramanan</i>
9. Dr. Tmt. D.B.Usharani, Principal i/c.	<i>D.B. Usharani. 22/12/21.</i>
10. Dr. V.Shanthi Staff representative	<i>V. Shanthi 22/12/21.</i>
11. Dr. Tmt.R.K. Maya Controller of Examinations	<i>R. Maya 22/12/21.</i>
12. Tmt. V. Manimozhi Academic Council Secretary	<i>V. Manimozhi 22/12/2021</i>