

MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (Autonomous)

Minutes of the 17th Governing Body Meeting held on 18.10.2019 at 4.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall

Members Present:-

Mr.K.A.Mathew - Chairman
Mr.Muthukumar Thanu - Member
Mr.Viju Thomas - Member
Dr.S.Raja Samuel, Principal, MSSW – Ex-Officio Member
Dr.Rita John, Professor and Head, Dept. of Theoretical Physics – University of Madras
Representative
Mr.S.Madhavan, Advisor, Cognizant Foundation
Dr.V.Sakthi Regha, Librarian, MSSW – Faculty Representative

Leave of Absence:-

Mr.R.Natraj - Member
Mr.John Zachariah - Member
Dr.R.Ramanan - Jt. Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai
Dr.J.S.Gunavathy, Associate Professor, Dept., of Social Work (Aided), MSSW – Faculty
Representative
Prof.R.Nalini, Head, Dept., of Social Work, Pondicherry University, Puduchery.

1. The meeting began with a welcome by the Chairman Mr.K.A.Mathew.
2. The minutes of the 16th Governing Body was confirmed and action taken reported. The suggestion of members to explore offering courses in SWAYAM platform has been taken up and 6 courses are being proposed.
3. The Principal presented the report in which he highlighted student and faculty achievements including funded projects and visits abroad. Dr. Rita John suggested that the name of the

faculty and project title could be put up on the notice board and website. The title of Research Proposals to STRIDE, ICSSR and DST by faculty members were shared. Dr.Rita John suggested that Ethics Committee must be formed for the research and the teaching work load of the Principal Investigators must be balanced.

4. The Academic Council resolutions were presented by the Principal and passed.
5. The following faculty members presented the proposals for creation of Centres of Excellence:
 1. Dr.Subhashini : Centre of Excellence for Health Studies.
 2. Dr.K.Sathyamurthi : Centre of Excellence for Children, Adolescent and Youth.
 3. Mr.Antony Stephen : Centre of Excellence Social Entrepreneurship Incubation Centre
 4. Ms.Vathani David : Centre of Excellence in Gerontological Social Work
6. Members appreciated the initiative and suggested that it may be further discussed internally and finalized.
7. Mr.S.Madhavan shared about his interactions on behalf of MSSW with a few Universities abroad for possible tie-ups. A few social work departments responded positively with offers of hosting faculty from MSSW and sharing online content. Fullbright fellowships could be used by MSSW faculty to collaborate with their institutions. Mr.Madhavan agreed to continue this exploration particularly in the field of Social Entrepreneurship.
8. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr.V.Sakthi Regha, Faculty Member.


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