### **RAJAGIRI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING &TECHNOLOGY (AUTONOMOUS)**

#### **MINUTES**

SEVENTH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

DATE— 08 FEBRUARY 2024

TIME — 11 a.m.

VENUE — RSET BOARD ROOM



## **SEVENTH GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 08-02-2024**

### **Members Present**

SI.No	Name & Details	Designation
1	Rev.Fr.BennyNalkara,CMI Provincial & Manager, RSET, Chairman	Chairman
2	Rev.Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director, RSET	Member
3	Rev.Dr. JaisonMulerickalCMI,Vice Principal, RSET	Member
4	Rev. Fr. AjeeshPuthusserry CMI, Associate Director, RCMAS & Councilor for Education and Communication media, SH province.	Member
5	Rev.Dr. Joel George Pullolil CMI, Dean (U G) & Assistant Director, RSET	Member
6	Prof. Lakshmi Narayan Singh, Head, Dept: of Physics, Dr. B A Technological University, Lonere, Maharashtra	UGC Nominee
7	Sri.AjayanC., Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala	Government Nominee
8	Dr. K. Poulose Jacob, Dean Research, RSET	Member
9	Dr. Vinod Kumar P.B, Professor & Dean (PG), RSET	Member
10	Rev.Dr. Varghese Panthalookaran CMI, Professor, Department of Physics, RSET	Member
11	Adv. Kurian George Kannanthanam	Member
12	Dr. Jaison Jacob, Associate Professor, Dept. of ECE, RSET)	Member
13	Dr. Elizabeth Rita Samuel, Professor, Dept. of EEE, RSET	Member
14	Dr.P.S. Sreejith, Principal, RSET	Ex Officio Secretar

### Leave of absence:

- 1. Dr. Prasad Krishna, Director, NIT, Calicut Member
- 2. Mr. C.J. Romid. FCA, Chartered Accountant Member
- 3. Dr. Jacob T. Varghese, Chairman STEAG Energy Member
- 4. Mr. Thomas John, Managing Director, Agappe Diagnostics Ltd Member



#### **General Address.**

The meeting commenced at 11. a.m. with silent prayer.

Rev .Dr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Chairman of the Governing Body extended a warm welcome to all the participants including the newly nominated members; Rev. Fr. Ajeesh Puthusserry CMI, Associate Director, RCMAS & Councillor for Education and communication media, S H Province, Mr. Thomas John, Managing Director, Agappe Diagnostics Ltd, in his absence, senior professors namely Dr. Jaison Jacob, Dept. of ECE, RSET, Dr. Elizabeth Rita Samuel, Professor, Dept of EEE, RSET and external members: Prof. Lakshmi Narayan Singh, UGC Nominee ,Sri. Ajayan C., Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala, Advocate Kurian George Kannanthanam, Senior Counsel, High Court of Kerala.

He also informed that this was the first meeting of the reconstituted Governing Body ( $2^{nd}$  term) and sought the collective effort and suggestions from all stakeholders to run the institution smoothly.

Thereafter the agendas were taken up for discussion.

#### **Agenda Items**

# Item No.GB.07 (01) — Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 07-09-2023

The copies of the minutes had been circulated to all members of the Governing body and the Governing body resolved to approve it.

# Item No.GB.07 (02) — Brief Report by Principal on activities at RSET after last meeting of GB $\,$

The Principal and Ex officio secretary, Prof. Dr. P. S. Sreejith presented the report listed below.

### 1. NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) Unit senior division troop Inauguration

#### INTRODUCTION OF "NCC" Unit- Senior division troop

 NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) Unit senior division troop was sanctioned for Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology under 22(K) Bn (Battalion) Army

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Wing by Additional Directorate General NCC of Kerala & Lakshadweep, Trivandrum on 9 Oct 2023.

 Assistant Professor Dr. Vishnu Sankar of Mechanical Engineering Department has been deputed as Associate NCC Officer (ANO). Enrolled first batch of 22 first year SD/SW cadets of our institution for the year 2023- 24 after the selection process done by 22(K) Bn (Battalion) Army Wing officials at RSET on 13 Oct 2023.

#### 2. RSET Arts Club Activities Inauguration - 2023-2024

Renowned thespian, **Mr Prakash Raj** inaugurated the Arts Club Activities for 2023 - 2024 on October 11, 2023. Mr Prakash Raj shared his personal and professional experiences with the gathering on the occasion.

Director, Rev Dr Jose Kuriedath CMI, Principal, Dr P.S. Sreejith, Assistant Director, Rev Dr Joel George Pullolil CMI, and Vice Principal, Rev DrJaison Paul Mulerickal CMI also graced the inaugural programme with their valuable presence.

The programme featured performances by the college Dance Club Pravaaha and Music Club Malhaar.

#### 3. ABHIYANTHRIKI -2023 "National Level Tech Fest"

Abhiyanthriki- 2023, the national level tech fest which took place on the 15th and 16th of December, was a remarkable success, drawing enthusiastic participation from more than 2100 individuals representing 15 colleges.

The event featured a spectrum of activities, comprising 35 engaging events, encompassing tech expos, insightful panel discussions, and a dynamic 24- hour hackathon.

The collaborative spirit and innovations showcased reflected the vibrancy of the technological community present.

#### 4. AMBULANCE SERVICE

The blessing of new ambulance service (No. KL.07 DC 4118- Maruti Suzuki) was done by the Director Rev. Dr. Jose kuriedath CMI on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec- 2023



**Purpose:** To provide prompt medical care to the RSET students and staff members ensuring immediate attention and care. Providing first Aid and stabilizing the patient's condition. Ambulance service ensures the patient reach the hospital on time

#### 5. RSET STAFF ONE DAY TOUR

Rajagiri Valley Credit Union organized a staff trip to Athirappilly on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This trip was designed to allow our team to relax, bond, and celebrate our collective achievements. The day included a gathering and a Lunch at Plantation Valley Resort, Athirappilly. Faculty and staff members enjoyed the scenic beauty of the waterfalls and had a memorable time at the resort fostering camaraderie and relaxation among the participants.

# 6. International Conference on Mathematics for Data Science and Dynamics -2024(ICMDD-2024)and Annual Conference of Kerala Mathematical Association Funded by DST-SERB & NBHM

International Conference on Mathematics for Data Science & Dynamics-2024 (ICMDD-2024) and annual conference of Kerala Mathematical Association, organized by Department of Mathematics and Centre for Topology and Application (CETA), from February 1 to 3, 2024, showcased a vibrant program in the different track of data science and dynamics. Prof. Sivaramakrishnan R's impactful Presidential Address and Rev.Fr. (Dr.) Jose Kuriedath CMI's visionary inaugural speech set the stage for intellectual engagement. Notable figures, including Dr. P S Sreejith, Dr. K Poulose Jacob, Fr. (Dr.) Jaison Paul Mulerikkal CMI, and Dr. Paul Isaac, felicitated the gathering. The event comprised 7 plenary talks, 15 invited talks, and approximately 30 paper presentations, fostering diverse discussions. Distinguished professors, Prof. (Dr.) R. Vittal Rao, Prof. (Dr.) V. Kannan, Prof. Joshi, and Prof. (Dr.) A. Krishnamoorthy, were honored for their (Dr.) K. D inspirational impact on students. The "Vaikom Parameswara Iyer N" award was presented to Prof. P. Ramachandra Menon, recognizing outstanding achievements. The KMA acknowledged retired teachers during the general body meeting and elected new office bearers for the upcoming tenure. These events only celebrated accomplished individuals but also enriched the conference with diverse perspectives. The conference successfully facilitated academic exchange, recognized achievements, and elected new leadership, marking a significant milestone in the field of mathematics. Dr. Vinodkumar P B, Professor & Dean



(PG) and Controller of Examinations RSET, has been elected as General Secretary, Kerala Mathematical Association.

# 7. RESULT ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS EVEN SEMESTERS & SUMMARY OF RESULT OF 2020-2024 BATCH

Principal Prof. (Dr.) P S Sreejith presented the result analysis (Details annexed). The Governing Body approved the results.

# Item No.GB.07 (03) – Approval of minutes of the seventh Academic Council held on 30.01.2024

The principal presented and circulated the copies of the minutes of the seventh Academic Council held on 30.01.2024 among Governing Body Members and some discussions were held on the less percentage of pass in certain branches namely Civil and Mechanical Engineering. Discussions were held on Academic & Examinations calendars of B. Tech and M.Tech programs, changes in B.Tech Curriculum - 2023, Regulations -2023 and changes in marks distribution. During the discussions on Student Internships, the Principal informed that RSET has given provision to final semester students to take up six months' internship; such students can take Mooc Courses and their attendance will be taken from the company where they undergo internship. After the discussion the Governing Body approved the minutes.

# Item No.GB.07 (04) — Approval of appointment of new staff members/ Staff members who left after last GB meeting to date

Seven teaching, two non-teaching and two technical staff have joined after the last Governing Body meeting whereas fourteen teaching staff have left the institution during the same period (List annexed)

### Item No.GB.07 (05) -Any other item with the consent of the chair

Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director RSET reported that as per the AICTE norms a private self financing engineering college can charge Tuition Fee up to 1.5 lakh per year for B Tech courses in India. Unfortunately we are following the Kerala Government's policies and rules on Yearly Fee for Private Self Financing Engineering colleges which were fixed as Rs.75,000/- more than a decade ago. Last year we approached Government of Kerala for a nominal enhancement of yearly Tuition Fee from Rs.75, 000 to Rs. 95,000 but it was all in vain due to various reasons and Rev. Father Jose Kuriedath CMI expressed hope for an enhancement in Tuition Fee in the coming academic year i.e. 2024-2025.

- Dr. Vinodkumar P. B, Controller of Examinations, RSET, Autonomous reported that two M.Tech Students in VLSI and Embedded Systems specialization, 2021-2023 batch 1.Ms.Irfana Sageer - UID.No.M210605, 2. Mr. Sam Verghese- UID. No. M210609, had backlog during their course period and later they cleared the same in August 2023. The Mark lists and provisional certificate were issued and their final degree certificate will be issued by the parent University-APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Vice Principal Rev. Dr. Jaison Paul Mulerickal CMI reported that as per New Colombo plan of Australian Government, from Flinders University-Adelaide(South Australia) two batches, comprising of 10 to 15 students in each batch, will be coming to RSET shortly for participating academic(Subject -Cyber Security) and cultural exchange programme in 2024 and 2025. He also reported that RSET is under process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with RMIT-Vietnam for credit transfer agreement.
- Rev. Fr. Varghese Panthalookaran suggested that, to minimize the financial burden of the institution by appointing Professors of practice, Chair professors and Adjunt professors in lieu of regular professors. He also suggested the need of every pass out student with a start up in his/her hand, to improve the quality of placements (as student with better entrepreneurial mindset are sought out by the recruiters) and to entablish a start up culture at the campus. Participation in startups could eventually also turn out to be an additional source of income for RSET.Again he added that need for promoting parity in student and faculty exchanges for the sake of better internationalization of the campus.

Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, director, RSET, thanked all members of Governing Body for their active participation and valuable suggestions for the development of the institution.

The meeting came to a close by 12.30.p.m

Prof. Dr. P.S. SREEJITH
Principal & Ex officio Secretary

08.02.2024

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Rev. Fr. BENNY NALKARA CMI Chairman