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## Minutes of the meeting of IIC, held on 14.02.2025

A meeting of the **Institution's Innovative Council** (IIC) was held on 14th February 2025 from 09.00 a.m. onwards at the St. Xavier's College Conference Hall. The list of members present is attached.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- 1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting
- 2. Matters arising thereof
- 3. Action Taken Report
- 4. Plan of activities for the Quarter
- 5. AOB

The meeting began with a prayer by Prof. Nelson Lobo. Prof. Oscar Braganca de Melo, Convenor, IIC, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, welcomed all members.

### 1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were read out by the secretary Dr. Maria Claudette Gomes. The minutes were then put before the gathering for any alterations, additions, or otherwise. As there were no corrections/ alterations, the said minutes were presented before the gathering for approval. The minutes were proposed for approval by Mr. Herwin Furtado and seconded by Ms. Sumina D'Costa.

## 2. Action Taken Report

Prof. Oscar Braganca de Melo, presented the following updates:

A detailed proposal for the paper shredder was prepared and submitted to Mr. Anant
 Naik. The College is awaiting further details from him.

- An **Idea Generation Competition** was conducted, with selected entries presenting their ideas on **18th October 2024**. Seven teams participated in the event.
- Events conducted in the last quarter included:
  - o Book Swap Mela (Organized by the BBA Department)
  - o Eco Posro
  - o Inter-Collegiate Reel Making Competition on GI
  - o Pop-Up 2025
  - o Let's Ignite (Organized by the Commerce Department)

### 3. Plan of activities for Quarter:

Prof. Oscar Braganca de Melo, updated the gathering on the Festival of Innovation that was to begin from the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 and the IPR Boot Camp scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

Ms. Ruella D'Souza informed the gathering of the DHE-initiated event 'Converge' to be held from the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 to the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, which the College was participating in. As part of the event, a minimum of 3 talks from entrepreneurs or startup initiators were to be organised for the students and faculty of the College between the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 and the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025. An amount of Rs. 50,000/- was sanctioned by the DHE for the same. The College was considering inviting noted individuals from the entertainment industry, computer applications, hairstyling and makeup, and, a startup entrepreneur. She also informed that three teams had to be sent for a Competition being held on Innovative Startups and Ideas.

Dr. Ubaldina Noronha emphasised on the need to felicitate outstanding performers. Mr. Herwin Furtado stated that the College could take up one of the ideas initiated at the recently held Idea Generation Competition and look for methods of execution of the same. Dr. Ubaldina Noronha stated that feedback should be given to the participating teams. Ms. Tricia Borges, Co-ordinator of the Idea Generation Competition, emphasized that the suggestions given by the judges to the participants would be explored. She informed that the three finalist teams would be contacted for the same. She also added that having a mentor for the team would be of assistance to the team. She suggested allowing the team members to expand the team strength, if necessary.

Ms. Flavia Travasso suggested looking at projects taken up in College for ideas of innovation. She agreed to take charge the activity and prepare guidelines for the same.

Ms. Ruella D'Souza suggested taking the winners of school level competitions from the ongoing Festival of Innovation and mentoring them to explore the practical potential of the project. Dr. Ubaldina Noronha agreed that mentoring these potential ideas could be done. Ms. Tricia Borges suggested having google meets with the said students, and if they were willing, the idea could be taken forward. Dr. Ubaldina Noronha wished to know the status of the app being developed for the College. Ms. Sandra Fernandes informed the gathering that the students involved were working on it.

#### AOB:

Prof. Oscar Braganca de Melo, informed the gathering that Mr. Bhikaji Gawade had approached the Principal for permission to mentor students on campus. The Principal had asked him for a formal proposal.

Mr. Deepak Parab stated that he would discuss IPR awareness with the members. He suggested organising a session for researchers on how research can be patentable and commercialized.

Mr. Pradeep Morajkar suggested registering for the College Anthem.

Mr. Herwin Furtado inquired about the follow-up of using a paper shredder for the College. Prof Oscar De Mello stated that a company that uses shredded paper has been identified.

Ms. Sumina D'Costa proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting ended at 10.15 a.m.