

SRI SANKARA ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE

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MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING 2023-24

The Minutes of the External Evaluation Committee meeting which was held on 15.04.2024 at 3.00 pm in Sri Sankara Arts and Science College, Enathur, Kanchipuram.

The External Evaluation of the College for the academic year 2023-24 was conducted on April 15th 2024.

The Principal of the College Dr. K. R. Venkatesan, welcomed all the members and thanked the External members for evaluating all the Departments of the College

List of the members who attended the meeting:

1. Dr.R.Puvanakrishnan, Emeritus Scientist, Department of Biotechnology, Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, Chennai – 600 020
2. Prof. N.Munuswamy, Emeritus Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai -600025
3. Dr. V. B. Hrishikesan, M.B.BS., M.D., Secretary, Sri Sankara Arts and Science College, Enathur, Kanchipuram.
4. Prof. K. R. Venkatesan, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., P.G.D.J.M.C., Principal, Sri Sankara Arts and Science College, Enathur, Kanchipuram.
5. Prof. B. Ramesh, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Dean (Academics), Sri Sankara Arts and Science College, Enathur, Kanchipuram.

The Action Taken Report on the previous External Evaluation was placed before the committee as follows:

Sl.No	Recommendations	Action Taken
1	Conduct more workshops for the benefit of faculty members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Microbiology Department conducted a Workshop on Food Safety and Quality Management.
2	Organize International Seminars and Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Biotechnology Department Organised an international seminar on

		the development of ONCASPAR (PEG-L-ASPARAGINASE II) to treat acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL).
3	Apply and obtain funded projects from Government and Non-government organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Biotechnology Department received a Project Fellowship of Rs 180000 sponsored by Kemin Aqua Science Chennai.
4	Increase the Research Publications in reputed Journals with high impact factors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The faculty from the Biotechnology Department published 8 papers with a total impact factor of 21.3. The faculty from the Biochemistry Department published 11 research papers in UGC CARE-listed journals Staff members from the Commerce Department published 6 research articles in UGC Care List Journals. Staff members from the Physics Department published 3 research articles in UGC Care List Journals.
5	Faculties are advised to obtain memberships and Fellowships from International Professional bodies and Research organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. B. Ramesh, Head, Dept. of Biotechnology & Dean-Academics, was selected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (FRSB)
6	Departments can take the initiative to undertake Consultancy work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Biochemistry introduced a Consultancy/Testing service for UV-Visible spectrophotometer analysis
7	Departments may take measures to collaborate with other Institutions of National repute for the benefit of the students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Computer Science collaborated with IIT Bombay Spoken Tutorial, through which students participated in 9 certificate courses.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with Bhumi Foundation, a Value-added programme was organized on Python programming along with soft skill training for the Third Year B.Sc.. Computer Science and BCA. Students.
8	Departments need to conduct more skill Development courses for the benefit of the students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Computer Science organised 27 – hour Skill Development programme for B.Sc. and BCA Girls students on Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in association with IIITDM, Jabalpur.
9	Departments may sign MoUs with Industries and other Institutions for improving research activities and career development programmes for the students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU was signed with Redington Foundation for offering the Career Guidance Programme for the students.
10	Departments are encouraged to conduct a greater number of Certificate courses that lead to skill enhancement of the students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Computer Science conducted a Certificate Course on “Mobile Application Development using Kotlin” for the benefit of CS and BCA students.

The External members offered the following suggestions based on their evaluation of all the Departments of the College:

- Departments may conduct a greater number of certificate courses in collaboration with professional bodies and reputed Institutions.
- Departments can plan for Field trips and Industrial visits to inculcate Experiential learning among students.
- Departments are to arrange for a higher number of Internships for students, so that they are exposed to the real-world challenges.
- The College should improve Alumni interactions and Alumni Engagement with students to discuss on the employability avenues in the corresponding field.
- The College must focus on organising a higher number of Placement Training programmes and Career Guidance programmes for the benefit of students so that they

are more employable and better equipped to face the job market.

- Departments are encouraged to contract more MoUs with other Institutions and Industries for augmenting Research avenues and for offering Skill Enhancement Training programmes.
- Research Departments should focus on providing Consultancy services to Industries and Companies in their Thrust areas of Research and innovation.
- Departments have to expedite the process of elevating into a Research Department by bringing Ph.D., programmes in their respective Departments.

The faulty members of various Departments should be motivated to contribute to research through research publications in high-impact journals and Book Chapters

Signature of the Members:

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