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**Minutes of the Staff Council Meeting**

A meeting of the Staff Council was held on 4.11.08 in the Staff room at 12:30p.m. The Acting Principal presided over the meeting.

1. The Principal welcomed three new members appointed permanent lecturers in the department Mathematics.
2. The Council discussed the open letter received from the vice chancellor.

A meeting of the staff council was held in the college staff room to discuss the open letter received from the Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, regarding the implementation of semester course system for all courses in the university. The college is already teaching 3 semester courses and felt that the semester system does promote academic excellence amongst students. The following points emerged from the discussion:-

- A. The entire process and schedule of the admission process would need to be revamped in order to successfully start the semester classes by 16<sup>th</sup> of July. The migration and cancellation schedules would also need to be preponed accordingly.
- B. In order to come at par with global practices and standards it would be incumbent to have the semester course duration for VIII semesters. A four year degree course would not only fulfill the requirement for pursuing post graduate studies at international level but also increase the marketability of the courses. It would also facilitate a viable distribution of course content per semester.
- C. To aid interdisciplinary and credit system, the colleges would need to participate more in the designing of the various syllabi. There need to be more vigorous and sustained interactions between the department at the university and college level. More discussion platforms like workshops need to be created. Part of the course content can also be integrated with E-learning and can be made available online.
- D. Uniformity in terms of a very defined syllabus, workload and teaching methodology and needs to be put in place to ensure the success of the credit system. Furthermore, as each institution can not be a centre of excellence for all subjects, specialization should be encouraged as well as inter college credit transfer should be allowed for providing options and excellence to students. This approach will truly realize the full potential of interdisciplinarity.
- E. The colleges can also be allowed to autonomously design and run a few select full fledged courses.

It was decided to forward these suggestions to the university.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

  
Actg. Principal

  
Secretary Staff Council