

SONA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (AUTONOMOUS), SALEM
Governing Body Members Attendance Record

Venue: Management Conference Hall & Online Team Meeting

Date: 23rd December 2021 **Day: Thursday** **Time: 10.00 am**

1.	Thiru. C. Valliappa Managing Trustee & Chairman Sona College of Technology Salem - 636 005	-	
2.	Padma Bhushan Dr. R. Kumar Educationalist, Malleswaram, Bengaluru	-	Online
3.	Dr. V. Veerappan Industrialist Co-Founder & President Tessolve Semiconductor Private Ltd Bengaluru, Karnataka	-	Online
4.	Thiru. T. R. Parasuraman Industrialist President and Whole Time Director of Toyota Industries Engines Pvt Ltd President - Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce (BCIC) Toyota Industries Engine India Bengaluru, Karnataka	-	Online
5.	Dr Sandhya Chintala Executive Director IT- ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM VP NASSCOM NASSCOM, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	-	Online
6.	Dr. S. Xavier Alphonse SJ Educationalist Co-ordinator Jesuit Higher Education Commission TN, Former UGC Nominee Former Principal of Loyola College, Chennai	-	
7.	Dr. (Ms).Vimal Rarh UGC Nominee Professor, Department of Chemistry SGTB Khalsa College, Delhi	-	Online

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8. **Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar**
State Govt. Nominee
Associate Professor & Head - Online
Dept. of Civil Engineering, GCE, Salem

9. **Dr. S. Sanjeevi**
University Nominee - Online
Professor, Dept. of Geology,
CEG Campus, Anna University, Chennai

10. **Thiru. Chocko Valliappa**
Vice Chairman
Sona College of Technology and
Founder & CEO, Vee Technologies,
Bengaluru



11. **Thiru. Thyagu Valliappa**
Vice Chairman
Sona College of Technology and
Founder & MD, Sona Valliappa Group
Bengaluru



12. **Dr. B. Sathiyabhama**
Senior Faculty & Professor / Head
Department of CSE -
Sona College of Technology, Salem



13. **Dr. S. Padma**
Senior Faculty & Professor/ Head
Department of EEE - Online
Sona College of Technology, Salem

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Senior Academician & Advisor - Online
Sona College of Technology
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2. **C.A. G. Goudhaman**
Chartered Accountant -
Odayappa Chettiar Colony,
Salem

3. **Mr. Rudra Roy**
IBM Thought Leader – Industrial Products
& IBM Certified Supply Chain Engineer,
Senior Solution Manager and Lean Six - Online
Sigma Master Black Belt,
IBM Academic Ambassador

4. **Dr.V.Karthikeyan**
Principal,
Thiagarajar Polytechnic College,
Salem -

5. **Dr. G.M.Kadhar Nawaz**
Principal,
Sona College of Arts and Science,
Salem -

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Held on Thursday 23.12.2021 at 10.00 am – University Block Conference Hall

The Governing Body meeting was held at 10.00 am on Thursday 23.12.2021 at Sona College of Technology, Salem.

Thiru. C. Valliappa, Chairman, presided over the online GB meeting. The following members were present.

1. **Mr. C. Valliappa**
Managing Trustee & Chairman
Sona College of Technology
Salem – 636 005
2. **Padma Bhushan Dr. R. Kumar**
Educationalist
47/1, 7th Cross, 5th Main
Malleswaram
Bengaluru – 560 003, Karnataka
3. **Dr. V. Veerappan**
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4. **Mr. T. R. Parasuraman**
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President - Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce (BCIC)
Plot No. 9, Jigani Industrial Area Phase II, Jigani
Bengaluru-560105, Karnataka
5. **Dr. Sandhya Chintala**
Executive Director
IT, IteS Sector Skills council NASSCOM
VP NASSCOM, NASSCOM, Noida, Uttar Pradesh – 201 303
6. **Dr. S. Xavier Alphonse SJ**
Co-ordinator Jesuit Higher Education Commission. Tamil Nadu
Former UGC Nominee & Former Principal of Loyola College, Chennai
Jesuit Residence, St. Joseph College, Trichy-620 002

7. **Dr. (Ms). Vimal Rarh**
Department of Chemistry
SGTB Khalsa College, Delhi
C-281, SFC Flats, Sheikh Sarai, Phase-I
New Delhi – 110017
8. **Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar**
Associate Professor & Head
Dept. of Civil Engineering
Government College of Engineering
Salem - 636 011
9. **Dr. S. Sanjeevi**
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Anna University, Chennai -600 025
10. **Mr. ChockoValliappa**
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11. **Mr. Thyagu Valliappa**
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Sona College of Technology
Salem –636 005
13. **Dr. S. Padma**
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Salem- 636 007
3. **Mr. Rudra Roy**
IBM Thought Leader - Industrial Products & IBM Certified Supply Chain
Engineer, Senior Solution Manager and Lean Six Sigma Master Black
Belt, IBM Academic Ambassador
4. **Dr. V. Karthikyeen**
Principal
Thiagarajar Polytechnic College, Salem 636 005
5. **Dr. G.M. Kadhar Nawaz**
Principal
Sona College of Arts and Science, Salem- 636 005

Dr. S.R.R. Senthil Kumar, Principal, welcomed the Governing Body members and the faculty and the staff of Sona College of Technology and presented the details of the achievements of the institution to the members for comments, discussion, and approval.

A. GENERAL:

Item No.A1

To confirm and approve the minutes of the previous Governing Body Meeting held on 23.12.2021 and approve the actions taken on the minutes

- The GB meeting started at 10:20 am Mr. C. Valliappa, Chairman, The Sona Group, presided over the meeting.
- Dr. S. R. R. Senthil Kumar, Principal, welcomed the Governing Body members and the faculty and the staff of Sona College of Technology. He extended a special thanks to Dr. Sandhya Chintala for accepting our invitation to be a member of Governing Body & Advisory Board. He congratulated Dr. VimalRarh and Dr. Shoba Raj Kumar for their promotions as Professors.
- Chairman, Mr. C. Valliappa welcomed the GB members. In his opening remarks, he mentioned that that was the first GB meeting in the tallest building in Salem. Both the Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Chocko Valliappa and Mr. Thyagu Valliappa suggested that the new building, the 8 storeyed building be named 'Valliappa Block' and father Xavier Alphonse, seconded the suggestion and it was accepted and appreciated by all the members. The Chairman accepted the honour with a smile.
- The Chairman congratulated Sona team for commendable achievements in both admissions and placements.
- The members confirmed the minutes of the previous Governing Body meeting held on 02.07.2021 and approved the action and follow up of the minutes. The Principal made a power point presentation which was a consolidation of the activities and achievements of the college during the last six months.

B. ADMINISTRATION:

Item No.B1

To peruse the role of the administration of the institute under the Autonomous Status

- Vice Chairman, Mr. Thyagu Valliappa, insisted on launching a television channel for Sona in another six months. Dr. Rudra Shankar Roy asked whether the channel will be connected with visual communication. In his reply, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thyagu Valliappa listed that all the areas ranging from education to sports except politics and religion would be included.

Item No.B2**To peruse the support system that higher administrative and regulatory bodies can extend in the development of the institute**

- The Chairman expressed his concern about the delay in the commencement of classes for PG programmes. Chairman also added that the application for emerging courses must be considered and approved by Anna University.
- The Principal explained that the Anna University is waiting for the court order to start the PG counselling. Dr.Vimal Rarh asked the Principal to follow up with the authorities concerned to sort out the issues related to PG counselling and also mentioned that she could extend her support whenever possible.

C. ACHIEVEMENTS**Item No.C1****To peruse the State Level, National Level and International Level awards and honours received by the institution, departments and faculty members**

- The Principal was joined by the Vice-Chairmen and GB members in appreciating the faculty for the top ranking performance in NPTEL.
- The Principal and the GB members extended their appreciations to Vice Chairman, Mr. Chocko Valliappa, for authoring 2 chapters in the book titled 'Smart Villages' published by Springer.
- The Principal presented the ATAL award attained by Sona Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thyagu Valliappa, suggested video must be made on such special achievements and must be posted on You Tube.
- The honour bestowed on Sona alumnus, Mr. Prithiviraj Chauhan, by our Tamilnadu Chief Minister Mr. M.K. Stalin was presented and the same was recorded.
- The internshala team headed by Dr.Sivagami was congratulated for obtaining 15th rank in Tamilnadu. The ranking was bestowed by AICTE.
- The Principal presented the COVID relief measures carried out by Sona and expressed his gratitude to the Management members for their contributions to the society during the pandemic. He also mentioned that the District Collector, Mr. Karmegam, honoured our Chairman during the 75th Republic Day Celebration. Dr.Veerappan and other GB members jointly appreciated Sona for the timely contributions to the society.

- Vice Chairman, Mr. Chocko Valliappa mentioned that an app has been developed to prevent COVID infection taking all guidelines of ACMR.
- The GB members placed on record their special appreciations to Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thyagu Valliappa for the timely services offered to the society through Ayush which is operating full-fledged.
- The GB members expressed their appreciations to Mr. Chocko Valliappa for developing 'Sona Home' – an app for offering consultancy services for Civil constructions. The Vice-chairman mentioned that revenue of Rs. 10lakhs has been generated with a short span of time.
- The Principal took pride in informing the GB members that 12 faculty members, including the Principal, have been listed in top scientists world-wide as assessed by AD scientific Index 2021. The ranks range for top 15% in India top 25% in Asia and top30% in the world.
- Sona IIC received appreciations for winning 4 golden star out of 6 for 2020-2021 with 100/100 marks from MHRD
- The GB members congratulated Principal Dr. S.R.R. Senthil Kumar for being elected as a committee member representing the Civil Engineering Division of the Institution of engineers (India), Salem local centre for 2021-2023.
- The GB members gave a good round of applause to the entire Sona team for receiving the prestigious 'Digital Leaders' award at the Principal meet of Infosys campus connect conclave 2021.
- The GB members appreciated Dr. R. Malathy and Dr.Gulshan Taj for getting certified as IGBC Accredited Professionals in Green Buildings and Construction Building standards and codes.
- The GB members congratulated the team for the ranks conferred on Sona by top ranking magazines like Outlook, The Week, The Times.
- MrParasuraman congratulated the Sona team for its wonderful achievements in several areas. He expressed his opinion that an elaborate roadmap must be developed for taking the institution to the next level. He insisted that thorough benchmark for KPI, Pedagogy, feedback and placements (Ave: 12 LPA) must be fixed.
- He extended a special appreciation for Sona's achievements in the niche areas like wearable and augmented technologies by signing a MoU with UHN for fiber and related technologies research and with IIT for incubation and startup respectively.

D. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

Item No.D1 – D2

To peruse and approve the Budget Allocation and Funds Utilisation

- The budget utilisation and allocations for the period since the last meeting were presented to the members.

E. APPROVAL OF THE PERSPECTIVE PLAN

Item No.E1

To peruse and approve the perspective plan of the institution for further development

- The Principal presented the new courses to be introduced and the details of the increase and decrease in intake during 2022 – 2023.
 - ❖ **New Courses**
 - B.E. Computer Science and Design (Proposed intake for 2022-2023: 60)
 - B. Tech Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (Proposed intake for 2022-2023: 60)
 - M. Tech Apparel Technology (Proposed intake for 2022-2023: 12)
 - ❖ **Increase in Intake**
 - B. Tech Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (increase in intake 2022-2023: 60 to 120)
 - ❖ **Decrease in Intake**
 - B.E. Mechanical Engineering (decrease in intake 2022- 2023: 150 to 120)

The same was approved by the GB members.

- Mr.Thyagu Valliappa mentioned that the perspective plan for 2022 must include energy conservation as the prime aspect and in perspective plan 2023 the focus must be on attaining deemed university status, obtaining 5 patents per year and to apply for ABET Accreditation.
- Father Xavier Alphonse suggested concentrating on becoming "**An Institute of Excellence (IoE)**" which will be an alternative to Deemed to be University status. He further added that the institute must prepare a ten page write-up including the history and achievements of Sona, roadmap for five years and the outcome of becoming an Institution of Excellence.
- Father Xavier Alphonse expressed his opinion that Sona, including Arts and Medical colleges, must compete with Sona and establish a paradigm shift by drawing a roadmap for the next 3 years starting from 2022. He also mentioned that BCIC can be an industry partner for Sona's move towards IoE.