## SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD ON 19th APRIL, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE COLLEGE PREMISES.

A meeting of the Governing Body of the College was held on 19th April, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of the College.

The following members were present:

- 1. Prof. Rajeev Kaul, Chairman, Governing Body
- 2. Prof. Amita Gupta, Treasurer Governing Body
- 3. Prof. Arun Kumar Attree, Principal/Member Secretary, SBS Day College
- 4. Dr. Talat Praveen, Teacher Representative, SBS Day College
- 5. Dr. Pratima, Teacher Representative, SBS Day College
- 6. Prof. S. K. Jain, Teacher Representative, SBS Evening College
- 7. Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Teacher Representative, SBS Evening College
- 8. Mr. Mahesh Chaudhary, Special Invitee (Other than teachers), SBS Day College
- 9. Mr. Dinesh Dhawan, Special Invitee (Other than teachers), SBS Evening College
- 10. Prof. Arun Kumar Attree, Principal, SBS Evening College

Prof. Arun Kumar Attree, Principal/Member Secretary welcomed and introduced all the members to the Governing Body and sought their cooperation in managing the affairs of the College.

The House put on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Prof. Anju Vali Tikoo as the Chairperson, Governing Body and Prof. Madan Lal as the Treasurer, Governing Body of the College for their cooperation and full support in running the college smoothly.

The items on the agenda were taken up ad seriatim and the following decisions were taken:

### 1. Item No. 1: Election of the Chairperson.

The Principal proposed the name of Prof. Rajeev Kaul to be elected as Chairman, Governing Body of the College. The same was seconded and approved by all the members of the Governing Body present in the meeting. Accordingly, Prof. Rajeev Kaul was elected unanimously as the Chairman, Governing Body of the College.

### 2. Item No.2: Appointment of the Treasurer.

The Principal proposed the name of Prof. Amita Gupta to be appointed as Treasurer. Governing Body of the College. The same was seconded and approved by all the members of the Governing Body present in the meeting.

### 3. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The Principal informed the Governing Body that Prof. Rakesh Kumar has been working in the College since 2011 on permanent basis. The Governing Body has recorded the misconduct of Prof. Rakesh Kumar in the past. Since Prof. Rakesh Kumar has accepted his fault and has apologized for his conduct, the Governing Body accepted his apology. The Governing Body also decided that Prof. Rakesh Kumar be issued a letter informing him that he is given the last

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warning for such misconduct and such type of misconduct should not be repeated again in future, failing which the disciplinary action will be taken against him as per relevant rules of University of Delhi by the Governing Body of the College. Accordingly, the decision of the Governing Body was communicated to Prof. Rakesh Kumar for his kind information.

The Principal further informed the Governing Body that the College has received a letter No.CB.II/PE/SAC/2024/130 dated 20-03-2024 from the Deputy Registrar (Colleges), University of Delhi informing that

- i) Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel, Department of Commerce, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla had made a complaint dated 03-03-2024 against Dr. Rakesh Kumar working as Professor in Shaheed Bhagat Singh College who persistently approached/pressurized him for favouring one candidate for her selection as Assistant Professor through his WhatsApp messages.
- ii) the University, on the receipt of the above said complaint vide its letter dated 04-03-2024 requested the Principal, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College to seek an explanation of the above named Professor Dr. Rakesh Kumar immediately and transmit the same alongwith his specific observations thereupon to the University, which have been received by the University of Delhi vide College letter No.SBSC/1808 dated 05-03-2024.
- iii) The University, after taking suo-motu cognizance of the complaint and the explanations/observations so received observed that such allegations, if tru tantamount to doubtful integrity and is against the Code of Professional Ethics envisaged under Appendix A to Ordinance XII of the University of Act and needs to be investigated on urgent basis.
- iv) Further, owing to the fact that the above named Professor Dr. Rakesh Kumar is an employee of the College and the Governing Body of the College is the appointing/disciplinary authority, it has been observed that, in all fairness of the matter, the Governing Body of the College must initiate enquiry to the grave misconduct on part of a Professor (Dr. Rakesh Kumar) on urgent basis.
- v) Kindly ensure that during the course of the enquiry, a system be also devised to that Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar may not have access to influence the member of the Inquiry Committee or any person associated with the inquiry or temper the service/College records. The outcome of the enquiry be also informed to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi once the same is complete in all respect.

In view of the above, the Governing Body noted that as per the directions of the University, the College needs to constitute an Inquiry Committee to enquire into the matter as communicated by the University of Delhi and other misconducts on the part of Professor Dr. Rakesh Kumar on urgent basis. The Governing Body decided to explore the names of the members for the Inquiry Committee so that the matter can be enquired as soon as possible. The Governing Body authorized the Chairman, Governing Body to approve the names for constituting the Inquiry Committee to enquire the grave misconduct on the part of Professor Dr. Rakesh Kumar as directed by the University of Delhi.

There being no matter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. Arun Kumar Attree)
Principal/Member Secretary

(Prof. Rajeev Kaul) Chairman, Governing Body