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Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council of Sophia College (Autonomous) – Held via Zoom at 3.00 pm on 25th August 2022

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Anagha Tendulkar Patil, the I/C Principal of the college. The Vice-Chancellor's nominees, Dr. Shivram Garje, Dr Rajiv Kothurkar and Dr. D.V. Pawar were present. Ms. Padmini Somani, Dr Usha Mukundan, Ms. Zara Murao and Dr Uma Shankar were unable to attend. All the Heads of Departments and senior members of the college were present.

Dr. Tendulkar Patil welcomed all the members to the Eighth Academic Council meeting and said that she looked forward to their valuable inputs during the meeting. Dr. Tendulkar also informed the Academic Council that the reason for this meeting being held so late was because of the delay in getting the list of Vice-Chancellor's nominees from the University.

The Meeting began with the permission of the members.

Agenda: Point no 1

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were displayed. Dr. D.V. Pawar proposed the passing of the motion and Dr. Kothrudkar seconded the motion to pass the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Agenda: Point no 2

Review of the second half of the academic year 2021-22

Dr. Tendulkar presented a brief review of the second half of the academic year 2021-22. She stated that the teaching pattern continued predominantly in the online mode. TY Lectures were conducted in the Hybrid mode. However, as hostels were not allowed open and as a large number of our students are from outside Mumbai, it was

difficult for many students to be physically present in college. Teaching material was disseminated through Google classrooms on a regular basis. Add on Certificate Courses were conducted by the departments online. Webinars, guest lectures and conferences also continued online.

Agenda: Point no 3

Summary of department wise BOS initiatives

The Principal then continued with discussing the changes made in the syllabi:

Since most subjects had made only minor modifications, Dr. Tendulkar only highlighted the changes that had been incorporated.

- Foundation Course – BoS meeting was held on 20.08.2022. There were no major changes in the syllabi. There was a change in the BoS as there was a change in the Sophia faculty.
- Economics – BoS meeting was held on 22.04.2022. There were no changes in syllabi. A new Industry Representative was inducted on the Board.
- Education - BoS meeting was held on 23.08.2022. There were no changes in syllabi. A new Meritorious Alumna was inducted on the Board. The department conducted a certificate course on 'Gender Inclusivity'.
- English - BoS meeting was held on 12.04.2022. There were no changes in syllabi or in the constitution of the board.
- Hindi - BoS meeting was held on 07.05.2022. There were no changes in syllabi or in the constitution of the board. Two add on courses were conducted by the department – 'Basic Spoken Japanese' and 'Sara Hindi Classes'. The latter was in collaboration with the Hindustani Prachar Sabha.
- History - BoS meeting was held on 26.04.2022. The formats of Papers VIII and IX for Sem V have been slightly modified. There was no change in the constitution of the Board. Two add on courses were conducted by the department – 'Humari Mumbai; Urbs Prima in Indis' and 'Ancient Civilisations: Two Case Studies'. The former was in collaboration with the Mumbai Research Centre of the Asiatic Society, Mumbai.
- Philosophy - BoS meeting was held on 19.08.2022. There are some modifications in the SYBA Papers II and Paper III syllabi for Sem IV. The Subject Expert on the Board has been superannuated and a new member has been invited. One add on course was conducted by the department on 'Peace and Conflict Resolution' in collaboration with the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism (CSSS).

- Political Science - BoS meeting was held on 23.05.2022. There were no changes in syllabi. A new Meritorious Alumna was inducted on the Board.
- Psychology - BoS meeting was held on 04.04.2022. There were no changes in syllabi. There was a change in the constitution of the board. One add on course was organised by the department on 'Changing Frames'.
- Sociology - BoS meeting was held on 12.05.2022. Changes to the FY syllabus for Sems I and II were discussed extensively. The suggested changes are being studied and checked for efficacy and relevance and will once again be discussed in the next BoS meeting. There were no changes in the syllabus for the MA in Gender Studies and no changes in the BoS. The department organised one add on course in 'Social Research methods and Academic Writing'.
- Chemistry – BoS meeting was held on 12.05.2022. For MSc Part II the syllabus has been changed. A new Subject expert and Meritorious Alumna has been changed on the BoS. One add on course on 'Positive Health in Women' was organised by the department.
- Life Sciences – BoS meeting was held on 22.03.2022. Minor changes have been made in the syllabus with the Biostatistics Course being rearranged for better clarity. There were no changes in the BoS. One add on course – 'Diploma in Nutrition, Diet and Fitness' was conducted by the department in collaboration with the Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development.
- Microbiology – BoS meeting was held on 16.04.2022. Some minor changes were made in the SYBSc syllabus. There were no changes in the constitution of the BoS. The department held two add on courses on 'Scientific Writing' and 'Clinical Research'.
- Physics - BoS meeting was held on 23.04.2022. There were no changes in the syllabi, but online references were added. There was no change to the BoS. One add on course on 'Python for Beginners' was conducted by the department.
- Zoology - BoS meeting was held on 01.04.2022. There were no changes in the syllabi, and no change to the BoS. The department conducted one add on course on 'Basics of Forensic Science'.
- BA(SCJ) – BoS meeting was held on 23.04.2022. There were no changes in the syllabi, and no change to the BoS. The BoS had discussed the modalities and finalised the Entrance Examination for BA (SCJ). The BMM Programme was now completely phased out and replaced by the BA(SCJ) from the academic year 2022-23.
- BSc(IT) - BoS meeting was held on 16.04.2022. There were no changes in the syllabi. Two new subject experts were inducted on the BoS. The department conducted two add on courses - 'Foundation Course in Ethical Hacking' and 'Intermediate Course in Ethical Hacking'.

Agenda: Point no 4

Assessment pattern

The Principal explained that the Assessment Pattern would continue with the 50-50 Pattern. 50% would be for the Internal Assessments and 50% for the Semester End Examination. The Internal Assessment had to include at least one subjective component. Students were given a minimum of three and a maximum of 4 IA exercises of 25 marks each and the two best marks would be counted. For the Semester End Examination, the SY and TY classes had online examinations (except for the BMM/BA(SCJ) students) and for FY the SEE was conducted offline. The MSc Part I and II examinations were conducted offline and the MA Part I were conducted online.

Resolutions

The Principal asked if the Resolutions of the Seventh Academic Council meeting could be accepted in this meeting as well. The Resolutions were:

- ✓ Resolved that the proposed/ongoing add-on courses be and hereby are accepted and passed. The courses will be conducted in the academic year 2022-2023.
- ✓ Resolved that the proposed changes in the syllabi discussed in the Academic Council meeting be and hereby are accepted and passed. The changes will come into effect from the academic year 2022-2023.
- ✓ Resolved that the proposal to continue with the ratio of SEE to IA, viz. 50:50 be and hereby is adopted, for the academic year 2022-2023.

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The External members concurred. The resolutions were passed with Dr. Kothurdkar proposing and Dr. Rashna Poncha seconding the motion.

The Meeting ended with the Principal, Dr. Tendulkar, thanking the members for attending the meeting.

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Dr. Anagha Tendulkar Patil
Principal, Sophia College (Autonomous)