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Minutes of the Nineth Meeting of the Academic Council of Sophia College (Autonomous) – Held via Zoom at 3.00 pm on 11thth August 2023

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Anagha Tendulkar Patil, Principal of the college. All the Vice-Chancellor's nominees, Dr. Shivram Garje, Dr. Uma Shankar and Dr. D.V. Pawar were present. Dr Usha Mukundan, Ms. Zara Murao - from the panel of four experts from outside the college – were present. Ms. Padmini Somani, and Dr Rajiva Kothurkar were unable to attend. All the Heads of Departments and as well as the co-opted members – Dr. Rajbinder Dehiya, Dr. Sunita Jadhav, Dr. Elwin John and Ms Shraddha Prabhu were present.

Dr. Tendulkar Patil welcomed all the members to the Nineth Academic Council meeting.

The Meeting began with the permission of the members.

Item 1: Passing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The Principal presented the Minutes of the previous meeting. Ms Zara Murao proposed the passing of the motion and Ms Swarupa Kamat seconded the motion to pass the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Item 2: Implementation of the new FY Programs under the National Education Policy 2020

The Principal described the process undertaken by the College to implement the NEP 2020. She explained the new system that were designed for all programs – BA, BSc, BA(SCJ), BScIT and the PG Programs. A PPT showcasing the new Credit distribution, as well as the Discipline Specific Cores and the Common Courses was showed to the Council.

The Principal presented the titles of the new syllabi and proposed that, the detailed syllabi would be emailed to the Members of the Council for their perusal. The external members could then send their approval by return email and this would enable the Resolution to be passed. The external members concurred with this.

Dr. Garje had some queries regarding the credits. Dr. Roshan D'Souza, NEP Nodal Officer, responded and explained the new system.

Item 3: Masters in Gender Studies.

The Principal explained that only one student had taken admission to the Masters in Gender Studies Course for this academic year. Though 11 students had applied and given the interviews, 10 of them backed out of the course as they did not wish to come to Mumbai. As the Program was no longer viable, the decision was taken to drop it for this year.

The External Members concurred with this decision. Dr. Garje and Ms Murao both felt that maybe next year 40% of the Course could be online, as per the NEP guidelines.

Item 4: Assessment under NEP

The Principal presented the new system of assessments under the NEP. The CA (Continuous assessment) and SA (Summative assessment) to be undertaken to gauge student's progress. There were some queries which were answered by Dr. Sunita Jadhav as COE.

The external members gave their approval for the new systems of assessment.

Item 5: Plans for the future

The principal proposed that the next Academic Council meeting be held in person and suggested the date of 9th November 2023. The agenda would be to review the courses and credits for the second semester under NEP. The external members concurred.

The following Resolutions were then proposed:

- ✓ Resolved that the changes in the credit and course structure, as in compliance with the NEP2020 in courses taught at first year level of UG and PG programmes in semester I are hereby accepted and passed.
The External members concurred. Proposed by Dr. Andrea Coutinho; seconded by Ms Zara Murao
- ✓ Resolved that the first-year batch of Masters Course in Gender Studies not be enrolled in the academic year 2023-24, but to be attempted for enrollment with NEP 2020 compliance in the next academic year 2024-25.
The External members concurred. Proposed by Dr. Rashna Poncha; seconded by Dr. Sree Nair
- ✓ Resolved that the proposed changes in the syllabi discussed in the Academic Council Meeting be and hereby are accepted and passed. The changes are in effect from the academic year 2023-24.
Resolution on hold until the External members of the Council respond by email.
- ✓ Resolved that the alterations in the examination and evaluation pattern of all levels of UG and PG are hereby accepted and passed.
The External members concurred. Proposed by Dr. Sunita Jadhav; seconded by Ms Rinjal Jain

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



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