

5th Meeting of Board of Studies, Department of Psychology, Sophia College (Autonomous)

The minutes of the 5th BOS meeting, Department of Psychology held at 4:30pm on 10th November 2020 on the online video conferencing platform, Zoom.

Agenda

1. Welcoming all the members
2. Screensharing of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Discussion of changes in the conduction of the Practical paper owing to the lockdown
4. Approval of the list of examiners and paper setters
5. Discussion on varied modes of teaching fulfilments used for online teaching

The meeting began with Sr. Patricia welcoming all the members. She also introduced to the members the newly joined members of the faculty : Ms. Ahana Sharma and Ms. Misbah Bhombal. Soon after, the minutes of the 4th BOS meeting held on 6th March 2020 was displayed. The minutes were passed by all the members : Dr. Anuradha Sovani, Dr. Neeta Tatke, Ms. Smita Desai and Ms. Vasundhara Sanghi.

Sr. Patricia introduced the changes in the Third Year Practicum syllabus and assessment owing to the limitations brought by the virtual platform. The broad outline of changes in assessment in practicum paper was shared. Owing to the limitations brought upon by the virtual platform for teaching and assessment, there would only be internal examiners. Sr. Patricia also let the members know the marks for assessment bifurcation are 50:50.

Moving on, the members along with the faculty, exchanged information and suggestions on the different ways assessment has been implemented for practicum paper in their own institutes. The discussion ranged from mere theoretical evaluation by some colleges to evaluation by multiple choice questions that would later be doubled as final marks. Majority of inputs in this regard were offered by Dr. Tatke, and Ms. Sanghi.

Soon after, the list of paper setters and examiners was displayed. Ms. Jenny Mendes was proposed as the moderator. The BOS members approved the same.

Owing to a virtual platform of teaching and the consequent concern of lack of experience and exposure among students, incited some discussion and sharing of ideas to compensate for the latter. The members put forth that introduction of students to different fields that are in Psychology can help them streamline their specialisations and career in the field. Ms. Desai suggested that inviting professionals working under varied fields of Psychology to interact with

the students could be a great place to start. “Flipped Classroom topics” where students teach a topic in the syllabus to promote interactivity and change in regular teaching was suggested by Ms. Desai.

It was also suggested that the BOS members can interact with the students to understand and review the status quo and the changes that are implemented.

The following resolution was passed : **The Board of Studies - Department of Psychology, Sophia College, Autonomous, hereby approves of and passes the changes introduced in the TYBA Psychology, as discussed in the 5th Board of studies meeting of the Department of Psychology.**

Proposed by Dr. Anuradha Sovani and seconded by Dr. Neeta Tatke

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The following resolution was passed : **The Board of Studies - Department of Psychology, Sophia College, Autonomous, hereby approves of and passes the list of examiners and paper setters for the First Half of 2020-2021.**

The meeting neared a close with members and faculty sharing their experiences in the lockdown, academic and non-academic.

The meeting ended with thanking all the members for their contribution and their time to be a part of the BOS meeting.