

Minutes of meeting of Academic Council held on Wednesday 7th July 2021

Virtual meeting was organized due to pandemic.

Composition of Academic Council is as following

- Dr. Suchitra Naik - Ex Officio Chairman
- All Heads of Departments and Coordinators of Self Financing Courses- Members
- Dr. Mahesh Patil – Member Secretary

University Nominees

Dr Uma Shankar	Principal,SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce Sion (W) Mumbai
Dr.Saroj Phadnis	Principal , V. K. Krishna Menon College of Commerce and Economics & Sharad Shankar Dighe College of Science, Bhandup (E) Mumbai
Dr. Vitthal Baliram Rokade	Principal. TK Tope Arts & Commerce Night Senior College, Parel. Mumbai

Academy and Industry Experts

Dr. Sameer Kulkarni	Director: Innovation, Incubation and Linkages & Director: National Center for Nano-science and Nanotechnology
Prasad Tokekar	Sr. Vice-President(Employee Relations & HR Compliance) Reliance Jio, Navi Mumbai
Adv. Neel Girish Helekar (Law)	Advocate at High Court , Mumbai Suburban district Trustee of Deccan Education Society and CDC Chairman of Keerti College, Dadar, Mumbai
CA Dr.Vishnu Kanhere (Commerce)	Practicing Chartered Accountant

Nominated Teachers

SubhashShinde	Member
Neeta Pathak	Member
Mr. Nitin Wadhvinde	Member
Dr. Pradnya Rajebahaddur	Member

All members were present.

➤ **Item No. 1.01 – Welcome**

Dr. Mahesh Patil, Member Secretary of Academic Council welcomed all members of the council in its first meeting. He introduced all nominated members to the gathering.

➤ **Item No. 1.02 - Approval to the Syllabus of all Board of Studies**

Vice Principal of the college and HoD of Political Science Dept. Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar briefed the members that in all 21 BoS are formed as per guidelines given by UGC. All BoS conducted their meetings. In these meetings following approvals were sought.

1. Syllabus of FY, SY and TY was approved. Around 20% changes were made by all departments at FY level. With few exceptions, no changes were made at SY and TY syllabus.
2. Departments also presented the titles of Value Added Courses and Bridge Courses and they were approved too.
3. Pattern of examination which is designed as 40 marks internal and 60 marks for externals was presented and approved in BoS.
4. Departments with PG branch informed that this year no change is made in syllabus at PG level.

Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar proposed that syllabus passed in BoS be approved in Academic Council too. CA Dr. Kahere seconded the proposal and syllabus was approved in Academic Council. Dr. Sameer Kulkarni confirmed that for SY and TY syllabus of University of Mumbai will be taught. Prin. Dr. Uma Shankar asked further bifurcation of 40 marks kept for internal. Clarification was given by Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik. She clarified that there will be Class Test of 20 Marks, 15 Marks for project or assignment and 5Marks for class participation.

➤ **Item No. 1.03 -To give information about Admission of various Programmes**

Madam Principal informed that admissions to different programmes are made as per Government of Maharashtra regulations and guidelines given by University of Mumbai from time to time. Prin. Dr. Rokade stated that admissions must be as per latest rules and guidelines given by Government and University of Mumbai.

➤ **Item No. 1.04 - To suggest regulations regarding sports activities, extracurricular activities.**

Vice Principal and HoD of History Department, Mr. Subhash Shinde explained that all rules of University of Mumbai regarding sports and other extracurricular activities will be followed and college will participate in University activities as earlier. He told that if any new activity in this area is introduced, Academic Council will be informed.

➤ **Item No. 1.05 - Approval of New Programmes**

Dr. Mahesh Patil told that three new programmes i.e. M.A. in History, M.A. in Psychology and M.A. in Advertisement and Media will be introduced in the academic year 2021-22 in addition to existing MA in Communication and Journalism. Adv. Neel Helekar welcomed P.G. courses and stated that Section 33 of Maharashtra University Act permits Academic Council of colleges to start new courses. He emphasised that research work at UG and PG level must be encouraged. He suggested that courses must be designed for creating entrepreneurs. Madam Principal apprised the BoS of 3 research departments – Philosophy, Economics and Hindi and added that there is separate Research Committee in college. She informed members that six months Certificate Course on ‘Research Methodology’ and ‘Academic Writing’ was organised for research scholars by Research Committee. This course was of 12 credit points. She also told about FDP programme organised by college from 1st to 7th July. It was appreciated by Helekar Sir.

New programmes were approved.

➤ **Item No. 1.06 - Presenting List of ongoing and proposed courses.**

Madam Principal informed that there are in all 6,000 students studying in BA, B.COM and Self- Financing courses. With the help of PPT she highlighted that there are in all 13 BA Programmes. In B.Com Programme, students are given freedom to choose subjects from either Accountancy or from Commerce Department at SY and TY level. There are 8 PG Programmes in Humanities and 3 in Commerce. and Ph. D Centres in Philosophy, Hindi and Economics.

➤ **Item No. 1.07 - Briefing about academic activities**

Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik Naik told the BoS that Academic Calendar is prepared in advance every year and was she by her shared on screen. Prin. Dr. Rokade asked whether calculation of 90 days before examination is done. Madam Principal replied affirmatively. She emphasized few important activities conducted in college in recent times. These activities are

1. Asian Today Research and Media honoured selected educational institutions for their contribution in the field of education. Our college was awarded as 'Best College for Arts and Commerce with 'Innovation, Research and Academic Excellence' in Thane District. This award ceremony took place in New Delhi on 25th March 2021.
2. In the Academic Year 2020-21, in all 21 Value Added and Bridge Courses were organised and 1072 participants were there in these courses.
3. FDP on New Education Policy on Higher Education- Context and Perspectives for Autonomous Colleges was organised from 1st July to 7th July along with RUSA, Maharashtra and R.A.D.A.V. College.
4. College is Lead College in Thane Cluster.
5. All college Festivals – 'Navrang' – Intra Collegiate festival, 'Gandharva' – Inter Collegiate Festival and 'Chrysalis' Management Festival were organised Online.
6. V.N. Bedekar Memorial Lecture Series and V.N. Bedekar Intercollegiate Debate Competition held every year.
7. Under NSQF two courses – Disaster Management and B.Voc in Sales and Marketing Management are run in college.
8. DLLE, NSS, DLLE Unit of University of Mumbai and MGNCRE organised 32 hours Value Added Course in Community Services from 15th June to 6th July 21.
9. Online Orientation Programme from is scheduled under the aegis of HRDC 19th July to 7th August.
10. College has received Local Chapter of Swayam Courses. There will be mentors for every Swayam Course.
11. International Conference was organised by Accountancy Department on 16th Jan. titled 'Recent trends in the field of Accounts, taxation, Finance and auditing.' She told that as per tradition of VPM, on the same day upcoming conference is also announced. It will be organised by Political Science Department on 12th Jan. 22. Title is 'Women Political Leadership: Global to Local – Challenges and Opportunities'

These activities were appreciated by Prin. Uma Shankar.

CA Dr. Kanhere said that there should be courses related to Digital Marketing or Digital Finances. Head of Accountancy Department Mr. Prasade told that WIRC is ready to help in these programmes.

Prin. Saroj Fadnis advised that programmes should be skill oriented and job oriented.

Mr. Prasad Tokekar appreciated activities of the college and expressed his willingness to contribute in future.

➤ **Item 1.08: Any other issue with the permission of the Chair**

No issue was raised

➤ **Item 1.09: Vote of Thanks**

Vice Principal Dr. Mahesh Patil thanked all the dignitaries and hoped such cooperation in future too.