

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, Sophia College (Autonomous), Mumbai-26.

MINUTES of the 7th Meeting, Board of Studies (Department of Education)

Minutes prepared by Dr Andrea Coutinho, Chairperson of the Board of Studies.

The 8th Meeting of the Board of Studies, Department of Education, Sophia College (Autonomous), was held on Monday, 23rd April 2022, at 3:00 p.m., on the Zoom Platform: <https://zoom.us/j/9307058696?pwd=NGhHQjE1Y1dkM3I2cHIYM1RBY2tSdz09> (Meeting ID: 930 705 8696 and Passcode: Edu-BoS)

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the Board of Studies, which was newly constituted BoS for the 2nd Term (2021-to-2024), in January 2022.

Members present: Four members of the BoS Education; the Chairperson, Prof. Savita Sable, Dr. Vini Sebastian, Dr Hema Bhadawkar and Mrs Dipti Ajgaonkar were present, for the BoS meeting.

Members Absent: Four members of the BoS Education; Dr Ivan John and Ms Tanashri Shivalkar were absent, for the BoS meeting.

The Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of BoS, held on Thursday, 10th February, 2022, were passed after being proposed by Dr Savita Sable and seconded by Dr. Vini Sebastian.

A Brief Report of the work done in the in the Academic Year 2021-2022

FYBA Education Courses:

The Chairperson explained the revised Syllabus of FYBA Education Courses (SBAEDU101-201), for the First and Second Semesters, which is being implemented for the Academic Year 2021-2022. In the discussion, it was emphasized that within the theory components, the students were adapting with their online reading and writing skills. Although 50% attendance in physical classrooms was mandated by the government, very few students were present in class. At least two library sessions were held to introduce reading habits and referencing skills, in the post-HSC students. practical component of the FYBA Syllabus being revised for the offline mode of instruction and assessment,

SYBA Education Courses:

The Chairperson explained the revised Syllabus for SYBA Education Course Educational Psychology SBAEDU301-401 and Guidance and Counseling SBAEDU302-402; for the Third and Fourth Semesters, which is being implemented for the Academic Year 2021-2022. In the discussion, it was emphasized that the practical component of the SYBA Syllabus was not revised, as all the students had NOT transitioned into the offline mode of instruction and assessment.

TYBA Education Courses:

The Chairperson explained the revised Syllabus for TYBA Education Courses, for the Fifth and Sixth Semesters (Educational Evaluation: SBAEDU501-601, ICT in Education: SBAEDU502-602 and Indian Education System: SBAEDU503-603), which is being implemented for the Academic Year 2021-2022. In the discussion, it was emphasized that the practical component of the TYBA Syllabus was not revised, as all the students had NOT transitioned into the offline mode of instruction and assessment.

The VC Nominee emphasized the need to provide student-centered instruction, counseling and assessment, as they were still experiencing problems prevalent to the pandemic months. Many students were still recovering from the omicron virus infections. The Chairperson assured the Members that counseling services and peer-mentoring sessions are being provided through faculty.

Add-On Courses, conducted by the Department of Education:

The Gender Inclusivity Course was structured differently for Batch 3 especially as several experts/activists from the queer community, and scholars were invited as resource persons. The programme essentially aimed to develop an understanding and respect for gender pluralism, and the gender spectrum. It sought to transcend the gender binary and bring into discussion conceptual clarity as well as understand the struggles of the LGBTQAI+ community. Issues that got highlighted include gender policing, labeling, harassment, coming out phenomenon, need for greater inclusivity in educational spaces and the curriculum. An integral component of the festival continued to be the 'Best of Kashish' Queer Film Festival with members of the cast and crew present to share their insights, challenges, feedback and concerns, brought to us by film-maker Mr. Sridhar Rangayyan. Each session required all participants to engage in Quizzes based on the inputs and resources shared by the resource persons. An end of course quiz and PPT presentation was also a requirement. The Course was successfully completed by 33 participants.

Tentative plans for the months ahead:

The members discussed the transition into offline exams for the Semesters 2-4-6 in the months of April 2022.

No other matter was brought before the members, with the permission of the chair. The Meeting ended with a Vote of thanks by the Chairperson, Dr Andrea Coutinho.



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