

MINUTES of the 9th Meeting, Board of Studies (Department of Education)

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

The 9th Meeting of the Board of Studies, Department of Education, Sophia College (Autonomous), was held on Monday, 17th Oct 2022, at 3:00 p.m., on the Zoom Platform.

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the Board of Studies.

Members present: Four members of the BoS Education; the Chairperson, Prof. Savita Sable, Dr. Vini Sebastian and Mrs Dipti Ajgaonkar were present, for the 9th Education BoS Meeting.

Members Absent: Four members of the BoS Education; Dr Ivan John, Dr Hema Bhadawkar, Mrs Sofia Edroos and Ms Tanashri Shivalkar were absent, for the 9th Education BoS Meeting.

The Minutes of the 8th Meeting of BoS, held on Tuesday, 23rd August 2022, were passed after being proposed by Dr Savita Sable and seconded by Mrs Dipti Ajgaonkar.

FYBA Education Courses: The Chairperson explained the preliminary plans to construct the NEP Curriculum for FYBA Education Courses, for the 1st and 2nd Semesters, which is being implemented for the Academic Year 2023-2024 across the state of Maharashtra. Although the course codes, practical components and other details were not clear, it was necessary to understand the department specific courses and the common courses.

SYBA Education Courses: The Chairperson explained the plans to construct the NEP Curriculum for SYBA Education Course of studies, for the Third and Fourth Semesters, which is being implemented for the Academic Year 2023-2024 across the state of Maharashtra. Although the course codes, practical components and other details were not clear, it was imperative to the practical work of Educational Psychology and Educational Guidance courses.

TYBA Education Courses: The Chairperson explained the plans to construct the NEP Curriculum for TYBA Education Course of studies, for the Fifth and Sixth Semesters, which is being implemented for the Academic Year 2023-2024 across the state of Maharashtra. Although the course codes, practical components and other details were not clear, it was imperative to integrate skill-development courses that would be offered as part of Educational Technology courses.

The VC Nominee emphasized the need to provide regular offline student-centered instruction, counseling and assessment. Dr Vini Sebastian suggested that the Sophia College Department of Education could host the session on "Designed OERs" by the SXIE Teacher-Trainees. Mrs Dipti Azgaonkar suggested academic sessions on Instructional Design. The Chairperson assured the Members that these courses will be conducted in the next academic year. Counseling services are being provided through faculty, the *PeerPal initiative* and the two college counselors.

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

The Chairperson explained the course structure, enrolment of 11 students and the resource persons list, of the Single-Credit, Add-On Course "**Applications in Advanced Excel**" being conducted by the Department of Education. She also explained the plans for the next Single-Credit, Add-On Course "**Ethical Hacking**" to be conducted in February 2023.

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.
Chairperson, Education Board of Studies
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23rd October 2022