

# ***ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT BOS MEETING***

***February 4th, 2022***

## **Minutes of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 04th February 2022, in online mode**

The department of Economics would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Board Members of the reconstituted Board of Studies. Sophia College was granted autonomous status in July 2018. We are in the second term of reconstituting our Board of Studies (*2021-2022 to 2023-2024*).

Members Present:

- Dr. Swati Raju (Vice Chancellor's Nominee)
- Dr. Sangeeta Dubey (HOD & Chairperson)
- Dr. Shagata Mukherjee (Subject Expert)
- Dr. Vibhuti Patel (Subject Expert)
- Dr. Sunita Jadhav (Faculty member)
- Ms. Nisha Yadav (Faculty member)

The agenda of today's meeting are as follows:

***Agenda:***

- Introduction of the Newly Reconstituted BOS members.
- Brief the BOS members about the exam pattern followed in the last semester.
- Any other matter with the permission of the Chairperson.

**Minutes:**

- Dr. Sangeeta Dubey welcomed all the members of the BOS and briefed them on the members of the previous BOS. She also informed that the two board members, Prof. N. Hatekar & Ms. Richa Tripathi were unable to attend the meeting due to health issues.

- Dr. Dubey informed the BOS members that the VC nominee's confirmation came in January only. Hence the BOS meeting was delayed and is being held now in February. She officially announced that today 4th February is the first meeting of the newly constituted BOS in Economics (2021-2022 to 2023-2024).
- Dr. Dubey shared the meeting agenda with the BOS members and introduced the department members- Dr. Sangeeta Dubey (herself), Dr Sunita Jadhav and Ms. Nisha Yadav to the BOS members. She thanked the BOS members for making themselves available for this meeting.
- Dr. Dubey elaborated on the first agenda of the meeting. She explained the examination pattern to the BOS members. Dr. Dubey also highlighted the 50:50 pattern of Semester End Examination and Internal Assessment being followed in the online mode of lectures and assessments.
- Dr. Swati Raju asked the reason for the 50:50 scheme of assessment and also whether the college and the department will revert to the 75: 25 scheme once the lectures begin completely offline. Dr. Dubey replied that it was decided by the college that given the online mode of lectures and assessment, 50:50 scheme would be better for students and that currently there is no information as to whether the college will revert to 75: 25 scheme or will continue with 50:50 scheme. She also stressed on the fact that UGC gives more weightage to internal assessment.
- Dr Dubey also explained the Internal Assessment pattern in detail and informed the BOS members that the internal assessment consists of both MCQ type pattern as well as subjective type pattern. Thereafter, faculty of the department took turns to explain in detail the internal Assessment pattern followed by them in their respective papers.
- Dr. Swati Raju suggested that students can be asked to look at and analyze the District and State census data to encourage students to actively interact with various data sources especially for papers like Indian Economy and Growth and development Economics.
- Dr. Swati Raju also suggested that if assignments are given to students, then there should be strict markers/metrics for assessment. She mentioned that if too much time is given to students to complete the assignment, then it might lead to students submitting plagiarized work. To avoid plagiarism by students, she recommended that students may be given material in advance to read but should be given limited time to write/ type and then upload their answer. Dr. Vibhuti Patel agreed with Dr. Raju's views and suggestions mentioned above.
- Dr. Shagata Mukherjee believed that if required students may be asked to work on assignments. However, strict time frame should be given to students and stringent measures

should be taken (like 50% deduction in marks or a student being marked 'zero') to discourage plagiarism

- Dr. Swati Raju agreed with Dr. Mukherjee's suggestions. However, she was concerned about time as a constraint but agreed that assignments with strict follow ups are possible in classes which have a smaller number of students. She also suggested that in such cases students may be asked to attach self-plagiarized reports. The faculty may keep the bar of 10% in the self-plagiarized report as followed by Mumbai University
- Dr. Vibhuti Patel said she would like to know about co-curricular activities of the department in the next BOS meeting.

The meeting was concluded with the permission of the chairperson after completing the agenda of the meeting.

Signature of Chairperson

*Sangeeta Dubey (HOD)*  
*S. Dubey*  
*Associate Professor*  
*Economics*  
*Sophia College*

Dr. Sangeeta Dubey (Chairperson BOS Economics)