

## **ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT BOS MEETING, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022**

Minutes of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022, in online mode

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Agenda:**

- To inform the Board members about the pattern of SEE adopted for all classes by the college.
- To share the co-curricular activities conducted by the department and get suggestions for the same for the next academic year.
- Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

### **Minutes:**

- 1) Dr. Dubey Welcome all the members of the BOS. She updated the BOS members that the TYBA and SYBA exams were conducted in the online mode.
- 2) Dr. Dubey introduced Ms. Richa Tripathi to Dr. Swati Raju and the other board members as she was not present in the previous meeting.
- 3) It was informed that the ongoing FYBA exams are being conducted offline. The paper pattern is 30+20. 30 marks is objective type and 20 marks is subjective. ATKT exams will be conducted in online mode for one last time.
- 4) Moving on to agenda 2, Dr. Dubey elaborated on the varied range of department activities conducted in this academic year. Following activities were listed down by her 1) Talk cum discussion on issues and challenges of migrant workers in India amidst COVID 19 Pandemic. 2) Talk cum Discussion on Green Economy by Dr. Pradnya Sawant from British Columbia, Canada. 3) Add-on course in collaboration with MDAE on 'Introduction to R programming'. 23 students enrolled and completed the programme. 4) a Two day online National workshop on 'Striving for human Security: Efforts from the field' conducted in collaboration with Amity and DAICT. 5) A book discussion series as an Ananya 6) Discussion on Budget conducted by SYBA students &) Nobel Oration lecture on the Nobel prize winners in Economics.

- 5) Dr. Mukherjee appreciated the wide range of activities conducted by the department. He gave two suggestions. 1) some activities can continue to be online as it is feasible to invite speakers from universities abroad. 2) Apart from R programming, Python and data science add-on courses can be introduced to bridge the gap between classroom lectures and job requirements. He also recommended STATA for more research-oriented students.
- 6) Dr. Raju suggested that basic EXCEL and macros as an add-on course can be part of SEM I, II and III and then R Programming can be introduced. She also suggested that students can be exposed to Census level data on sex-ratio and demography.
- 7) Dr. Vibhute agreed with Dr. Swati Raju. Dr. Vibhuti recommended that students can be exposed to NFHS data both quantitative and qualitative aspect. She also asked about internship programmes. To this Dr. Dubey replied that students are encouraged to be associated with Placement cell.
- 8) Ms. Richa also stressed on the importance of EXCEL skills being helpful to students. She volunteered to recommend resource persons who could conduct sessions on EXCEL for our students.
- 9) Dr. Raju also recommended to organise academic writing skills workshops. She suggested that either faculty of the department could conduct it or external resource person can be invited.

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)