

DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCE

Sophia College (Autonomous)

8th BoS Meeting Minutes

Date: 27th March 2022

Members:

Name	Designation
Dr. Sree Nair	Chairperson: Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Life Sciences, Sophia College (Autonomous), Mumbai
Dr. Priya Sundarrajan	Vice Chancellor's Nominee: Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences and Biochemistry, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai
Dr. Indu Anna George	Subject Expert: Associate Professor and Head, Department of Life Sciences, University of Mumbai
Dr. Krishanu Ray	Subject Expert (from outside the parent university): Professor and Chairperson, Department of Biological Sciences, TIFR, Mumbai.
Dr. Swati Patankar	Subject Expert (from outside the parent university): Professor, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering IIT-Mumbai.
Dr. Aditee Ghate	Representative from the Industry or the Corporate Sector/ Allied Area: General Manager -Compliance and Commercial Excellence Integrate Health
Dr. Radhika Tendulkar	Post-Graduate Meritorious Alumnus Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences and Biochemistry, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai

Minutes of the meeting:

1. The chairperson welcomed and introduced all members attending the BOS meeting.
2. Following members were present for the virtual meeting: Dr. Hemalatha Ramachandran Dr. Indu George, Dr. Swati Patankar, Dr. Radhika Tendulkar, Dr. Priya Sundarrajan, Dr. Sree R.Nair (Chairperson), Dr. Krishanu Ray, Dr. Ratnaraj, Ms. Lata Poojary, Dr. Deepti Anil, Dr. Jyoti Agarwal, Dr. Bhavna Daswani, Ms. Divya Sinha, Dr. Tressa Jacob, Ms. Sukaina Abbas and Ms. Kajal Sankhala
3. The meeting commenced at 11.00 am as per the agenda scheduled for the meeting.

Agenda 1:

Dr. Priya Sundarrajan proposed the 7th BOS minutes last meeting minutes and Dr Hemalatha Ramachandran seconded it. Further there was a short discussion about hybrid teaching and exams, Postgraduate changes in bioinformatics and biostatistics

Agenda 2:

Dr. Bhavna Daswani discussed the rearrangement of the biostatistics course stating it was done for better clarity.

Agenda 3:

Dr. Sree R Nair introduced collaboration with Sophia Centre for Women's Studies & Development for Diploma in Nutrition, Diet & Fitness. She introduced the coordinator Dr. Lata Pujari and subsequently asked her to elaborate on this. Dr. Lata Pujari introduced her team members Dr. Ratna Raje and Ms. Jyoti Agarwal. Followed by this, Dr. Ratna Raje Thar gave a session on the syllabus of nutrition and diet and description of paper and syllabus (4 modules per paper).

Dr. Indu George asked if the course is a skill based programme and whether it was credited? She further asked what is the total credit needed for a diploma course. Dr. Lata replied 4 credits per paper and 24 credits for diploma course. Dr. Indu asked whether the course is open for all graduate stream students. Dr. Ratna mentioned that it will be open to students from all streams. Dr. Radhika asked whether the diploma course replaces the certificate course from the syllabus. She also had a query about the depth of the physiology course as she doubted if the students from the art stream particularly would be able to cope with the course. Dr. Ratna replied that she has created a basic 30 hour module which is given as a bridge or a complementary course for non-science graduates. Dr. Priya Sundarrajan opined that when NEP gets introduced then all the add on courses will become elective courses. The members appeared to be satisfied with the replies and hence the department will be collaborating with the admission process in the coming academic year for the diploma course. The BoS members appreciated the efforts taken by the department of Life Sciences for the addition of the Diploma Course for the students.

Everyone thanked the Chairperson and the experts.