

2nd Board of studies meeting – Department of Psychology

Minutes of the meeting 23rd March 2019

Sr. Patricia welcomed the members to the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Smita Desai and Dr. Vasundhara Sanghi. The forum was formed with six members (Sr. Patricia D'Souza, Dr. Jennie Mendes, Ms. Teetash Singhal, Ms. Archana Patki, Dr. Anuradha Sovani, and Dr. Neeta Tatke).

The minutes of the previous meeting were looked at; it was passed by Dr. Neeta Tatke and seconded by Ms. Archana Patki.

Sr. Patricia mentioned that the paper titles for each paper could not be changed. She said that she had spoken to the Principal regarding the same and it was said that it would become a problem at the Joint Director's office. Ms. Patki suggested that changes could be made to the subheadings of each title in order to make them more specific to what each title was covering.

Sr. Patricia displayed the syllabi for each year on the projector. She mentioned that the FY syllabus has remained the same and the textbook being used is Ciccarelli. Dr. Tatke enquired which edition of the book was being used. Ms. Teetash clarified that it was the fifth edition, which is the most recent one.

Sr. Patricia displayed the syllabus for Social Psychology. Dr. Mendes mentioned that the syllabus being followed is the same as the previous year. This includes the change that had been made regarding the inclusion of the topic on interpersonal attraction in place of groups. Dr. Tatke recommended changing the textbook. She mentioned a book that was authored by Preeti Kapoor which could be looked at.

Sr. Patricia mentioned that the syllabus for developmental psychology was the same, barring a few internal switched that had been made for a few topics. The textbook being used is Feldman, in its latest edition ie 8th Edition.

Sr. Patricia displayed the syllabus for TY. Dr. Mendes mentioned that the syllabus for Abnormal Psychology is the same. however, she mentioned that she had a designed a unit for internal assessments. Dr. Tatke commented that the title of the unit should be changed from "Internal Assessment" to something more specific. Dr. Sovani mentioned that elimination disorders in childhood is another topic that could be looked at. Dr. Mendes also mentioned that instead of one textbook, students would have to two textbooks for reference. One would be the text by Whitbourne and Halgin, the other would be the text by Ray and Sovani.

Sr. Patricia mentioned that the syllabi, as well as textbooks, for Cognitive and Industrial-Organizational Psychology had remained the same.

Sr. Patricia mentioned that the syllabus for the practical paper was going to be the same, but there would be changes in the internal assessment and the format of the written test (in the exam). She mentioned that for the internal (10 marks), students would have to design and conduct and experiment and present it in the form of a report. Dr. Tatke said that the distribution of marks was too less, the project would require a lot of intensive work and 10 marks is too less. Sr. Patricia agreed to take a look and see if changes could be made. Dr. Tatke also said that for the written report, students should be told very clearly what should be

included. They should be given specific guidelines. Sr. Patricia also mentioned that some changes would be made with respect to the viva and the written test.

Sr. Patricia displayed the syllabus for Counselling Psychology and Dr. Mendes mentioned that it was the same. Dr. Tatke mentioned that the new edition of the textbook by Gladding is very good.

Sr. Patricia displayed the syllabus for Testing and Statistics. She said that the textbooks had been changed. There would be two textbooks used- one by Anastasi and the other by Urbina. Dr. Tatke mentioned that there has been no new edition of Anastasi since 2002. Sr. Patricia mentioned that the students would have to refer to it only for the topics on reliability and validity. For norms, and the basics of testing, they would have to refer to Urbina. She went on to say that they were debating on whether statistics should be included or not. Sr. Patricia also mentioned that the topic on intelligence and personality was to be changed since students were not taking anything away from it. She said that she would like to discuss the same with Dr. Desai and make the changes accordingly. She said that she would also like to include a topic on achievement tests and neuropsychological testing and that there was a textbook by Gregory which was good. Dr. Sovani mentioned that instead of achievement tests, the topic should be titled education tests as it would cover a wider range of tests. The recommendation were duly noted.

Sr. Patricia wanted to clarify the UGC guidelines regarding the paper pattern for the examinations. Dr. Tatke said that she would find out and send the relevant paper. Dr. Mendes also clarified that we had changed the paper pattern and were not following the earlier one anymore. She also mentioned that the previous pattern had been introduced as an experiment in order to see if it would help reduce the failure rate.

Sr. Patricia displayed the list of examiners and paper setters to the board and the two resolutions were passed. The members were thanked for their valuable time and contributions.