

## **Minutes of Zoology BoS Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Online Meeting ID: 998 5177 4441 held on Zoom platform**

1. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Roshan D'Souza, Head of Zoology and Chairperson of BoS. The members present were Dr. Vaishali Somani, Dr. B. B. Nath, Dr. Pushpa Sinkar, Ms. Juili Mirgule and Ms. Sandhya Kadiru.
2. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:
  - a) Welcome note by the Chairperson of BoS
  - b) Approving the finalized minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2024
  - c) Discussion of new NEP FYBSc Syllabus for the A.Y. 2024-2025
  - d) Discussion of examination scheme for FYBSc A.Y. 2024-2025 and approval of the same.
  - e) Discussion of SYBSc Semester III and Semester IV - Zoology syllabus as per NEP to be implemented in the academic year 2024-2025
  - f) Discussion of Value-added course offered by the department: Leadership in Green Initiatives
  - g) Approval of Panel of paper setters and examiners for FY and SYBSc theory and practical examinations
  - h) Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
3. Dr. R. D'Souza extended a warm welcome to all members present at the meeting. She informed that the current members of the Board of Studies (BoS) will continue in their respective roles till December 2024 as per the official directive from the Principal as we have still not received the VC nominee.
4. The minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2024 were discussed. All the members agreed to and approved the minutes of the meeting.
5. Dr. Roshan D'Souza also informed about the resolutions passed during that meeting. Dr. B. Nath proposed and Dr. Vaishali Somani seconded the same.
6. Dr. Roshan D'Souza informed that all the suggestions made by the committee for SYBSc (Semester III and IV) for the academic year 2024-25 have been incorporated into the new syllabi which was passed in the last BoS meeting.
7. Dr. Roshan D'Souza explained the new syllabi pattern of FYBSc for the academic year 2024-25 in detail. She informed the committee that FYBSc will have 2+2 pattern (2 credits for theory + 2 credits for practicals). She also informed that the course codes have been changed for Sem I and II from the academic year 2024-25. One activity has been introduced as a part of Continuous assessment in FYBSc as suggested by Dr. P.

Pahade in the last meeting. The new Sem I and II syllabi was discussed and approved by the committee.

8. She also explained the examination pattern for Sem I and II (50 marks for theory and 50 marks for practicals).
9. Dr. Roshan D'Souza explained that the department will be starting a new Value-added course (VAC), Leadership in Green Initiatives which will be of 30 hours of duration, for the academic year 2024-25. This course will include in-class and field studies and will have 4 units. Assessment will be both continuous and summative. The department will be collaborating with Naturalist Explorers LLP for this course who will conduct the field sessions. This course will be funded by RUSA and will be open to both the Science and Arts students of our college.
10. Dr. B. B. Nath suggested that incorporating the concepts of carbon emission and ecotourism in the syllabi of the above VAC will make it more relevant in the current world scenario. He also suggested a change in the title to "Sustainable Green Ecotourism". These suggestions were accepted and incorporated into the VAC syllabus.
11. Approval of the panel of the paper setters and examiners for theory as well as practical examination was proposed by Dr. B.B. Nath and seconded by Dr. Vaishali Somani.
12. The meeting ended with Dr. Roshan D'Souza thanking all the members once again for all their support and was joined by Ms. Sandhya Kadiru for the same.



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## RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The Board of Studies in Zoology of Sophia College (Autonomous) passed the following resolutions in the online meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024:

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were approved.
2. The new examination scheme implemented for NEP was accepted by the BoS.
3. The new syllabus of FYBSc under NEP guidelines for 2 credits of theory and 2 credits of practical (2+2) was approved.
4. The syllabi of the new Value-added course (VAC), Sustainable Green Ecotourism was approved.
5. The panel of paper setters and examiners – Theory and Practicals was approved.
6. The Board members authorized the Chairperson, BoS to make necessary changes (if needed) as per the revised (if at all) NEP norms as adapted by the college.

Members present:

Dr. Roshan D'Souza – Chairperson, BoS

Ms. Sandhya Kadiru - Senior Faculty Member

Dr. Vaishali Somani – Vice-chancellor's Nominee

Prof. Dr. B. B. Nath - Subject Expert 1- (Non-parent University)

Ms. Juili Mirgule - The Postgraduate Meritorious Alumnus

Dr. Pushpa Sinkar - Subject Expert (other faculty member)



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