

Draft of Minutes of Zoology BoS Meeting held on 9th October, 2021

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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. Smita Krishnan, Ms. Juili Mirgule and Ms. Sandhya Kadiru.
2. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:
 - i. Welcome note by the Chairperson of BoS
 - ii. Approving the finalized minutes of the meeting held on 26-03-21
 - iii. Overview of FYBSc and SYBSc Syllabus
 - iv. Overview of Ph. D. Course Work Syllabus
 - v. FYBSc & SYBSc - Examination scheme
 - vi. FYBSc & SYBSc Internal Assessment plan and approval of the same
 - vii. Approval of Panel of paper setters and examiners for FY and SYBSc theory and practical examinations
 - viii. Discussion pertaining to Department One-credit course to be launched
 - ix. Discussion with regard to Academic-Bank-of-Credits-in-Higher-Education and UGC Guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit
 - x. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
1. Dr. R. D'Souza welcomed all the members. She informed that Dr. Aldon Fernandes could not attend due to health reason and Prof. Pahade had other prior commitment and had informed his unavailability for this meeting. She formally welcomed and introduced Ms. Juili Mirgule who has joined as a meritorious alumna for this new term of BoS. Dr. Roshan D'Souza congratulated Dr. B. Nath on his appointment as the Director, MIE-SPPU Institute of Higher Education, Doha-Qatar, the very first off-shore campus of SPPU. Dr. Vaishali Somani congratulated Dr. Roshan D'Souza on her being awarded INSA Teachers award for 2021.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the last meeting held on 26-03-21 were discussed. All the members agreed to the discussion of the minutes. She also informed about the resolutions passed during that meeting. She informed that the draft of the student feedback will be sent to the members for their approval.
3. Dr. B. Nath proposed and Dr. Smita Krishnan seconded the minutes and thus the members unanimously passed the resolution to approve the minutes of the said meeting.
4. Dr. Roshan D'Souza informed that there has been no change in the syllabi of FY, SY and PhD. She informed that we would wait for the student feedback and discuss any possible changes in the next meeting.

5. She also informed that there has been a verbal communication with the Principal regarding starting T.Y.B.Sc. in zoology as the Biochemistry department is shutting down due to no permanent faculty and due to decreasing student strength. Dr. B. Nath suggested that it would be helpful to bridge this gap of biochemistry by introducing more in-depth topics of biochemistry in the zoology T.Y. syllabus, whenever this starts, so that the legacy of this department could continue, and that the infrastructure is also available.
6. Dr. Roshan D'Souza explained the new modality of conducting the Internal Assessment (IA) which would be now of selecting two best scores of 25 marks each, out of the three or four IA activities conducted.
7. Dr. Roshan D'Souza explained the details of IA plan. The plan of IA was thus approved.
8. Approving the panel of the paper setters and examiners for theory as well as practical examination was proposed by Dr. B. Nath and seconded by Dr. Vaishali Somani.
9. Dr. Roshan D'Souza and other members of the BoS discussed the different options for One-credit course to be launched by the department.
10. Dr. B. B. Nath explained that BoS members could give suggestions in due course of time taking into consideration the finances and infrastructure available, student strength and such related issues.
11. Some of the suggestions were put forward for such courses. Dr. Smita Krishnan suggested the online course on Forensic Science and that she would share the contact of the faculty that conducts this course in St. Xavier's College. She also suggested that it would be good to have the department faculty also to be involved in this. This course could also be interdisciplinary. She also suggested a course on Canine care as an interdisciplinary as well as related to zoology. Diet & Nutrition and Ornamental Fishery was suggested by Dr. Vaishali Somani. She also mentioned that some NGOs are running courses on Ornithology, Entomology, etc.
12. Dr. Roshan D'Souza and Dr. B. B. Nath spoke about the structure and flexibility of Academic-Bank-of-Credits-in-Higher-Education. Dr. Vaishali Somani spoke about the benefits of this system. The discussion was also done about the Multiple Entry and Exit in UGC guidelines.
13. Dr. Smita Krishnan asked about the status of remedial teaching and mentoring programs for students. There was a fruitful discussion about the different activities under mentoring and its importance. Ms. Juili Mirgule expressed that the mentoring program could also be looked at as an opportunity for peer interaction between students of all types, bright as well as not so bright. The students being of the same age group can understand as well as support each other through sharing via the mentorship program.
14. The meeting ended with Dr. Roshan D'Souza thanking all the members and was joined by Ms. Sandhya Kadiru for the same.

RESOLUTION

The Board of Studies in Zoology of Sophia College (Autonomous) passed the following resolution in the online meeting held on 9th October, 2021

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March, 2021 were approved.
2. The syllabus of FYBSc, SYBSc and Ph.D. Course work will be continued for the A.Y. 2021-22 with no changes.
3. The pattern of Internal Assessment has been ratified.
4. The panel of paper setters and examiners – Theory and Practicals has been approved.

Members present:

1. Dr. Roshan D'Souza – Chairperson, BoS
2. Ms. Sandhya Kadiru - Senior Faculty Member
3. Dr. Vaishali Somani – Vice-chancellor's Nominee
4. Prof. Dr. B. B. Nath - Subject Expert 1- (Non-parent University)
5. Prof. Peeyush Pahade - Subject Expert 2- (Non-parent University)
6. Ms. Juili Mirigule - The Postgraduate Meritorious Alumnus
7. Dr. Smita Krishnan - Subject Expert (other faculty member)



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