

## **Minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in Patanjali Auditorium at 11.00 AM.**

A meeting of the academic Council (Representatives of the Management and Heads of Departments) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 11.00 AM in Patanjali Auditorium.

The following members were present:

### **Members nominated by the Governing Body/ Management**

Dr. Sudhakar Agarkar

Dr Nitin Joshi

Dr. D.K. Nayak

Dr. (Smt.) M.K. Pejaver

### **HODs/ Staff nominations**

Dr. M. Saha

Dr. Anita Goswami-Giri

Dr. D.R. Ambavadekar

Dr. Poonam Kurve

Smt. Minal Wankhede

Dr. Vinda Manjramkar

Shri. S.G. Bapat

Shri. Sudhir Bhosale

Ms. Divya Nair

Lt. Bipin Dhumale

Dr. Sudesh Rathod

Dr. Ujwala Gokhe

Dr. Jayashree Pawar

Smt. Uma Birajdar-Patne

Dr. Kalpita Mulye

Dr (Mrs) Kadambari Manjrekar

Dr Urmila Kumavat

Dr. Moses Kolet

I/C/ Principal Dr Kolet welcomed the gathering and explained the necessity of continuous interaction through regularly held meetings and verbal directives received in this respect from the management. Dr Kolet explained that just before 2 days, ie on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021, in a meeting of the Advisory Body for autonomy, held in VPM management office, it was suggested to the management that a committee (of select heads of departments) be formed as is the practice in the University to forward items of agenda from the Boards of Studies to the Academic Council and further instructions on this are awaited. There were 10 points on agenda and Dr. Kolet suggested waiting for some more days till clear instructions are obtained in respect of formation of the new committee from the management and by then, the names of Vice Chancellor sir's nominees would also be received from the University, following which advice also would be taken from the University nominees.

Dr. Kolet explained expectations of the VPM management from the Academic Council.

Dr. (Mrs) M.K. Pejaver explained the same afterwards, along with how Academic Council of University of Mumbai functions and fixed agenda numbers adopted therein. Dr. Rathod and Dr. (Mrs) Anita Goswami-Giri were requested by Dr. Kolet to look into the matter of agenda numbers.

It was put up to the council by Dr Kolet that an integrated BSc, BEd course is to be planned. Mrs. M.T. Wankhede, Mrs, U. Patne, Mrs. S. Meshram, Mrs U. Kumavat volunteered for the same.

Dr. Sudhakar Agarkar said that since autonomy is a new experience, we are all learning and taking small steps to begin with.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks by I/C Principal.



## **Action Taken Report**

As discussed in the meeting of Academic Council on 26/2/2021, follow up was done with the University of Mumbai and names of Nominees of the University appointed by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor sir have been received and the Academic Council is now complete.

Boards of Studies were updated with University Experts nominated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir after their names were received from the University.

Changes in the syllabi of FYBSc classes (up to 10% change) were initiated by the departmental Boards of Studies for implementation from AY 2021-2022 onwards.

As discussed in the meeting, it was decided to go in for changes in syllabus and Examination pattern by switching over to 60: 40 pattern of examinations (60 Marks External and 40 marks Internal Examinations) at First Year Level from 2021-2022 onwards and progressively include SYBSc classes from AY 2022-23 onwards and then TYBSc classes from 2023-2024 onwards.

Heads of Departments offering Post-Graduation would have their separate meeting to plan schedule of changes in syllabus and pattern of examinations.

As was decided in the earlier meeting, (a) course codes, (b) First Year Syllabi, (c) Examination rules inclusive of implementation of moderation system in assessment and evaluation and (d) approval of 2 subject experts for every Board of Studies has been put up in the meeting of The Academic Council on 30/4/2021

Dr. (Mrs) A. S. Goswami-Giri informed on standard agenda numbers followed in the University of Mumbai.

Mrs. M. T. Wankhede and Ms. Divya Nair have started preliminary work on integrated B.Sc. B.Ed. course

Our Chairman Dr. V.V. Bedekar is a connoisseur of science and oriental history and wants all of us to give their best to students. Scientific knowledge would be incomplete without knowledge of 'History of Science'. I/C Principal Dr. Kolet along with Coordinator of IQAC Dr. (Mrs) A.S. Goswami-Giri and Controller of Examinations Dr. (Mrs) V.D. Manjramkar had a dialogue with The Director, Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai Dr. Shiva Prasad Khened in his office on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 regarding History of Science component to be introduced in syllabi and also general collaboration between BNBCS and Nehru Science Centre, wherein Dr. Khened gave a positive response. We have our own Dr. Sudhakar Agarkar, an authority on Science, who is also Hon'ble member of this academic council and who has promised his full support in this matter. Similarly introduction of basic laws and basic management components are also in the pipeline.

