

**MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

The Academic Council meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 11.00 am in hybrid mode.

The following members were present for the meeting:

1. Dr.Nina Roy Choudhury Chairman & BOS - CP-BOS English, FC & Eco.
2. Ms .Sangeeta Kore Vice-Principal and CP-IQAC and CP-BOS-Maths & Stats
3. Dr. Shanti Suresh Vice-Principal & CP-BOS-Commerce & Law
4. CA Prasanna Tambe Member & CP-BOS-Accountancy
5. Mr. Aniket Swaraj Member & CP - BOS – BMS
6. CA Chandrashekhar Sawant Member & CP - BOS -A & F
7. Ms. Shailashri P. Member & CP - BOS -B & I
8. Mr. Abhijit Bhosale Member & CP - BOS -BFM
9. Ms. Reema Castelino Member & CP - BOS -M.Com.(Accs. / B & F)
10. CA Darshak Doshi Member & CP- BOS -M.Com.(GWM & FRTA)
11. Ms. Tarannum Shaikh Member & CP - BOS -M.Sc.(IT) / Data Science
12. Dr .Amit N. Khatri Senior Teacher
13. CS Charul Patel Senior Teacher
14. Ms .Priti Thakkar Senior Teacher -CP-BOS-Environmental Studies & COE
15. Dr Harini C Senior Teacher and CP - BOS – Psychology
16. Mr. Ramnath Subramaniam Industry Representative
17. Ms. Nandini Menon Legal expert, Management Nominee
18. Dr. (Prof.) Sangeeta Kohli VC Nominee
19. Dr. (Prin) Sonali Pednekar VC Nominee
20. Ms. Anuprita Sardesai Nominated by Principal

The meeting started with a welcome by Dr. Nina Roy Choudhury. She introduced the new members and welcomed them. She asked the members to confirm the minutes of earlier meeting which were circulated. All members present confirmed the same.

CA Prasanna Tambe, NEP Coordinator, explained the changes made in the first year NEP structure and the courses and also discussed the Courses at second year under NEP.

Dr Sangeeta Kohli asked whether Yoga is a compulsory subject or an elective. She suggested that the syllabi for Yoga should be neutral and not related to any religion. Mr. Ramnath Subramaniam suggested the introduction of Sports Yoga for improving flexibility. According to him activity driven Yoga exercises would be more attractive. Dr. Sangeeta Kohli suggested a change in the nomenclature to which Principal replies that Yoga and IKS have been kept religion neutral and the syllabi have already been approved by the Board of Studies.

While discussing Laws for Social Empowerment, Mr Ramnath Subramaniam asked whether laws related to CSR can be added as they will add value to students' CVs. Dr. Shanti Suresh replied that CSR is taught in other subjects. Therefore laws related to Consumer Protection, Gender Parity are included here.

CA Prasanna Tambe explained that, the first year subjects are common in FY and the choice of Major and Minor is to be decided in the Second Year.

In BSc IT, subjects from other faculty have been introduced as open electives. It was suggested that the nomenclature of Digital Literacy should be changed to Social Project in Digital Literacy as by itself, the title is misleading.

Mr Ramnath Subramaniam asked about choice of Hindi and Marathi language. He also asked whether choice of Tamil can be made available. Principal replied that the college will be offering Hindi Communication Skills to all students which will include functional Hindi skills. Tamil cannot be introduced due to functional difficulties like availability of teachers, classrooms, etc.

Dr Sangeeta Kohli asked whether accounting is necessary for banking students. Principal Dr Nina Roy Choudhury explained that as Commerce students, they need basic understanding of accounting.

Dr Sangeeta Kohli asked how Indian Knowledge System has been introduced in the syllabi. Principal explained that it is a generic syllabus introduced across all FY courses. Subject specific topics may be added in SY & TY Syllabi. But it may be little difficult in BSc IT. Dr Kohli suggested the possibility of including Astronomy in BSc IT.

Mr Ramnath Subramaniam suggested introduction of Tally in FY, Oracle in SY and AI in TY to make the students industry ready. He suggested tie-ups with companies like QuickHeal to teach Data Protection.



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Dr Sangeeta Kohli suggested introduction of Business Ethics & CSR in the syllabi. The coordinators of different programs conveyed that it will be part of Sem V syllabi.

Dr Kohli also asked whether Conflict Management is a part of BMS Syllabi. Mr. Aniket Swaraj replied that it will be added in the third year courses. She also asked whether teachers will be able to teach Design Thinking subject. Principal confirmed that the teachers are competent and the course would be supported by guest lectures from industry experts.

Dr. Sangeeta Kohli enquired about the structure of BCom International Accounting and about MOU with ACCA. Principal confirmed the MOU. She also suggested introducing Cryptocurrency in the syllabi.

Dr. Kohli suggested that NISM Certification can be included in the NEP structure.

Dr. Kohli enquired about inclusion of Research Methodology in M.Com. syllabi. The coordinators confirmed that it is included in Sem I. She also asked whether M.Com. GWM & FRTA are approved by the University of Mumbai.

Ms. Tarannum Shaikh explained that the syllabus of MSc IT is more application based while MSc DS covers AI, Business Analytics, etc.

CA Prasanna Tambe discussed the basket of electives offered by the college. Dr. Kohli suggested that Organisational Behaviour should be a compulsory subject and Industrial Psychology can be offered as an elective.

Dr Sonali Pednekar informed that the paper titles should be distinctive instead of paper I, Paper II, etc. She also suggested that choice of electives should be given at every level. Principal confirmed that the electives are offered as per NEP template.

The members confirmed the revisions in the first year NEP syllabus of UG programs as approved by the respective Boards of Studies.

The members confirmed second year NEP syllabus of UG and PG programs as approved by the respective Boards of Studies.

Ms. Priti Thakkar, Controller of Examinations, discussed the exam pattern.

The meeting confirmed the continuation of examination and question paper pattern of FY along with a few revisions and TY classes of all programs.

The meeting confirmed the examination and question paper pattern of SY classes of all programs as approved by the respective Boards of Studies.

It was resolved to approve promotion of all non-NEP students to the Third year irrespective of the number of ATKTs they have to keep NEP and Non NEP batches distinct.

It was resolved to approve that students coming to SY from affiliated colleges with Non NEP programs, will be asked to complete additional 2 credit course from IKS/CC/VEC category as suggested by the equivalence committee.

Principal Dr. Nina Roy Choudhury informed that the college has received AICTE approval for the BMS course. The meeting ratified the recognition of BMS by AICTE.

The meeting confirmed M.Com. (Business Management Part 1) syllabus as approved by the respective Board of Studies.

Ms. Sangeeta Kore presented the existing and proposed short term courses available to the students.


Mr. Ramnath Subramaniam suggested that in the Research Analyst and Derivative Strategist course Cash Flow, Balance Sheet Analysis should be included as the current syllabus is focusing more on Derivative Strategies than Research Analysis. He also suggested that the duration of the course should be 60 hours with 45 hours of training and 15 hours of practice.

He also suggested introducing a course on Classical Music in collaboration with Sri Shanmukhananda Sabha . Dr. Nina Roy Choudhury replied that a Music Appreciation course is already under consideration.

It was suggested that all Short Term Courses could be put in the basket of Co-Curricular Courses. Ms. Sangeeta Kore informed that additional credits are given for these courses and are mentioned in the passing certificate.

The members approved the short term courses for the academic year 2024-25.

The meeting ended with Dr. Shanti Suresh proposing the vote of thanks.



**Chairperson**  
**Dr. Nina Roy Choudhury**