

Minutes of BOS Meeting – Department of Psychology,
Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce

Date: 14th December, 2021

Time: 3pm to 05:45 pm

Agenda: Discussion of Proposed Syllabi for 1st year BA & 1st year MA along with Evaluation Pattern for Academic Year 2022-23

Meeting was conducted online through Google meet

Number of Participants who attended the meeting:

Dr. Neeta Mehta (V.C. Nominee)
Prof. Rajani Konantambigi (Subject Expert)
Dr. Mrinmoyi Kulkarni (Subject Expert)
Ms .Asira Chirmuley (Alumnus)
Ms. Aaroahi Khar (Head & BOS Chairperson)
Dr. Gayathri Balasubramanian (Faculty Member, BOS)
Dr. Radhika Mohan (Faculty Member, BOS)
Mr. Ankeet Gokalgandhi (Faculty Member, BOS)
Ms. Arpita Sarkar(Faculty Member, BOS)

(Dr . Avinash D'Souza was not present in the meeting due to some emergency but had shared his suggestions related to syllabi through mail to the BOS, Chairperson)

The BOS Meeting began with a welcome address, followed by introduction of the members of the Board of Studies (Department of Psychology) by Ms.Aaroahi Khar (Chairperson, BOS and HOD, Department of Psychology)

The brief on the proposed Syllabi of FYBA & MA SEM I &SEM II was presented and discussed in detail, along with current MU syllabi.

The discussion points :

put forth by members of the BOS, were as follows:

- Importance of introducing qualitative research methods and mixed methods along with Statistics for FYBA was suggested by Dr. Rajani Konantambigi. Dr. Mrinmoyi Kulkarni put forth the need for research methods in the syllabus. After a lengthy discussion it was informed to the BOS that a small section of qualitative research was covered in FY as well as at length in TY practicals.

- For MA courses teaching needs to include more than just a prescribed textbook. The Importance of including original research papers was suggested by Dr. Mrinmoyi Kulkarni, which was welcomed by the team.
- The changes in the proposed Syllabi planned for Statistics and Evolutionary Psychology were particularly appreciated by Dr. Rajani Konantambigi
- Ms. Aarohi informed the committee that Dr Avinash DeSousa recommended through email to include newer psychotherapies in the syllabus as well as bring in the Indian perspective while teaching different topics.
- Evaluation pattern BA (75/25) and MA (60/40) in psychology were presented. Internals as well as external assessment formats were discussed.

After these discussion points it was decided to :

1. Remove theories of Personality from FY sem 2 syllabus and replace it with Mental health and Disorders due to its growing significance in the community.
2. Courses for SYBA and TYBA psychology were proposed to be the same as offered by Mumbai University and were passed by the BOS as no change needed to be reviewed.
3. Newer psychotherapies as recommended were incorporated as a unit in Interventions in Psychology (MA- Sem 2)
4. MA sem 3 & 4 papers were proposed by the department to be continued without change, as offered by Mumbai University and were passed by the BOS as no change needed to be reviewed.
5. Indian perspective will be incorporated wherever relevant.
6. Internal and external evaluation patterns for both BA and MA were approved.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Gayathri Balasubramanian (Faculty Member, BOS).

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Approval of Minutes:

