

Minutes of Third Academic Council Meeting held on Saturday, 17th September 2022

The Third meeting of the Academic Council was held on Saturday, 17th September 2022 from 3.00 p.m. onwards through Zoom Online Platform.

Composition of Academic Council

- Dr. Suchitra Naik - Ex-Officio Chairman
- All Heads of Department and Coordinators of Self-Financing Courses-Members
- Vice Prin.Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar - Member Secretary
- University Nominees

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| Dr. Uma Shankar | Principal, SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sion (W) Mumbai |
| Dr. Saroj Phadnis | Principal, V.K. Krishna Menon College of Commerce and Economics and Sharad Shankar Dighe College of Science, Bhandup (E) Mumbai |
| Dr. Vithal Balram Rokade | Principal, TK Tope Arts and Commerce Night Senior College, Parel, Mumbai |

• Academy and Industry Experts

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| Dr.Sameer Kulkarni | Director: Innovation, Incubation and Linkages, Director National Centre for Nano-Science and Nanotechnology |
| Mr.Prasad Tokekar | Sr. Vice-President (Employee Relations and HR Compliance) Reliance Jio, Navi Mumbai |
| Adv.Neel Girish Helekar (Law) | Advocate at High Court, Mumbai Suburban District, Trustee of Deccan Education Society and CDC Chairman of Keerti College, Dadar, Mumbai |
| CA Dr. Vishnu Kanhere (Commerce) | Practising Chartered Accountant |

• Nominated Teachers

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| Vice Prin. Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar | Member |
| Ms. Neeta Pathak | Member |
| Mr. Nitin Wadhvinde | Member |
| Dr. Pradnya Rajebahadur | Member |

Leave of Absence was granted to University Nominee, Prin. Dr. Uma Shankar.

➤ **Item 3.01 – Welcome**

Vice Principal, Dr. Priyamwada Tokekar, Member Secretary welcomed the esteemed members for the third meeting of the Academic Council.

➤ **Item 3.02 - To read and confirm Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd March 2022 through Zoom Online Platform was presented by Principal Dr.(Mrs.) Dr. Suchitra Naik which was duly approved by all the esteemed members.

➤ **Item 3.03 – To provide an overview of Board of Studies meeting**

Asst. Prof. Subhash Shinde, Vice Principal of the college and HoD of History, intimated the honourable members that all departments had systematically conducted their BoS meetings as per the guidelines issued by UGC. Departments also presented the titles of Value Added and Bridge Courses and were approved too. Examination pattern designed as 40 marks Internals and 60 marks Externals was presented and approved by members of BoS of concerned departments.

This item of the Agenda was approved by members in the Academic Council.

➤ **Item 3.04: To update about the newly implemented Post Graduate Course - M.Com in Accounting and Finance (MAF).**

Dr. Neelam Shaikh, Coordinator of BAF updated about the newly inducted programme titled, M.Com in Accounting and Finance which commenced from academic year 2022 with the objective of providing the learners with specialized skills in Accounts and Taxation. This course was conceived with the objective of helping the learners to think critically and have an edge over students from regular post graduate programmes. The programme had an intake facility of 66 students and it was encouraging to note that all seats were filled. Regular lectures started from 10th August, 2022. The exam modality is 40 marks Internal and 60 marks External. It is proposed to conduct the exams from 3rd Week of October. This item was approved by CA Dr. Vishnu Kanhere.

➤ **Item 3.05: To update about the proposal of allowing the students from any Graduation to take admission for Post-Graduation in Humanities i.e. Business Economics, English, Hindi, History, Philosophy and Psychology by qualifying the Entrance Test and/or any other appropriate mode of selection decided by the College**

Vice Principal Mr. Subhash Shinde updated about the proposal to allow students from any stream of Graduation to take admission for Post-Graduation in Humanities i.e. Business Economics, English, Hindi, History, Philosophy and by qualifying the Entrance Test and/or any other appropriate mode of selection decided by the College. It was informed that all the concerned departments had conducted Entrance exams and only those students who qualified were given admission to that particular stream. In the case of admission to M.A. Psychology, only those students who will complete basic diploma course in Psychology will be allowed to take admission. Keeping this in mind, to bridge the gap, the Psychology department has initiated a Diploma Course in Psychology

dealing with the fundamentals of Psychology so that students from other streams could join for Post Graduation in Psychology. This was approved and commended by Prin. Dr. Vithal Balram Rokade.

Resolution:

Resolved that the proposal to allow students from any stream of Graduation to take admission for Post-Graduation in Humanities i.e. Business Economics, English, Hindi, History, Philosophy and by qualifying the Entrance Test and/or any other appropriate mode of selection decided by the College be and is hereby approved by the Academic Council.

➤ **Item 3.06 - To brief about Academic Activities and Exams Conducted**

Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik presented a brief report of the various Academic Activities and information of Exams conducted in the institution:

- The teaching mode have completely gone offline and the students are slowly getting tuned to the offline mode of teaching.
- As part of 75 Years of Independence celebration, various programmes under *Har Ghar Tiranga* was organized as per the guidelines laid by the State Government.
- As per the directive of UGC, Model Youth Parliament was organized by the Department of Political Science on 29th August 2022. The Chief Guest of the programme was Shri. Sanjay Kelkar, Member of Legislative Assembly. Around 56 students actively participated in the mock deliberations of the Parliament.
- Career Katta, an initiative organized by Maharashtra State Higher and Technical Education Department organized various guidance lectures for students to encourage them to take up careers possible through UPSC examination and also to develop entrepreneurship among youth. Our institution entered in the India Book of Records for the highest number of participants for the workshop held on 9th August, 2022.
- V.N. Bedekar Memorial lectures are organized regularly with eminent scholars as guest speakers.
- The college was awarded with the Overall Championship Trophy in Theatre section in 54th Youth Festival of University of Mumbai.
- Internal exams for SY and TY classes were conducted and it is proposed to conduct the Externals in the first week of October. The Internals for FY is scheduled in the last week of September.

The report placed by Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik was duly approved by honourable member CA Dr. Vishnu Kanhere of the Academic Council.

- **Item 3.07: To inform about the submission of Annual Autonomy Report for the year 2021- 2022 for the first year of Autonomy to U.G.C.**

Vice-Principal Mr. Subhash Shinde informed the Council that the First Annual Report of the External Peer Team of Autonomy for the year 2021-22 was duly submitted to U.G.C.-Delhi, UGC-WRO, Pune and University of Mumbai on 6th September 2022. The report was submitted as per the UGC format along with the recommendations suggested by the Peer Team.

- **Item 3.08: To brief about the implementation of the introduction of New Option for Foundation Course at First Year Level in all Programmes.**

Vice-Principal Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar briefed the Council Members about the New Options for Foundation Course at First Year Level in all Programmes which were introduced from this academic year. The main objective was to adhere to NEP requirements to integrate multi-disciplinary approach in teaching. The new options are as follows:

1. For FYBA, Sem I-Introduction to Commerce, for Sem II-Introduction to Management. Resource Department, Commerce.
2. FYB.Com.Sem I-Visual Communication and for Sem II-Current Affairs. Resource Department, BAMMC.
3. FYBMS/FYBBI/FYBAF&FYFM- Sem I-Organisational Psychology I and for Sem II- Organisational Psychology II, Resource Department, Psychology.
4. For FYBAMMC -Introduction to Literature I and for Sem -II-Introduction to Literature II by BAMMC Department.

- **Item 3.09: To provide a review of the increase of 10% seats at First Year Level in all Programmes for the Academic Year 2022-23 as per the existing guidelines of University of Mumbai.**

Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik informed the esteemed members that as per the approval sanctioned in the previous meeting, a 10% increase of seats were implemented at First Year Level of all programmes in the academic year 2022-23 strictly following the guidelines of the University.

Dr. Vithal Balram Rokade informed that 20-30% increase in seats could be applicable for Professional courses like M.Com in Accounts & Finance. Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik opined that maybe in the next academic year we could consider this suggestion if it does not burden the teachers.

- **Item 3.10: To inform about Blended Learning Mode for Courses from this academic year.**

Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik addressed the members about the initiative of incorporating Blended Learning Mode for Courses from this academic year. Some courses may go for Hybrid mode of teaching when we need expertise from industries, which would help in cross-fertilisation of ideas and inputs. This would enable the learners to have direct interface with companies and provide practical learning experience. Adv. Neel Helekar suggested that one could also make good use of the University repository of lectures. The suggestion was duly welcomed by the members of the institution.

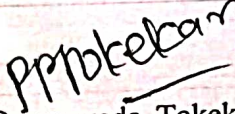
- **Item 3.11: To brief about the introduction of Swayam Courses as part of Internal Assessment from this academic year.**

Vice Principal Dr. Mahesh Patil informed the members about the Swayam Courses which were introduced from this academic year as part of Internal Assessment. A Total of 1054 students had enrolled for the various courses under this scheme which are of 4 weeks duration with credits.


- **Item 3.12 Any other issue with the permission of the Chair.**
CA Dr. Vishnu Kanhere opined about the creation of knowledge management in the institution.

- **Item 3.13: To inform the Committee the date of next meeting.**
It was decided to hold the next meeting in the month of March, 2023.

- **Item 3.14: Vote of Thanks**
Member Secretary, Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar thanked all the honourable members for their guidance.


Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar
Vice Prin & Member Secretary




Dr. Suchitra Naik
Principal and Ex-officio Member