Minutes of the 4th Academic Council meeting held on Saturday, 8th April 2023 at 3.00 pm through Virtual Mode on Zoom Platform.

AGENDA

Item 4.01: Welcome

Item 4.02: To read and confirm Minutes of the previous meeting.

Item 4.03: To provide an overview of Board of Studies meetings.

Item 4.04: To approve the TYBA Programme with three papers of Philosophy and three papers of Psychology from the Academic Year 2023-24

Item 4.05: To approve the proposal of starting Masters of Arts (MA) in Political Science, Masters of Arts (MA) in Marathi, Masters in Vocational (M.Voc) in sales & Marketing Management and one new UG Programme –BCom in International Accounting (ibcom) from the academic year 2023-24

Item.4.06: To brief about Academic activities and Exams conducted.

Item 4.07: To inform about the submission of Annual Autonomy Report for

the year 2022-2023 to UGC

Item 4.08: To seek permission for increasing 10% seats at First Year

Level in all Programmes of UG & PG for the Academic Year 2023-24 as per the existing

guidelines of University of Mumbai.

Item 4.09: To inform about the Examination Compendium prepared by the College

Item 4.10: To seek approval for the Policy for Persons with Disability (PWD) students

Item 4.11: To brief about the developments in respect with NEP-2020

Item 4.12: Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

Item 4.13: To inform the Committee the date of next meeting

Item 4.14: Vote of Thanks

- **University Nominees**

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

- **Academic and Industry Experts**

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)	Practicing Chartered Accountant

- **Nominated Teachers**

Vice Prin. Mr. Subhash Shinde	Member
Ms. Neeta Pathak	Member
Mr. Nitin Wadhvinde	Member
Dr. Pradnya Rajebahadur	Member

Vice Prin. Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar	Member Secretary

SR. NO.	NAME	HOD
1	PRIN. DR. MRS. SUCHITRA A NAIK	PHILOSOPHY
2	DR. PRAMOD T. KHARATE	ENGLISH
3	MR. SANTOSH L. RANE	MARATHI
4	DR. ANIL D. DHAWALE	HINDI
5	MRS. ARCHANA R. DOIFODE	GEOGRAPHY
6	DR. MRS. RASHMI M. AGNIHOTRI	COMMERCE
7	DR. DEEPAK P. SABLE	ECONOMICS
8	VICE PRIN. DR. MRS. PRIYAMVADA P. TOKEKAR	POLITICAL SCIENCE
9	VICE PRIN. MR. SUBHASH G. SHINDE	HISTORY
10	MRS. MONIKA M. DESHPANDE	MATHEMATIC & STATISTICS
11	MR. YOGESH S. PRASADE	ACCOUNTANCY
12	DR. MRS. PRADNYA V. RAJEBAHADUR	BUSINESS LAW
13	MR. NARAYAN S. BARSE	LIBRARY / M.LI.SC.
14	DR. ARCHANA PRABHUDESAI	B.VOC

SELF FINANCED SECTION - UG COURSES		
SR. NO.	NAME	CO-ORDINATOR
1	VICE PRIN. DR. MAHESH M. PATIL	BAMMC / MACJ & MAEMA
2	DR. NEELAM SHAIKH	ACCOUNTING & FINANCE - BAF MAF
3	DR. MRUNMAYEE R. THATTE	BANKING & INSURANCE - BBI FINACIAL MARKETS - BFM
4	MR. NITIN B. PAGI	BACHLORE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES - BMS
5	MS. VEDAVATI S. PARANJAPE	PSYCHOLOGY

➤ **Agenda No. 4.01: Welcome**

Vice Prin. Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar, Member Secretary formally welcomed the esteemed members to the 4th Academic Council Meeting. With the permission of the Chair the committee took up for discussion all the points mentioned in the Agenda.

➤ **Agenda No. 4.02: To read and confirm Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The Minutes of the third Academic Council meeting held on Saturday, 17th September 2022was presented by Principal Dr.(Mrs.) Suchitra Naik and sought the confirmation of the same from the committee. The agenda was unanimously approved by the esteemed members.

Resolution No.1

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 4th Academic Council Meeting held on Saturday, 17th September 2022 are approved by the Governing Body.

➤ **Agenda No. 4.03: To provide an overview of Board of Studies meetings.**

Vice Prin. Subhash Shinde informed the members about the BoS meetings conducted by various departments and an update was given on the agenda of the BoS which included the revision of TY-UG syllabus and PG -Part II syllabus for academic year 2023-24. The members were also briefed about the redrafting of POS's & CO's according to Blooms Taxonomy so that the mapping of syllabus and evaluation pattern are in accordance to NEP structure and recommendation. A round up of the business transacted in Board of Examination and Evaluation, Finance Committee and Academic Council was apprised for the confirmation of the members and was duly approved.

Resolution No.2

RESOLVED that the final approval to the changes in curriculum, POS's and CO's made by various Board of Studies (BoS) are approved by the Academic Council.

➤ **Agenda No. 4.04: To approve the TYBA Programme with three papers of Philosophy and three papers of Psychology from the academic year 2023-24.**

Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik informed that the college has been offering 6 papers in Philosophy and 6 papers Psychology in the past years. This year there is a proposal to introduce three papers of Philosophy and three papers of Psychology at TYBA which would be beneficial for students to select Philosophy or Psychology for their Masters Programme which would further be in tune with the New Education Policy. The proposal was approved by CADr.Vishnu Kanhere and seconded by Dr.Sameer Kulkarni.

Resolution No.3

RESOLVED that the Academic Council approves the proposal to introduce the TYBA Programme with three papers of Philosophy and three papers of Psychology from the academic year 2023-24.

➤ **Agenda No. 4.05: To update about Introduction of new proposed under Graduate & Post Graduate Programmes from AY 2023-2024.**

Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik informed the respected members of the Academic Council the proposal to introduce the following Post Graduate programmes from the academic year 2023-24:

1. Masters of Arts (MA) in Political Science

2. Masters of Arts (MA) in Marathi

3. Masters in Vocational (M.Voc) in sales & Marketing Management

4. UG Programme – BCom in International Accounting (ibcom)

A detailed briefing on the scope and purpose of these new programmes was provided by the Principal. The members opined that these programmes would go a long way in providing more employment opportunities to the youth. Dr.Sameer Kulkarni inquired if the component of Digital Marketing is incorporated in the syllabus of M.Voc.In reply to that, Dr.Archana Prabhudesai, Coordinator of B.Voc courses stated that Digital Marketing is included in the syllabus at the Graduation level and is also proposed for the Masters. CA Dr.Vishnu Kanhere opined that Internship at UG level would enhance job opportunities hence subjects like Sales and Marketing could be incorporated in the syllabus.

After due discussion and deliberations the members unanimously approved the proposal.

Resolution No.4

RESOLVED that the Academic Council unanimously approves the introduction of Masters of Arts (MA)in Political Science and Marathi, and Masters in Vocational (M.Voc) in sales & Marketing Management and one new UG Programme – BCom in International Accounting (ibcom) from the academic year 2023-24.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.06: To brief about the Academic activities and Exams conducted.**
Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik presented an overview of the major activities organized by the college during the academic year:

- The Peer team of Ramkrishna Bajaj National Quality Assessment (RBNQA) visited college on 9th and 10th January 2023. We have received IMC RBNQA commendation certificate 2022 in the Education category. The award ceremony will be held on 28th April 2023.
- Our magazine Yuvashilp secured First Prize in the competition organised in the memory of Shri Raja Rajvade, at Devrukh, Ratnagiri.
- Two projects of students got Silver Medal at the 17th 'Avishkar Research Convention Finals' held on 26th December 2022. Out of these two projects one project got second prize at 17th Avishkar Maharashtra Inter University Round 2023. The students who secured prize are Ms. Nandini Patel, Vaibhavi Valencia, Melissa S. and Alifia B
- **Higher Education Review Top 10 Arts and Commerce Colleges -2023**

➢ **Highlights Activity - NEP Preparedness**
- In view of the proposed implementation of National Education Policy 2020, One Day seminar was organised along with DAV College and University of Mumbai on 1st February 2023. The chief invitee for this seminar were present Acting Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai, Dr Digambar Shirke, Former Vice Chancellor of Savitribai Phule University Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai Dr. Ajay Bhamare, Former Pro. Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai Dr. R.D. Kulkarni, Educationist Dr. B.N. Jagtap and Eminent Educationist and Career Counsellor Shri Anand Mapuskar. This seminar was attended by 40 colleges and 150 total participants (85 External participants, 65 Internal)
Regulars lecture and examinations were conducted as per the Academic Calendar .

➤ **Festivals and Conference**

Sr. No.	Date	Programme	Theme	No. participants
01	17th September 2022	Chrysalis	*Arambha-* Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	580 students 100 colleges
02	19th to 24th December	Navarang	*Kaushal:Kal, Aaj aur Kal*	All College Students
03	17th January 2023	Gandharva	Kaizen - Upskilling through experience	402 students 121 colleges
04	21st January 2023	International Conference	'Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: sculling new horizons'	300 participants
05	20th March 2023	Release of ऋत	Annual News Paper	-

Yuvashilp college magazine is in process

➤ **Add on Courses and Bridge Courses**

Following courses were organised throughout the year

Courses	Numbers	Participants
Add on courses	27	1161
Bridge courses	10	476
Certificate courses	03	134
Workshops	7	277
Total	47	2048

Psychology Department has initiated one year Diploma titled as 'Fundamental in Psychology'. In all 19 students have enrolled for the course

➤ **Research Activities**
- 9 Proposals for Internal Minor Research Projects for Academic Year 2022-2023 have been approved, by our Management.
- Total 38 articles have been published in UGC CARE Listed Journal.
- 22 articles have been published in Peer Reviewed Referred Journal
- 2 ICSSR Project proposals are sent to ICSSR on 14 October, 2022.

➤ **Other Activities**
- AQAR for the year 2021-22 was submitted on 16th December 2022
- 4 V. N. Bedekar Lectures were organised throughout the year.
- *Divyangjan* (Star students) Cell titled, *'Atulya'* was established on 27th September 2022. The intension behind establishment of this cell is to mobilise physically challenged students and to update them about welfare scheme of the Government for them. In all 58 students from Junior and Degree are part of this group
- In order to develop Khadi Culture the teachers are requested to wear Khadi on every Saturday. On this Republic Day teachers were given Khadi Jacket as a part of this

initiative. One Charakha training workshop was organised for the students in which 15 students participating.

- Counselling cell has started Consultancy services in the year 2022-23 to provide mental health services to outside clients. So far 8 clients have taken benefit of this service. Consultancy services include personal counselling for various mental health concerns as well as guidance for overall growth and betterment.
  Similarly Legal Consultancy service is also initiated by the college

- Under the umbrella of Social Responsibility NSS Unit organised 10 days Community Involvement Programme at adopted Village, Takipathar wherein 20 Departments and 6 Committees participated.
  As an initiative of Departmental Social Responsibility, departments and committees designed teaching and awareness program focusing on school students as well as for villagers. Total 100 Volunteers participated

- From 16th to 18th January, Study Tour at Maharshi Parshuram College of Engineering, Velneshwar was organised in which 16 students along with 2 teachers participated.

- National and International Significant days Days like Constitution Day, Human Rights Day, Savitribai Phule Jayanti, Minority Rights Day, मराठीराजभाषागौरवदिन,Indian Navy Day, World Investors Awareness week, Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Yuva Din, Start Up day, National Tourism Day, Martyrs Day, Hindi Day, Sanskrit Day, NSS Day were celebrated.

- Various departments organised activities like guest lectures, competitions, workshops, screening of Documentaries and movies etc.

- Dr. V.N. Bedekar state level Debate Competition held on 20th February 2023.

➢ **Innovative Extension and Research Activity through CSR fund at Mokhada**
The college has initiated Extension and Research activity by undertaking a project titled 'Self- empowerment' through Micro-enterprises for Sustainable Development.
An Action oriented Project at Villages of Mokhada G.P in the month of June 22 with the CSR funds supported by Zuventus Health Care Ltd (Mumbai). The project is being implemented in collaboration with Parivartan Mahila Sanstha (NGO) and happy to place on record that Ms. Varsha Parchure active member of this NGO is our alumnus.

Under this Outreach Activity

- Survey was conducted in four villages of Mokhada
- 40 women beneficiaries in two groups (25,15)were identified for tailoring training
- Three months training was imparted to beneficiaries.
- Beneficiaries have started stitching variety of bags.
- College facilitated to put up stalls in college campus during Annual festival Navrang and in International Conference of Skill Development.
- College conducted training session on Health, hygiene, group dynamism in Mokhada.
- Distribution of water filter and sanitary napkins to beneficiaries at Mokhada to support their quality living

The efforts taken by the college and the support of the management for the holistic development of the learners and the community at large was greatly appreciated by the honourable members of the Academic Council.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.07: To inform about the submission of Annual Autonomy Report for the year 2022-2023**
Vice-Prin.Mr. Subhash Shinde informed the Academic Council that the Annual Autonomy Report was duly submitted for the year 2021-22.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.08:** To seek permission for increasing 10% seats at First Year level in all Programmes of UG and PG for the Academic Year 2023-24 as per the guidelines of the University of Mumbai.

Vice-Prin. Dr. Mahesh Patil presented before the Academic Council the proposal to increase with effect from the academic year 2023-24 the 10% increase of seats at First Year Level of all programmes of UG and PG as per the guidelines of the University. The members discussed the proposal and granted their approval for the same.

Resolution No.5

RESOLVED that the Academic Council unanimously approves the permission sought for increasing 10% seats at First Year level in all Programmes of UG and PG for the Academic Year 2023-24 as per the guidelines of the University of Mumbai

➢ **Agenda No. 4.09:** To seek approval for the Examination Compendium prepared by the College.
Principal Dr.Suchitra Naik informed the members about the Examination Compendium prepared by the college which gives detailed information about the rules and regulations of the Exams conducted and Evaluation process. The members were intimated about the Evaluation pattern of 60-40 after receiving the Autonomy status.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.10:** To seek approval for the Policy for Persons with Disability (PWD) students and special provision made for *Divyang* students for Internal Examination.

The Academic Council was informed by Prin. Dr.Suchitra Naik that the number of Special children (*Divyang* students) taking admission in different programmes has increased manifold. The college has initiated the Atulya Cell which caters to the varying needs of the Special children. Two teachers are exclusively designated as incharge especially for the 58 visually challenged students. Braille notifications in the campus, huge collection of books in Braille are some of the facilities provided to visually challenged learners. It was pointed out to the honourable members that it has been a concern to provide writers for these students especially for Internal exams, hence it was decided to make special provision to change the mode of Internal exam and evaluation that would suit the *Divyang* students. The members greatly appreciated the efforts of the college in catering to the needs of Special learners.

Resolution No.6

RESOLVED that the Academic Council unanimously approves the Policy for Persons with Disability (PWD) students and special provision made for *Divyang* students for Internal Examination.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.11:** To brief about the developments in respect with NEP-2020.
It was informed to the members by Prin. Dr. Suchitra Naik that all the departments are thoroughly going through the NEP structure and guidelines and based on that each department is restructuring their syllabus. Dr.Uma Shankar , esteemed member opined that the departments should first finalise the syllabus of First year UG and PG as per the NEP guidelines.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.12** Any other issue with the permission of the Chair.
As the members felt that there was no other issue requiring immediate discussion, it was decided to end the meeting at this stage.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.13: To inform the Committee the date of next meeting.**
It was tentatively decided to hold the next meeting in the month of June-July 2023.

➢ **Agenda No. 4.14: Vote of Thanks**
With the permission of the Chair, Vice Prin. Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar proposed the formal Vote of Thanks and expressed gratitude to all the members for their valuable suggestion and guidance in all the deliberations.

Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar
Vice Prin & Member Secretary

Dr. Suchitra Naik
Principal and Ex-officio Member