

**S.P. MANDALI'S
RAMNARAIN RUIA AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE
MINUTES OF THE BOS MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

(2020-21)

The meeting was held on 21st October 2020 at 12noon on Google Meet. The following members were present for the meeting.

- (1) Dr. Neeta Tatke
- (2) Dr. Anuradha Sovani
- (3) Dr. Megha Deuskar
- (4) Ms. Anuradha Suvarna
- (5) Ms. Madhureema Neglur
- (6) Dr. Sangeeta Kamath
- (7) Ms. Trupti Nawar
- (8) Ms. Rasika Dhupkar
- (9) Dr. Vatsala Pai
- (10) Dr. Himani Chaukar
- (11) Ms. Jyoti Waghmare

AGENDA 1) QUESTION PAPERS

Dr Sangeeta Kamath presented the question paper pattern for all the papers and asked the BOS members for suggestions regarding the paper pattern and for modifications, especially with respect to the Computational aspect of the Testing and Statistics paper RUAPSY501 and 601.

Dr. Anuradha Sovani suggested the online pattern with more application based questions and data given for interpretation for experiments.

Dr. Neeta Tatke opined that with the online mode it is necessary to avoid long essay type answers since it would be difficult for students to type long answers and also that the paper pattern should involve due consideration of the platform through which examination will be conducted.

Dr. Megha Deuskar too was of the same opinion with incorporation of case vignettes for assessment. Anuradha Suvarna also stated that the mode of appearing for the exam should be taken into consideration since many students may not have a laptop or a desktop and may have to type papers on mobile.

Madhureema Neglur suggested having a mock test conducted before the actual examination so that students are more comfortable and less anxious during the examination.

Overall it was felt that short answers should be preferred over long ones even for application based questions .

AGENDA 3) INTRODUCTION OF NEW CREDIT COURSES

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath expressed the desire of the department to start a new credit course from the next academic year (2021-22) on 'Geropsychology' with 4 units-

UNIT 1- Developmental changes in Middle and Late Adulthood

UNIT 2- Challenges during Middle and Late Adulthood



UNIT 3- Testing and Counseling with Geriatric population

UNIT 4- Successful Aging

Dr. Neeta Tatke and Dr. Anuradha Sovani expressed the view that the UNIT 3 should be reconsidered since they felt that the students are too young to understand the Counseling and Testing procedures.

Dr. Vatsala Pai stated that credit courses are meant to be offered to students of both the streams of the college and care should be taken while framing the syllabus.

Dr. Megha Deuskar expressed her happiness about the department thinking of conducting such courses at the undergraduate level.

Some of the topics suggested by the BOS members were for this course were- Erickson's Concept of Developmental Tasks during old age, 'Death and Dying'

Anuradha Suvarna offered to help in arranging the field visits to study the organization of elderly people in rural areas.

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The second meeting was held on the 12th of May 2021 on Google meet platform at 11am.

The following members were present-

Dr. Vatsala Pai

Dr. Neeta Tatke

Dr. Anuradha Sovani

Dr. Megha Deuskar

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath

Ms. Trupti Nawar

Ms. Rasika Dhupkar

Dr. Himani Chaukar

Ms. Jyoti Gaikwad

Ms. Madhureema Neglur

Ms. Anuradha Suvarna

(1) To revise and approve the syllabi for FY/SY/TY BA

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath presented the changes proposed by the teachers in the different papers of T.Y.B.A. as follows –

RUAPSY602 -- Ethical Principles in Clinical Psychology

RUAPSY503 – Research methods in Consumer Psychology

RUAPSY504 – Orientation to – Structure of Brain and Techniques to study Brain

RUAPSY505—Qualitative methods of Research

Each of the concerned teachers provided the rationale for including the said topics.

Dr. Anuradha Sovani and Dr. Megha Deuskar found the changes relevant and important.

Dr. Megha Deuskar also suggested adding an Orientation to Industrial Psychology in the paper RUAPSY503.

Dr. Anuradha Sovani appreciated the well planned nature of the syllabus.

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath also asked the BOS members to suggest modifications for the FYBA paper on 'Introduction to Psychology', since the concerned teacher felt that it needs to be revised.

Dr. Neeta Tatke felt that the syllabus was comprehensive and no changes needs to be made and perhaps changes may be undertaken in the mode of presenting the matter to the learner by incorporating workshops and seminars on the applications of the concepts in the paper.

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath suggested adding the topic of 'Consciousness and Awareness' since it gives a more holistic perspective of the field of psychology.



Ms. Madhureema Neglur suggested introducing the students to the newer fields of Psychology like Forensic Psychology, Criminal Psychology.

Dr. Megha Deuskar indicated that certain topics like Memory being repeated could be considered for replacement by topics such as 'Consciousness and Awareness'

Ms. Trupti Nawar stated that students often state that the topics on Learning and Memory is a repetition of topics that they have learnt during the Junior College and hence students do not find it very challenging.

Thus it was felt that topics such as 'Learning and Memory' may be combined to introduce newer concepts in the paper.

Dr. Anuradha Sovani pointed out that the paper on Developmental psychology has a repetition of Piaget and hence other Developmental psychologists like Vygotsky, Kohlberg may be included.

Dr. Himani Chaukar stated that she does explain the views of Vygotsky and Kohlberg although it is not mentioned in the syllabus.

Dr. Sovani suggested that it should be spelt out in the syllabus since it helps the students when they seek admission to Universities abroad.

2 To get approval for the Credit Course in 'Geropsychology'

The syllabus for Geropsychology was framed by Dr. Sangeeta Kamath and sent to the BOS members to go through the same.

All the members approved of the course and the syllabus.

Dr. Anuradha Sovani suggested that the topic on 'Successful Aging' should be clearly spelt out so that the teacher understands the scope of the topic.

Dr. Megha Deuskar appreciated the efforts taken by the teachers at the Undergraduate level in framing such credit courses.

(1) Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Ms. Anuradha Suvarna suggested an opportunity to the students whereby they may conduct workshops for women and in turn her organization may give certificates to the students for conducting the workshop.

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath thanked Anuradha Suvarna for the wonderful opportunity offered by her and that she will inform the students about the same.

Dr. Sangeeta Kamath thanked all the members for their valuable time and suggestions.

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