

**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in Foundation Course**  
**held on October 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Board of Studies meeting was organized with a formal address by Dr.Pradeep Waghmare on the behalf of the Chairperson Dr.Himani Chaukar.

Dr.Pradeep Waghmare welcomed all the Coordinators and the members for the BoS meeting.

Agenda No 1: Passing the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the members and the same were passed by them.

Agenda No 2: Question paper pattern for semester end examination

The members briefly discussed about previous year's Foundation Course Examination which happened before the lockdown. The SYBA Semester IV Foundation course examination was conducted as per the pattern decided in earlier BoS meetings.

Agenda 3: Feedback on online teaching.

Dr.Pradeep Waghmare invited members to share their experiences and give feedback on the online mode of teaching. In this regard-

Dr.Arjun Kharat informed the External Experts Team and all the other members that the regular classes are held on Google meet platform supported by Google meet extension which records the attendance of the students. Additionally Google classrooms for all the classes have been formed for assignments and sharing the study material with the students. Dr.Kharat also informed that the lectures are going smoothly bearing some technical glitches here and there. But otherwise students are satisfied with the online medium of education. The assignments are also taken up enthusiastically by the students and they are submitting on time.



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Dr. Pradeep Waghmare added that the online mode has paved the way for us Professors to share various other kinds of content with students like notes, PowerPoint presentations and educational videos which was mostly unavailable in the offline mode of teaching. He also opined that the online mode has led to an increase in student's participation and attendance.

Dr. Radhika Jadhav opined that the student's attendance has more or less remained the same. Sometimes students face connectivity issues but overall the lectures and the whole online teaching mode is going smoothly.

Dr. Namita Nimbalkar noted the fact that many of the students are experiencing stress and anxiety in this time as sometimes the family members and people around experience health related issues in this pandemic era. So she raised the concern that students face psychological pressure to attend the classes at the same time attend to the needs of family members. Keeping this in mind, Dr. Nimbalkar opined that we need to be little soft on students and be empathetic to their needs. She also shared her experience of teaching and how the recording facilities in the online mode has been a boon for her.

Dr. Freddy Pereira added that in the last 6 months there has been a lot of online content created for educational purposes. Students can be encouraged to go beyond the syllabus and read such content for their betterment.

Mrs. Jyoti Waghmare shared her experience of online teaching by stating that this online mode gives us Educators an opportunity to connect the students to the vast knowledge corpus of online world which includes social issues based videos and other content.

Many other members shared their experiences in the Chat box.

The meeting was closed with a formal vote of thanks by the Chairperson Dr. Himani Chaukar.

Dr. Himani Chaukar

Chairperson, Foundation Course Board of Studies



**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in Foundation Course**

**held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by the Chairperson Dr. Himani Chaukar.

Dr. Himani Chaukar welcomed all the members- external & internal and subject experts for the BoS meeting.

Agenda 1: To revise, if needed, and approve the changes in the syllabi for FY/SY/TY BA/BSc/BVoc/BMM for the academic year 2021-22.

Keeping the pandemic situation in mind along with the online mode of teaching, Dr. Chaukar told the members that no changes in the syllabus are proposed for the coming academic year, 2021-22. It was unanimously accepted by the members that no changes are needed in the syllabus for the upcoming year.

Agenda 2: To seek approval for the new certificate courses, SWAYAM, NPTEL Courses, if any.

Dr. Chaukar invited members to share their ideas regarding certificate courses. In this regard, following discussion took place.

Dr. Namita Nimbalkar opened up the discussion with a suggestion that the certificate course be renamed as Valued added course as this is preferred in various universities and institutes these days. Also she suggested to think about designing personality development courses and the courses which are more suitable in present times.

Dr. Freddy Pereira shared his perspective regarding students facing various kinds of conflicts at home. So he noted that a small lecture series on conflict management can help the students in dealing with stress and internal familial conflict at home in this pandemic era.



Mr. Abhishek Samant while taking forward Dr. Pereira's suggestion noted that the legal awareness regarding internal familial conflict may be incorporated. Secondly, he suggested a topic which deals with the issue of suicide may be added. Also Mr. Samant noted that in this online mode of teaching youngsters need to be made aware about right to privacy to tackle problems such as voyeurism & stalking. He opined that a course which incorporates all the three aspects mentioned above along with updated legal knowledge of these issues may be designed.

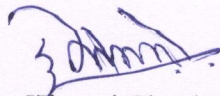
Dr. Sujata Suvarnapathki appreciated the suggestions made by the members and expressed hope that these ideas may be incorporated in the next academic year in form of concrete course or lecture series.

Agenda 3: To decide the changes in the modalities of assessment, if any, which includes the question paper pattern, for internal and external examination. (Theory/Practical, wherever applicable).

It was unanimously accepted by the members that no changes are required in the current modalities.

Many other members shared their perspectives and expressed support to various ideas discussed in the meeting in the Chat box.

The meeting was closed with a formal vote of thanks by the Chairperson Dr. Himani Chaukar.



Dr. Himani Chaukar

Chairperson,

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