

## **Department of Economics**

### **Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of Board of Studies (first in the academic year 2020-21) in Economics in the subject of Faculty of Arts and in the subject of Business Economics in the Faculty of Commerce**

The fifth meeting of Board of Studies and first in the academic year 2020-21 in the subject of Economics and in the subject of Business Economics in the Faculty of Commerce for the academic year 2020 - 21 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 started at 5.30 p.m. on the zoom platform.

Following Members were present for the meeting:

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| 1. | Prof. Sucheta Joshi      | Chairperson; Head, Department of Economics                     |
| 2. | Prof. Pranali Karnik     | Member of BoS                                                  |
| 3. | Prof. Devashree Ghorpade | Member of BoS                                                  |
| 4. | Dr. Medha Tapiawala      | Subject expert nominated by the Vice Chancellor                |
| 5. | Dr. Chandrasekhar        | Faculty representing member from outside the Parent University |
| 6. | Dr. Amita Vaidya         | Faculty representing member from outside the Parent University |
| 7. | Mr. Manoj Sathe          | Industry / Corporate Representative                            |
| 8. | Advt. Ms Bijal Rathod    | Post Graduate Illustrious Alumni                               |

### **AGENDA**

The following business will be transacted at the meeting:

1. Review the academic activities undertaken in the second term of the last academic year 2019-20
2. Review the departmental activities conducted in the second term of the last academic year 2019-20
3. Discussion of the academic engagements of teachers during lockdown period

4. Blended teaching to be adopted in the first term of the present academic year due to the extraordinary circumstance of COVID19 Pandemic
5. Any issue with the permission of the chair

Following business was transacted during the meeting:

- Prof. Sucheta Joshi, Head, Department of Economics greeted everyone and opened the meeting conversations with the discussion of suggestions of the last Board of Studies meeting. The syllabus in the last semester along with revision was completed before 15<sup>th</sup> March. However, due to lockdown, suggestions given in the last BoS meeting on formulation of tests and scales for assessment of reflective and critical thinking could not be implemented. Those suggestions would be implemented in this academic year.
- This was followed by discussion and approval on the blended teaching due to lockdown conditions. 50% syllabus is planned currently for online teaching. There were different opinions given on the percentage expected for blended teaching. All members gave their consent for the required online teaching to be done depending on the period of lockdown. All experts raised their concerns on the availability of infrastructure with students for online teaching. However, they were satisfied to know that college authorities and teachers will work to find out solutions to such problems in the course of time.
- The third point of discussion was on the review of academic activities. Syllabus of the college along with revision was completed before 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Two internal tests were also conducted for that semester. However, external exams could not be conducted due to COVID19 pandemic. Departmental activities for the last semester included Forum of Free Enterprises Elocution Competition, Artha Gyaan 2020 in the month of January, Research survey competition in the month of February, guest lecture on the 'Preparations for UPSC and MPSC exams' in the last week of February.
- All the faculties of the Department of Economics presented their own academic engagements during lockdown period.
- Experts gave their suggestions for conducting external exams like open book test, project work to be assigned for 60 marks. The platform of MS Teams was suggested. There was a suggestion of students' enrolment in Coursera Courses for students as

well as the teachers. The BoS members highlighted the safety of students during pandemic.

Everyone agreed on the points discussed and the meeting was over with the consent.

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