

Department of Economics

Minutes of the first meeting of the Second Cycle of Board of Studies in the academic year 2021-22 in the subject of Economics in the Faculty of Arts and in the subject of Business Economics in the Faculty of Commerce

The first Board of Studies meeting in the academic year 2021-22 was conducted on 7th August, 2021 at 4.00 pm on zoom platform.

Following members were present for the meeting of the Board of Studies:

Prof. Sucheta Joshi	Chairperson; Head, Department of Economics
Prof. Pranali Karnik	Member of BoS
Prof. Devashree Ghorpade	Member of BoS
Dr. Medha Tapiawala	Subject expert nominated by the Vice Chancellor
Dr. Sandhya Iyer	Faculty representing member from outside the Parent University
Dr. Manasi Phadke	Industry / Corporate Representative
Mr. Kiran Yadav	Post Graduate Illustrious Alumni

At the outset, Ms. Sucheta Joshi Head, Department of Economics welcomed the BoS members and introduced them to each other.

Agenda of the meeting was:

1. To review the analysis of feedback on syllabus of various stakeholders
2. Curriculum mapping to employability, entrepreneurship and skill development
3. Activities undertaken by the department of Economics in the second term of the current academic year 2020-21

4. Any topic with the permission of the chair

Following was the discussion held in the BoS meeting:

1. Presentation on the analysis of feedback on syllabus from the various stakeholders:

Ms. Sucheta Joshi presented the feedback analysis on syllabus of various stakeholders such as alumni, students of current batch, peer teachers and industry experts. Ms. Sucheta Joshi also informed the profile of the participants involved as well as the research methodology used in the survey. There was a detailed discussion of the feedback given by these stakeholders with the help of a Power Point Presentation.

Dr. Medha Tapiawala congratulated Prof. Sucheta Joshi for execution of the ideas given by the Ex-BOS committee. She also appreciated the efforts of the department of performing the statistical calculations (feedback analysis and curriculum mapping). She also raised her concern for offline classes and the implementation of the plans which are easy to carry in an online mode. She suggested that for class of TYBA Economics Internal I can be a test and the second internal can be in the form of a presentation or a project.

On the basis of presentation, Dr. Mansi Phadke suggested that Basic Statistics could be useful to the students. She suggested to give one hour every week for the teaching statistics to students and also mentioned the importance of reading the newspaper.

Dr. Sandhya Iyer insisted on having self-studying platforms. She insisted on making the courses application driven rather than curriculum driven.

Mr. Kiran Yadav a Post Graduate Illustrious alumni of RJ College, focused on the data analysis part which is to be added in the syllabus along with soft skills development.

Ms. Sucheta Joshi also mentioned that few of the suggestions of the peer teachers and industry experts have been already incorporated in the teaching learning pedagogies followed by the faculty of the department like use of Case studies, RBI reports, etc.

Further most of the members were of the opinion of including GST and Crypto currency topics to the commerce syllabus.

Board members also gave their opinion on the Arts syllabus and insisted to make it more application based.

- 2. Discussion on Curriculum mapping to employability, entrepreneurship and skill development:** After the discussion on Feedback analysis Prof. Sucheta Joshi discussed curriculum mapping to employability, entrepreneurship and skill development on the basis of detail analysis of the modules and topics of Arts and Commerce Syllabus.
- 3. Review of the activities undertaken by the department of Economics in the second term of the academic year 2020-21:** Followed by this Prof. Sucheta Joshi presented the activities undertaken by the Department of Economics in the year 2020-21. There were three main activities; Prestigious Shri. I. D. Singh Memorial Arth-Gyaan, Value added course of 30 Hours in Research Methodology, and A talk on “Careers in Economics” for TYBA Economics students.

Ms. Sucheta Joshi; Head, Department of Economics, summarized the discussions and thanked the members for sparing their valuable time. The meeting ended with the grant of everyone.
