

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The meeting of the Academic Council of R. J College (Autonomous) was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 11.00 am via Hybrid mode. Member Secretary, Maj. Pravin Nayak welcomed all the members and requested Chairman Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda for further conduct of the meeting.

**Total Members present: 44**

#### **Following members were present:**

Chairman - Dr. Himanshu Dawda

#### **Experts Nominated by Governing Body.**

1. Dr. Rajendra Singh – Trustee Entrepreneur
2. Shri Umesh Singh – Industrialist
3. Prin.Dr. Madhura Kalamkar, HVPS College of Law, Ghatkopar.
4. Prin. Dr. Uma Shankar, Principal, SIES College, Sion, Mumbai
5. Dr. Usha Mukundan, Director- Academics, HVPS

#### **Vice Chancellor Nominee:**

1. Prin. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Patra, Vikas College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Vikhroli
2. Prin. Dr. Shrimant Rathod, H S College of Arts and Science, Chowpaty
3. Prin. Dr. Vitthal Rokade, T K Tope Arts & Commerce Night (Senior) College

#### **Four Senior Teachers from Teaching Staff:**

1. Dr. Saraswathi Moorthy
2. Dr. Abhay Sawant
3. Dr. Vaishnavi Sridhar
4. Dr. Mandar Medhi

#### **Faculty Member Nominated by the Principal (Member Secretary):**

1. Maj. Pravin Nayak.

#### **Heads' & In-charge of various Departments (Chairman of respective BOS)**

(Listed on the next page)

Sr. No.	Name	Department
1	Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda	Botany
2	Mrs Sankia Gupte	Zoology
3	Dr. Ram Sevak Dubey	Chemistry
4	Dr. Devraj Pawar	Physics
5	Ms. Chhaya Pinge	Statistics
6	Mr. Indrasingh Saud	Mathematics
7	Prof. Subodh Barve	Commerce
8	Dr. Sucheta Joshi	Economics
9	Mr. Jitendra Jha	Accountancy
10	Dr. Baisakhi Dutta	Geography
11	Dr. Meher Mistry	History
12	Dr. Shashi Mishra	Sociology
13	Mr. Bhushan Arekar	Political Science
14	Dr. Amita Valmiki	Philosophy & FC
15	Dr. Sneha Deuskar	Marathi
16	Dr. Neeta Chakravarty	English
17	Dr. Mithilesh Sharma	Hindi
18	Dr. Suchita Golwalkar	Biotechnology
19	Ms. Archana Bhide	Information Technology
20	Ms. Anita Gaikwad	Computer Science
21	Ms. Nandini Jagarayan	Banking and Insurance
22	Ms. Kalaiselvi Nadar	Bachelor of Management Studies
23	Ms. Rekha Shetty	BAF
24	Ms. Pooja Bhardwaj	BAMMC
25	Ms. Soni Khemani	BVoc

26	Dr. Prasadhini Gautam	MAEMA
27	Mr. Chinmay Bapat	Psychology
28	Mrs. Rashmi S. Pagare	Fashion Design
29	Mr. Donald Dsouza	Interior Designing

#### Invitees

1. Dr. Kiran Kolwankar, VP and Associate Professor, Dept of Physics
2. Mr. Nilesh Ghadge, Teaching Faculty, MCom program.

The following business was then transacted:

**Item 1:** Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

**Resolution 1:** Minutes of the meeting were read and confirmed.

**Item 2, 3, 4:** The Chairman Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda shared with the members of the Academic Council the institutional preparedness for NEP 2020 to be implemented from the academic year 2023-2024. He explained a view that under NEP 2020 the curriculum not only has to be robust and skill oriented but flexible enough to accommodate multiple entry and exit of students. He shared with the house the State Government circular which has offered a choice of DSE or SSE grid for autonomous colleges. He stated that for aided courses the college shall adopt DSC grid and for self-financing courses SSC or DSC as per the requirement of the department. He further mentioned that migration from 120 to 132 credits initiated by the institution from the academic year 2021-2022 is going to help every department in NEP 2020 delivery because every department has been offering VAC, DSE, AEC in this progression to achieve additional 12 academic credits. He presented the proposed structure of FYBCom, FYBA and FYBSc under NEP 2020 that was finalized after meeting of Principal, Vice principals with all faculty members.

The Chairman also informed the members about the proposed new UG , 1 new PG program and 1 new PG Diploma program to commence from the academic year 2023-2024. 7 new UG programs – BSc in Medical Lab Technology, BSc in Medical Imaging Technology, BSc in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, BSc in Animation and VFX, BBA - Business Analytics and Management, BSc in Fashion Design and BSc in Interior Designing and 1 PG program of MA Psychology with specialization in Clinical Psychology. Post Graduate Diploma program in Medical Laboratory Technology were proposed by the Chairman.

The Chairman of respective subject BoS presented and placed the recommendations of BoS for starting of new program and the approved syllabus in each program for the approval of Academic Council.



**Item 2.1:** Starting of new program BBA- Business Analytics and Management from the academic year 2023-2024

The Chairman apprised the members with the starting of the new program BBA- Business Analytics and Management from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 students on self financing basis. This has been approved by the Board of Studies in BMS with invited subject experts from Business Analytics held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and was placed in front of Academic Council for their approval.

**Resolution2.1.** The proposed new program of BBA- Business Analytics and Management to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 at the entry level was approved by the Academic Council and unanimously passed.

**Item 2.2:** To approve the starting of new program BSc- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence from the academic year 2023-2024 and to approve its fees structure.

The Chairman apprised the members to start with new program BSc- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 students on self financing basis. This has been approved by the Board of Studies in Information Technology with invited subject experts from Data Science and Artificial Intelligence held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and was placed in front of Academic Council for their approval.

**Resolution2.2.** The proposed new program of BSc-Data Science & Artificial Intelligence to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 at the entry level was approved and unanimously passed by the Academic Council.

**Item 2.3:** Starting of new program BSc- Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 and to approve its fees structure.

The Chairman Dr Himanshu Dawda apprised the members about starting of new program BSc- Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 students on self financing basis. The same has been approved by the Board of Studies in Biotechnology with invited subject experts from the proposed program and was then placed in front of Academic Council for the approval in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Resolution 2.3.** The proposal for the starting of new program of BSc- Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 at the entry level was approved and unanimously passed.

**Item 2.4:** Starting of new program BSc- Medical Imaging Technology from the academic year 2023-2024

The members were apprised by the Chairman about the starting of the new program BSc- Medical Imaging Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 students on self financing basis. This has been approved and recommended by the Board of Studies in Biotechnology with invited subject experts from the proposed program held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and was placed in front of Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 for the approval. .

**Resolution2.4.** The proposed new program of BSc- Medical Imaging Technology to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 at the entry level was approved and unanimously passed by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Item 2.5:** Starting of new program BSc in Animation and VFX from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised by the Chairman regarding the starting of the new program BSc in Animation and VFX from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 students on self financing basis. This has been approved by the Board of Studies in Computer Science with invited subject experts from the proposed program held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and placed for the approval of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Resolution2.5.** The starting of new program of BSc in Animation and VFX from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 at the entry level was approved and unanimously passed.

**Item 2.6:** Starting of new program BSc- Fashion Design from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised by the Chairman about the starting of the new program BSc-Fashion Design from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 students on self financing basis. The duly constituted Ad hoc board of studies held a meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to approve the starting of the new program BSc Fashion Design. They also designed and discussed the contents of the syllabus as per NEP2020 and approved the same. The detailed syllabus for Sem I and Sem II was then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the approval.

**Resolution2.6.** The proposed new program of BSc Fashion Design to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 at the entry level was approved and unanimously passed by the Academic Council.

**Item 2.7:** Starting of new program BSc- Interior Design from the academic year 2023-2024.

The Chairman Dr Himanshu Dawda apprised the members about starting of the new program BSc- Interior Design from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 students on self financing basis. The duly constituted Ad hoc board of studies in its meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 approved the starting of the new program BSc- Interior Design and also discussed, deliberated and designed the syllabus as per NEP2020 and approved the same. The detailed syllabus for Sem I and Sem II was then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the approval.

**Resolution2.7.** The proposal for starting of new program of BSc-Interior Design from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 at the entry level as recommended by the BoS was approved and unanimously passed in the Academic Council.

**Item2.8.** Starting of new program MA Psychology with specialization in 'Clinical Psychology' from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised by the Chairman about the starting of new PG program in MA Psychology, with specialization in Clinical Psychology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 30 students on self financing basis. The proposal as well as the syllabus for the new



program was approved by the BoS in Psychology in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and placed for the approval of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Resolution 2.8.** The proposed new PG program of MA Psychology with specialization of Clinical Psychology to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 30 at the entry level was approved and unanimously passed.

**Item 2.9.** Starting of new Post graduate Diploma program in Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024.

The Chairman apprised the members about the starting of new program of Post graduate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology from the 2023-2024. The syllabus of the Diploma program was approved by the BoS in Biotechnology in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 where the members deliberated, finalized and approved the curriculum. The same was placed in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for their approval.

**Resolution 2.9.** The proposed new PG Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 was approved and unanimously passed.

**Item 2.10**

The Chairperson BoS in Zoology in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2023 proposed changes in the curriculum of MSc program with specialization in Oceanography for accommodating the applied aspects of the subject and use of technological innovations in the study of underwater life. The Chairman also proposed to incorporate Internship for the students of MSc program in the first year for 160 marks in place of 40 marks internal component evaluation in four courses. The Chairman also proposed to the members that the current batch of students who shall be in second year of study program shall complete a small project as a substitute to the missed out opportunity for internship corresponding to 160 marks which will give them joy of learning by doing. With due deliberation, the members of BoS in the subject of Zoology accepted and approved the changes proposed by the Chairman.

**Resolution 2.10** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Zoology for the revision of syllabus of MSc in Oceanography and incorporation of internship for the new batch from 2023-2024 onwards and for the current batch the project completion as a substitute to internship was unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.11**

The Chairperson BoS in Accountancy in its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 proposed changes in the curriculum of MCom Part I and Part II. The Chairman proposed to incorporate topics like Process costing, Non banking financial companies, Valuation of equity, Personal financial planning. The members of BoS in Accountancy unanimously accepted the proposal for the incorporation of new topics in the MCom syllabus from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.11** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Accountancy for the revision of syllabus of MCom for the incorporation of new topics from the academic year 2023 be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.12**

The Chairperson BoS in Commerce in its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of the curriculum of TYCom Sem V Paper V and Paper VI and Sem VI Paper V and Paper VI. The Chairman also proposed to incorporate case studies in all four modules of Marketing paper. The members of BoS in Commerce appreciated the incorporation of case studies in all four modules of paper in Marketing and unanimously approved and accepted the revision of syllabi proposed by the Chairman for its implementation from 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.12** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Commerce for the revision of syllabus of TYBCom Paper V and Paper VI in both the semesters with incorporation of case studies in each module of Paper V on Marketing from the academic year 2023-2024 be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.13**

The Chairperson BoS in History in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 proposed revision of changes in the curriculum of TYBA Paper V and Paper VI. The Chairman proposed to have additional 5<sup>th</sup> module in paper for core subject ability enhancement under migration from 120 to 132 academic credits. The Chairman also proposed to have a new paper on General Knowledge and Current Affairs to be introduced in the curriculum of Sem VI from the new academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.13** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of History in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 for the revision of syllabus of TYBA Sem V and Sem VI and introduction of new paper on 'General Knowledge and Current Affairs' in Sem VI be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.14**

The Chairperson BoS in Psychology in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 proposed revision of minor changes in the curriculum of FYBA, SYBA and revision of syllabus for TYBA for both, the core subject ability enhancement as well for incorporation of practicals, small scale research, experiments and psychological tests. With due deliberations, the members of BoS accepted the changes and recommended for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.14** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Psychology in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 for the revision of syllabus of FY, SY and TYBA with incorporation of experiments, practicals, small projects and psychological tests be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.



**Item 2.15**

The Chairperson BoS in Computer Science in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of TY syllabus for the incorporation of additional unit in each paper for the want of core subject ability enhancement credits in the migration from 120-132 credits. The BoS accepted the proposal of the Chairman and recommended its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.15** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Computer Science in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 for the revision of TY syllabus with incorporation of additional unit be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.16**

The Chairperson BoS in Biotechnology in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of TY syllabus for the incorporation of additional unit in each paper under core subject ability enhancement credits in the migration from 120-132 credits. The BoS accepted the proposal of the Chairman and recommended its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.16** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Biotechnology in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 for the revision of TY syllabus with incorporation of additional unit be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.17**

The Chairperson BoS in Mass Media in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of TY syllabus for introducing Electives in TY papers under core subject ability enhancement credits in the migration from 120-132 credits. The BoS members accepted the proposal of the Chairman and recommended its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.17** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Mass Media in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 for the revision of TY syllabus with incorporation of Electives be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.18**

The Chairperson BoS in BAF in its meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 proposed addition of two new courses (papers), one each in Sem V and Sem VI. The syllabus of 3 credit new paper for Sem V in 'Business Planning & Entrepreneurial Management' and the syllabus of 3 credit new paper for Sem VI in 'Security Analysis & Portfolio Management' was drafted by the BoS and after due deliberation, the syllabus was passed and recommended for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.18** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of BAF in its meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 for the addition of new papers (courses) in TY syllabus revision of TY syllabus be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.19**

The Chairperson BoS in BMS in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 proposed revision of syllabus of Sem V and Sem VI papers on Event Management with incorporation of capstone projects. The revision of syllabus of TYBMS with incorporation of capstone projects was accepted and passed unanimously by the board members for its implementation from 2023-2024.



**Resolution 2.18** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of BMS in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for the revision of papers on Event Management and incorporation of capstone projects at TYBMS be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 5:** The Chairman informed the members that the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is an important mandate under the NEP 2020 from the Ministry of Education, Government of India and State Government of Maharashtra. For autonomous colleges Mumbai University has suggested the constitution of fast-track committee or ABC Cell. The college has constituted ABC Cell under the convenorship of Principal and co-convenorship of CoE with members from EC, IQAC, teacher member and Placement Officer. He further informed the members that the college has already registered on NAD and ABC portal and registration of students on ABC ID is completed for almost 60% of the students. ABC cell shall further ensure that ABC ID is registered for all students and uploading of all registered students marksheets and certificates is in the process. He further informed the members that the institutional Innovative Council Committee (IICC) is constituted. The college previously had functional IIC- Innovation and Incubation Cell through which hand holding of students for innovative ideas, turning it into reality and exposing them to entrepreneurship scope was successfully carried out. He shared with the members the achievement of a physics student Mr. Rabindra Pratap Singh who brought laurels to the college with innovation of outdoor air purifier. He was selected as one of the top 100 innovators to put up his product prototype for the exhibition in Nehru Centre on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 organized by CIIA. In the college segment he was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for his innovation.

The Chairman informed the members that the College Grievance Redressal Committee for students has been reconstituted as per the UGC norms and shall extend its benefit to the students by having an online portal on the college website made available to students who may submit application seeking redressal of grievance. The Chairman informed the house that NEP 2020 in the State of Maharashtra shall be implemented from academic year 2023-2024 in a progressive manner for which the college appointed Dr. Neelambari Kulkarni, Associate Professor in Marathi and a Senior Member in IQAC as a Nodal Officer, who shall coordinate between the Government and University authorities and the Principal and teachers at college for any information related to NEP 2020 implemented.

Maharashtra Government GR of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was shared by the Chairman with the house regarding the joint initiative of Maharashtra State and UNICEF for the college students to participate in activities that lead to conservation of natural resources and saving of water waste. He further informed the members that through membership of SES REC, the college is working in the direction of conservation of natural resources. In fact, the college has installed a water cycling unit that collects the wastewater from water coolers on campus, processes it and that recycled water is used for watering the plants on campus. Two program officers, Dr. Anil Avhad from the department of Botany and Dr. Geeta Joshi from the department of Zoology shall monitor this activity of student use on campus.

**Item 6: Any other matter**

The Chairman Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda gave an update on AQAR of 2021-2022 stating that it is submitted successfully and AQAR 2022-2023 is in the process and shall be submitted by July 2023. The college is due for its 4<sup>th</sup> NAAC cycle, submission of IIPA

followed by submission of SSR in December 2023 shall be the priority and the vibrant IQAC of the college together with the support of our teachers is working towards the same.

The Chairman shared with the members that in absence of any major or minor project and or UGC projects sanctioned by University of Mumbai. The RAC of college provides seed money to the teachers who are motivated to do research. From the academic year 2021-2022, seed money facility is extended to PG students who under the mentorship of teachers carry out a small project which sharpens their analytical skills and fosters a correct research aptitude. Five teachers in the current academic year were granted seed money each to the tune of 1 to 1.7 Lakhs.

The Chairman acknowledge the innovative pedagogies adopted by different departments for teaching, learning evaluation with the use of technologies, creative and innovative means for better understanding of the concepts and applications. This involved DSE delivery through four quadrant pedagogies, VAC through learn-do-learn mechanism, continuous evaluation through short surprise test, time bound assignment in Google classroom, practical in Google classroom (LIVE) and live project.

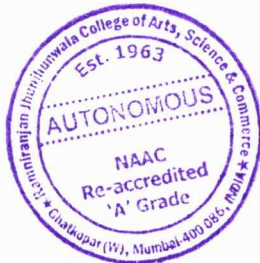
The Chairman presented the strategic plan of the institution for 2023-2032. He shared with the members that fitting into the mission and vision of the college, quality education and skill-based learning for all shall always be our priority. Recommendations of NAAC set a way forward for us and we always comply by it. Over the years adopting UGC quality mandate, 17 sustainability goals, digitalization of campus and library, inclusive campus adopting robust feedback mechanism for improvement and creating platform for innovation shall be our priority. In the next decade, we would like to emerge as an institute of choice for learning and providing more professional verticals for transformation of education on campus. He further shared with the members that the college is ready to conduct online courses if UGC provides permission.

The experts appreciated the efforts taken by the institution in providing quality education that shapes the future of the students as all initiatives taken by the institution are towards empowering students towards self-sufficient, independent and long-term employability. Dr. Uma Shankar appreciated the new programs commencing from 2023-2024 and inquired about the campus space that shall be needed for these programs. The Chairman appraised the house regarding the procurement of additional space by the management body for the new programs. She appreciated the courage that the institution has shown in providing wide range of professional verticals to the students without compromising the conventional courses of arts, science and commerce. Principal Dr. Patra, Principal Dr. Rokade and Principal Dr. Rathode and Dr. Uma Shankar conveyed their best wishes to the college for the academic enrichment and proposed implementation of NEP 2020.

There being no other matter the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date: 18/04/2023

Place: Mumbai



  
Dr. Himanshu Dawda  
Chairman

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