

Minutes of Meeting of the Academic Council of B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan, held on Saturday, the 29th May 2021 and continued on Monday, the 7th June, 2021 at 2.30 pm on Microsoft Teams.

The following members were present:

1. Shri O. R. Chitlange
2. Dr. Naresh Chandra
3. Dr. Avinash Patil
4. Dr. Vijay Joshi
5. Dr. Manjiri Kamat
6. Dr. Madhuri Pejawar
7. Dr. Vibha Surana
8. Shri Himanshu Agrawal
9. Mrs. Shilpa Shah
10. Dr. Swapna Samel
11. Dr. Maninder K. Dhaliwal
12. Mr. B. S. Wadekar
13. Mrs. Esmita Gupta
14. Dr. Geetha Unnikrishnan
15. Dr. M. A. Thakurdesai
16. Dr. Meeta Bhot
17. Dr. Siatram Mhaske
18. Dr. Samajdar
19. Mrs. Pratibha Gadhe
20. Dr. Vilas Khairnar
21. Dr. Suvarna Jadhav
22. Dr. Balkavi L. Suranje
23. Dr. Anuradha C. Hastak
24. Mrs. Priti S. Sawale
25. Mr. Rakesh Bhoir
26. Dr. Mahadeo Yadav
27. Mr. Prakash Sansare
28. Mr. Viplov Dhone
29. Mr. Anil Tiwari



- 30.Dr. Sonal Tawade
- 31.Dr. Sonali Patel
- 32.Dr. Annika Gupta
- 33.Ms. Sayali Sonawane

Shri Kapil Pathare and Dr. Grishma Khobragade had expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Accordingly, they were granted leave of absence.

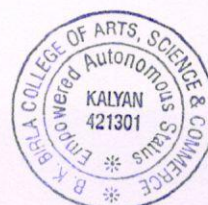
Dr. Avinash Patil welcomed all the members on the online platform of MS teams and invited Chairman Shri O. R. Chitlange to welcome all the members of Academic Council.

Shri O. R. Chitlange expressed his views on the emotional concerns with the health of near ones and to be strong to conquer the challenges in this pandemic situation and move ahead. In this difficult situation how we can serve better in the intellectual growth of the students and leverage maximum of it. He briefed about the celebration of 50th year of Golden Jubilee and the celebration of Birth centenary year of Pujya Shri Basant Kumar ji Birla. He told about the various activities which will be carried out during the entire Golden Jubilee year.

Dr. Swapna Samel read the minutes of last Academic Council Meeting held on 29th June 2019 at 1.30 PM.

Principal Dr. Avinash Patil elaborated on the activities planned for the calendar year 2020-21. He informed that the college ranked 12th in Country and 5th in Maharashtra in Education World Ranking. He informed about the completion of New building structure. He also informed about the start of Mpower counselling cell catering to the mental health care of BKBC, BKBPS and Night college students, Faculty, staff and employees of Century Rayon. He proposed to consider various co-curricular activities like NCC, NSS, Yoga and others held at National level to be considered for awarding 2 credits to the students. He proposed launch of new programmes under various discipline

1. B. Voc. (Cyber Security and Forensic)
2. B. Voc. (Medical Laboratory Technology)
3. B. Voc. (Business Management and Entrepreneurial Development)
4. B. Voc. (Financial Market and Trading Operations)



5. Bachelor in Animation
6. Bachelor in Performing Arts
7. M.Com. (Business Management)
8. M.Sc. Nutraceuticals
9. M.Sc. Biotechnology (Industrial Biotechnology)
10. 5 Year Integrated M.Sc. in Bioanalytical Science
11. 5 Year Integrated M.Sc. in Biotechnology
12. M.Sc. Physics (Materials Science)
13. M.Sc. Chemistry (Analytical Chemistry)
14. M.Sc. Mathematics (Applied Mathematics)
15. M.Sc. Botany (Medicinal Botany)
16. M.Sc. Zoology (Cell Biology and Cytogenetics)
17. M.Sc. Microbiology (Industrial Microbiology)
18. M.Sc. I.T. (Cloud Computing)
19. BMS Hons. (Sports Management)
20. BMS Hons. (Event Management and PR)
21. M.A. (Sports Management)
22. M.A. (Event Management and PR)
23. B.Sc. (Honours) in Interior Design
24. B.Sc. (Honours) in Integrative Nutrition & Dietetics
25. Post Graduation Diploma in Global Education

He also proposed to start the new programme / course of B.M.S. (Retail Management) and M.A. (Geography) from the academic year 2022-23.

Principal Dr. Avinash Patil informed about the MOU signed with the different Industries like GDNA, TCS iON, Intelligent Quotient System, and few MoU in progress to have Industry Academia connect for Syllabus revision, teaching and Learning, Internships and placement opportunities for the students.



Dr. Avinash Patil informed about the faculty achievements of 15 patents published, 4 granted and 2 Australian patents granted. He also informed about the EVS department getting NABL accreditation to provide consultancy services to the nearby vicinity areas.

Dr. Swapna Samel presented the minutes of BoS of Arts faculty highlighting the key changes incorporated in the various syllabi. She informed about the blended learning concept, updating of 120 credits to 136 credits in UG syllabus as per UGC regulation by adding computer literacy certificate course organized by Department of IT and Spoken English course organized by Department of Management Studies, courses defined by IIT Bombay Spoken Tutorial, NPTEL courses and Interdepartmental certificate courses. She highlighted the significant changes defined in the various subjects defined by various departments in the Art Faculty.

Shri O. R. Chitlange expressed his views of not being able to get the change of syllabi proposed and was not able to understand how these changes will be helpful to the students. He requested to be more precise and presentable.

Dr. Madhuri Pejawar Commented to have specific PO's, PSO's, CO's and proper nomenclature for the changes introduced in the syllabus. She explained about the importance of these outcomes and how it will impact the learning of students. She also told us to have feedback system to measure the outcomes.

Dr. Manjiri Kamat congratulated us on the new initiatives, revision of syllabus and on the ranking. She emphasized on few of the following points:

1. Revision made in the syllabus to be presented in tabular format and provide academic justification for the revision as per UGC guidelines.
2. To adapt to choice based interdisciplinary mode in Masters course as defined by NEP for Higher Education.
3. To introduce few diploma courses at the UG level
4. To strengthen the connections with stakeholders, industries, other autonomous colleges and Universities.
5. She gave few suggestions to be incorporated in the examination system like introducing essay, MCQs, and other blended learning method.



6. She informed about an open online access of the journal in 3 different languages in Humanities and Research.
7. She pointed out to have futuristic and broader vision by having National and International Linkages.
8. She gave an idea of creating Digital Archive for the college and Century Rayon.

Shri O. R. Chitlange requested to have the AC meeting again with concise presentation defining the impact of change, and how does it fall in line with the UGC guidelines.

Dr. Avinash Patil proposed vote of thanks and announced the continuation of AC meeting on Monday, the 7th June, 2021 at 2.30 pm on Microsoft Teams.

Principal Dr. Avinash Patil welcomed all the member for the continuation of the Academic council meeting which was earlier held on the 29th May 2021.

Dr. Swapna Samel presented the minutes of BoS of Arts faculty highlighting the key changes incorporated in the various syllabi.

1. Implementation of additional credits to be introduced as per the UGC guidelines to 132 credits, by introducing the certificate courses/ Swayam courses / NPTEL courses/ IIT Bombay spoken Tutorial courses for increasing the credits.
2. Framing of PO's, PSO's and CO's for each programme and course keeping Bloom's taxonomy into consideration
3. She explained about the various workshops which were held to help the faculties write the PO's, PSO's and CO's for each programme and course.
4. Using History dept as an example, she presented the PO's which were framed keeping in mind the points of Knowledge and its application, Problem solving and critical thinking, Innovative ability, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Progression to higher education and Research based ability.
5. She presented the PSO's for History programs under four main points - Academic competence, Research Competence, Personal and Professional Competence and Entrepreneurial and Social competence.



6. She explained how the CO's for each course was framed and the Blooms taxonomical numerical was added stating each course outcome level.
7. She highlighted on the changes of syllabus made by the History dept.
8. Further each HOD from the Arts faculty presented the specific changes made by their respective department in the syllabus, to be implemented from the academic year 2021-22.

Shri O. R. Chitlange suggested to consider the availability of time and requested the HODs to mention the significant changes made in the syllabus.

Dr. Vijay Joshi and Dr. Manjiri Kamat agreed for the same.

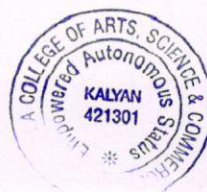
Each dept was given 3 minutes to present significant changes made in the syllabus with the justification of change

1. Dr. Samajdar walavake presented the changes made by Dept of English
2. Dr. Suranje presented the changes made by Dept. of Hindi
3. Dr. Mahske presented the changes made by Dept. of Marathi
4. Dr. Viplov presented the changes made by Dept. of Philosophy
5. Dr. Yadav presented the changes made by Dept of Economics
6. Mrs. Priti Salawe presented the changes made by Dept of Political Sciences
7. Mrs. Sheetal Chitre presented the changes made by Dept of Geography
8. Mrs. Sayali Sonawane presented the changes made by Dept of BAMMC

Dr. Swapna Samel thanked all the members and concluded the presentation for the Arts faculty and handed over to Dr. Maninder kaur Dhaliwal, Vice Principal (Science), for the presentations of the Science faculty.

Dr. Maninder kaur Dhaliwal welcomed all the members and presented the key changes in the syllabus of various courses.

1. She highlighted on the main points given by the BOS members in their respective BOS department meetings.
2. She briefly explained the basis of syllabus revision.
3. Giving an example of the Dept. of Microbiology- she explained how the PO's were framed keeping in mind the points of Knowledge and its application,



Problem solving and critical thinking, Innovative ability, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Progression to higher education, ethics and Research based ability.

4. She explained the PSO's for microbiology programs under four main points - Academic competence, Research Competence, Personal and Professional Competence and Entrepreneurial and Social competence.
5. She explained how the CO's for each course was framed and the Blooms taxonomical numerical was added stating each course outcome level.
6. She highlighted the changes in the syllabus for the dept of Microbiology and how they have kept the current scenario for modifying the syllabus.
7. She spoke about the introduction of new programs, specializations and vocational programs keeping in mind regarding the initiatives required in NEP.
8. She enlisted the new programs, specializations and vocational programs and gave a brief idea about the highlights, admission procedure, intake capacity fee structure and introduction of Internship in the courses.
9. She spoke about the B.Voc in Medical Laboratory technology and B.Voc. Cyber security and Forensics emphasizing on the NEP structure considered in the design of course structure.

She also highlighted about new course of Research Methodology-II in Bioanalytical Science.

Shri O. R. Chitlange raised a query about how the benchmarking for the courses is defined with respect to the other colleges. Whether any collaboration with other autonomous college is carried out and whether changes in the syllabus is being mapped with the other autonomous colleges syllabus and how many websites were checked while defining the new courses.

Dr. Maninder Kaur Dhaliwal justified by giving an acknowledgement that other colleges syllabi, websites and expert faculty guidance were taken into consideration while framing the syllabus.

Dr. Maninder Kaur Dhaliwal spoke about the specialized programs initiated by the Department of Information Technology i.e. M.Sc. IT in Cloud computing and Cyber



security as per the market need. She spoke about the skill-based certificate courses initiated by the Department of Information Technology.

Shri O. R. Chitlange suggested to email the presentations to all the AC members before the meeting, in order to give proper suggestions and guidance.

Dr. Vijay Joshi suggested few key points to be considered as follows:

1. To design a syllabus having Modular approach than the linear approach for easy exit of students during the semesters.
2. Mentioned about the academic bank of credits which is soon to be implemented.
3. Keeping the syllabi trans disciplinary / Inter disciplinary.
4. He also emphasized on create a mechanism to measure and map the PO's, PSOs and CO's on the experiential, employability and entrepreneurship skills.
5. Emphasized on keeping the syllabi skill-based.
6. Spoke about mapping the current online syllabi with MOOCs.
7. Credit transfer from Swayam and NPTEL courses.
8. He appreciated the new initiative of starting new courses and programs but guided to emphasize on the feasibility and viability survey and need based courses.
9. He concluded by appreciating the presentations carried out by the Arts and Science faculties.

Shri O. R. Chitlange suggested to accept and move ahead as per the suggestions given by the experts in the AC meeting and thanked Dr. Vijay Joshi for his valuable suggestions.

Vice Principal of Commerce section, Mr. B. S. Wadekar presented for the changes in the Commerce stream.

1. He spoke about imparting knowledge in core areas
2. Development of entrepreneur-based skills
3. He emphasized on development courses where students can set up small business to gain entrepreneurial competence.



4. He spoke about the PO's for B. Com courses talking about blended learning, skill development and inculcating research culture.
5. He further highlighted the syllabus changes in Dept of Accountancy.

He gave brief on various courses like Leadership & Decision Making, Management Applications in the programme of Management Studies introduced in the Department of Management Studies from the Academic Year 2021-22 progressively. He mentioned about new courses like Principles of Finance for B. Com (Accounting & Finance) and B. Com (Banking & Insurance). In Banking & Insurance: Principles & Practices of Banking Sector and Principles & Practices of Insurance Sector was introduced.

He further stated about the new courses to be taught in the Academic Year 2022-23.

B.M.S: Organisational Behaviour, Environment Management

B.Com (Accounting & Finance): Business Statistics, Organisational Behaviour, Environment Management

B. Com (Banking & Insurance): Retail Banking, Claims Management in Insurance Sector (Underwriting & Claim Management, Corporate Banking, Environment Management

B. Com (Financial Management): Financial Management-III, Project Finance & Management, Macro Economics, Environment Management

Mr. B. S. Wadekar, Chairman of Examination committee, gave the highlights of the examinations conducted for the year 2019-20, emphasizing on the online systems, proctoring, mock tests, attendance during exams, distribution of the Grade card keeping the pandemic rules in mind.

He further thanked the management for the online proctoring exam system and MS team's platform which made the examination go smoothly.

Prof. Vibha Surana appreciated the positive attitude of the college initiatives during the academic year. She wished everyone all the best for the new academic year and that she would further discuss regarding the short-term foreign courses with Director.



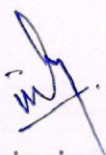
Dr. Madhuri Pejaware congratulated and appreciated all the faculty for their presentations.

Dr. Manjiri Kamat congratulated everyone and agreed with the suggestions provided by Dr. Vijay Joshi. She emphasized the need to compare the syllabi with other autonomous colleges. She spoke about interdisciplinary courses and exchange of credits. She mentions about a blended format of examinations and capacity building programs to be initiated.

Director, Dr. Naresh Chandra, thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions and spending their valuable time with us. He thanked Shri O. R. Chitlange sir for spending his valuable time. He mentioned that all the suggestions will be considered in further development and all the presentations will be defined and presented in the more appropriate manner.

He mentioned that all faculty members have developed various elective and core courses. Interdisciplinary courses are also going to be introduced and the credits of these courses will be considered in the grade card. He emphasized on creating interdisciplinary courses, where student from B. K. Birla will be able to do a course in St. Xavier's and Vice versa.

As there was no other business the meeting was concluded with Vote of thanks to the chair.



Principal

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