

Minutes of Governing Body

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, 28th April 2022

Time: 12.00 noon

Mode: Online on Zoom Platform

The Second Meeting of the Governing Body was held on Thursday, 28th April 2022 from 12.00 noon onwards through Zoom Online Platform.

Agenda

Item 2.01: Welcome

Item 2.02: To read and confirm Minutes of the previous meeting.

Item 2.03: To approve the Syllabus of all the Board of Studies including the Evaluation System.

Item 2.04: To inform about New Post Graduate Programme (Entertainment Media and Advertising, History and Psychology).

Item 2.05: Entrance Test for Admission to M.A. Programmes

Item.2.06: To brief about Academic activities and Exams conducted.

Item 2.07: To approve the following Policies:

1: Merit Scholarship Policy

2: Add – on Courses Policy

3: Credit Policy

4: Gender Policy

5: Research Policy

6: Information Technology Policy

7: Consultancy Services Policy

8: Fund Raising Policy for Academic, ISR and Extension Activities.

Item 2.08: To approve the introduction of New Option for Foundation Course at First Year Level in all Programmes.

Item 2.09: To approve the proposal to increase 10% seats at First Year Level in all Programmes for the Academic Year 2022-23 as per the existing guidelines of University of Mumbai.

Item 2.10: To approve the introduction of the new programme M.Com in Accounting and Finance from next Academic year.

Item 2.11: To approve the budget for the academic year 2022-23 sanctioned by the Finance Committee.

Item 2.12: To approve the Revised Fee structure for the academic year 2022-23 sanctioned by the Finance Committee

Item 2.13: Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

Item 2.14: Vote of Thanks

Members Present:

Dr. Vijay Bedekar -Chairman, Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane

Dr. Swadesh Singh -UGC Nominee

Dr. Sanjay Jagtap – Joint Director of Higher Education, Konkan Region and State Government Representative

Dr. Ajay Bhamare -Representative of University and Dean of Faculty of Commerce, University of Mumbai

Dr. Gajanan Wader-Principal, Pillai College, Panvel – Nominated by Management

Shri. Abhay Marathe – Secretary, Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane

Shri. Uttam Joshi -Joint Secretary, Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane

Dr. Mahesh Bedekar – Member, Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane

CA Ravindra Rasal - Registrar, Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane & Special Invitee Member

Dr. (Ms.) Priyamvada Tokekar- Member, Vice Principal, VPM's Joshi Bedekar College (Autonomous), Thane

Mr. Subhash G. Shinde – Special Invitee, Vice Principal VPM's Joshi Bedekar College (Autonomous), Thane.

Mr. Narayan Barse- Member, Librarian, VPM's Joshi Bedekar College (Autonomous), Thane

Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik- Principal, VPM's Joshi Bedekar College (Autonomous) Thane and Ex-officio Member

CA. Atul Raut – Special Invitee Member, Asst. Professor (Dept. of Accountancy), VPM's Joshi Bedekar College (Autonomous) Thane

Leave of Absence was granted to the following members:

Shri. Anirudha Joshi, Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane

The proceedings of the Governing Body meeting are as follows:

Item 2.01: Welcome

The meeting started with Vice Principal Mr. Subhash G. Shinde welcoming the members of the Governing Body

Item 2.02: To read and confirm Minutes of the previous meeting.

Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik read the Minutes of the previous meeting and the same were approved by the Governing Body.

Item 2.03: To approve the Syllabus of all the Board of Studies including the Evaluation System.

Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik informed the members that as per the guidelines prescribed by the University of Mumbai under Autonomy, all the Departments conducted the BoS meetings and made appropriate changes in the syllabus of their respective Courses at First Year (FY) and Second Year (SY) Graduation and Post Graduation Part I level programmes and was passed by the respective Board of Studies and subsequently it was approved in Academic Council. The Governing Body also approved the same.

Item 2.04: To inform about New Post Graduate Programmes (Entertainment Media and Advertising, History and Psychology) in 2021-22

Vice Principal Mr. Subhash Shinde informed about New Post Graduate Programmes that were started like M.A in Entertainment Media and Advertising, History and Psychology.

Dr. Gajanan Wader enquired whether the enrolment procedure for these programmes have been completed from the University and also whether the linking of the new programme in MKCL portal code has been completed, Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik stated that guidance is taken from the Director, Board of Examination and the University for all the procedures like enrolment and examination and we are proceeding in that direction.

Item 2.05: Entrance Test for Admission to M.A. Programmes

The approval of the Governing Body was sought to allow students from any stream of Graduation to take admission for Post-Graduation in Humanities i.e. Business Economics, English, Hindi, History, Philosophy and Psychology and new Post Graduations if started in future by qualifying the Entrance Test of 100 marks. Those students who cleared the exams were eligible to pursue the respective programme. This was duly informed to the Academic Council and it was approved. This matter was presented by Vice Principal Mr. Subhash G. Shinde and same was approved by the Governing Body.

Item.2.06: Academic activities and Exams-10th July 2021 to 27th April 2022.

Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik presented the highlights of the various Curricular, Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities and information about Exams conducted in the institution during the Academic year from July 2021 to 27th April 2022 before the Governing Body, Same was appreciated and approved.

Item 2.07: To approve the following Policies:

The following Policies were placed before the Governing Body:

- 1. Merit Scholarship Policy**
- 2. Add – on Courses Policy**
- 3. Credit Policy**
- 4. Gender Policy**
- 5. Research Policy**
- 6. Information Technology Policy**
- 7. Consultancy Services Policy**
- 8. Fund Raising Policy for Academic, ISR and Extension Activities.**

Dr. Wader opined that instead of ‘Credit Policy’ it could be renamed as ‘Academic Credit Policy’ as in the long run this could be the platform for academic bank for credits where the students could score 12 credits for a period of three years. This suggestion was welcomed by Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik and agreed to make the necessary changes.

Item 2.08: New Option for Foundation Course

Adhering to NEP requirement to integrate multi-disciplinary approach, Vice-Principal Dr. (Ms.) Priyamvada Tokekar sought the approval from the Governing Body for the introduction of the following New Options for Foundation Course at First Year Level in all Programmes:

1. For FYBA, Semester I-Introduction to Commerce, for Semester II-Introduction to Management. Resource Department - Commerce.
2. FYB.Com.Semester I-Visual Communication and for Semester II-Current Affairs. Resource Department - BAMMC.
3. FYBMS/FYBBI/FYBAF/FYBFM Semester I-Organisational Psychology I and for Semester II-Organisational Psychology II, Resource Department - Psychology
4. For FYBAMMC-Introduction to Literature I and for Semester -II-Introduction to Literature II, Resource Department - BAMMC

Principal Dr. Gajanan Wader inquired as to what was the programme objective of introducing Organisational Psychology instead of General Psychology for BAF, BBI, BMS and BFM students. Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik apprised that if students of these Programmes need to excel then they have to be well versed in Finance, Marketing as well as Organisational Psychology. The syllabus would help them at their professional front. The proposal was approved by the honourable members of the Governing Body.

Item 2.09: To approve the proposal to increase 10% seats at First Year Level in all Programmes for the Academic Year 2022-23 as per the existing guidelines of University of Mumbai.

Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik briefed the members about the need to increase 10% seats at First Year Level in all Programmes for the Academic Year 2022-23 as per the existing guidelines of UGC, State Government and University of Mumbai. The Proposal was approved by the Governing Body.

Item 2.10: To approve the introduction of the new programme M.Com in Accounting and Finance from next Academic year.

Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik sought the approval of the Governing Body to introduce new programme M.Com in Accounting and Finance from the academic year 2022-23. Principal Dr. Gajanan Wader wanted to know if the college has got approval from the University and also the core difference between M.Com Accounting and M.Com in Accounting and Finance subject wise.

Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik explained that this programme will be more extensive and professional than the regular M.Com programme and efforts will be taken to make this programme more skill based and have industrial tie-up to enhance the employability. Governing Body gave the approval unanimously to start M.Com (Accounting and Finance) programme from the academic year 2022-23.

Item 2.11: To approve the budget for the academic year 2022-23 sanctioned by the Finance Committee.

CA Atul Raut from the Department of Accountancy gave details of the budget for academic year 2022-23 sanctioned by the Finance Committee and Academic Council with the permission of Madam Principal and same was approved.

It was decided to have 18% fee increase in Aided Section and 10% increase in Self-Financing Courses. Principal Dr. (Ms.) Suchitra Naik underlined the fact that since 2008, the University has not hiked the fees. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic in the last year only 50% fees were collected from the students. As there is proposal to introduce Industrial Visits and Projects in the next academic year, hence the need for fee hike was felt. The Fee hike was approved by the Governing Body.

Principal Dr. Gajanan Wader opined that the change in fees should be informed to the University and get clarification about Freeship and Scholarship matter.

Vice Principal Mr. Subhash G. Shinde thanked Principal Dr, Gajanan Wader for the useful suggestion.

Item 2.12: Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

Dr. Swadesh Singh appreciated the innovative practices and policies introduced by the college under the able leadership of Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik under the guidance of Chairman Dr. Vijay Bedekar.

Item 2.13: Vote of Thanks

Mr. Narayan Barse, Librarian & Co-ordinator of Library Science proposed the Vote of Thanks and profusely thanked all the members for their valuable suggestion and guidance.

Dr. Suchitra Naik
Principal and Ex-officio Member

Dr. Vijay V. Bedekar
Chairman