



**SYMBIOSIS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE**  
(An Autonomous College under SPPU)  
Senapati Bapat Road, Pune 411004

GBM 2020-2221/1

**The Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The minutes of the virtual Governing Body Meeting (GBM) held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

The following members were present:

- 1] Dr. S. B. Mujumdar
- 2] Dr. Mrs. Vidya Yeravdekar
- 3] Dr. N. M. Joshi
- 4] Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath
- 5] Mr. Pradeep Bhargava
- 6] Dr. Mohan Khatal
- 7] Prof. Dr. R. K. Shukla
- 8] Dr. S. R. Parchure
- 9] Dr. Shirish Limaye
- 10] Ms. Jasmina Kumar
- 11] Dr. H. M. Soman

The following member was granted the leave of absence:

Dr. Rajeshwari Deshpande

Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Chairman requested Dr. Soman to call the meeting to order.

**Item No: 1 [GBM/2020-2021/1/1]**

**To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 was circulated among the members after the meeting. There were no suggestions and the minutes were unanimously approved without any modifications.

**RESOLUTION**

**[GBM/2020-2021/1/1]**

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Governing Body Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 are hereby confirmed.

**Item No: 2 [GBM/2020-2021/1/2]**

**To welcome new State Government Nominee-Joint Director of Higher Education Dr. Mohan Khatal**

Dr. Soman welcomed the new member, Dr. Mohan Khatal, Joint Director, Pune Region. He recently appointed as a Government Representative on Governing Body.

**Item No: 3 [GBM/2020-2021/1/3]**

**Action Taken Report (ATR)**

No specific action taken report.

**Item No: 4 [GBM/2020-2021/1/4]**

**A] To approve a new programme B. Com. (Interdisciplinary)**

In connection with the National Education Policy, the College proposed an integration of liberal arts courses into the B.Com. programme named as B.Com. (Interdisciplinary) from the academic year 2020-2021.

Dr. Soman presented the proposal of this new programme, and explain the philosophy and purpose behind it. Members appreciated the initiative. The details of the proposals were discussed and approved as follows:

- A total of 14 courses will be offered from four major streams of study such as Humanities and Social Sciences, Literature and Language, Sciences, Performing Arts.
- The College has established a separate Board of Studies for this purpose.
- The student is expected to study 12 courses out of 14 courses offered, over a period of 3 years i.e. 2 courses per semester.
- The student has a freedom to opt out of two courses (subject to some conditions) from the regular B.Com. programme to avail two interdisciplinary courses.
- The student will get the subject of specialization as per the prevailing practice.
- The Student will be eligible to enroll for 'Degree with Honors' programme as per the prevailing terms and conditions.
- Each course will be of 3 credits; thus the interdisciplinary component will be of 36 credits in this B. Com. programme.

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar suggested to add an element of Research Methodology in the programme.

**RESOLUTION**

**[GBM/2020-2021/1/2-A]**

IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the proposal to introduce a new programme B. Com. (Interdisciplinary) has been approved. It was further resolved that the college should necessary steps to implement the program from the academic year 2020-2021.

- B] In continuation with the discussion regarding introducing interdisciplinary element in the B.Com. programme, other elements and inputs were also discussed to make the B. Com. Programme more relevant and contemporary.
- a. Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath suggested to build in an outreach component as well with a few credits and also to add internship which can help the students in getting professional placements.
  - b. Dr. Soman said that as per the recent guidelines issued by the UGC, internship will be compulsory as an integral part of the main stream education. The College is planning to implement these guidelines at the earliest.
  - c. Dr. R. K. Shukla suggested that if students do internship they should submit a project report.

