

**Minutes of the Department of Psychology, Board of Studies meeting held on 29th
October, 2021**

The first meeting of the Board of Studies for the academic year 2021-22 was held on 29th October 2021 at 11am in the virtual mode through Google Meet.

The following members were present for the BOS Meeting:

Name	Designation
Prof. Dr. Alpana Vaidya	Chairperson and Head
Prof. Dr. Meera Shankar	VC Nominee
Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas	Academic Council Nominee
Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar	Academic Council Nominee
Mr. Amit Choudhary	Industry Expert
Ms. Tamanna Chachlani	Alumnus
Ms. Pooja Prabhavalkar	Assistant Professor
Ms. Shalaka Kelkar	Assistant Professor

The following business was transacted

Welcoming the new members

Dr. Alpana Vaidya began by welcoming and introducing all the new members on the board of study. At the outset Dr. Vaidya briefed the committee about the agenda of the meeting which was the approval of the revised program specific outcomes (PSOs) and course outcomes (COs) for the B.A. (Psychology) and B.A. Psychology with Honours programs. She also informed the committee that the syllabi had been revised and approved by the previous board of studies.

Confirmation of the minutes of meeting held on 3rd March 2020

With the permission of the members present, the minutes of the meeting for the previous board of studies which was held on the 3rd of March 2020 were read by Dr. Vaidya. They were unanimously approved.

Action Taken Report

The revised syllabus was implemented for SYBA Honours and undergraduate programs for Psychology specialization.

Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar requested to be briefed on the structure of the BA and BA with honours program along with the number of credits offered for each paper. Dr. Vaidya explained that the college was autonomous and affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University. She briefly described the papers and credits offered and that students doing the degree with honours also do an internship.

Mr, Amit Choudhury asked why the syllabus had been changed, Dr. Vaidya explained that the syllabi are revised every three years and hence the second year courses were revised in the last BOS and the third year courses will be revised next year. Prof. Dr. Meera Shankar asked whether the revisions would be according to the NEP 2020. Dr. Vaidya said the same would be implemented based on the guidelines from the Academic council and college authorities.

Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar suggested that in the FYBA – Foundations of Psychology -I course for the point on history of psychology the book by Bharat Bhushan could be included if possible. Dr. Vaidya appreciated the suggestion and would incorporate the same during the next syllabus revision.

- The course outcomes for the Foundations of Psychology-I course were approved without any revision by the committee. Prof Dr. Satish Kumar said that the total hours should be 60 hours for a 4 credit course and should be revised on the syllabus.
- For the FYBA Foundations of Psychology – II course, Ms. Chachlani suggested that the word understand should be used instead of describe. Dr. Vaidya explained that the word “understand” cannot be used according to the NAAC guidelines based on which the COs were developed. Ms. Prabhavalkar added that in the COs for the course there were more lower order outcomes based on Bloom’s taxonomy as it was an introductory course. Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that the COs framed using the word Explain and Differentiate should be revised as first year students should be able to

understand and grasp the concepts. It was recommended that these COs be reframed to lower order functions as it is a foundation course.

- For the SYBA Special 3 paper, Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas and Prof. Dr. Meera Shankar suggested that the CO stating “Summarise” should be revised. Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas raised a concern about multiple COs being framed with the word “Explain”, she suggested the use of analyze or understand instead. Mr Amit Choudhary suggested that the word “hazards” be replaced by “challenges” in the workplace or work environment.
- For the SYBA special 4 paper, Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that the 5th CO be revised and the word “distinguish” be replaced by “apply”. Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas sought clarification on the CO regarding “compare motor development during infancy and childhood”. Ms. Prabhavalkar explained that the unit was based on orienting the students on motor development from infancy to childhood. It was suggested that the word be replaced by describe or understand. Mr Amit Choudhary suggested that sensory development also be added in the CO.
- The COs for the paper Therapeutic Interventions were approved without any suggestions for revisions.
- For the paper on Child Psychology-2, Prof. Dr. Meera Shankar suggested that the CO be reframed from “..the role played by play” to “the role of play”. Ms, Chachlani suggested that “Describe the symptoms..” be changed to the “Articulate the symptoms”. Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that “identify the symptoms” would be a more appropriate CO.
- For the SYBA honours paper Motivation and Emotion, Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that the CO using the term “evaluate” be revised as it might be too advanced for second year students and instead be replaced by “apply”, Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar agreed with this suggestion.
- TYBA Special 6, Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that in a practical paper there should be at least one course emphasizing designing of experiments.
- TYBA Special 8, Mr Amit Choudhary suggested that “solve sums” be replaced with “usage of quartile deviation and rank order correlation”. Mr. Choudhary suggested that “describe the ethical principles that guide psychological testing” be revised. Ms. Chachlani suggested that “describe” be replaced by “apply” in the CO.
- Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas, Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar and Prof. Dr. Meera Shankar all suggested that the paper on Organisational Development which is being offered as a

general paper to the third year students should be relooked at as it might be too advanced a course.

- TYBA Organisational Behaviour paper Prof. Dr. Meera Shankar suggested that the theories be named in the CO instead of using the word “various”. Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that the COs for this course should be revised as certain concepts were being repeated multiple times
- Prof. Dr. Urminanda Biswas suggested that the PSOs for BA Psychology should reflect the application aspects of the courses. She also said that since many of the course outcomes referred to evaluation, it would be prudent to incorporate understanding or appreciation of the theories in psychology as one of the program specific outcomes. Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar recommended that “professional psychologists” be incorporated into the PSO.
- Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar suggested replacing “practical skills” with “applied skills in the PSOs for BA with Honours.

Dr. Alpana Vaidya thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions and then proposed a formal vote of thanks.