



**Criterion I: Curricular Aspects**

# **Minutes of the Board of Studies in Economics 2014-2015**

Minutes of meeting of Board of Studies for Economics held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

The second meeting of Bos for Economics of the Academic year 2014-15 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45PM in the Economics Department.

The following members were present in the meeting.

Dr. Cherian. P.E

Dr. Sibi Zachariah

F.O. Alphonose D'Souza

Ajith

Sudage. K.S

Machhindra Honey Naik

Vinil. k V

The meeting started with a silent prayer.

The following points were discussed and decisions were taken.

1. The chairman requested the syllabus revision committees to finalise a draft of the revised syllabus for each course in both UG & PG programmes before 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and get the revised syllabus approved by the Bos by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. (Request as per the direction from Academic Council).

2. The meeting discussed and decided to adopt indirect grading systems for the evaluation of courses in UG and PG programmes by awarding marks to 16 questions in the examinations.

3. The meeting decided the continuous Interval assessment to End Semester Examinations ratio to be 1:3 for both courses. Accordingly the distribution of marks for continuous Assessment and for End Semester Examinations will be 25% and 75% respectively of the total marks for both courses.

4. The meeting discussed and approved the examination pattern and the model question paper for each course in UG and PG programmes.

5. The meeting discussed and approved the components of interval assessment and distribution of marks for each component in the interval evaluation at UG and PG level.

6. The meeting decided to ensure the participation and the initiative of alumni in Student Internship programmes.

7 The meeting discussed the possibility of awarding extra credits to the students through innovative practices such as social outreach programmes, fieldworks, community services, talents~~s~~ club activities and through add on courses. However, a final decision regarding this matter was not taken in the meeting and resolved to continue further discussions in next board meeting.

The meeting ended at 4 pm.

Chairman



Board of Studies for Economics  
Dr. Cherian P.E (HOD)  
Dept. of Economics,

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Studies  
in Economics held on 01<sup>st</sup> November 2014

The ~~third~~ meeting of Bos in Economics of the Academic Year 2014-15 was held on 01<sup>st</sup> November 2014 at 11 am in the Economics P.U. Library Hall.

The following members were present in the meeting.

Dr. Cherian. P.E (Chairman Bos)

Alex. K. Babu

K. V. Perum

Sunil Kumar S. Menon

Ajith Tomy

Madhukar Manan Nair M.S.BU

Sugathika

Vinod KV

Jose V?

S. Thirukumar

Beena. P. h.

Meeting discussed matters relating to restructuring and revising the syllabns of UG and PG programmes in Economics. The details of the discussion and decisions taken at the meeting are as follows:

- ① The meeting decided to restructure and revise the syllabns of various courses in UG and PG programmes in Economics for admissions from the academic year 2015-16. The extent of syllabus revision in each course

will be decided by the expert committee constituted for syllabus revision.

(2) Sri. Alex K. Babu suggested identifying 16 employability areas of degree students and then revising course contents incorporating latest developments in the employability areas and skill development components in order to enhance their employability qualities. He requested BoS to consider organising pre-orientation programmes to disseminate information regarding employability areas of degree programme.

(3) Sri. Alex K. Babu offered to provide internship opportunities for 16 students in his firm and also to conduct stock market game for 16 students to enable them to understand how transactions are done in capital market.

(4) Dr. Beena P.L and Dr. Sunil Almon requested the BoS to consider replacing first semester BA Economics core paper - "Methodology of Social Science with Special Reference to Economics" with "Economic Thought".

(5) Dr. Harikumar and Dr. Beena requested the BoS to consider having only one paper on Indian Economy in MA Economics programme instead of having two papers on Indian Economy as in the current programme.

- 6) Dr. Harikumar and Dr. Beena observed that if course on Indian Economy is confined to one, then a new paper on Social sector in India with emphasis on Health and Education can be taught in the M.A. programme.
- 7) They requested to devote at least five hours for introducing Data Base of Indian Economy in the Indian Economy course in the M.A. programme.
- 8) The meeting proposed to avoid repetitions of topics in various courses while revising 76 syllabus/course content.
- 9) Bos proposed to introduce topics such as Budgeting, reading the budget - how to link budgetary proposals with macroeconomic variables etc in the syllabus of Public Finance.
- 10) Dr. Harikumar suggested introducing Choice-based courses at UG level instead of open courses.
- 11) Dr. Sunil Menon suggested giving one applied assignment to students in each chapter of every course based theory topic both at the UG and PG levels.
- 12) Bos proposed that a UG ad PG student undertake a three-week research project on issues having social orientation at college itself or

do internship in an industry or business firm during the summer holidays with a faculty as a guide after IV<sup>th</sup> semester for UG students and after second semester for PG students. BOS also proposed to issue certificates and award extra credits to students who undertake internship or project work.

- 13) The meeting resolved to conduct soft skill programmes, programmes for personality development carrier guidance programmes for first second degree and first year student for improving communication skills for making them familiar with basic computer softwares etc.
- 14) The meeting resolved to conduct carrier oriented personality development programmes for third D.C. and II PG students to enable them to face interviews, to build self-confidence etc.
- 15) The meeting resolved to consider the possibility of introducing compulsory Social Service for UG and PG students and awarding extra credits to such students.
- 16) The meeting proposed to start a self-financing add on course in "Elementary Econometrics" at UG level in the third year of the

## Our programme.

- 17) The meeting proposed to start self-financing M.Phil programme in Economics. The scheme and syllabi for M.Phil programme for academic year 2015-16 were presented and was approved.
- 18) It was resolved to conduct a workshop in course restructuring and syllabus revisions for economics faculty of our Department.
- 19) The meeting proposed that teachers and students write book and article and reviews ~~and~~ healthy practice in teaching learning process.
- 20) The meeting decided to adopt the basic framework of UG and PG programmes of MVR University in syllabus revision.
- 21) The meeting approved the list of examiners for BA and MA programmes for the academic year 2014-15.
- 22) Prof. Crisostom John, through E-mail suggested to consider including Basic Econometrics and Kerala Economy as Elective courses for BA Economics programme and including Industrial Organisation, New Industrial Economics, Financial market and Investment Theory as elective papers for MA programme.

The meeting came to an end by 1.30 PM.

Dr. Chiriam P. E  
Chairman, BOS in Economics.  
S.T.C. College, Thrivara.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Studies  
in Economics held on 09-03-2015.

A meeting of Board of Studies in Economics was held on 9/3/2015 (Monday) at 2 PM in the Economics Department.

Following members attended the meeting.

Dr. Cherian. P.E - (Chairman)

Dr. K.V. Raju - (Member)

Dr. V.T. Jose - (Member.)

Sri. Madhusudhanan Nair (Invitee).

Sri. Siby Abraham - (Invitee)

Ms. Agile Joy (Invitee) -

Sri. Vinil K.V. (Invitee) -

The meeting discussed the revised U.G. Syllabus of BA Economics and approved it. Various committees of the Economics faculty of the department specially constituted for restructuring and reviving papers of BA Economics programme presented 16 revised and restructured syllabuses. The syllabuses was discussed in detail in the meeting and the members of Bos in Economics gave their valuable suggestions to improve the quality and content of syllabuses and make each course of the BA Economics programme more relevant and content more up-to-date incorporating latest developments in the relevant fields.

The meeting ended by 4:30 PM.

Dr. Cherian. P.E. (Signature)  
Chairman, Bos in Economics,  
S.H. College, Thiruvana.

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4 Meethu Sudheen Neeru M.S

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5 Bijetha P. Rose

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6 Ajith Tomy

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