

**PG AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**  
**Minutes of Board of Studies (10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 )**

The first Board of Studies meeting for the academic year 2023-24 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 via google meet ([meet:https://meet.google.com/icq-ftic-kxf](https://meet.google.com/icq-ftic-kxf) ) at 10:00 am.

The following members of the board were present for the same.

1.	Chairperson	Dr. Sitara. V. Attokkaran, Associate Professor & Head,, Department of Economics, Vimala College, Thrissur.
2.	University Nominee	Dr Shyjan D, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Economics, University of Calicut, Dr John Matthai Centre, Aranattukara, Thrissur
3.	Subject Expert	Dr Manju S Nair, Professor, Dept of Economics, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
4.	Subject Expert	Dr Thushara George, Associate Professor & Head, Dept of Economics, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam
5.	Member	Dr. Vimala. M, Associate Prof.& Controller of Examination, Vimala College, Thrissur
6.	Member	Dr. Mary Thomas. K, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics, Vimala College, Thrissur.
7.	Member	Dr. Sneha Gopeekrishna, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics, Vimala College, Thrissur.
8.	Member	Dr. Liji Maliakkal, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics, Vimala College, Thrissur.
9.	Member	Dr. Binu Ann Kuriachan, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics, Vimala College, Thrissur.
10	Representative from Industry	Dr Lakshmy Devi K R, Industry Representative and Independent Director, Dhanalakshmi Bank, Thrissur. (Rtd Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, Dr John Mathai Centre, Aranattukara, Thrissur.)

**Agenda:**

1. Approval of panel of examiners for UG and PG programs
2. Syllabus modification in view of ensuing NEP implementation
3. Approval/ratification of syllabi of Value Added Courses
4. Feedback on curriculum, analysis and action taken report

The Chairman of the Board, Dr. Sitara V. Attokkaran addressed and welcomed all the board members to the meeting. This was followed by discussing matters in the agenda.

### **Item 1. Approval panel of examiners for UG and PG programs**

The BOS approved the new panel of examiners for both UG and PG programmes for the academic year 2023-24.

### **Item 2. Possible syllabus modification in view of ensuing NEP implementation**

i. Possible syllabus modification in view of ensuing NEP implementation and further suggestions on possible MOOC courses for student enrolment were discussed. It was resolved that the postgraduate students of the department be enrolled and complete possible Swayam/NPTEL/MOOC courses in the ensuing years.

ii. The Chairman presented programs and workshops that intends to conduct in relation to the implementation of incorporating UNSDGs in Academic activities. The same was prepared on the basis of academic calendar for the year 2023-24. Board members expressed their appreciation towards the same. Further, it was resolved to conduct an Intercollegiate Economics Fest based on Climate Change.

iii. It was resolved to include more internships with reputed companies and institutions and field projects to be included in the curriculum in the form of assignments and seminars, which will equip the students with knowledge at the application level also.

iv. Steps to enhance Academy -Industry Interface. It was resolved to conduct more industry visits and gain practical knowledge in the realm of product pricing, marketing, and distribution.

### **Item 3. Approval/ratification of syllabi of Value added courses:**

In view of the poor communication and writing skills of the students especially at the Undergraduate Level and on the recommendation given by the AAA presentation at the institutional level, the Department had planned to draft a new add-on course “English for Economics” as a support course for ensuing the basic degree at ease. The presentation of the new course along with its adequacy was well received by the Board members. A copy of the same was asked to be mailed to each of the members so that further suggestions could be made and approved. The syllabus has been approved by the Board members with their suggestion to include fundamentals of English.

### **Item 4. Feedback on curriculum, analysis and action taken report:**

The feedback of the passed out students of both UG and PG were presented and discussed. The pitfalls were resolved to be rectified by focusing more on corrective measures that can be implemented at the department level. The board members suggested that more focus to be given to placements of students through CGPT support programs at the college level.

The meeting came to a close at 12:00 p.m. with the vote of thanks expressed by Dr.Sneha Gopeekrishna.