

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN ZOOLOGY HELD ON 22-09-2021 AT 06.30 PM

PLATFORM: ONLINE GOOGLE MEET

Agenda

1. Presentation of minutes of the previous Academic council and action taken report of the decisions
2. Approval of panel of examiners for UG and PG Programmes
3. Report of feedback on curriculum by all stakeholders and action taken report
4. Result analysis
5. Discussion to ensure measures to be taken for all students participation in internship and value added courses
6. Discuss research activities, extension programmes and other academic activities in the department.
7. Syllabus modification for M.Sc Zoology (Aided) suggested by PG Board of Zoology, Calicut University

Members Present:-

1. Dr Honey Sebastian : Chairperson
Assistant Professor and Head, Dept of Zoology
Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur-9
2. Dr Jayasree S : University Representative
Associate Professor & Head
Dept. of Zoology, Mercy College, Palakkad
3. Dr Philip Mathew : Subject Expert
Associate Professor in Zoology (Rtd.)
Post Graduate & Research Department of Zoology,
Sacred Heart College, Thevara, Cochin
4. Dr Feebarani John : Member
Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology
Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur
5. Dr Sheeba P : Member
Associate Professor, Dept of Zoology
Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur
6. Sr Freny Jacob : Member
Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology
Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur
7. Dr Jeeja Tharakan : Alumnae Representative
Assistant Professor and Head, Dept of Zoology
St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth, Thrissur

- Member Apologies :
- 1) Mr C D Sebastian (Industry Representative)
Managing partner
Rosen Fisheries, Marathakara
 - 2) Dr Prasad A (Expert from outside the College)
Assistant Professor,
College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy
 - 3) Dr Vincent Terrance Rebello, Subject Expert
Associate Professor in Zoology (Rtd.),
Post Graduate & Research Department of Zoology,
St. Albert's College, Ernakulam
 - 4) Dr Petrisia Joseph, Member
Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology
Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur

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1. The meeting was presided over by Dr Honey Sebastian, Chairperson of the Board of Studies and presented the minutes of the Board of Studies meeting held on 22 September 2021. The Board of studies approved the minutes.
2. The Chairperson presented the panel of examiners for both PG and UG examinations and informed that all eligible teachers from Government and Affiliated Colleges under Thrissur and Palakkad Districts are included in the current list of examiners and the Board recommended the same.
3. Discussed the feedback received from parents and following decisions were made.
 - i) The main point in feedback was the difficulty faced by students by the online mode classes and the board identified it as a present crisis which definitely will be rectified once the offline/face to face sessions begin.
 - ii) Board suggested to improve the research culture among students from their first semester classes onwards and insisted to encourage students to do group projects especially biodiversity studies. They should be provided a platform to present their project findings and also to be appreciated by awarding certificates/mementos.
 - iii) Group discussions on topics included in curriculum should be held to enhance their presentation skills.
 - iv) An orientation on Research methodology and different webinar sessions to be conducted for students and the project as a part of the curriculum for both UG and PG should achieve its goal.
 - v) Enhanced lab facilities have been discussed and the board members appreciated the changes made.
4. An analysis of results of both UG and PG of last academic year was made and the Board congratulated the department for achieving good results. Also suggested to strengthen the remedial coaching and peer group learning for slow learners.

5. Discussed the current policy of the department to ensure internship programme for all students and offering value added courses. The board members suggested ensuring the same collaborating with illustrious Institutions.

6. A discussion on research, extension activities and other academic activities of the department was held. The activities initiated by the Department were appreciated by the board members.

7. The Board discussed the Syllabus modification in M.Sc Zoology (Aided) Programme as suggested by PG Board of Zoology of University of Calicut in detail and the board suggested to go at par with University's decision.

Meeting came to an end by 8pm.

Dr Honey Sebastian
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN ZOOLOGY HELD ON 05-04-2022 AT 07. 00PM

PLATFORM: ONLINE GOOGLE MEET

Agenda

1. Presentation of minutes of the previous Board of Studies meeting and action taken report of the decisions.
2. M.Sc Zoology syllabus vetting (Aided)
3. Review of Teaching and Learning
4. Internship and Value added courses
5. Any other

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The meeting was presided over by Dr Honey Sebastian, Chairperson of the Board of Studies. The Chairperson presented the agenda for the meeting and thereafter the board extensively discussed the agenda points one by one .

1. Dr Honey Sebastian presented the minutes of the Board of Studies meeting held on 22 September 2021. The Board of studies approved the minutes.
2. The house discussed on the Elective practical courses in M.Sc Zoology (Aided) programme and suggested to purchase Laminar Air Flow for the conduct of practical in microbiology.
3. The success and relevance of a blended teaching-learning method of online and offline classes were discussed in detail and board members suggested to adopt the method for imparting an effective pedagogy.
4. The Board members suggested to enhance the content of the current value added course 'Apiculture' by adding the topic 'Lac culture' and it can be offered for the first year PG students in addition to second year UG . The board members appreciated the successful completion of the 5 days internship programme for the UG and PG students in association with the 'Foundation for Environmental Conservation, Education and Research (FECER), an NGO, in November 2021, on the topic "An overview to Urban Biodiversity: Conservation and Management stratagems". The house also was of the opinion to continue with the internship in association with FESER on the topic ' Forest Ecology' in the academic year 2022-2023. Dr Jayasree proposed to introduce a new value added course – 'Taxidermy and Museum curation' for second year PG students and it was accepted by the board.

Meeting came to an end by 8pm.

Dr Honey Sebastian
Chairperson