

Thakur College Science and Commerce [Autonomous]
(Academic Year 2019 – 2020)

Minutes of 1st meeting of Academic Council

Date : 25th January 2020

Venue: Presentation Room, 5th Floor

Time : 11.00 a.m.

The first meeting of Academic Council of Thakur College of Science & Commerce [Autonomous] was conducted on Saturday, 25th January 2020. The list of the members present / absent is attached separately.

The members were welcomed by **Dr. Vinit Vaidya**, Member Secretary, Academic Council.

The meeting started by offering condolence to Mrs. Laxmi Chakraborty, beloved Mother of Prin. (Dr.) C. T. Chakraborty who passed away on 17th January 2020 due to which the Prin. (Dr.) C. T. Chakraborty has been granted Leave of Absence.

The members were felicitated with floral bouquets.

The meeting was presided over by **Dr. S. D. Ajagekar**, Vice Principal, Faculty of Science, Thakur College of Science & Commerce.

He welcomed all members on behalf of the Management and the Principal & presented a brief History of the College.

Agenda wise points were discussed as follows:

1. Conferment of Autonomy by UGC w. e. f. Academic Year 2019 - 2020 and its implementation progressively for First Year of all UG and PG Programmes.

- Informed the members about Conferment of Autonomy by UGC for the period of 10 years w.e.f. academic year 2019 20.
- To follow UGC Circular dated 12th Feb 2018.
- Going for Progressive Autonomy.

- No change in the syllabus for the academic year 2019-20.
- Exam pattern is modified (i.e. 60:40).
- Ad hoc Board of Studies Meeting was held on 25th Aug 2019.
- 1st meeting of Board of Studies was held on 23rd Nov 2019.
- 20% change in Syllabus for FY from academic year 2020-21.

2. Approval of BOS in each subject and minutes of meetings of BOS held on 23rd November 2019.

- Compositions of Board of Studies as per UGC Guidelines have been approved.
- Minutes of the meeting of BOS' held on 23rd Nov 2019 were approved.

3. Revision of syllabus for F. Y. at UG and PG level to be implemented from Academic Year 2020 – 2021.

- Sample of syllabus– eligibility, credits, lectures, practicals, question paper pattern (internal and external) was shown to the members.
- PG level syllabus will not change.
- Nowhere existed norms of the University of Mumbai are diluted.
- Training regarding Bloom's Taxonomy is being given to faculty and planning to incorporate the same in future.
- **Dr. Santosh Singh** explained that 20% change can be different for every courses. Not only content but way of conduct, execution is going to be different, definition will change as per the subject.
- **Dr. Shobha Menon** explained that in some cases content is different in some cases delivery will be different.

4. Approval of Examination Manual for Academic Year 2019 – 2020.

Examination Manual was shown and discussed.

- College is going for 60:40 Pattern.
- University has to be informed about designing our own Examination Pattern.

- Credit Distribution:
 - UG - 120 Credits
 - PG - 96 Credits
 - Credits are equally distributed for all Semesters except for BMM.
 - Additional Credits – not to be calculated for SGPA / CGPA as suggested.

Elaborate discussion was held on this particular topic as follows:

Dr. Shobha Menon – If any student wants to specialize in Botany needs to do a course in Botany at FY and SY level, Credit can be given.

Dr. Nishikant Jha – Students who are doing CA or other related courses can skip the subject which they have already learned and they should be given credits. In the Even Semesters, credits will be given to the students who are doing CA. All students need to do core subjects but can be given benefit of 3 credits for elective choices.

Dr. Vijetha Shetty suggested that Actuarial Science Should be added for the benefit.

Note: This point was discussed in Academic Council for approval but Academic Council differed in this regard and proposed that the assessment, evaluation and credit transfer would be as per the guidelines and directives of BOS of BAF, University of Mumbai.

Mr. Tariq Sheth – Curriculum transformation for credits without gain of extra knowledge may not be effective in the industry. Level of Certificates need to be considered while distributing credits.

Dr. Nishikant Jha - Certificate Courses are as per selection of the Departments and endorsed by the respective Board of Studies, where industrial representation is sought.

Dr. Santosh Singh – Regular curriculum should not be replaced.

Dr. Ajagekar informed everyone that the Credit system will be properly evaluated and pass through BOS. He continued with the next point.

- Academic Assessment for UG & PG:
 - 40 % Standards for passing separately (CE & SE).
 - Additional Examination – Terms and Conditions
 - Additional Semester End Exam

- **Dr. Vijetha Shetty** suggested that Additional Exams are not be given for Sem V and Sem VI.
- ATKT Norms – as per guidelines from the University
- ATKT for PG Programmes: As per the University of Mumbai
- ATKT exam – twice a year, marks are being carried forward.
- Declaration of Result & Distribution of Grades
 - Grades and Marks along with percentage on the Grade Card.
 - 10-point grading system.
 - Amendment of results.
 - Gracing rules – As per guidelines of the University of Mumbai.
 - Vigilance Squad – appointed to report to the Principal.
 - Moderation – 10% above 100 answer booklets at UG level, all papers at PG level. Any person not part of Examination can be appointed as Moderator.
 - Revaluation and Photocopy.
 - Unfair Means – as per guidelines of the University of Mumbai.
 - Attendance – as per guidelines of the University of Mumbai.
 - Additional rules – as per guidelines of the University of Mumbai.
 - Appointment of external examiners.
 - ATKT to be cleared in 3 attempts within 2 years otherwise need to appear with new syllabus and new pattern.
 - Examination Audit – Twice a year.

5. Academic Calendar including examination dates for Academic Year 2019 – 2020.

- Examination dates are already declared.
- All stake holders are informed about the dates.
- Terms & conditions are being followed as per the University guidelines.
- Completion of ATKT before regular exam.

6. Any other matter with permission from the Chair.

Mr. Parag Gandhi

- Any change we make need to be measurable.
- As per the Article in Economic Times, 67% people are not employable.
- Application in Industry is very important, Students are not industry ready – need to train the students, should organize more Industry Visits.

- Should focus on Internship, soft skill training, measurement of success.
- Should start Ecosystem for Startup and entrepreneurship. **Dr. Santosh Singh** informed that College has Incubation Centre. Various departments start entrepreneurial activities.
- Can tie up with “TIE” for start-ups.
- Teacher’s salary to link with student’s outcome.

Dr. Ajagekar

- Science Students are being introduced with various Industrial Courses.
- Chemistry Department has signed MOU with industries for courses like HPLC and GC by which students are well placed.

Dr. Vijay Jadhav

- He also endorsed that Department of Chemistry organizes various skill development courses for the students and till date various students are benefited out of it.

Mr. Tariq Sheth

- Need to bridge gap between knowledge and skill.
- Need to focus on soft skill.
- Industry needs future students who are industry ready.
- Certificate courses should provide knowledge and / or skill to the student; which he / she needs to apply and understand the applications with industry point of view.
- Online Internships to be offered.

Dr. Nishikant Jha responded him as follows:

— Composition of BOS has Industry experts.

— GD, PI, Internships is a part of syllabus.

— Skill Development Programmes are being conducted in College regularly.

— We have Industrial Tie ups for placement who come & train our students.

- Measure the progress and give the feedback.
- If marks are deducted, student should be made aware of the lacunae.
- Enquire if we have any system of Feedback for Teacher’s performance and any training programme for Teachers being conducted. **Ms. Rama Ray** responded him that there are various Faculty Development Programmes

being conducted in College. Even **Dr. Vijay Jadhav** informed that Teacher Training Programmes have been organized on regular basis.

Dr. Vijetha Shetty

Enquired if we give credits for internship.

Dr. Santosh Singh

Comments from the Industry experts are generalized and for the benefit of the Students.

Dr. Shobha Menon

Students who wish to go abroad, have been asked about a certificate of voluntary services done for NGO or any kind of social work. Hence, such kind of work also should be considered to award extra credits to the students.

Mr. Tariq Sheth raised the point that we are continuously talking about upgradation of the students but even Teachers need to be upgraded to suit the scenario. Whether there is any mechanism to evaluate the upgradation of knowledge of the Teachers?

Dr Ajagekar said that there is a mechanism because Teachers' progression and increments to various levels is dependent upon CAS where teachers' upgradation through various activities is monitored.

Dr. Vishnu Yadav joined at 12:45 p.m. and was welcomed by a floral bouquet. Dr. Ajagekar narrated him the summary of the meeting. He approved the points discussed in the meeting.

The Meeting was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Dr. Parul Singhal**, Dean – Academics, Faculty of Commerce, TCSC.

Dr. (Mrs.) C. T. Chakraborty
Principal