

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the B.A. (Hons) Sociology, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences

Date: Held on 31st March 2022

Members Present:

Sl.no	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Anindya Sen,	Pro Vice – Chancellor, SSS RUAS (Chair of Board)
2	Dr. Susan Vishvanathan	Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
3	Dr. A. F. Matthew	Professor, Indian Institute of Mangement, Kozhikode.
4	Dr. Indira Rama Rao	Professor, University of Mysore, Mysore.
5	Dr. Anindita Chakrabarti	Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.
6	Dr. Chethan Singai	Associate Professor, SSS, RUAS, Bengaluru

Call to order and Quorum:

The School of Social Sciences has successfully completed one semester of teaching for the undergraduate courses in Psychology, Economics, Data Sciences and Analytics and Sociology. The mid-term exams for the second semester have also been conducted. The postgraduate program in Public Policy is now in its second year.

Faculty members, students in the UG courses had suggested some changes based on their experience of these courses (These are listed in Annexure 1). It was decided to seek the opinions of the members of the Board of Studies on these issues by circulation. Accordingly, the Pro Vice Chancellor wrote to all the members seeking their suggestions on March 31, 2022. The feedback from the BoS members follows.

The suggestions from faculty, students and feedbacks from BoS members relating to the UG program in Sociology follows thereafter.

UG Courses: Feedbacks from the BoS members

Sociology

The suggestion to change the title of CC5 to Sociological Thinkers and Theories where the course structure will reflect on Talcot Parson, R K Merton, B Malinowski, Ralf Darendorf and Lewis Cotter has been accepted by all the members of BoS. An action will be taken based on the suggestions offered by the BoS.

Economics



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The suggestion to offer Mathematical Methods in Economics II, as Discipline Specific Elective has been **accepted** by all the members, with the proviso that the name of this DSE should be Advanced Mathematical Methods. The course will cover Multivariate Calculus and Difference and Differential Equations.

Data Sciences and Analytics

The suggestion was to change the names of courses as below

Sem 1: R programming Lab to R programming

Sem 2: Python programming Lab to Python programming

The BoS members have **accepted** the proposed changes so long as the courses are taught in lab mode.

Psychology

The suggestions were as follows:

1. The courses titled 'Personality Psychology' (CC3, Semester 4) and 'Personality, And Individual Differences' (CC3, Semester 2), 'Development of psychological thought' (CC8, Semester 3) are a little overlapping. Can we just have Personality and Individual Differences instead?

The BoS members feel that there is no need to alter the names of these courses since they cover different components. And some duplication is unavoidable.

2. Adding 'Psychological testing' as a core course in semester 3 or 4.

The members felt that Psychometry can be introduced as an elective in one of these Semesters.

3. Use of statistical software for psychology as a core course in semester 3 or 4.

4. Counseling Psychology as a domain-specific elective

5. Group Dynamics as a domain-specific elective

The members feel that these issues required further discussion and deliberation.

Public Policy

To introduce a bridge course for Research methodology.

Annexure 1: UG courses - Suggested changes in course structures

Data Sciences and Analytics

Suggestion to change the following course titles for the course **B.Sc.(Hons.) in Data Sciences and Analytics**:

Sem I: R programming Lab to **R programming**

Sem II: Python programming Lab to **Python programming**

We will follow the same programming activities and hands-on problem solving to teach the students.

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In Semester II sociology students are studying Marx, Weber, and Durkheim in **CC3: Introduction to Sociology II: Beginning of Sociological Thoughts**. And the **same portion** is included in **Semester III CC5- Sociological Thinkers: Marx, Weber, and Durkheim and their contemporary relevance**.

After going through the programme structure. I would like to suggest changing the course title of CC5 to **Sociological Thinkers and Theories** where the course structure will reflect on **Talcott Parson, R K Merton, B Malinowski, Ralf Darendorf and Lewis Coser**.

Economics

I would suggest, if we can offer Mathematical Methods in Economics II, as Discipline Specific Elective. In Mathematical Methods in Economics, the syllabus does not cover Multivariate Calculus (and therefore Multivariate Optimization) which is needed for advanced Microeconomics. Also, the syllabus does not cover Difference and Differential Equations, which are needed for both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.

Psychology

Our B.Sc. Psychology syllabus is a comprehensive one. However, it would be good to have some additional courses and accommodate the overlapping ones. Here are a few of the suggestions:

6. The courses titled 'Personality Psychology' (CC3, Semester 4) and 'Personality and Individual Differences' (CC3, Semester 2), 'Development of psychological thought' (CC8, Semester 3) are a little overlapping. Can we just have Personality and Individual Differences instead?

7. Adding 'Psychological testing' as a core course in semester 3 or 4.

8. Use of statistical software for psychology as a core course in semester 3 or 4.

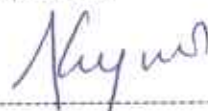
9. Counseling Psychology as a domain-specific elective

10. Group Dynamics as a domain-specific elective

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Vote of thanks and Adjournment: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the Chairperson.



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