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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

**Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting held on 21<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

**At Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Deemed to be University,**

**Chennai - 119**

**Time: 10.00 AM - 12.00 PM**

**Venue: Conference Hall, II Floor, Central Library**

**The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:**

1. To approve the Curriculum and syllabus framed for the B. Sc Psychology program from the academic year 2019-2022.
2. Appreciation of the Board of Studies Members and Academic Experts who contributed towards enhancing the quality and standards of the framed curriculum.

**BOARD OF STUDIES (BOS) LIST OF MEMBERS****B.SC PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM, 2019 -2022**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>NAME AND QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1.	<b>Mr.Mohideen Batcha</b> <b>MA Social Work (Medical and Psychiatry) PGDC</b>	<b>Chairperson</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Sathyabama	9841048535
2.	<b>Dr.S.D.Fathima Banu</b> <b>M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Sathyabama	9087821962
3.	<b>Mr.J.Ganesh Kumar</b> <b>M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D</b> <b>(Pursuing)</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Sathyabama	9500490815
4.	<b>Dr. V. D. Swaminathan</b>	Professor (Retired), Department of Psychology, University of Madras	9840562758
5.	<b>Dr. M. Srinivasan, Ph.D.</b> <b>(Criminology)</b>	Professor and Head, Department of Criminology, (Ex- Controller of Examinations) University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai.	044-2539 9629 9884100826
7.	<b>Dr. Veena Easvaradoss,</b> <b>Ph.D.</b>	Associate Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, Women's Christian College	9500042379
8.	<b>Dr. Venkatesh Ramachandran, DPM,</b> <b>MAPA (USA)</b>	Psychiatrist/Managing Director, PSYMED Hospital, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai	9840114254
9.	<b>Dr. Sangeetha Madhu,</b> <b>M.Phil (NIMHANS), Ph.D.</b>	Clinical Psychologist/Director – Chennai Institute for Learning and Development, C.I.T Colony, Mylapore, Chennai.	9840061371
10.	<b>Mrs. Jayalakshmi, MSW,</b> <b>M.Phil</b>	Additional Director – Commissionerate of Social Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu.	9444402470

**Item No. BOS/01:**

To consider and approve the Curriculum and syllabus framed for the B. Sc Psychology program from the academic year 2019-2022. The Board went through the report of the Internal members and approved the same. The Board considered and approved the syllabus for B. Sc Psychology program at Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, with some minor modifications.

It was resolved as under,

**“Resolved that the syllabus framed for UG stream – B. Sc Psychology for the academic year 2019-22 be accepted and approved”**

**Item No. BOS/02:**

Appreciation of Board of Studies members and Academic Experts who contributed to prepare the syllabus.

It was resolved as under,

**“Resolved that the Appreciation of Board of Studies members who contributed to prepare syllabus be noted.”**

**Item No. BOS/03:**

Any other item with the permission of the Board.

The members' opinion was sought on the syllabus for the Academic year 2019-22 based on global needs and changes.

There being no other matter, the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Board.

Some of the individual feedback (comments and suggestions) of each of the Board Members included:

**Dr. V. D. Swaminathan:**

- 1) On the whole, the program is well designed with all relevant courses being brought under the categories stipulated by the Apex Body of Higher Education such as [1] Core Theory, [2] Core Practical, [3] Soft Core, [4] Allied, [5] Non Major Elective, [6] Skill Based, [7] Value Added Course and [8]Project.
- 2) The term, “Physiological Psychology” may be changed to “Biological Psychology” which is what now being offered in many leading Indian Universities and colleges affiliated to such Universities.
- 3) SEMESTER – I [Core Theory – Basic Psychology 1]: Unit III could include “attention” as an integral part of Unit III which deals with Sensory- Perceptual Processes and it can have a brief introduction to the term “Cognitive Process”. Perception forms the basis of all cognitive processes; so it may be called “Basic Cognitive Processes”. These processes are various aspects of perception including attention, concentration etc. in addition to what has been right now mentioned in the syllabus. Unit IV may include learning [Unit 1 in Basic Psychology 2 to be offered in second semester may be brought over here]. The last Unit [that is, Unit V] may be called “Other Higher Order Cognitive Processes”. This would include Thinking, Concept Formation, and every other aspect mentioned in the syllabus of Basic Psychology 1.
- 4) As Unit I in Basic Psychology 1 is to be shifted to Basic Psychology 1, the third unit dealing with Psychology of Individual Differences may be split into two units of which the first one will elaborately deal with the concept of intelligence while the other will throw light on E.Q., S.Q., etc.
- 5) Though all relevant experiments have been included in Core Practical I – Experimental Psychology 1, details of psychometry as mentioned in page 28 could be well connected with the experiments listed on the back side that is page 29.
- 6) SEMESTER – III [Core Elective 1 – Psychological Research & Statistical Methods 1] Here unit II may replace Normal distribution curve, application, kurtosis & skewness etc., till the end of the first unit. Unit II can have normal distribution curve, etc., which are now included at the end of unit I. Unit V may go beyond the orbit of understanding of young students of B.Sc., Psychology. Here some practical exercises mainly involving observation, interview, simple experiments may be given to students so that they will apply these basic techniques of data collection for small scale research to do justice to the title of the course.
- 7) The terms “Clinical Psychology” may be replaced by “Abnormal Psychology” because clinical psychology is a branch of applied psychology for which sound knowledge in abnormal psychology is required.
- 8) Reference books may be updated. Many of them listed for various courses do appear outdated. Let the year of publications be 2015 and after.
- 9) As stated above, the program is well designed. Introducing Philosophy, Sociology etc., to U.G., students of psychology is wholeheartedly appreciated.
- 10) My sincere best wishes for the department of psychology to grow from strength to strength! In the subsequent revision of syllabus, new branches of applied psychology such as space psychology, cyber psychology etc., may be introduced for the benefit of students studying in Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology [Deemed to be University], Chennai.

**Dr. M. Srinivasan:**

- 1) The even semesters to be made lighter, in terms of the course load, and credits to be re-worked accordingly.
- 2) The minimum number of credits for each course, to be verified and fulfilled.
- 3) The contents of course units be condensed further.

**Dr. VeenaEasvarados:**

- 1) Forensic and Criminal Psychology be shifted towards the latter half of the Program.
- 2) Industrial and Organizational Psychology 2 be omitted and replaced with Positive Psychology (which was initially in Semester - 1).
- 3) CHESS be introduced in place of Naturopathy and Yoga.
- 4) Social Psychology be conducted over two papers.
- 5) The term 'Clinical Psychology' be replaced with 'Abnormal Psychology'.
- 6) Neurolinguistic Programming be replaced with another paper, preferably 'Cognitive behavior therapy'.
- 7) Books published after 2010 and web references be included.
- 8) Basic principles of Genetics be added in Biological Psychology.
- 9) Environmental Psychology syllabus content be condensed.
- 10) Psychological disorders and criminal behavior be understood in the light of Developmental and Abnormal Psychology.
- 11) Content on Test Development be condensed and emphasis be placed on basic concepts of Experimental Psychology.

**Dr. Venkatesh:**

- 1) Overall program content be diluted.
- 2) Sequence of units within Basic Psychology and Biological Psychology be laid out more logically and systematically.
- 3) Neurolinguistic Programming be replaced by any of the following: Cognitive behavioral therapy, Anger management, Counseling techniques, Parenting styles.
- 4) Space Psychology, Cyber Psychology and Sports Psychology be introduced in due course of revision of syllabus.

**Dr. Sangeetha Madhu:**

- 1) Gender Psychology and Sports Psychology be included.
- 2) The course content of Clinical Psychology be condensed.
- 3) Neurolinguistic Programming course be omitted.
- 4) Positive Psychology be introduced along with Clinical Psychology.
- 5) The Curriculum be enriched through certificate courses, especially with regard to emotional and social well-being.

**Mrs. Jayalakshmi:**

- 1) Various Social Acts, especially with regard to women, children and the elderly, be introduced, either in Sociology, or another relevant course.
- 2) Gender Psychology be included.
- 3) Content on 'Sexuality' be introduced relevantly.

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3.	Dr. Veena Easvaradoss, Ph.D.	Associate Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, Women's Christian College	Veena Easvaradoss 21/7/18
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6.	Mrs. Jayalakshmi, MSW, M.Phil	Additional Director – Commissionerate of Social Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Jayalakshmi 21/7/18