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Minutes of the 7th meeting (online) of the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department of Applied Agriculture scheduled on 21 May 2021 at 11:00 AM onwards

Present

External Experts

Prof. Narpinder Singh
Prof. Parmjit Singh Panesar
Prof. (Mrs.) Madhu Sharma

Industry Expert

Sh. Kumar Saurabh

Internal Members

Prof. Anjana Munshi (HoD) Chairperson
Dr. Ruchita Verma
Dr. Khetan Shevkani
Dr. Surjeet Singh Dhaka

Special Invitee

Dr. Chidanand Patil
Dr. Yashi Srivastava

Alumni student

Ms. Aarti Rishi

Prof. Anjana Munshi welcomed the members and informed them that the 7th BoS of Department of AA is being conducted to modify the course structure and curriculum in accordance with the guidelines issued by IQAC keeping in view the NEP 2020. Dr. Pramod K Kushawah and Prof. Ramakrishna Wusirika could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. The following agenda and resolutions were discussed.

Agenda 7.1: Restructuring course scheme of PG (M.Sc. Food Science and Technology and MBA Agribusiness) and Ph.D. (Food Science and Technology and Agribusiness) programs being offered by the Department as per IQAC guidelines. To accommodate syllabi of the PG programs in accordance with the guidelines of IQAC. Then agenda item was discussed and the following changes were made:

- Course structure and content modification/revision (i.e., total credits = 86; 30 credits for 10 core courses; 9 credits for 3 elective courses; 2 credits for 1 inter-discipline course; 10 credits for practical/skill-based courses; 24 credits for dissertation; 9 credits for compulsory foundation courses and 2 credits for a value-added course).
- Introduction of course entitled *Agripreneurship Development* (Entrepreneurship course) (ABM.529) to for MBA (Agribusiness) and M.Sc. FST programs.
- Splitting of a course the entitled *Processing of Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds* (FST.522) in to two courses viz. *Processing of Cereals and Pseudo cereals* (FST.522) and *Processing of Legumes and Oilseeds* (FST.517).

- Offering *Research proposal* (4 credits in III Sem) and *Dissertation* (20 credits in Sem IV) instead of 12 credits project report (FST.599 and ABM.599; during Sem III and IV).
- Introduction of courses entitled *Food Additives and Toxins* (FST.530) and *Food Hygiene By-Products and Waste Management* (FST.554) in Sem III and IV, respectively for making giving more options to the students to choose DE.
- Merging of two courses entitled *Introductory Accounting for Business* (ABM.510) and *Financial Management* (ABM.523) in to *Managerial Accounting and Financial Management* (ABM.513).
- Introduction of IDC course entitled *Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Agricultural Sector* (ABM.514).
- Merging of courses entitled *Agribusiness and Rural Environment* (ABM.511) and *Food and Agricultural Policy* (ABM.522) in to one course entitled *Agribusiness Environment and Policy* (ABM.528).
- Introduction of a course *Rural Marketing* (ABM.559) as Discipline Elective in Sem III.

Resolution: The members recommended the syllabi of the programmes and the revisions after deliberation and suggested to incorporated an introductory course on food safety, quality and standards in MBA (Agribusiness) and also to include Millets in the course content of Cereals and Pseudocereals (FST.522). These suggestions given by the experts were incorporated in the syllabi of MBA (Agribusiness) as Introductory Food Preservation, Safety and Quality (ABM.561) and including millets type, health benefits and processing in FST.522 course of M.Sc. FST.

Agenda 7.2: Ratification for giving course code FST.504 to the value-added Course offered to students of previous batch (2019-21)

Resolution: The ratification for giving a course code FST.504 to the value-added course offered to the students of previous batch (2019-21) was noted by the Board.

Agenda 7.3: Offering a course entitled *Research Methodology and Computer Application* (FST.701; ABM.703) in Ph.D. programmes in place of separate courses entitled as *Research Methodology* (FST) and *Research Methodology and Computer Applications in Business* (Agribusiness).

Resolution: The suggestions made by the members in the meeting were incorporated.

Agenda 7.4: Introduction of Seminar (ABM.707) of two credits in Ph.D. Agribusiness.

Resolution: The suggestions made by the members in the meeting were incorporated.

Agenda 7.5: Modification of eligibility criteria for admission in MBA (Agribusiness)

Resolution: The members of the BOS recommended Graduates in Science and Agriculture/allied fields and equivalent should be considered eligible for admission in MBA (Agribusiness).

Agenda 7.6: Regarding completion of online or offline summer training for M.Sc. FST and MBA Agribusiness students (Batch 2019-2021 and Batch 2020-2022) due to Covid-19.

Resolution: The members recommended to allow students of M.Sc. FST and MBA (Agribusiness) of batch 2019-2021 and 2020-2022 to complete their summer

training/internship through online or offline mode considering Covid-19 pandemic conditions.

Agenda 7.7: Specifying allied fields of Food Science and Technology for eligibility of candidates for admission in Ph.D. Food Science and Technology.

Resolution: The members of the BOS recommended Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Microbiology and Nutrition Science as the allied fields of Food Science and Technology for eligibility of candidates for admission in Ph.D. Food Science and Technology.

Agenda 7.8: Visiting Faculty for the Department of Applied Agriculture and External Examiners for evaluating the dissertations of M.Sc. FST and MBA (Agribusiness).

Resolution: The BOS authorized the HoD and Academic and Administration Committee of the Department for suggesting/recommending the names of Visiting Faculty for the Department and External Examiners for evaluating the dissertations of M.Sc. FST and MBA (Agribusiness) keeping research specialization area of the examiners in view.

The meeting was ended with the thanks from HoD.

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