



**Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Governing Body held on
Friday, 27th October 2023**

The 14th meeting of the Governing Body of SVKM's Mithibai College (Autonomous) was held in Conference Room at Hon'ble President's Office, 10th floor, NMIMS building on Friday, 27th October 2023 at 11.30 am.

Following members attended the meeting:

Chairman:

Shri Amrish Patel, President, SVKM

Members:

Shri Asoke Basak

Dr. M.N. Welling

Shri Anil Bapat

Shri Deepak Ghaisas

Dr. Nupur Mehrotra

Dr. Anil Singh

Shri Rajesh Garibe

University Nominee:

(Nomination in replacement of Dr. Doke (deceased) awaited from the University)

Member Secretary:

Prof. Krutika B. Desai (Principal)

Agenda

The University of Mumbai nominee on the Governing Body, Principal Dr. Dnyaneshwar Doke passed away. 2-minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul. A condolence message was to be sent to the bereaved family.

1. Welcome & Introductory remarks by the Chairman:

- Shri Amrish Patel presided over the meeting.
- Prof. Krutika B. Desai welcomed all the members on behalf of the Chairman.

2. Leave of Absence was granted to:

Shri Shalin Divatia

Dr. Keshav Tupe (State Government Nominee)



3. To confirm the draft minutes of the last meeting of Governing Body held on 10th June 2023:

It was suggested that, in item 3, 4th line, words 'B.Com.' be replaced by words 'B.Sc.'

There being no further corrections/suggestions, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 10th June 2023 be confirmed and signed, after incorporating necessary correction stated above.

4. Principal's review of the activities & major events:

The principal presented review of activities & major events, in detail, as follows:

Admissions:

The members noted decrease in number of students' admissions. The principal informed the possible reasons for same, as follows–

- The admissions were based on CUET examination. The results of CUET were declared on 15th July 2023, whereas results of 12th std. of various Boards were declared in 3rd/4th week of May 2023.
- The University of Mumbai admission schedule was from 27th May 2023 to 7th July 2023.
- The CUET results were declared on 15th July 2023, which was one week later than the date of last list as per university schedule.
- Last few years continuously there is decrease in the number of students in Science programs, so, realignment in the science programs is essential.

The members opined that lateral entry at second and third year is to be allowed to maintain the students' intake. Bridge course on chargeable basis can be conducted, if required for credit/learning alignments, particularly in tune with NEP 2020.

Nomenclature of the specialization of existing programs to be changed if permissible under UGC norms to attract students, it was suggested.

Results:

It was suggested that results above 90% and below 45% be analysed thoroughly. As informed by Dr. Welling, it can be analysed using software which is developed by NMIMS.

Training & Placements:

- Placement of students from Arts faculty was not observed.
- Feedback from companies to be sought after interviews.
- The start-up companies can be invited for the campus placements.

Faculty & Students achievements:

- Faculty from Arts and Commerce streams are observed to have not availed of research grant seed money.



Status of implementation of NEP-2020:

The entire document of implementation of NEP-2020 was placed before the house. The principal informed that NEP-2020 was implemented in the college from academic year 2023-24 as per the directives of the Government of Maharashtra.

It was suggested that the college should initiate Tie-up with the companies or Skill University for hands on training and/or skill development as envisaged in the NEP-2020.

5. To consider the Recommendations of the 17th & 18th Academic Council meetings held on 17th June, 2023 & 30th September, 2023, respectively:

Sr. No.	Academic Council Recommendations	Decision/Resolution by the Governing Body
a	Examination Pattern: Examination Pattern was proposed to be 60:40, i.e. 60% marks for End Semester Exam and 40% marks for Internal Continuous Component (instead of existing 75:25) for UG and PG programs from first year onwards, progressively, under NEP-2020 w.e.f. academic year 2023-24.	Examination pattern of 60:40 as recommended by the Academic Council, was approved.
b	Change in ATKT rules (Removal of Zero KT Policy): A large majority of the members of the Academic Council house recommended changes in Progression rules and Passing Criterion for each subject, as below- a. Withdrawal of Zero KT rule, with immediate effect, in the larger interest of the students and continuation of the earlier progression rules, i.e. progression rules existing prior to 2022-23 batch, under autonomy OR b. In case Zero KT rule is continued for both UG and PG programs, the members of the academic council proposed to implement combined heads of passing for each subject, i.e. “to pass a subject, a learner should obtain a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate out of the total maximum marks allotted to a particular subject”, instead of the existing rule of separate heads of passing in	The Government Body members did not approve the change in the existing passing criteria as recommended by Academic Council.



	<p>Continuous Assessment, End Semester Examinations and Aggregate.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>“to pass a subject, a learner should obtain a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate out of the total maximum marks allocated to a particular subject in aggregate and a minimum of 20% marks out of the total marks allotted to the Semester End Examination (i.e. 12 out of 60 marks if the maximum marks allocated to the Semester end examination is 60) separately and there should be no separate passing required for Continuous Assessments.</p>	
c	M.Sc. Statistics to be renamed as Applied Statistics & Data Analytics.	The Governing Body approved to rename the program as “M.Sc. Big Data Analytics” (instead of Applied Statistics & Data Analytics).
d	M.Sc. Clinical Psychology to be introduced.	<p>It was mentioned that there is also big demand for M.Sc. Industrial/Organizational Psychology.</p> <p>After detail deliberations, the Governing Body approved to introduce “M.Sc. Clinical Psychology” programme.</p>
e	Criteria for change in Code and Nomenclature of course to be considered as a new course	The Governing Body members stated that the change in course nomenclature will be recommended by the respective Board of Studies, and Academic Council after critical evaluation will approve or disapprove the change in nomenclature. The new nomenclature will have new course code.



6. To consider the Recommendations of the Finance Committee meetings held on 9th June 2023 & 2nd August 2023:

Sr. No.	Finance Committee Recommendations	Decision/Resolution by the Governing Body
a	Hike in Fee Structures for all UG & PG programs for academic year 2023-24 – i) Overall average % of hike in fees is in range of 7% to 18%. ii) Additional (18% to 20%) credit wise fees will be applicable to aided students, who opt for Minor from self-financed courses.	Approved
b	Adoption of Final Accounts for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023	Approved
c	Utilization of autonomy grant for FY 2022-2023	Approved

7. To approve the student intake for Self-Financed Courses as Minor e.g. Biotechnology, Computer Science to be offered as Minor subjects along with Major subjects, in aided:

Under NEP-2020, these courses e.g. Biotechnology, Computer Science can be offered as a Minor subjects. Thus, the quality of B.Sc. students can be improved & may create more employability as also help for admission in their master programmes.

The fees for such minor courses will be different and it will be charged on the basis of credits. The credit based fee structure is already approved in the 13th Governing Body meeting held on 10th June 2023.

The total credit of the Minor courses is 20 for 3-years and 24 for 4-years degree programmes.”

The Governing Body approved the recommendation with respect to adhering to maintaining the number of students’ intake as approved by the University of Mumbai and also appropriate credit-wise fees.

8. To approve realignment of Science undergraduate programs:

The members suggested that the program specialization should be attractive and contemporary.

The Chair suggested to constitute a committee to realign the science programs.



9. To ratify Attendance Policy adopted for current academic year 2023-24:

As per college attendance norms, every bonafide learner shall ordinarily be allowed to keep terms for the given semester in a program of his/her enrolment, only if s/he fulfils the criteria of at least seventy-five (75%) attendance as an average of total number of lectures, practicals & tutorials conducted for all the course taken together in every semester.

However, during Covid pandemic, understanding the students' difficulty in attending online classes, the college authorities, on empathetic ground, reduced the attendance criteria upto 60% for granting the term.

Post Covid pandemic period, the college authorities gradually increased the attendance criteria.

This year 2023-24 the college authorities decided to keep the cut off to 70% wherein the Principal shall be competent authority to condone the deficiency of attendance of any learner upto 5% i.e. upto 65%. Below 65% will be condoned by the Appellate Authority, if deemed fit.

The proposal was approved and ratified by the Governing Body.

10. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

The principal informed the house that the following committees are required to be constituted and to be approved by the Governing Body, as a part of UGC/NAAC requirement.

Sr. No.	Committee/s to be constituted
1	To decide Admission Policy for undergraduate programs, including process, intake strength, subject combination offered, rationality in offering the combinations, etc. (12 th marks to be counted, MiNcet to be conducted in advance, Any other allied tests to be conducted)
2	Institutional Development Plan
3	Management Policy for Scholarship (This will be in addition to government policy)

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NAAC Reaccredited 'A' Grade, CGPA:3.57 (February 2016 to December 2023)

Best College (2016–17), University of Mumbai

The Chair stated that the committees as required will be constituted immediately, in a separate discussion/meeting.

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

Prof. Krutika B. Desai
Member Secretary-Governing Body
(Principal)

Amrish Patel
Chairman, Governing Body