

15th Feb 2016

To

The Academic Deans

Loyola College,

Chennai

Sub : Regarding Submission of Restructured Curriculum 2016 -17 – Department of Social Work

Dear Sir,

I am submitting the report of the Board of Studies along with the restructured curriculum to be effective from 2016-17. This may be presented in the Academic Council.

Sincerely

Dr. Gladston Xavier

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BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING

Date :10.02.2016
(Wednesday)

Time : 9.30 AM

Minutes of the Board of Studies Meeting held on 10th February 2016

The meeting of the Board of Studies in Social Work took place on 10th February at 9.30 AM in the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai-600 034

The Board of Studies consisted of the following members

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1.	Dr. Gladston Xavier Head, Department of Social Work Loyola College, Chennai	Chairman
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Proceedings of the Board of Studies Meeting

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The Chairman welcomed the subject experts, representatives from the industry, the alumnus, the Staff and the Students to the meeting. The Chairman introduced the agenda and began the discussion.

A. Presentation of the Restructured Syllabus

The head of the department Dr. Gladston Xavier welcomed the members present for the Board of studies meeting. The purpose of syllabus restructuring was explained by him. Ms. Mary Jessy Rani presented the overview of the papers and the corresponding credits to the members.

B. Feedback on the new curriculum

- Merging sociology and psychology as one paper has to be justified since there will be difficulty in delivering essential concepts required for Social Work
- The number of hours, credit and evaluation pattern for elective papers should be reconsidered
- Ecology for sustainable development could be not be considered as Core paper since the concepts are evolving concepts. The sustainable development part has to be strengthened

- In rural community development, the tribal component was weak and it has to be strengthened
- In Political Economy paper, Unit V could be incorporated in to Ecology for sustainable development
- In Industrial relations and Labour Welfare, Unit V could be distributed across other units
- The possibility of introducing Child rights as an elective paper was discussed and it was decided that Welfare for the disadvantaged specialization could offer the same.

C. Other Matters

Dr. Gladston said the field work manual and restructuring of evaluation pattern are yet to be finalized. The HoD thanked the experts and participants for their valuable inputs for the improvement of the syllabus. He cordially invited them for the 'International Conference on Sustainable Development' to be held on 12th and 13th February 2016.

Since the University of Madras has not furnished the name of the University Nominee, the Board of Studies meeting was held without the University Nominee.

The above deliberations were discussed and resolved by the Board.

Annexure One – Annexure Report

Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai-34

Board of Studies

Date: 10.02. 2016 (09.30 p.m.)

Day: Wednesday

Venue: SWF08

Annexure Report

The board of studies meeting was held in the department of Social Work, Seminar Hall (SWF-08) at 9:30 pm.

Agenda for the BOS was presented as follows:

- Presentation of the Restructured Syllabus
- Feedback on the new Curriculum
- Other Matters

Presentation of the Restructured Syllabus:

Dr. Gladston Xavier welcomed the gathering and started the discussions. The first agenda for the meeting was taken up. The purpose and rationale for the present restructuring was elaborated by the HOD. He stated that the focus of current restructuring was to provide more skill-based course to increase professional competence. Options for developing expertise across-specialization to increase job prospects was also envisaged. New innovative and creative programmes were envisaged for the purpose. Ms. Mary Jessi Rani, Assistant Professor, presented an overview of the new papers and the corresponding credits to the members.

Feedback on the new Curriculum:

The external experts appreciated the efforts taken by the staff to revamp the curriculum and for having introduced new innovative papers. It was suggested that the papers on sociology and psychology being ancillary papers have to be given as separate papers with essential concepts in it. The idea of merging these two papers may not be relevant as they are totally different and it would dilute the curriculum. Since concepts and contents were overlapping in two papers, one on social work administration and the other social policy & social legislation, it was proposed to merge these papers. The proposal of merging the papers on social work administration and

Social Policy and Social Legislation due to its repetitive nature was welcomed by the board members. The resultant paper would be on social welfare administration and Social Legislation.

It was proposed to incorporate computer skills for data analysis in the paper social work research and statistics offered in the second semester. This would pave way to remove the paper Computer application for social work and other relevant papers could be offered for the second years.

Currently the Life Skills paper was offered as a paper by the foundation department and for the restructuring it was proposed that life skills paper would be offered as Life Skills for social work, in the department. Skill based concepts relevant for social work practice were included as part of the syllabus and one staff in the department would be handling the paper. This was also appreciated by the board members. Apart for the core theory papers, the skill based professional components such as theatre for transformation, rural social work perspective, summer placements, observation visits and concurrent field work were to be followed as required for the course. It was also proposed to offer elective papers for the first years in the second semester. The student would have the option to choose one of the papers. Based on the prevailing demand, it was proposed to offer the following papers:

- Environmental Social Work
- Media Social Work

The external members appreciated the inclusion of these two innovative papers. They also suggested that more skill based practical exposures and assignments should be included for these papers. The HOD also proposed that since the elective papers were more of skill-based components, the external examination would be a practical viva voce without an end-semester examination pattern. The subject experts added that the relevance of allotting the number of hours, credits and evaluation pattern for each paper, particularly the elective paper should be carefully considered.

The proposal to introduce new papers for the community development specialization was presented. Two papers, Development economics offered in the third semester and development strategies offered in the fourth semester were suggested to be replaced with more relevant papers for the specialization. The proposed papers were related to ecology for sustainable development and political economy for development. The external experts opined that the concepts related to

ecology and sustainable development has to be strengthened. The suggestion to bring in these papers were welcomed by the members but however they also instructed to rework and add more simple concepts for easy understanding of the students. It was also recommended to simplify the units and incorporate some to other relevant papers. The subject expert also recommended that components related to tribal community development to be included in the rural community development paper.

On the paper related to industrial relations and labour welfare, it was recommended that the skill component present in unit V could be distributed across all units. The other papers did not have much changes and were approved by the board of studies members.

It was proposed to offer interdisciplinary papers for students across specialization. These papers would be handled by the respective specialization staff and the student from other specialization would be eligible to take up these papers. The proposed papers were:

- Corporate Social Responsibility to be offered by the Human Resource Management Specialization
- Disaster Management- to be offered by the Community Development Specialization
- Trauma and Crisis Intervention- to be offered by the Medical & Psychiatric Social Work Specialization
- Conflict Transformation and Peace Building- to be offered by the Human Rights Specialization.

The external experts recommended the introduction of a paper on child rights as an elective one. The option to offer the paper as part of the Welfare of the disadvantaged specialization was brought out by the HOD.

With all the changes proposed for the new syllabus, the overall change in comparison to the existing syllabus is estimated to be at 48 percentages.


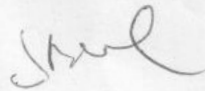
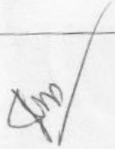
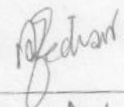

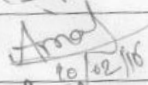
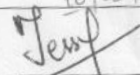
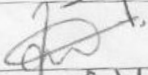
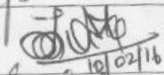
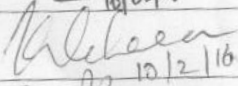
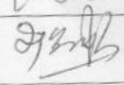
The external members highly appreciated the initiatives taken by the staff to bring in new and innovation courses for the social work programme maintain the true spirit of its professional nature. The HOD profusely thanked the external members for taking their time off to be present this day and for their valuable participation in the discussions held. He assured that the inputs would be positively considered for constructive implementation to strengthen the curriculum of the department.

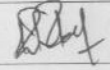
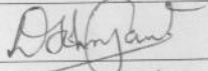

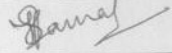
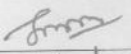

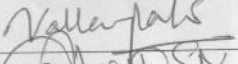
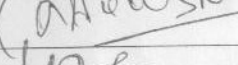


Annexure Two – Attendance

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