

Centre for Applied Agriculture

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of Board of Studies (BOS) held on 14-01-2017 at 11:00 AM in the Committee room of Administrative Block, CUP, Bathinda

Present:

Prof. S.S. Marwaha

Chairman

- A. Faculty of Center for Applied Agriculture members
 - 1. Dr. Chidanand Patil
 - 2. Dr. Khetan Shevkani
- B. Faculty from other Centers
 - 1. Dr. Naresh Kumar Singla
- C. External experts
 - 1. Prof. Sukhpal Singh
 - 2. Prov Bhupendar Singh Khatkar
 - 3. Prof. Narpinder Singh
- D. Special Invitees
 - 1. Dr. Yashi Srivastava
 - 2. Ms. Anupam

Prof. S.S. Marwaha, Chairman while welcoming informed the members that this is the 2nd meeting of the BOS. He informed the members that the agenda for this meeting include the revised course structures and detailed syllabus of M.Sc. Food Science and Technology and MBA (Agri-business) programmes as well as eligibility criteria for admission to these two PG programmes to be run under the Centre for Applied Agriculture (CAA) from the academic session 2017-18 onwards for deliberation and approval by the BOS.

Prof. Marwaha informed that Prof. Ashok Dhawan and Mr. Naininder Sing Dhillon, members of BOS have expressed their inability to attend this meeting because of other exigencies and have requested for leave of absence which was granted. Prof. Dhawan's suggestions have been included in the course structure. The suggestions of Mr. Dhillon were put up to the members of the BOS for deliberations.

Prof. Marwaha asked both Dr. Yashi Srivastava and Dr. Chidanand Patil to present the course structure and syllabus of M.Sc. Food Science and Technology and MBA (Agribusiness), respectively.

Thereafter, item vise agenda was presented.

Item No. 1: Approval of Course structure including detailed syllabus and eligibility criteria for the two PG programmes from the academic session 2017-18 onwards.

M.Sc. Food Science and Technology

Dr. Yashi Srivastava presented the eligibility criteria for admission to M.Sc. Food Science and Technology and course structure including the detailed syllabus for the programme to the BOS. The members discussed and deliberated the same in detail and suggested changes in the course structure, contents, eligibility criteria and

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admission test syllabus. It was decided that the suggested changes will be made and approved by the board by the email circulation.

MBA Agri-business

Dr. C. Patil presented the eligibility criteria, procedure for admission to the MBA (Agri-business) programme and course structure along with the detailed syllabus to the members of BOS. The members deliberated the eligibility criteria and contents of different courses formulated in light of the requirement of Agri-business sector from the point of view of employability of the pass outs of this programmes. The members suggested some changes in course structure and contents. Also, the BOS critically looked into the qualification for admissions to MBA (Agri-business) programme as the market is looking for human resources with exposure to agriculture and allied subjects. It was decided that the amended course curriculum, syllabi and eligibility criteria will be made and approval sought from the board by the email circulation. Thereafter, Prof. Marwaha clarified from the members whether the MBA (Agribusiness) degree awarded by the CUP, Bathinda should be recognized by UGC or AICTE. The members apprised that for any degree to be recognized by AICTE, both the faculty and the students to be admitted for this programme must have engineering background. As for MBA (Agri-business) programme being run at CUP, Bathinda, eligibility for admissions and for faculty recruitment is with the background in basic sciences/agriculture and allied sectors, this programme qualifies better for UGC recognition. As the CUP, Bathinda is funded by UGC and is following its norms, the University would have to inform the UGC about the running of this programme.

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The BOS took note of the letter of then incharge of the programme and ratified the swapping of FST.503 (1st semester) course with FST.524 (3rd semester) course during 2016-2017 carried out due to the non-availability of specialized faculty for the teaching of the course FST.503.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to all the members.

Prof. Bhupendar S Khatkar

Prof. Narpinder Singh

Prof Sukhpal Singl

Dr. Naresh Singla

Dr. Chidanand Patil

Dr. Khetan Shevkani

Prof. S.S. Marwaha 14-1.201