## **Centre for Animal Sciences**

Dated: 28-02-2017

Subject: Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Board of Studies (BOS) of the Centre for Animal Sciences.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Studies (BOS) meeting of Centre for Animal Sciences was held on 28-02-2017 at 3.30pm in the conference room of academic block. As per the approval, all the external members and internal members were communicated with the modified syllabus of the M.Sc. Life Sciences (sp. Animal Sciences) and Ph.D. Animal Sciences programs to be offered by the centre during the next academic session 2017-18 by email and their suggestions and recommendations were received by the same (email copies attached).

The agenda items discussed under the meeting were as follows:

## **AGENDA ITEM -1:**

- To review and approve the proposed changes, course structure and syllabus for M.Sc. Life Sciences with specialization in Animal Sciences for the academic session: 2017-2018.
- All course codes will start with LAS.xxx for courses associated with Animal Sciences.
- Changes are proposed in 2016-2017 curriculum; in order to streamline curriculum; increase time for performing hands on experiments and manage overall course load of the students.

## Semester - I:

i. The foundation course viz. Introduction to Animal-Sciences (non-credit) has been upgraded to 2 credited course.

In addition, the foundation courses viz. Biostatistics (2 credits); and Research Methodology (2 credits) have been merged together to form a single core course Biostatistics and Research Applications (3 credits) to be offered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester.

- ii. The core course Microbiology (3 credits) has been dropped from the current program.
- iii. A new core course namely **Ecology, Evolution and Diversity** (3 credits) has been introduced (which is a fusion of **Animal Systematics & Biodiversity** (LAS.551 of 2 credits), and **Ecological Principles** (ENV.504 of 3 credits).
- iv. Lab Course I (practical) which include experiments pertaining to Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics and Molecular Biology. The no. of credits of this course has been increased to 6 credits from 4 credits. The evaluation pattern is proposed as Annexure B.

Semester - II:

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