

**POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT
OF ECONOMICS**



Minutes of Board of Studies

held on 21-02-2015

FATIMA MATA NATIONAL COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOLLAM

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Minutes of the Board of Studies (in Economics) meeting held on 21-02-2015

The first Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Economics after the College became autonomous in the year 2014 was held at 10 am on 21-02-2015. The meeting started with a silent prayer. The faculty of the Department of Economics and external members Dr P Suresh Kumar (Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Government College, Attingal), Dr. Shaijumon C S (Reader, Humanities, IIST, Thiruvananthapuram) and Ms. Shalini Lawrence (Assistant professor, Department of Economics, Government College, Attingal) were present.

Dr. Usha I. R., Head of the Department of Economics and Chairperson of the Board of studies in Economics welcomed the gathering and outlined the agenda of the meeting. That is (a) to prepare syllabi for various courses, keeping in view the objectives of the college, interests of the stakeholders and national requirement, for consideration and approval of the Academic Council (b) suggest methodologies for innovative teaching and evaluation techniques (c) suggest the panel of names for appointment of examiners and (d) coordinate research, teaching, extension and other academic activities in the department

The Chairperson of the Board of studies informed that although academic autonomy is granted to the College, as per Rule College cannot be deviated much from the parent university with regard to courses under various programmes and their syllabi. She pointed out that syllabi should also be in tune with national interests and the prescriptions made by UGC. The Board of Studies decided to accept the various courses offered for BA and MA Degree Economics of the University of Kerala. As per the guidelines it has been decided to make 20% flexibility with regard syllabi of various courses of BA and MA Degree programme.

The course structure of BA Degree Economics has been outlined as follows.

Course Structure for BA Degree Economics

Study Components	Number of Courses	Credits/Course	Total Credits
Language Courses			
a) English	5	3-4	19
b) Additional Language	4	3-4	14

Foundation Course	2	2-3	5
Core Course	12-15	2-4	46-52
Complementary Course	8-10	2-3	22-28
Project/Dissertation	1	4	4
Open Course	1	2	2
Elective Course	1	2	2

The minimum pass requirement for BA Degree Economics from the academic year 2015 – 16 onwards shall be a minimum of 40% marks (E Grade) is required for passing a course with a separate minimum of 40% (10 out of 25) for CE and 40% (30 out of 75) for ESE.

For the successful completion of a semester, a student has to score a minimum SCPA of 4.00 (E Grade). However, a student is permitted to move to the next semester irrespective of his / her SCPA.

For the successful completion of a Programme and award of the Degree, a student must pass all courses satisfying the minimum Credit requirement and must score a minimum CCPA of 4.00 or an overall grade of E.

No student shall be eligible for the award of the degree unless he/she has successfully completed a programme of not less than 6 semesters duration and secured at least 120 Credits (excluding Credits for Social Service/Extension Activities) as prescribed by the Regulations.

For MA Degree Economics the decisions of the Board are as follows.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND MARK DISTRIBUTION

Semester	Paper Code	Title of the Paper	Distribution of Hrs./semester	Instructional Hrs./week(Lecture)	Duration of ESA(Hrs.)	Maximum Marks		
						CA	ES	Total
1	15PEC11	Microeconomics I	120	7	3	30	70	100
1	15PEC12	Economics of Growth and Development	110	6	3	30	70	100

1	15PEC13	Indian Economic Policy I	110	6	3	30	70	100
1	15PEC14	Quantitative Methods	110	6	3	30	70	100
2	15PEC21	Microeconomics II	120	7	3	30	70	100
2	15PEC22	Economics of Social Sector and Environment	110	6	3	30	70	100
2	15PEC23	Indian Economic Policy II(Kerala's Economy)	110	6	3	30	70	100
2	15PEC24	Research Methodology and Econometrics	110	6	3	30	70	100
3	15PEC31	Macroeconomics I	120	7	3	30	70	100
3	15PEC32	International Economics I	110	6	3	30	70	100
3	15PEC33	Public Economics	110	6	3	30	70	100
3	15PEC34	Optional I Agricultural Economics	110	6	3	30	70	100
4	15PEC41	Macroeconomics II	120	7	3	30	70	100
4	15PEC42	International Economics II	110	6	3	30	70	100
4	15PEC43	Finance and Capital Market	110	6	3	30	70	100
4	15PEC44	Optional II Industrial Economics	110	6	3	30	70	100
	15PEC45	Dissertation						
	15PEC46	Viva – Voce						
		Total	1800					1800

It has been decided that the minimum pass requirement for MA Degree Economics from the academic year 2015 – 16 onwards shall be 40% for CE and 40% ESE for each theory paper and aggregate minimum pass of 50% for theory, project, and project based viva and comprehensive viva of PG Degree courses under semester pattern.

Dr Shaijumon C S suggested to include more E-content in teaching learning process. Dr Sureshkumar P was of the opinion that the curriculum and courses should focus more on employability and skill development of the students. Ms Shalini Lawrence proposed a long term vision plan of the department and focus should be on starting a civil service academy and a new course on MA Degree Financial Economics.

Ms. Shalini Mathews proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end by 2pm.

21-02-2015

Kollam



Chairperson

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Dr. M. S. Antony