

Minutes of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BOS) in Geoinformatics held on 13 May, 2019 in the Office Chamber of the Program Coordinator, Geoinformatics

The Program Coordinator at the outset welcomed the member of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BOS) in Geoinformatics and introduced the following agenda items related to the development and promotion of academics in the Department.

Agenda Items

1. Review of the syllabi for various courses of the PG Geoinformatics
2. Introduction of Geoinformatics as a course at UG level in the colleges of the valley
3. Introduction of the RS/GIS as a skilled course at UG level
4. Field tour Fee for the M. Sc. Geoinformatics course
5. Enhancing the intake capacity of the program

Agenda Item No. 1:

The members deliberated thoroughly on the structure and contents of the syllabi for each and every core, discipline centric, open elective and general elective courses of various semesters of the PG Program in Geoinformatics. Small changes were suggested in the syllabi of the courses. Few new DSCE, OE & GE courses were recommended and the BOS discussed the structure and contents of each of these courses. Fieldwork & ground truth courses were also introduced in the syllabus keeping in view the field oriented courses being taught in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters. Finally, the BOS recommended the modified syllabi for introduction from 2017-18 academic batch. The copy of the revised syllabi of the various core, DCE, OE and GE courses is appended with the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 2

Keeping in view the tremendous practical utility and employability of the remote sensing and GIS course, the BOS in Geoinformatics recommended the introduction of RS and GIS as one of the subjects at the UG level in the various colleges of the Kashmir valley. It was resolved that the Program Coordinator shall approach the concerned State Govt. /University authorities with the proposal for the introduction of the course at UG level in colleges.

Agenda Item No. 3:

The PG BOS in Geoinformatics also recommended introducing capsule courses in Remote Sensing and GIS for enhancing the skills of college students to enhance their employability and also imparting training in GIS the state government employees in specific areas of Geoinformatics (RS/GIS) on demand basis.

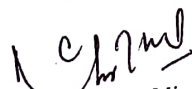
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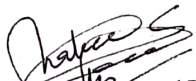
Since the fieldwork and ground truth courses were introduced in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semester of the program, it is necessary to arrange for the fieldwork/ground truth expenditure for conducting the fieldwork. The Program coordinator shall approach the concerned University authorities for the required financial support for fieldwork. Meanwhile, the BOS recommended to charge the fieldwork fee of Rs. 5000/- per student to supplement the fieldwork funding from the University.


Agenda Item No. 5:


Keeping in view the infrastructure facilities available for the Geoinformatics Program, the members of the BOS in Geoinformatics recommended to enhance the intake capacity of the program from 15-20 from the next academic session. Accordingly, it was resolved that the Coordinator shall approach the concerned University authorities for increasing the intake capacity of the program to 20.

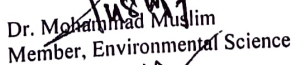
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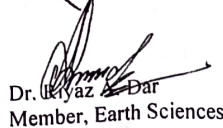
  
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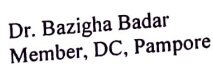
  
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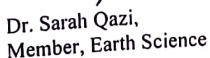
  
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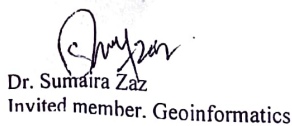
  
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