**Minutes of the Board of Studies of M.Sc Bioinformatics meeting held on 09-04-2025**

* The meeting commenced at **11:00 AM** with a **silent prayer**
* **Dr. Sareen Sarah John**, Chairperson of the Board of Studies and Head of the Department extended a warm welcome to all members and presented the agenda for the meeting.
* The members elected **Mr. Shyam Mohan** as the Board of Studies **Member Secretary** for the **M.Sc. Bioinformatics Postgraduate Program** for the academic year **2025–2026**.
* The **VC nominee of the BoS Ms. Prisho Mariam Paul** and BoS members **Mr. Vivas Salim, Mr. Stephen James, Dr.Oommen K Mathew,** and **Dr. Suvina S** proposed several constructive corrections and improvements to the existing M.Sc. Bioinformatics syllabus. The recommendations from their side were recorded and noted.
* After a thorough examination and collaborative discussion the Board of Studies resolved that the **existing syllabus** shall be continued for the academic year **2025–**2026 and the college can choose any of the elective courses from the given list of elective courses in the fourth semester.
* The Board asserted the need for Industry aligned courses to be co-opted as a part of the curriculum to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry requirements.

The Board of Studies of M.Sc. Bioinformatics resolved the following items:

* The **existing syllabus** shall be continued in the academic year **2025–2026** and the college can choose any of the elective course from the given list of elective courses in the fourth semester of the M.G University syllabus.
* S**uggested revisions and recommendations** made here shall be compiled, refined, and presented in the **next BoS meeting** for final approval and implementation of a restructured syllabus from the academic year **2026 onwards**. This approach was agreed upon to ensure smooth academic continuity and to allow sufficient time for review and alignment with regulatory standards.
* On basis of detailed discussion and review of the syllabus presented by Mr. Vipin Thomas, The Board of Studies **resolved** to introduce a **Certificate course in Computer Aided drug Design for students of the college.**
* A discussion was held regarding the list of Chairman/Chief and External Examiners for scrutiny. It was agreed that the proposed list would be finalized and submitted after obtaining consent from the respective examiners. This list will be communicated to The Board of Studies soon.
* The Board of Studies members authorized the Chairperson, **Dr. Sareen Sarah John**, to make necessary changes to ensure the smooth conduct of the course. These changes must be reported back to the BoS at the next meeting.
* The meeting concluded at **1:30 PM** with a **vote of thanks** delivered by **Mr. Shyam Mohan**, who expressed gratitude to all members for their valuable inputs, active participation, and commitment to the academic advancement of the department.

**Resolutions Passed:**

* Appointment of Mr. Shyam Mohan as the Board of Studies Member Secretary for 2025-2026. **UCC/BoS/PG/Bioinfo/01/25-26/01**
* Syllabus Correction and Enhancement- the **existing syllabus will remain in use** for the academic year 2025–2026. The College will have the liberty to choose any 3 elective courses from the list of 9 courses given in the M.G University syllabus in the fourth semester **UCC/BoS/PG/Bioinfo/01/25-26/02**
* The Board of Studies approved the introduction of a Certificate course in Computer Aided Drug Designing to enhance student skill development and employability. **UCC/BoS/PG/Bioinfo/01/25-26/03**

Dr. Sareen Sarah John Mr Shyam Mohan

Chairperson BoS &HoD BoS Member Secretary