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DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2th Board of Studies in Geology held online at 10.00 a.m. on 17/08/2021

The Department of Geology, Central University of Kerala conducted the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting on 17th August, 2021. It was the Second BoS meeting of the second Board of Studies. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation the meeting was conducted through online via Google Meet platform. The panel members included invited subject experts, Head of the Department, internal members and department faculties as special invitee. The attendees of the meeting were as follows: -

BoS Attendees:

Invited subject experts

- Prof. (Dr.) Rajneesh Bhutani, Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, Pondicherry University
- Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Raghunath, Professor, Dept .of Geology, University of Kerala,
- Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Narasimha, K.N., Professor, Department of studies in Earth science, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri
- Dr. A. Anil Kumar, Director, Marine & Coastal Survey Division, Geological Survey of India, Manglaluru.

Internal members from the Central University of Kerala

- Dr. Pratheesh P., Assistant Professor and HOD (i/c), Dept. of Geology.
- Dr. Sijinkumar A.V., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology.
- Dr. S. Anbazhagi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Science.

Special invitee from the Central University of Kerala

- Dr. Sandeep K., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology.
- Dr. Chandan Kumar B., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology.

The BoS meeting started with the welcome address by Dr. Pratheesh P., Head of the Department (i/c). Dr. Pratheesh P. gave a brief introduction on the objectives of the BoS meeting. Thereafter, he welcomed all experts and faculty to the meeting, and briefed the agenda of BoS meeting.

The agenda for discussion in the BoS meeting was proposed by the Head of the Department. The main items discussed in the BoS are given below:

(a) The inclusion of programme outcome and course outcomes in the syllabus of department of geology, central university of Kerala thereof.

(b) Consider the revised syllabus for 2021 admission

c) Inclusion of employment oriented courses in syllabus

The details of agenda-wise discussion and the final recommendation by the BoS are given below.

Agenda 1: The inclusion of programme outcome and course outcomes in the syllabus of department of geology, central university of Kerala thereof.

Dr. Pratheesh P. has explained the Faculty Council discussion regarding inclusion of programme outcome and course outcomes in the syllabus. Then Dr. Pratheesh P. invited the Board of Studies opinion. BoS members have accepted the proposed programme outcome and course outcome. Prof. Rajneesh Bhutani opined that there should be some integration of thinking skills in the programme outcome.

Recommendation: Following a detailed discussion on the contents, the members approved the inclusion of programme outcome and course outcomes in the Department of Geology, Central University of Kerala curriculum.

Agenda 2: Consider the revised syllabus for 2021 admission.

Dr. Pratheesh P. has presented the revised syllabus for 2021 along with proposed programme structure. BoS members have accepted the proposed programme structure with some small suggestions.

Prof. Rajneesh Bhutani pointed that Geochemistry was missing from the curriculum, which is very much essential for an earth science. After a long discussion, BoS has decided to incorporate Geochemistry as a compulsory elective paper. Prof. Prakash Narasimha has suggested the usage of 'Planetary Sciences' instead of 'planetary Geosciences'. Dr. A. Anil Kumar has suggested a title change for Oceanography as 'Oceanography and Marine Geology'. Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Raghunath has recommended some modifications in sequence stratigraphy. Apart from this BoS has recommended a number of additions in the core course discussion.

Recommendation: After a detailed discussion on the revised syllabus, the members unanimously approved the new syllabus for MSc Geology programme in Department of Geology Central University of Kerala. All the recommendations from the experts have incorporated in the revised syllabus.

Agenda 3: Inclusion of employment oriented courses in syllabus.

Dr. Pratheesh P. has explained the feedback received from the Alumni through the Alumni Coordinator, on the inclusion of employability oriented courses. He also pointed that the faculty council has discussed the same and incorporated a new core course 'Geospatial Technology and Engineering Geology' in the proposed syllabus. BoS had a fruitful discussion on the syllabus framework of the newly inducted course.

Recommendation: Following a detailed discussion on the contents, the members approved inclusion of 'Geospatial Technology and Engineering Geology' as core course in the proposed curriculum.

After this, overall agenda discussed in the BoS were summarised by Dr. Pratheesh P. Thereafter, Dr. Sijinkumar A.V. offered the vote of thanks, which conluded the BoS meeting.

Dr. Pratheesh P.

Head (i/c), Department of Geology

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
M.Sc. GEOLOGY

Course Code	EGE 5002	Semester	III
Course Title	Geospatial Technology		
Credits	3	Type	Elective

This is a participatory, experimental, problem solving and entrepreneurship based course for Spatial and data analysis skills.

Course Description
This course will discuss the fundamentals of geospatial technology. Geospatial technology is an applied branch of earth science which deals with the modern tools contributing to the geographic mapping and analysis of the Earth and human societies. This course will be offered as an external elective for other branch students. This present course curriculum offers an opportunity for the other branch students to understand the basics of geospatial technology for developing an interest in the principles, practical uses, and resources related to geospatial technologies.

Course Outcome
By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- understand the basics of geospatial technology.
- have an introduction towards remote sensing and GIS .
- have an idea about the applications of remote sensing and GIS.

Course Structure

Module - 1

Concepts and foundation of remote sensing: energy sources and radiation principles, energy interactions in the atmosphere, energy interaction with earth surface features – Spectral Reflectance - Introduction to aerial photographs and aerial photo interpretation. geometric characteristics of aerial photographs. Binocular-Mirror-pocket Stereoscopes. Photogrammetric problems.

Module – 2

Introduction to remote sensing- land use-land cover mapping-NDVI. Applications of remote sensing in Water resources management; Disaster management, Public Health, Urban Planning and Environmental management. Geographic coordinates. Map projections. Global Positioning System: Basic features, NAVSTAR GPS, GLONASS, IRNASS.

Module – 3

Fundamentals of Geographic Information System – data input, data management, data manipulation, data output. Data Input and Editing: Coordinate Conversion. Digitizing, data encoding, re-projection and transformation. Vector and Raster data analysis.Applications of GIS inmapping, Urban planning, Water resources management; Disaster management; Environmental management and public health.

Evaluation &Grading
Skill development (Analytical, Writing and Presentation) – 20%
Class Test – 20%

***End Semester Assessment* – 60%**

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