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Constituent Unit of MAHE Manipal

Minutes of the Meeting

BKFS Advisory Board

Date & Time: 10-02-2024

Venue: Conference Room, The Estate Resort, Moodabidri, Mangalore  
 Attendance: Prof. Meera Laetitia B Aranha, Prof. Elizabeth Nedumparambil, Prof. Pradeepta Sethi, Mr. Vidhu Shekhar, Mr. Lalith Taneja, Mr. Shashank Kothi, Subhasish Bhattacharyya, Prof. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra.

Agenda:

- BKFS Curriculum
- Placements of the BKFS students
- Online BKFS

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1	Introduction	After the initial introductory remarks by Prof. Meera, the board reviewed the minutes of the previous advisory board meeting (29 <sup>th</sup> July 2023) and BKFS committee Meeting (9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024)	NA	NA	NA
2	Changes in Courses for the Batch 2024-26	Prof. Meera presented the course curriculum and sought suggestions for its enhancement. After deliberations the key takeaways that emerged were: 1. Introduce a one- or two-hour session on the Basics of Banking to provide students with a foundational understanding of banking functions and the various departments/segments within the banking structure. 2. Increase credits allotted to Operations Management.	1. Assign a few sessions within the existing course <i>Commercial and Retail Banking</i> (3-credits) for this purpose.  2. To be taken up at the BKFS committee meeting for necessary action	Program Chair/Co-Chair	AY 2024



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		<p>3. Introduce opportunities for Machine Learning projects or real business projects (can be thought of as alternatives to the master's thesis) offering students practical learning experiences and aiding in the development of new cases.</p> <p>4. Redesign the master's thesis to allow joint mentoring by interested board members/industry experts and faculty.</p> <p>5. Renaming the course <i>Selling of Financial products to Distribution of Financial products</i></p> <p>6. Consider offering the following new electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Forensic Risk Management</li> <li>ii. Risk Compliance</li> </ul>	<p>3. To be taken up at the BKFS committee meeting for necessary action</p> <p>4. To be taken up at the BKFS committee meeting for necessary action</p> <p>5. Make the necessary change</p> <p>6. To be taken up at the BKFS committee meeting for necessary action</p>		
3.	Placement & Internships	<p>Prof. Meera gave a brief about the placement figures of the batch 2022-24.</p> <p>While thanking Mr. Subhasish Bhattacharyya for the support in offering internship and placement for the BKFS cohort, she requested other members to provide support in any way possible</p> <p>Additionally, the members felt that identifying a placement week would minimize the impact of placement on academics</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>To be discussed with PACE</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>PACE</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>AY 24</p>



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6	Online BKFS Program	<p>Prof. Mahapatra emphasized the need for TAPMI to be actively engaged in the onboarding of online BKFS learners since they are admitted as alumni at the end of the program. Otherwise, the reputation of TAPMI could be compromised.</p>	To be referred to EEP	EEP	April 20
7	Other Matters	<p>Further, the members suggested the following with the view to improve the visibility of the program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage faculty to take a sabbatical of 3-6 months and work in the industry in order to widen their perspective</li> <li>Create an endowment fund for the BKFS cohort</li> <li>Setting up a banking chair at TAPMI to encourage distinguished researchers to come to TAPMI and foster collaboration with TAPMI faculty and promote high quality research.</li> </ol>	<p>Communicate with the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) at TAPMI,</p> <p>Formulate a plan to establish an endowment fund for the BKFS cohort and a banking chair at TAPMI by engaging with leading banks for partnerships and securing funding.</p>	<p>SPG</p> <p>Prof. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra (Professor of Practice)</p>	<p>Long Te</p> <p>6 Mont</p>
8.	Industry Academia Connect	To facilitate an interaction between the advisory board members and the AEF area faculty an industry academia connect was organized after the formal ABM. During this session, we had informal discussions on a range of topics, including curriculum development, industry trends, collaborative research opportunities, and strategies for enhancing student engagement.	NA	NA	NA



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