

MINUTES of the June 12, 2023 Second Board of Studies Meeting of the Department of Political Science for the Academic Year 2022-23

Members present were Prof. Prashant Kelkar, Prof. Kalpana Dixit, Prof. Kannamma Raman, Ms. Harini Calamur, Mr. Deepak Jayaram, Ms. Shahnaz Shaikh, and Dr. Paul Rozario.

Prof. Chaitra Redkar could not attend due to a medical emergency.

Dr. Rozario shared the Agenda for the Meeting which was :-

1. To pass the minutes of the previous meeting
2. To approve the revised assessment pattern of 60:40 for SY and TY.
3. To approve the syllabus of FY Semester I as per NEP 2020.
4. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Dr. Rozario informed the members that he would be taking Voluntary Retirement from Service and that Ms. Shahnaz would be taking Child Care Leave.

The Chairperson and the Head of the Department Dr. Paul Rozario invited the Members and reminded the Members that due to the prevailing conditions related to the fluid and frequently changing nature of the University guidelines related to NEP implementation, the decisions taken by the Board Members may be subject to minimal and appropriate changes, wherever needed, as per the requirements and orders of the University and the College authorities.

All the Members approved and passed the Minutes of the previous Board of Studies Meeting which were sent prior to the present Meeting by email.

All the Members also approved and passed the revised assessment pattern of 60:40 for SY and TY.

Dr. Paul Rozario mentioned that Political Science as a subject was being accorded the status of a "Minor", as per the workload calculations in keeping with the latest National Education Policy 2020 guidelines. He mentioned that therefore the Political Science Paper I Introduction to Politics Paper for Semester I - PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL THEORY with 4 Credits and correspondingly 4 Lectures per week and a syllabus content having 4 units/ modules was being retained with no changes.

Dr. Paul Rozario also mentioned that in keeping with the NEP guidelines and specifications, and in order to fulfill Workload criteria, the Department of Political Science was asked by the college to offer TWO TOTALLY NEW COURSES in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with two credits each and correspondingly 2 Lectures per week, as well as a syllabus content having 2 units/ modules, for Semester I.

Accordingly Dr. Rozario put forward the tentative syllabi of the two new IKS courses to the members for their suggestions and approval. The two Papers were :-

Paper I- Indian Knowledge Systems - Semester-I (2 Credits) - Manu's Dharma - Divine or By Design? / Principles and Concepts of Political Theory in Manu.

and

Paper II - Indian Knowledge Systems Semester-I (2 Credits) - Kautilya's Arthashastra : Statecraft, Spies and Subterfuge

With regard to IKS Paper I on Manu, Ms. Calamur pointed that offering the Course on Manu's Dharmashastra would be problematic for a variety of reasons She suggested that as an Alternative offering a Course on Ancient Indian Democratic and Political Traditions dealing with Grassroot Democracy/People's Participation and Civil Disobedience could be considered. Prof. Dixit agreed to this proposal and suggested to add the Prevalent elements of the Political Process, Ideas and Political culture in Ancient India. Prof. Raman , Prof. Kelkar, Mr. Jayaram echoed the sentiments of Ms.Calamur and suggested to drop the suggested IKS Paper on Manu and replace it with another Paper on themes related to Ancient Indian Political Systems or Processes.

With regard to the IKS Paper II on Kautilya Dr. Raman suggested to add to Unit 1 a sub-unit/section on Kautilya's Views on Revenue, Finance, and Economy. She also suggested to add to Unit 2 a sub-unit/section on Foreign Policy.

Prof. Kelkar stated that it must be kept in mind that the content should cater to FYBA student ability level and so the Course and the syllabus must be framed accordingly.

In keeping with the advice and suggestions of the members , Dr.Rozario put forward the syllabi of the two new IKS courses to the members for their suggestions and approval. The finalized Papers which has been approved by the members are :-

Paper I - Indian Knowledge Systems Semester-I (2 Credits) - Kautilya's Arthashastra : Statecraft, Spies and Subterfuge

Paper II- Indian Knowledge Systems Semester-I (2 credits) - The Idea of Bharat : Elements of Political Thought and Structures in Ancient India.

Dr.Rozario thanked the members for the inputs and advice for this Meeting as well as their support and guidance through the years , and the meeting was closed.