

MINUTES OF THE 10th BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING
(02nd November, June 2023, at 5:00pm)
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,
SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), MUMBAI

Date of Meeting: 2nd November, 2023

Time: 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm

Mode: Online via Zoom

The meeting was attended by the following members

- 1 Dr. Trevor Allis
- 2 Dr. T.C. Roymon
- 3 Adv. Irfaan Engineer
- 4 Dr. Ranjan Pandya
- 5 Dr. Kamala Srinivas
- 6 Dr. Keith D'Souza
- 7 Dr. Parathasarthy Mondal
- 8 Dr. Suchitra Naik
- 9 Ms. Krishna Trivedi
- 10 Mr. Amit Hattiangadi

The Zoom BoS meeting in Philosophy started at 5:00 pm. All the BOS Members were present except Ms. Suchitra Naik who had excused themselves on prior commitments. Dr. Trevor Allis welcomed all the BoS Members.

5:12 pm

As per Agenda No. 1 of the BoS meeting, Dr. Trevor presented the minutes of the previous BoS meeting. The minutes got passed by Dr. Kamala proposing it and Adv. Irfan Engineer seconding it.

5:19 pm

Agenda No. 2 was to approve the FYBA Philosophy syllabus for Semester I as per NEP 2020. It was taken up and Dr. Trevor presented the NEP framework of Major, Minor and VSC for FY Philosophy courses and said that certain changes as compared to that of Semester 1. There were a few suggestions presented by the board members which are mentioned as follows:

1) Majors: 5:22 pm

Unit 3: 3.3 “What philosophers do” – to delve into the topic in a detailed manner by identifying it with Metaphysics. Ms. Kamala suggested.

Dr. Parathasarti’s suggestion on adding Gandhari’s perspective with an outsider’s angle to which Dr. Trevor clarified is taken that it would be factored in by inculcating the reference text of Iravati Karve.

Dr. Ranjan suggested the inclusion of Socrates and Plato with the Natural Philosophy to which Dr. Trevor replied by saying that it would be incorporated in the Sem 3 in the Classical Greek Philosophy paper.

2) Minor: 5:25 pm

The syllabus is interchanged with the Majors Sem 1 to provide a solid base for the students who have opted for Philosophy. An equal amount of weightage is given to CA (internals) and the SA (semester-end) examinations. This was taken up for discussion by Ms. Kamala as she was a little confused about this interchanging of the syllabus which later was clarified by Dr. Trevor.

3) VSC: 5:36 pm

The VSC “Eight Limbs of Yoga” 1 was discussed next for discussion. Dr. Trevor mentioned how the section is divided into 2 units one being theoretical and other being practical aspect of Yoga. The BoS Passed the VSC 1 syllabus with that revision.

Assessment Pattern: 5:43 pm

The pattern was discussed in detail by Dr. Trevor and the changes that has been included in the FY, due to NEP, such as the ATKT SA (100 Marks) for students who have failed the examination and 10 mark participation for the VSC course in to attract their attendance in the classrooms.

Ms. Kamala objected to the point of creativity being mentioned for 10 marks in the CA for the FY as according to her the students couldn't create something at this stage of their lives. Dr. Trevor acknowledged and explained what is expected out of the students which was backed by Dr. Ranjan Panda.

6:00 pm

Agenda No. 3 was to approve the TYBA Philosophy syllabus for Semester 6.

TY papers in Philosophy for Sem 6 were taken up for discussion one after another.

TY Paper 4 (Indian Metaphysics) syllabus revision was presented by Dr. Roy, and it was accepted by the BOS but the inclusion of Islamic philosophy was suggested by Adv. Irfan and Dr. Parathasarthy to make Indian metaphysics for more "Indian" and not just Hindu philosophy.

Dr. Roy acknowledged the suggestion and provided clarification with Dr. Ranjan as to why there is such a big inclusion of Hindu philosophy in the classical era and all the other philosophies are studied under the Indian Contemporary section at the Master's level.

TY Paper 5 (Contemporary Western Philosophy) was presented by Dr. Allis, with 25% revision. Ms. Kamala approved the syllabus and was fascinated by the inclusion of A.I as a catchphrase in the syllabus.

Paper 6 was accepted as it is with 20% revision proposed.

Paper 7 was explained and was accepted without any suggestions to change with the proposed 25% revision.

In Paper 8 Logic, 20% revision was proposed which was accepted by the BoS members.

Paper 9 was presented and accepted.


As per Agenda No. 4, SEE and IA patterns were presented by Dr. Trevor and were accepted subject to the discretion of the college to line with uniformity.

As per Agenda No. 4, the BoS approved the revised assessment pattern of 50:50 for SY and TY.

As per Agenda No. 5, the BoS authorized the chairperson, BoS to modify/tweak the syllabus (if needed) as per the revised NEP norms adopted by the college.

The chairperson of the BoS thanked everyone present in the meeting and the meeting came to an end at 6:40pm.

Chairperson BoS Philosophy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Allis', written in a cursive style.

Dr Trevor Allis

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