

Minutes of 1st Meeting of Board of Studies (Philosophy)

The Board of Studies in Philosophy of Sophia College (Autonomous) held its first meeting on 29.09.2018 at 11.00 am in Computer Lab No 2. The following members were present

Dr. Trevor Allis – Chairperson

Dr. Geeta Ramana – V.C. Nominee

Dr. T C Roy – Faculty

Dr. Arun Iyer

Dr. Nilufer Bharucha

Ms. Rudabeh Navdar

The following members requested leave of absence

Dr. Keith D'Souza

Dr. Tarun Menon

Dr. Irfaan Engineer

The minutes of the above meeting are as follows:

1. The meeting commenced at 11.00 am. Dr. Allis read out the names of the members constituting the Board of Studies in Philosophy. A brief history of Sophia College, its establishment and educational vision was articulated.
2. Dr. Allis drew attention to the immediate need to approve the revised syllabi under Autonomy of all three years as the Semester term was soon drawing to a close. He emphasized that all suggestions for revision in the syllabi were welcomed and would be noted, however, any such revision would be brought into effect only from the next academic year, i.e. June 2019-20.
3. With regard to Agenda 1, Dr. Arun Iyer suggested that all references should, apart from secondary sources, include readings from original texts so as to allow students to give the text their own interpretation rather than by the teacher. He also suggested that since the FYBA paper focussed on application of ethical theories, the department could consider introducing topics like global warming, mass wastage of food, etc. He expressed reservations about the inclusion of Ayn Rand as a 'philosopher' and

suggested that her work could be studied as a secondary text. He recommended that Thomas Hobbes's work 'Leviathan' be included in the reference list.

4. With regard to Agenda 1, Dr. Nilufer Barucha suggested that the syllabus for FYBA should be made inclusive. She suggested that ethical perspectives from Indian philosophy could be included to make the syllabus more diverse and comprehensive.

5. Dr. Trevor Allis suggested that the BoS should look into only semester 5 of all TYBA syllabi since the topics for internal assessment for semester 6 in those papers have yet to be finalized by the department. The Board agreed to confine themselves to discussing only semester 5.

6. With respect to Agenda 2, the names to the panel of examiners, moderators and re-assessors for the different courses were approved by the Board.

The meeting end with vote of thanks by Dr. Trevor Allis.

Chairperson BoS Philosophy



Dr Trevor Allis

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