

Minutes of the online Fifth Meeting of the Board of Studies in History held on 29th October 2020

Agenda:

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. To inform the BoS about the online exams
3. To inform the BoS about the change in the IA marks
4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. To approve the revised syllabus of FYBA Sem II
6. Anything else with the permission of the Chair.

Present:

Swarupa Kamat, Dr. Poncha, Dr. M. Mistry, Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar, Dr. M. Bandhopadhyay, Dr. Kurush Dalal.

Minutes:

1. The Chairperson and HOD, Ms Swarupa Kamat, welcomed everyone. Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Manjiri Kamat.
2. The BoS was informed that Dr. Manjiri Kamat's absence was due the sad demise of her father. The Board expressed sadness at this news.
3. The BoS congratulated Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar on the release of the book. She explained that she was its editor and that Dr. Madhumita Bandopadhyay had also contributed to it. It was in honour of Professor Raja Dixit and was titled "Indian Modernity: Challenges and Responses" and had articles written by those who had known him.
4. The BoS was informed that the online exams were successfully held in accordance with the directives from the University of Mumbai.
5. The BoS was informed that due to the pandemic, the IA marks for this academic year would be increased to 50 marks. Whether this would be retained or the college would revert to the 75:25 pattern would be decided later.
6. Dr. Poncha shared screen of the revised FYBA syllabus with the Board. The syllabi of both semesters was shown. Semester I had already been approved. Dr. Poncha stated that as per the discussion in the previous meeting, the modules had been increased to five. S. Kamat stated that sub topics would not be numbered. On Dr. Kurush Dalal asking what was the reason for this, it was explained that this would hopefully check selective studying and that students would study the entire module. Thus this would impact the paper pattern. The FYBA Semester II syllabus was approved with no further changes being made to it.
7. The BoS approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
8. S.Kamat requested the members to please email their bank details so that the college could pay them a modest honorarium.
9. There was a brief discussion on the challenges of online teaching.
10. S.Kamat stated that at the next meeting the syllabi of SYBA would be discussed. In response to Dr. Meher Mistry's query, Dr. Rashna Poncha explained that the syllabus of Modern India that had been taught in FYBA would be for SYBA as Paper III. As there were fewer lectures viz. 3 in SYBA the syllabus would be revised; SYBA Paper II would remain as Landmarks of World History.

The meeting ended with the Chair thanking all for their participation and the hope that the next meeting would be in person.



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