

MINUTES OF THE 9th BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING

(10th June 2023, at 11:00am)

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,

SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), MUMBAI

The on zoom BoS meeting in Philosophy started at 11.00am. All the BOS Members were present except Mr. Irfan Engineer and Ms. Suchitra Naik who had excused themselves on prior commitments, and Dr. Geeta Ramana who had passed away. Dr. Trevor Allis welcomed all the BOS Members. Members spent a minute in silence in memory of Dr. Geeta Ramana.

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 S. proposing it and Dr. Ranjan Panda seconding it.

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 for FY Philosophy courses and said that 35% syllabus is newly drafted FYBA Major Paper in Philosophy.

1) "Introduction to Ethics": 2.3 – to change to Virtue and Character. Ranjan P. suggested and Kamla seconded it.

To Ms. Kamala's query about the minor and workload and the inclusion of IKS, Dr. Allis clarified that it would be factored in and the Indian Ethics part would be incorporated in the Sem. 2 in the paper.

2) The VSC. 1 on 'Yoga: Philosophy and Applications' was taken up next for discussion. Dr. Panda suggested topic 2 in Unit 1 to be revised to "Removing misconceptions about yoga". The BoS Passed VSC 1 syllabus with that revision.

Agenda No. 3 was to approve the TYBA Philosophy syllabus for Semester 5.

Ty papers in Philosophy for Sem 5 were taken up for discussion one after another.

TY Paper 4 syllabus revision was presented by Dr. Roy, and it was accepted by the BOS as such without any further modification with about 20% revision given in it.

TY Paper 5 Western Philosophy was presented by Dr. Allis, with 25% revision. Dr. Ranjan P. suggested to modify and add 'radical' to 'Hume's empiricism' and put it as Hume's Radical empiricism in unit 3.

Ms. Kamala suggested (in unit 4, topic 1) to replace the topic name in 'Kant's relation to rationalize and empiricism' with "Kant's approach to rationalize and empiricism'. Unit 3 topic 4 to be revised as Karl Popper's 'response' to problem of induction. To Dr. Ranjan P's query whether Plato's theory of knowledge is covered elsewhere as background study Dr. Allis responded that topic 1 unit 1 covers Plato's idea of Knowledge in it.

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, Unit 1, 12.5% revision was proposed. "Mill's inductive logic is set for Sem. 6", Dr. Trevor replied to the query of Dr. Ranjan P.

Paper 9 was presented and accepted. Ms. Krishna's suggestion for modification towards "Homosexuality, social, ethical appraisal (in Unit 2, topic 1) was accepted and included.

As per Agenda No. 4, SEE and IA patterns were presented by Dr. Allis and got 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 60:40 for SY and TY.

As per Agenda No. 5, BoS approved the broad assessment pattern for FYBA 4,3,2 credits courses.

As per Agenda No. 6, 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 12.10 pm.

Chairperson BoS Philosophy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allis', written in a cursive style.

Dr Trevor Allis

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