

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
SOPHIA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2018

The Board of Studies meeting of the Department of English was held on 1st October 2018 and it was attended by the following members:

1. Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal : (Chairperson)
2. Dr. Marie Fernandes : (VC's nominee)
3. Dr. Asha Achuthan : (TISS)
4. Mr. Kiran Nagarkar : (Writer)
5. Ms. Samira Nadkarni : (Alumna)
6. Ms. Jihasa Vachhrajani : (Sophia College)
7. Ms. Samrita Sinha : (Sophia College)
8. Dr. Elwin Susan John : (Sophia College)

The meeting commenced with the chairperson welcoming the guest and introducing the members of the Board to each other. Sr. Ananda briefed the board about the premises in which Sophia College took up autonomy in the academic year 2018-19 and following this the faculty members of the Department of English, Sophia College presented the revised syllabi to the Board in the order of FY, SY and TY. The members of the board actively participated in the discussion and the following recommendations were suggested for improving the syllabi.

1. For the promotion of Indian languages in FYBA, CS students can be made to watch video clips from different languages and be asked to translate them depending on their language proficiency.
2. Creative writing as a possible IA question in CS may be excluded as the evaluation of poetry or short story writing could be a challenging experience.
3. Generate a chronological order and connection between the terms and texts in FYBA literature syllabi for both the semesters.
4. In TYBA Paper VI syllabus, specific texts/excerpts from texts must be included in the course description.
5. In TYBA Paper V, VII and VIII syllabi, the unit on background terms must be more explanatory.
6. In TYBA Paper IX syllabus, more clarity on the unit on background terms was recommended. Texts by writers like Sharmila Rege, Suniti Namjoshi, Urmila Pawar, Meena Kandasamy, A. Revathi, Nalini Jamila etc were suggested as possible prescribed texts and an inclusion of Pakistani and Bangladeshi writers was suggested if possible.

The meeting concluded with the decision that the suggested recommendations will be incorporated while submitting the revised syllabi.