

**Sophia College (Autonomous)**  
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**Members Present-**

1. Dr. Anagha Tendulkar (Chair person, BOS)
2. Ms. Wilma Monteiro
3. Ms. Treasa Francis
4. Dr Lata Pujari
5. Deepti Anil
6. Dr. Shashi Mishra
7. Dr. Joseph Pereira
8. Dr. Vibhuti Patel
9. Dr. Ranu Jain
10. Dr. Shanti Seshadri
11. Ms. Gayatri Maniar Shah

The Chairperson of the BOS Dr. Anagha Tendulkar apologized to Joseph Pereira and Ms. Gayatri Maniar Shah for not inviting them to the previous Bos meeting conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021, due to the unavailability of their contact details and the covid situation. She welcomed the BOS members and introduced the newly appointed V.C's nominee Dr. Shashi Mishra also new member of the Dept Ms.Treasa Francis was introduced to the BOS members.

## I

Dr. Lata Pujari presented the review report of the conduct of MA in Gender Studies Course conducted by the Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development under the aegis of Department of Sociology.

She presented the course syllabi gave a basic review on the course and the number of students taken admission in the same. Some points made during the presentation were :

Mr. Joseph suggested students doing field work can interact with industries and get to know on gender sensitivity policies.

Ranu Jain suggested having inter departmental debates on current affairs will surely help.

Vibhuti patel suggested to share pdf of Udhva Mula.

Ranu Jain suggested peer review and peer discussion will encourage teacher and student resievoir of knowledge.

## II

Dr. Anagha Tendulkar presented the review of the conduct of Certificate Course in Social Research Methods and Academic Writing explaining all the sessions and the topics covered. She also added the certificates and grades for the course will be given on the basis of class attendance, participation, research paper and submission of feedback link.

Some suggestions came from panel:

Dr. Ranu jain: introduce the pattern of co-peer evaluation of research papers to which Dr. Vibhuti Patel pointed out that it works only when atmosphere is non-threatening, inclusive and group is mature enough to understand intersectionality. In which case, Dr. ranu suggested maybe we can give students and assignment to make research question, methodology and questionnaire and non-threatening atmosphere should be encouraged atleast in research. Dr. Vibhuti added students should know collaboration as many funds research are towards interdisciplinary research.

Mr. Joseph Peraira asked about the requirements of teaching statistics and need of some sort of statistics under the course. Anaga tendulkar: pointed out that students wants to avoid maths and statistics and therefore taken sociology. Dr.ranu suggested to introduce the art of articulating statistical table is a must.

Ms. Gayatri Maniar Shah : pointed out how statics can be made easier and understandable using statistics under data visualization. And offered help in assistance of the same.

Mr. Jospheh Pereira: suggested in industry students have to present their findings and understanding so they should asked to do ppts and presentation would help the students learn better.

### III

1. Dr. Anagha presented to the BOS members the suggested change by course instructor Wilma Monteiro of Fy paper 1 Fundamentals of Sociology to which Ms. Wilma explained the need of adding Socialization theories of G.H.Mead and C. H Cooley to the syllabus.

Some suggestions were made :

Dr. Ranu jain : suggested to introduce the concept of social psychology when teaching Cooley and Mead also the need to differentiate the difference in their approach clearly and teach both of these topics separately using proper examples.

Dr. Shashi Mishra : suggested to introduced the topic on Socialization in Sem 1 and culture which was part of sem 1 to be the part of sem II.

To which Dr. Anagha added this should be taken up in next BOS where both the FY papers will be looked at.

2. Dr. Anagha suggested in TYBA paper 5A and 7 some upgradation needs to be done in context to current happenings in industry, which will be taken up in the next BOS in April.
3. Ms. Treasa Francis suggested some addition to the reading list of TYBA paper VIII – Sociology of marginalized groups.

Dr. Ranu Jain suggested to point out readings to be referred from Ranjit Guha books and a few more readings on schedule caste by Nandani Sunder, for northern tribe reading by Laxmi Batia and for central tribes J.J Bhara can be looked. For linguistic minorities Patnaik and Kamat readings were suggested.

#### 4. Additional concerns were taken up

Dr Anagha told the BOS members their suggestions given in the previous BOS about viva in TYBA paper 9 have been incorporated.

Dr. Anagha was concerned about how to go about with Exam pattern and asked suggestion to the BOS members. Dr. Shashi suggested, answer in brief could be incorporated for both TY and FY of 3 and 5 marks respectively. Dr.Ranu Jain added to it that in a answer we should look for information and sociological understanding of the concept.

The minutes of the previous BOS were shared on screen by Dr. Anagha Tendulkar to the BOS members and suggested they can be passed in the next meeting.

As suggested by Dr.Ranu Jain to conduct viva or a oral exam where student can explain the concept in the previous BOS meeting Dr Anagha Tendulkar added that this suggestion has been incorporated in the TYBA paper IX.

**The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the chair.**

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