

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

The seventh meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, and it was attended by the following members:

1. Ms Jihasa Vachharajani: Chairperson, and Head, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
2. Dr Marie Fernandes: **VC's Nominee** – Principal, St Andrew's College, Mumbai
3. Prof Mala Pandurang: **Subject Expert** – Principal, Dr BMN College of Home Science (Autonomous), (SNDT University, Mumbai)
4. Ms Samira Nadkarni: **Alumnus, Sophia College** – Member, Department of English, St Andrew's College, Mumbai
5. Mr Jeronimo Pinto: **Representative from the Industry or the Corporate Sector/Allied Area** – Writer
6. Dr Asha Achuthan: **Subject Expert** – Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, School of Development Studies (TISS)
7. Dr (Sr) Ananda Amritmahal: Principal, Sophia College, and Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
8. Ms Samrita Sinha: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
9. Ms Nishtha Dev: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
10. Dr Elwin Susan John: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)

The minutes of the sixth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous), held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, were read and passed unanimously.

The proposed revised syllabus (under autonomy) to be scrutinised at the meeting had been emailed to the members in advance. The draft of the proposed revised syllabus for the TYBA English Semester VI Paper VIII course was presented, and this was followed by some discussion.

- Dr (Sr) Ananda Amritmahal explained the delay in the conduct of the BoS meeting for the first half of the academic year to the members of the Board. Board members were informed that formal letters inviting them to extend their membership in the BoS would be sent to them.
- Members felt that the syllabus was still Eurocentric in its orientation.
- Prof Pandurang suggested including secondary readings in units within the syllabi of individual courses in order to make them more focussed and structured.
- Ms Nadkarni discussed the following points related to the unit on 'Fan Fiction' in the TYBA Paper VIII syllabus: availability of texts, the issue of copyright violations, the issue of consent with regard the use of fan works in syllabi/courses of study etc.
- Mr Pinto suggested using the flipped classroom method for topics such as fan fiction.

- Dr Achutan felt that the connections between the texts in the unit on ‘Gender and Technology’ could be made clearer. She suggested including readings (including critiques of Haraway’s essay) that would provide a more detailed context for a discussion of the ideas included in the unit.

Resolutions regarding the acceptance of the following syllabi were also passed unanimously:

- TYBA English Paper VIII Course of studies, for implementation in Semester VI of the Academic Year 2021-2022

The meeting then ended with the Chairperson extending warm thanks, on behalf of the Department, to the external members of the Board of Studies for their generous expenditure of time, energy and thought.