

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE 2023

The tenth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English was held on 15th June, 2023, 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. Ms Nishtha Dev: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
4. Ms Samrita Sinha: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
5. Dr Elwin Susan John: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
6. Ms Prerana Patel: **Post-Graduate Meritorious Alumna** – Ph.D scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Bombay

The following members remained absent:

1. Prof Mala Pandurang: **Subject Expert** – Principal, Dr BMN College of Home Science (Autonomous), (SNDT University, Mumbai)
2. Mr Jeronimo Pinto: **Representative from the Industry or the Corporate Sector/Allied Area** – Writer
3. Dr Asha Achuthan: **Subject Expert** – Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

The minutes of the ninth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous), held on October 12, 2022, were read and passed unanimously.

The changes to be made to the syllabi of the FYBA courses formulated as per the NEP 2020 guidelines were discussed.

Ms Vachharajani informed the Board that the syllabi as well as the course and credit structures shared with the Board were subject to change since the NEP 2020 guidelines were still being deliberated upon by the authorities concerned. She informed the Board that she would be emailing revisions made to the existing draft syllabi and/or draft syllabi of any new courses introduced by the department to the Board for their approval. She also informed the Board that the details of the assessment pattern would be shared with the Board once they were final, and that the final question paper pattern and the references/suggested readings would be added to the final versions of the syllabi.

Ms Patel suggested that readings from disciplines such as sociology be added to the syllabus on folktales. She also felt that the content of the VSC course on editing seemed too limited/not

substantial considering the fact that it was a two-credit course. Ms Vachharajani explained that the course was designed keeping the element of practice exercises in mind.

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.