

MINUTES OF THE 14th BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING
(Saturday, 5th July, 2025 at 11:00 am)
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,
SOPHIA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), MUMBAI

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 5th July, 2025 at 11:00 am

Time: 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Mode: Online via Zoom

The meeting was attended by the following members

- 1 Dr. Trevor Allis
- 2 Prof (Dr.) Archana Malik-Goure
- 3 (Adv) Irfaan Engineer
- 4 Dr. Kamala Srinivas
- 5 Mr. Amit Hattiangadi
- 6 Ms. Tooba Shaikh

Leave of absence requested by

Dr. Ranjan Pandya

Dr. Parthasarathy Mondal

Dr. Allis welcomed the members to the 13th meeting of the Board. Dr. Allis then introduced the New Vice-Chancellor's Nominee Prof (Dr.) Archana Malik-Goure to the other BoS member along with our new Meritorious Student Ms. Tooba Shaikh

Agenda 1: 1. To pass the Minutes of the previous BoS meeting held on 24th September, 2024.

Dr. Trevor Allis presented before the board members the minutes of the previous BoS meeting held on 24th September, 2024 for approval

The minutes proposed by: (Adv) Ifran Engineer The minutes seconded by: Dr. Kamala Srinivas

Agenda 2: To approve and pass the Co-curricular Course (CC) syllabus and assessment pattern for Semester 3.

Dr. Trevor Allis presented before the board members the co-curricular course titled: **Indian and Western Aesthetics**, offered in collaboration with Heras Institute of Indian History. The members approved the assessment pattern of the two credit (30 hours) CC course offered by the department of philosophy for Semester 3 students of the College. The Co-curricular Course components are as follows:

Field work of five sessions on Study of Art and Aesthetics of the sculptures displayed in Heras Institute. (10 hours)

1. Two Online Lecture sessions (4 hours)
2. Literature Review at Heras Institute Library and/or Sophia College (10 hours)
3. Detailed Report submission (approx. 2000 words) based on the aesthetic experience of the sculptures including the literary sources (6 hours)

Resolution: Resolved that the proposed Co-Curricular Course for SYBA students of Semester III, is hereby accepted and passed by all BoS members present at this meeting, with effect from AY June 2024.

Proposed by: Dr. Kamala Srinivas

Seconded by: Mr. Amit Hattiangadi

Agenda 3: To approve and the pass the TYBA Philosophy syllabi – 3 majors, 1 minor, 2 electives and 1 VSC – for Semester 5 under NEP 2020 guidelines.

Dr. Allis presented the syllabus of TYBA Philosophy starting with DSC Major 7 paper titled “Modern Western Philosophy”. The members approved the syllabus without any changes. DSC Major 8 “Religion and Rationality” and DSC Major 9 paper “Political Philosophy” was presented and there were some suggestions, given by Dr. Srinivas and Prof. Malik-Goure, with regards to inclusion of Indian thinkers in the syllabus and fulfilling the criteria of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) according to NEP guidelines. Moreover, Elective paper titled “Applied Philosophy” was found to have a similar disbalance of Indian and Western Philosophy with a suggestion to change the title of Unit 3. Second elective paper “Plato’s republic” offers a philosophical analysis of a primary text, which was appreciated by the BOS members. Concerns were shown Dr. Malik-Goure, in terms of the vastness of the syllabus whether students will be able to justice to the paper. Lastly, the TY VSC syllabus and TY minor syllabus were approved by the BOS members.

Discussion: Dr. Allis had discussion with members of the BoS explaining the unfortunate imbalance that was presented on syllabus. He ensured the members that the Indian thinkers are a part of the syllabus regardless of it being specifically outline in our syllabus. All the suggestion were acknowledged by the faculty members of the Philosophy department with Mr. Amit Hattiangadi noting everything.

Resolution: Suggestion were incorporated and Indian thinkers were added to the syllabus of Major 8 and Major 9 papers. The title of Unit 3 of the elective paper “Applied Philosophy” will be changed from ‘Love and Marriage’ to ‘Personal Ethics’ to ensure uniformity amongst other units.

Proposed by: Prof (Dr.) Archana Malik-Goure

Seconded by: (Adv) Ifran Engineer

Agenda 4: To approve and pass the assessment pattern for TYBA philosophy semester 5 under NEP 2020.

Dr. Allis presented the assessment pattern for the TY Majors and TY Minors. The assessment is divided into 2 parts each comprising of 50 marks each. The Continuous Assessment (CA) comprises of a class test of 25 marks and a Critical essay or assignment for 25 marks. Whereas, the Summative Assessment (SA) comprises of:

1. Descriptive type questions
2. Total number of descriptive questions: 5
3. 4 questions @ 10 marks corresponding to 4 units of the syllabus.
4. Internal choice within each unit.
5. 5th question: Attempt 2 short notes @5 marks from 4 options.

The assessment pattern for TY VSC titled “Symbolic Logic” will only comprise of Continuous Assessment which is divided into 3 parts which are as follows:

CA 1: Unit 1: Theory and problem solving (20 marks)

CA 2: Unit 2: Theory and problem solving (20 marks)

Attendance: (10 marks)

Resolution: The assessment pattern was approved by all members.

Agenda 5: Seek recommendation regarding implantation of Field Project (FP) components in Semester 5 curriculum.

Dr. Allis open the room for discussion asking for member suggestion regarding the field project. (Adv) Irfan Engineer suggested 4 courses offered by CSSS which are as follows:

1. Peace and Conflict resolution
2. Diversity Walk
3. Philosophy through Art and Films
4. Inter-religious solidarity council

Proposed by: (Adv) Irfan Engineer

Seconded by: Dr. Kamala Srinivasan

Chairperson BoS Philosophy



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