

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: Friday, 5th December, 2025

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 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

Mr. Ajeet Kumar

Dr. Allis welcomed the members to the 14th meeting of the Board.

Agenda 1: 1. To pass the Minutes of the previous BoS meeting held on 5th July, 2025.

Dr. Trevor Allis presented before the board members the minutes of the previous BoS meeting held on 5th July, 2025 for approval

The minutes proposed by: Prof (Dr.) Archana Malik-Goure

The minutes seconded by: (Adv) Ifran Engineer

Agenda 2: To approve and pass the TYBA Semester 6 syllabi under NEP 2020 guidelines.

- i) **DSC 10: Metaphysics and Epistemolgy**
- ii) **DSC 11: Contemporary Philosophical Movements**
- iii) **DSC 12: Social Philosophy**
- iv) **DSE 2: Living Ethical Issues**
- v) **MINOR 6: Philosophy of Religion**

Dr. Allis presented the syllabus of TYBA Philosophy starting with DSC Major 10 paper titled "Metaphysics and Epistemology" and DSC Major 11 "Contemporary Philosophical Movements" where approved by members showed their appreciation for comprehensive syllabus. Whereas, DSC Major 12 paper "Social Philosophy" was

presented and there were some suggestions, given by Dr. Srinivas and Prof. Malik-Goure, with regards to inclusion of Indian Philosophers such as Gopal Guru, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the syllabus and fulfilling the criteria of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) according to NEP guidelines. Moreover, Elective paper titled “Living Ethical Issues” was found to have a good balance of Applied Ethics followed by a discussion about the Field Trip, by Mr. Amit Hattiangadi, for TY students as how helpful it was for students to get comprehensive understanding of Diversity in Mumbai. This facilitated the students which right facts about their city and vastly helping them in class discussions. Lastly, the TY minor “Philosophy of Religion” 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 12 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 3: To approve and the pass the assessment pattern for TYBA Philosophy syllabi – 3 majors, 1 minor, 1 elective – for Semester 6 under NEP 2020 guidelines.

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 “Philosophy of Religion” will only comprise of Continuous Assessment which is divided into 3 parts which are as follows:

CA 1: Unit 1 (20 marks)

CA 2: Unit 2 (20 marks)

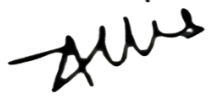
Attendance: (10 marks)

Resolution: The assessment pattern was approved by all members.

Agenda 4: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

No further suggestion from the BoS Members, everything had been covered

Chairperson BoS Philosophy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allis', written in a cursive style.

**Dr Trevor Allis
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