

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

The fifth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, 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. Mr Jeronimo Pinto: **Representative from the Industry or the Corporate Sector/ Allied Area** – Writer
5. Dr Asha Achuthan: **Subject Expert** – Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, School of Development Studies (TISS)
6. Ms Samira Nadkarni: **Alumnus, Sophia College** – Member, Department of English, St Andrew's College, Mumbai
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. Dr Elwin Susan John: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)

The following members were absent:

1. Ms Nishtha Dev: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)

The minutes of the fourth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous), held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, were read and passed unanimously.

The proposed revised syllabi (under autonomy) to be scrutinised at the meeting had been emailed to the members in advance. The revised syllabi, along with the overall outline of the TYBA papers, were briefly presented again, and this was followed by some discussion.

- Members suggested texts and areas of study that they felt could be included in the TYBA papers in order to make them more diverse.
- It was felt that the objectives of TYBA Paper IV should reflect and contextualise the units of the syllabus more clearly.
- It was suggested that Paper V be restructured in order to make it more inclusive and diverse.
- Members explored the possibility of merging Units II and III of Paper VI into a single unit.

- It was suggested that Paper VII be designed using the ‘perspectives’ approach that is used for the other TYBA papers. The scope of the background terms, it was felt, needed to be spelt out more clearly. Members felt that the paper needed to be formally linked to the previous History of English Literature paper, through the objectives.
- It was suggested that the number of lectures to be devoted to each unit in the syllabi be reflected in the syllabus itself.
- Members discussed possible areas that could be integrated into the TYBA Semester VI syllabi.

Members discussed the overall format for the Semester End Exams and the Internal Assessment component for all the papers for the year 2020-21 as well as the manner in which the TYBA Semester VI (2019-20) exams were conducted.

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

- TYBA English Course of studies, for implementation in Semester V of the Academic Year 2020-2021

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.