

## Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in History

Held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Following members were present

Prof. Louiza Rodrigues, Dr. Mohsina Mukadam, Dr. Pradep Waghmare, Prof. Adhya Saxsena, Dr. Jaswandi Wabhurkar and Dr. Gaurav Gadgil.

Dr. Sapna samel and Ms. vrunda Pathare requested leave of absence

**Agenda Item No. 1:** To revise, if needed, and pass the syllabus for FY/SY/TY BA/BSc-(Odd semesters) classes

**DISCUSSED THAT :**

**RESOLVED THAT**

No change in the syllabus

**Agenda Item No. 2:** To decide on the changes in the modalities of assessment, is any, which includes the question paper pattern, for internal and external examination.

**DISCUSSED THAT :** Internal class test for FY and SY classes is to be conducted online as such the question paper will be based on Multiple Choice Questions for 20 marks. Prof Adhya Saxena inquired about the modality of the online examination. Prof . Louiza Rodrigue explained that 50 MCQ will be given to exam cell and random 20 questions will be selected by the computer. Each student will receive different question set.

**RESOLVED THAT**

Changes in the modality of Internal Class test was accepted by the members

**Agenda Item No. 3:** To approve the Certificate Courses with syllabi, duration, costing and evaluation, if any.



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**DISCUSSED THAT**

Prof . Louiza Rodrigue informed the member that the fees for the certificate course in Heritage of Mumbai is increased from Rs. 4200 to Rs. 9000 . Viability of running the course ith minimum number of student was discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT**

To conduct the certificate course if minimum 15 student register for it

**Agenda Item No. 4:** Any other matter with permission of the Chair  
Course work for Ph.d. as per new VCD for Ph.d. course.

**DISCUSSED THAT**

Prof. Adhya Saxena recommended that the course work should include 6 credits for research methodology course and 6 credits should be allotted for subject specific course work. . She further suggested that the guide should have autonomy to design subject specific course work. Some hours to be allotted for seminars, workshops etc. training in computers was recommended.

**RESOLVED THAT**

To frame course work aligned with ugc n naac norms as well as University circular 2017 and mail it to the members for approval

Signature:

HOD, History



## **Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in History**

**held on 31 March 2020 at 11.am on Zoom**

**Agenda Item No. 1:** To revise and approve the syllabi for FY/SY/TY BA

Prof. Louiza Rodrigues briefed the members about the feedback of the students on the syllabi of Fy, Sy and TYBA. As per the students' feedback, the syllabus of Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Period of Medieval India (TYBA 501 and 601) was discussed. Students found the syllabus too vast and hence should be revised and make it short.

Dr. Mohsina Mukadam, course teacher, explained that syllabus was already revised in previous year and few dynasties were already removed. The emphasis was given only on few important rulers. Syllabus should not be cut down to maintain its chronology.

Dr. Swapna Samel seconded Dr. Mohsina Mukadam's opinion and stated that the weightage has to be given to chronology and syllabus should not be changed.

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil said that syllabus was already revised last year as per the suggestions made.

Dr. Jaswandi Wabhurkar seconded the same.

Prof. Adhya Saxena recommended to include Articles in the Bibliography of each paper and also student's internship should be encouraged. Practical based learning should be encouraged in the papers of Archaeology, Museology and Archival science.

### **TYBA 506**

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil recommended that Indian Economy and Indian Polity part should be added in General Knowledge paper.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare also suggested that GK paper should be revised to prepare History students for UPSC and MPSC.

### **RESOLVED THAT**

To include all the above recommendations / suggestions made by the member of the Board of Studies in the syllabus of 2019 -20.



**Agenda Item No. 2:** To decide on the changes in the modalities of assessment, is any, which includes the question paper pattern, for internal and external examination.

### **DISCUSSED THAT**

1. Prof. Louiza Rodrigues and Dr. Pradeep Waghmare discussed use of google classroom and moodle for evaluation of internal class test for GK paper (TYBA 506) by making semester paper fully based on MCQs.

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil recommended the Essay type questions should be removed from semester end exam and can be asked those short notes for Internal exams based on current affairs.

Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar suggested use of MCQs for all papers. Dr. Pradeep Waghmare said that it is in use for internal class test with 1 or 2 essay type questions.

2. Prof. Louiza Rodrigues suggested to include exhibition on historical personalities or models as 20 marks assignment along with other methods for other papers.

Dr. Swapna Samel accepted it and also gave examples of her own college in which they have conducted exhibition on forts of Maharashtra. Students were given training for the same and they made excellent exhibition.

### **RESOLVED THAT**

1. Prof. Louiza Rodrigues accepted the changes suggested by members. Prof. Louiza Rodrigues and Dr. Pradeep Waghmare will prepare question bank for the same.

**External Assessment of 60 marks** will be based on multiple choice questions from the syllabus of one mark each and this exam should be conducted online for the students. A question bank will be provided to the exam committee.

**For Internal Assessment of 40 marks**, 20 marks will be essay type questions based on current events both national and International of 10 marks each.

20 marks assignment will be on current Major Political, Social and Economic events.

2. Innovative evaluation methods such as Exhibition on Historical personalities / model making should be encouraged instead of 20 marks assignment by giving options along with other methods of projects.



**Resolution Agenda Item No. 3:** To identify and approve 2-4 Certificate Courses offered by NPTEL Swayam /MOOC. (Students are to be encouraged to take up these courses)

**DISCUSSED THAT**

All members have gone through the list of the courses shared to them by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare from Swayam NPTEL Website.

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil suggested course on tourism and Linguistics.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare said that Tourism course might be recommended by TTM dept of college and Linguistic courses by language depts. Dept of History should focus more on pure History related courses.

Dr. Swapna Samel recommended that student should be given free choice to select any courses from NPTEL.

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil suggested courses on Arabic which will be useful for History of medieval India and Pali course which will be useful for History of Ancient India students. Also Business History which will be useful for the students.

Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar suggested the course on Feminism.

Dr. Adhya Saxena suggested course on Urban History like Urbanization and Environment which has been seconded by Prof. Louiza Rodrigues as Ruia college has Centre for Urban Studies.

**RESOLVED THAT**

Courses on Urban History like Urbanization and Environment, Feminism, Tourism and Business history will be recommended for the Students.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** To Review the Feedback of students on the Curricula.

**DISCUSSED THAT**

- Most of the students of FYBA, SYBA and TYBA are quite contended with the syllabus but very few have made certain suggestions.
- For FYBA paper Practical component should be included like visits to historical sites in and around Maharashtra may be planned & teachers may ask students to submit reports regarding the same.



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- Students can be taken to excavation sites and may be provided with internship opportunities in different fields of history.
- Students may be motivated to prepare their own research papers & conduct on-field surveys.
- Practical workshop for field archaeology.

All above suggestions were discussed and accepted by all BOS members. Prof. Louiza Rodrigues informed the members that the Department has done some of these activities already during the academic year of 2019-20. Dr. Mohsina Mukadam conducted workshops for students and Dr. Pradeep Waghmare conducted visits to historical sites by organizing study tour to Madhya Pradesh and Godrej Archives.

**RESOLVED THAT**

To include all the above recommendations / suggestions made by the students in the next academic years.

**Agenda Item No.5:** To review Questions Papers of previous exams and comparison with the University Question Papers

**DISCUSSED THAT**

All BOS members reviewed the question papers and are satisfied with the paper pattern and questions.


**RESOLVED THAT**

GK paper should be made in MCQ pattern for semester exam.

**Agenda Item No. 6:** Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

No other matter was discussed. Prof. Louiza Rodrigues thanked all the BoS members for attending the meeting on Zoom.

Signature:

  
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