

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in History

Date: 23rd June 2023

Platform: Online (Google Meet)

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare (Chairman, BoS)

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil (Subject Expert VC Nominee MU)

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad (Subject Expert Outside Parent University)

Prof. Hitendra Patel (Subject Expert Outside Parent University)

Ms. Vrunda Pathare (Industry Expert)

Ms. Shraddha Bhatwadekar (Alumni) were present for the meeting.

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare and welcome all the BoS members.

Agenda 1:

To present the board, the proposed credit system for the Four-Year Undergraduate Program (B.A., B.Sc., BACM) and the Post Graduate Program (M.A., M.Sc.), aligning with the guidelines outlined in NEP 2020, commencing from the Academic Year 2023-24.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare explained the four-year credit structure aligning with the guidelines outlined in NEP 2020 and it was accepted by all BoS members.

Resolved that: All the BOS members unanimously approved the credit structure.

Agenda 2:

To seek approval for the syllabus of the first-year of undergraduate program (Semester I and II) courses, and Postgraduate Program (Semester I) courses including the courses offered for the subject, Generic Elective or Open Elective Courses, Ability Enhancement Courses, Skill Enhancement Courses, and Vocational Skill



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Enhancement Courses, Discipline specific Core Courses and Discipline specific elective Courses (whichever is applicable) for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare explained the Skill Enhancement Courses, and Vocational Skill Enhancement Courses (VSC and SEC) for FYBA History and also proposed Generic Elective or Open Elective Courses (GE/OE) across disciplines for Science students for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Resolved that: All the members unanimously approved the suggestion.

Agenda 3:

To seek approval for the modifications in the assessment methods, including changes to the question paper pattern for internal and semester-end examinations, as well as the evaluation process for Semester End examinations (Theory/Practical, as applicable).

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare explained the question paper pattern for internal and semester-end examinations, as well as the evaluation process for Semester End examinations for Core Paper, VSC and SEC and GE/OE Courses.

Resolved that: All the members unanimously approved it.

As there was no other matter to discuss, the meeting was closed with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare.



Dr. Pradeep Waghmare

Chairman, BoS History, RRAC



Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in History

Date: February 28, 2024, 4 PM to 6 PM

Platform: Online (Google Meet)

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare (Chairperson, BoS)

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil (Subject Expert VC Nominee)

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad (Subject Expert)

Prof. Hitendra Patel (Subject Expert)

Ms. Vrunda Pathare (Industry Expert)

Ms. Shraddha Bhatawadekar (Alumni)

Faculty Members: Dr. Sagar Karkhanis, Ms. Navmee Goregaonkar and Ms. Hemadri Ludbe were present for the meeting.

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare and by introducing the newly joined faculty members of the Department.

Agenda Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the BoS Meeting held in June 2023.

Discussed that: The minutes of the BoS meeting held on 23rd June 2023 were discussed by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare. The minutes were approved and confirmed by all the BoS members.

As per the NEP 2020, we had introduced the FYBA History Discipline Specific Core (DSC) papers titled 'History of Modern India (1757 C.E. -1947 C.E.)' for Semester I and 'History of Contemporary India (1947 C.E. – 2000 C.E.)' for Semester II for the academic year 2023-24.

As per the syllabus of the Department of History, University of Mumbai and students' feedback, Dr. Pradeep Waghmare proposed changes to the FY DSC syllabus of History papers for the upcoming academic year 2024-25. The papers are proposed as 'History of Modern India (1857 C.E. – 1947 C.E.)' for Semester I and 'History of Modern India- Society and Economy' for Semester II. The proposed changes are suggested to incorporate the history of society and



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economy, along with the political history of Modern India, for holistic historical understanding of students.

The paper with the revised title as 'History of Modern India (1857 C.E. -1947 C.E.)' was discussed by Ms. Navmee Goregaonkar for the academic year 2024-25. The BoS members discussed the proposed changes and gave their suggestions.

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad gave suggestion on reconsideration for unit title for Unit II- 'Trends in Indian Nationalism' and regarding the nomenclature for 'Moderates' and 'Extremists' in the Indian National Movement. Dr. Pradeep Waghmare accepted and agreed that 'Trends in Indian Nationalism' could be reframed as 'Phases of Indian Nationalism' with further subunits as: Moderate Phase (1885-1905), Extremist Phase (1905-1920) and Revolutionary Nationalists, respectively. All BoS members approved and confirmed the changes.

The proposed syllabi for FY History for Semester II paper with the revised title as 'History of Modern India- Society and Economy' was discussed by Ms. Navmee Goregaonkar. The BoS members discussed the proposed changes and gave their suggestions.

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad suggested incorporation of women reformers like Tarabai Shinde in the syllabus. Dr. Gaurav Gadgil seconded the suggestion and further suggested new categorization for social reformers.

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad reiterated the significance of inclusion of a brief overview of socio-economic history of the 19th century and transitions into the 20th Century as a part of restructuring the syllabus. He further suggested that in Unit IV emphasis could be laid on Dalits, Labour and Tribal movements.

Suggestions were approved and confirmed by Prof. Hitendra Patel, Ms. Shraddha Bhatawadekar and Ms. Vrunda Pathare.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare accepted the suggestions for the restructuring of the FY syllabus to be introduced for DSC for the academic year 2024-25.

All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the FY DSC revised syllabus.



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Agenda Item No. 2: To seek approval for the changes in the syllabi as per NEP2020 structure for SYBA/SYBSc/SYBVoc (Semester III and IV for the year 2024-25), MA/MSc (Part I/II for the year 2024-25).

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare gave an overview of the credit structure and proposed changes for SY under NEP 2020. Ms. Hemadri Ludbe explained the changes for DSC (Major) titled 'Landmarks in Global History (1350 C.E. – 1919 C.E.)' for Semester III and 'Landmarks in Global History (1919 C.E. – 1945 C.E.)' for Semester IV and requested the BoS members to share their suggestions.

Prof. Hitendra Patel explained that there is no need for further revision of the syllabus since the syllabus has been well-structured. Dr. Gaurav Gadgil seconded this suggestion.

Dr. Sagar Karkhanis explained the changes for DSC (Major) and Minor paper titled 'History of Ancient India (From Earliest Times to 300 B.C.E.)' for Semester III. The syllabus was elaborately discussed and questions were resolved.

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad gave suggestions on reworking on the titles of the topics. He further suggested that a unit could be renamed as Pre and Proto History of India to incorporate the Stone Age and Prehistoric period, Neolithic-Chalcolithic period and the Indus Valley civilization. Dr. Pradeep Waghmare agreed and proposed that the title of the Unit II could be changed as 'Prehistoric and Proto-historic Period'. Further, the subunits could be arranged as A. Prehistoric Period – Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic; B. Proto-historic Period – Chalcolithic; C. The Indus Valley Civilization. All BoS members approved and confirmed the changes.

Dr. Sagar Karkhanis explained the changes for DSC (Major) and Minor paper titled 'History of Ancient India (300 B.C.E. to 1000 C.E.)' for Semester IV. The syllabus was elaborately discussed and questions were resolved.

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad suggested that in Unit IV, the subunit could be renamed as 'Rise of Heterodox Sects: Jainism and Buddhism' to familiarize students with other different sects as well. The suggestions were seconded by other BoS members. Prof. Gaikwad inquired about the important topics not mentioned in the syllabus. Dr. Sagar Karkhanis clarified on the query. Prof. Kishor Gaikwad further gave suggestion to restructure Unit II on Gupta and Vakataka



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period. The suggestions were accepted by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare and seconded by other BoS members.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestions.

Agenda Item No. 3: To seek approval for the changes in the Modalities of assessment (Internal Class tests/Assignments etc.), if any.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare discussed the various modalities of assessment for students and explained that suggestions from the previous BoS meetings were incorporated and no new changes in the modalities of assessment were introduced.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare elaborated on incorporating model making as a part of experiential learning for SY students. Model-Making as a modality of assessment was appreciated by all BoS members.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestion.

Agenda Item No. 4: To seek suggestion on Field Projects/CEP (Community Engagement Programs) to be conducted in Semester III and IV (2024-25)

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare gave an overview of the Field Projects and Community Engagement Programmes to be conducted in Semester III and Semester IV, respectively. Dr. Pradeep Waghmare also elaborated upon the field projects in which FY and TY students have been involved. It was appreciated by all BoS members.

Ms. Shraddha Bhatawadekar suggested projects on Oral history projects through organizations like the Citizens' Archive of India and suggested online journals like Public History Weekly. Ms. Vrunda Pathare seconded Ms. Shraddha Bhatawadekar's suggestions and added the importance of Oral History workshops for students' training.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare accepted the suggestion and agreed that workshops could be conducted to sensitize and train students for oral history-based field projects.

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad suggested that students could be introduced to the field of Public History and encouraged to collect and build personal museums. Dr. Gaurav Gadgil shared his experience of students' involvement in similar field projects. He further emphasised on its importance and suggested a combined initiative that can involve Public History and Oral History together.



Dr. Pradeep Waghmare accepted the suggestions.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestions.

Agenda Item No. 5: To seek approval for the new certificate courses, if any (for 2024-25)

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare proposed to modify the certificate course on Heritage of Mumbai to Heritage of Maharashtra to widen the scope of knowledge. Additionally, he added that Heritage of Mumbai is introduced to FY students as a part of the VSC/SEC syllabus under NEP 2020.

Ms. Shraddha Bhatawadekar welcomed the proposal of modifying the certificate course to Heritage of Maharashtra.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestion.

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

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare opened the discussion for any other matter. No further topics were to be discussed.

Dr Sagar Karkhanis ended the meeting with a formal vote of thanks.



Dr. Pradeep Waghmare
Chairman, BoS History
Head, Dept. of History

