

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in Philosophy held on October 20th, 2020

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by Dr. Himani Chaukar. Dr. Vatsala Pai informed the Members that she has retired from the post of HOD on August 1st, 2020 and handed the same to Dr. Himani Chaukar.

Agenda No 1: Passing the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the Members and the same were passed by them

Agenda no 2: Discussion on online mode of teaching.

Discussed that: Dr. Himani Chaukar informed the Members that the teaching process was going smoothly. Online lectures are being conducted on Google Meet and Google Classroom is being used for submission of assignments. It was also informed that the attendance of students has increased and the students are getting accustomed to the mode adopted. Dr. Vatsala Pai also informed the Members that the response of the students to this is good.

Agenda No 3: Question paper pattern for semester end examination (if has to conducted online)

Discussed that: Dr. Radhika Joshi was informed by Dr. Himani Chaukar that the final year exams were conducted in the online mode in the MCQ format with certain limitations. It was also informed that though the platform allows for short questions, the students would have faced difficulties for writing the same as laptops are not available with most of them and they therefore use mobiles for lectures and examinations.

Dr. Milind Agarwal suggested that Viva examinations can also be conducted. He opined that human interaction can make a difference in the mode of testing interaction done digitally is more powerful than none. Dr. Himani Chaukar informed the Members that the same mode has been adopted by the science faculty to conduct exams.

The Members were informed by Dr. Chaukar that the exams so conducted were proctored exams by the company named Eklavya.

Dr. Pravesh Jung cited certain concerns regarding the MCQ format of exams for this subject. He opined that such a format only tests a student's knowledge and not the analytical skills. Such a test can be adopted for general papers but not for special papers. It would be difficult for students who have attempted such exams to cope in their higher levels of education. It was also suggested by Dr. Jung that for the special papers, a standard exam may be conducted. Essay type or short answer type questions maybe asked to the students, the answers to which can be handwritten by the students there itself and pictures of the same maybe uploaded on the website provided. The number of questions may also be reduced if required. The answers so submitted can be then printed and assessed by the faculty.

Dr. Radhika Joshi agreed with the suggestion given by Dr. Jung and opined that the same can be incorporated



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Dr. Suchitra Naik opined that the suggestion can be incorporated partially with MCQ format. Dr. Naik stressed on the point that writing of answers is a must and the MCQ format cannot be relied upon completely.

Dr. Jung also opined that Moderation of Questions should be done before they are given to the service provider.

Resolved that: It was agreed that the suggestions given by the Members would be placed before the Exam Cell for further consideration.

Agenda no 4: Announcement of MOU

Discussed that: Members were informed by Dr. Chaukar that Ruia College is collaborating with LBT Centre, USA for a course on LBT Therapy. Ruia College will be the India Centre for the same. The course will be conducted by Dr. Chaukar and Dr. Elliot Cohen in the online mode with certain pre recorded as well as live lectures.

The meeting was closed with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Himani Chaukar.


Dr. Himani Chaukar

Head, Dept. Of Philosophy





Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in Philosophy held on May 15th, 2021

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by Dr. Himani Chaukar, Head of the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Chaukar welcomed all the members.

Agenda No 1: To revise, if needed, and approve the changes in the syllabi for FY/SY/TY BA/BSc/BVoc/BMM for the academic year 2021-22

Dr. Himani Chaukar informed the members that considering the pandemic situation and the experience of online teaching in past one year, there are no changes suggested in the syllabus for the upcoming academic year 2021-22. Dr. Chaukar invited the suggestions of the members regarding syllabus revision if any.

All the members unanimously accepted and agreed with the current formula. Further Dr. Chaukar informed the members about the Logic Based Therapy Collaboration with US institute, the progress made with the first batch and the future plans.

Agenda no 2: To seek approval for the new certificate courses, SWAYAM, NPTEL Courses, if any.

There was an elaborate general discussion regarding certificate courses and members shared their ideas.

Dr. Suchitra Naik made a suggestion that since philosophy & psychology correspond in many ways, students may be encouraged to do online courses or even a course may be designed in that direction.

Dr. Milind Agarwal noted that many students prefer online certificate courses offered by international institutes as they are very well designed and it adds value to their education also. So he suggested that we should strive to make courses which are really niche, valuable and beneficial for students instead of just adding new courses for the sake of it. To do this, he opined some research needs to be done regarding the courses.

Ms. Snehal Rane suggested that courses to be made should have practical value. Specifically she suggested that a course on emotional wellbeing blending psychology and philosophy will be a good course.

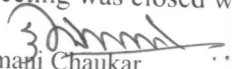
Agenda No 3: To decide the changes in the modalities of assessment, if any, which includes the question paper pattern, for internal and external examination. (Theory/Practical, wherever applicable).

It was unanimously accepted by the members that no changes are required in the current modalities.



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The meeting was closed with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Himani Chaukar.


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