

Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting (Philosophy) held on 29th March 2022.

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

Dr. Chaukar introduced all the new members and welcomed them all.

Agenda No. 1: To seek approval for the implementation of the Choice Based Credit System according to the UGC instructional template which includes the change in the total number of Credits for the Under Graduate program, Post Graduate Programs M.Sc. (wherever applicable) and also to classify the Courses as Core Courses, Ability Enhancement Courses, Skill Enhancement courses and to revise, if needed, the syllabi for FY/SY/TY BA/BSc/BVoc/BMM/BACM and for the academic year 2022-23.

Dr. Chaukar informed the members that as per New Education Policy 2020, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College has sought to implement the UGC instructional template and gave a presentation on it. Dr. Chaukar discussed the classification of the courses as per the new system into Core Courses (for the first and second year), Skill Enhancement Courses (Formal Logic paper at third year), Discipline Specific Electives (at third year) and Generic Elective. Dr. Chaukar sought suggestions from the members on the component of Generic Elective and shared her idea that the current paper at third year - Philosophy of Yoga could be offered as the Generic Elective to the students.

Dr. Milind Aggarwal suggested that Bhagwad Gita as one component of Yoga can also be added as Yoga has wider connotation beyond classical Patanjali yoga. Prof. Mukul Raj Mehta furthering the point of Dr. Aggarwal also suggested incorporating different perspectives on Yoga such as Dnyana yoga, karma yoga etc. into the Elective. Dr. Chaukar specified that a Generic elective course on Yoga Philosophy would include both theoretical and practical aspects. Members appreciated the idea. Dr. Chaukar asked members to provide specific components that can be added in the generic elective paper via email.

Further, Dr. Chaukar informed the members that the number of credits as per the new UGC template is changing. In the current university system, the number of credits have been 120 but with the new UGC template it is coming only up to 108. So to make up for remaining credits a solution was proposed based on the expert suggestions that tutorials be introduced in every core paper. In this regard Dr. Chaukar stated that the tutorials will be given to students on Google classroom or other platforms. The introduction of tutorials would bring the credits to 132. The innovative solution to make up the credits was well received by the members. Prof. Mehta appreciated the solution by stating that no additional burden would be there on students in this effort to make up for the credits. Dr. Radhika Jadhav asked if the tutorials will be evaluated in any form. Dr. Chaukar clarified that the tutorials will act more as supplementary tools for students and they will not be graded.

Agenda No. 2: Proposed changes in the syllabus

Dr. Chaukar proposed a change in one of the topics at first year Semester II Moral Philosophy paper. A change was suggested in the unit on 'Alternate ethical theories'. In the present syllabus, the unit includes a component on 'Augustine's idea of 'love of God and love neighbour' which Dr. Chaukar argued does not go in consonance with other topics in the unit. Dr. Chaukar's rationale for the proposed change was well received by the members.



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

ii)To seek approval for the examination pattern used for the internal assessments, semester end examinations and the Practical exams (wherever applicable) conducted for the even semester exams in the current academic year.(2021-22)

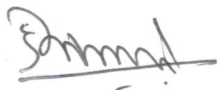
Dr. Chaukar explained the examination patters to the members. It included 60:40 pattern as per which 60 marks theory examination is conducted along with 40 marks internal which is subdivided into 20 marks for assignment and 20 marks for MCQ based test. Dr. Chaukar asked members if they have suggestions regarding different modalities of assignments. Dr. Priya Vaidya suggested that projects which deal with ethics, or projects related to self-development, self-awareness, reflecting on one's own personal thought process, experiences in nature could be included as a form of assignment. Dr. Chaukar responded by informing that at second year, students are introduced to different meditation techniques in Jainism, Buddhism which is done by invited guest lecturers. Dr. Radhika Jadhav shared her experience with assignments which dealt with movie reviews on philosophical lines, dialogues, skits on ancient Greek philosophers which were quite interesting and engaging for students. Mr. Yogeshwar suggested a word limit should be put for written assignments so that it becomes real writing practice for students. Dr. Jadhav furthering the point stated that a minimum and a maximum word limit should be put for written assignments.

Agenda No. 4: To seek approval for the new certificate courses, SWAYAM, NPTEL Courses, if any.

Dr. Chaukar informed members about the certificate courses currently offered by the department of Philosophy. The recent initiative of India Centre for LBT and the courses offered under the centre were told to the members. Dr. Jadhav suggested that certificate course on 'Modal logic and many-valued Logic' could be offered to the students. Prof. Mehta suggested the members to look into new UGC framework as there will be multiple exit points as per New Education Policy. Dr. Sujata Suvarnapatki, Dean Academics, clarified Professor Mehta's doubt by informing him that the certificate courses offered by the departments at Ramnarain Ruia College are usually short term courses. The Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) has multiple exit points. Dr. Suvarnapatki informed the members further that the FYUP is yet to be structured and a lot of discussion and thought process has gone into the practical aspects of how to evolve it.

With this discussion, the meeting was ended.

Dr. Himani Chaukar thanked all the members for their presence and valuable inputs.



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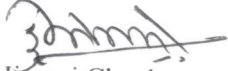
The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal welcome address by Dr. Himani Chaukar, Head of the Department of Philosophy. Dr. Priya Vaidya was granted leave of absence.

Agenda No. 1: To pass the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th March 2022

The members of the Board of Studies went through the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th March 2022 and passed the minutes of the meeting. Dr. Mukul Raj Mehta, Dr. Radhika Jadhav, Dr. Milind Agarwal and Mr. Yogeshwar Joshi gave their approval to the minutes.

Agenda 2: Any other matter with permission of the chair

Since there was no other matter on the agenda, Dr. Chaukar closed the meeting with a vote of thanks.



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