

Department of Political Science

Board of Studies

Meeting No. 2

Department: Political Science

Day: Saturday

Date: 26th February, 2022

Time: 10.30 am onwards

Mode: Online Google Meet Platform

Minutes of the 2nd Board of Studies Meeting

Item 2.01: The members of the Board of Studies present for the meeting of the Department of Political Science were welcomed by Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar, Head of the Department of Political Science. Following which, Dr. Mrudul Nile (Vice-Chancellor Nominee) was granted leave. Following members were present for the meeting.

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| Ms. Chitra Lele | Asst. Prof. & HoD, Political Science, SNTD College of Arts & SCB College of Commerce & Science for Women. |
| Asst. Prof. Veena Kenchi. | Head, Dept. of Politics & Public Administration. St. Mira's College for girls, Pune. |
| Mr. Harsh Bhosale | Chief People Officer, Nayra Energy Limited. |
| Ms. Sangeeta Dixit | Vice Principal (Junior College), VPM's Joshi-Bedekar College (Autonomous) Thane |
| Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar | HoD, Political Science & Vice Principal (Degree College), VPM's Joshi-Bedekar College (Autonomous) Thane |
| Ms. Shweta Ahire | VPM's Joshi- Bedekar College (Autonomous) Thane |
| Mr. Swapnil Mayekar | VPM's Joshi- Bedekar College (Autonomous) Thane |
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Item 2.02: The Minutes and Action Taken Report (ATR) of the previous Meeting held on 26th June, 2021 were read and confirmed. The idea of incorporating the various changes suggested by the BoS members and presenting it to the BoS members in tabular form was well appreciated.

| Issue/Recommendation | Action Taken |
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| Adding the topic, 'Free Legal Aid' in the Module on Indian Judiciary of Semester-I syllabus. | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Adding the topic, 'LokAdalats' in the Module on Indian Judiciary of Semester-I syllabus. | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Changing the title of Module 4 of Semester-I syllabus to 'Nature of the Judicial System In India'. | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Changing the title of Module 2 of Semester- II from 'Party Politics and Elections in India' to 'Changing nature of Party System' | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Changing the part on 'Era of Coalition Politics' from Module 2 of Semester – II to 'Changing competitive nature of Indian party system.' | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Removing the term 'with reference to reservation' from the part on 'Caste' in Module 3 of Semester- II syllabus. Including recent caste-based political mobilizations. | Teaching is done accordingly Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Changing the title of Module 3 of Semester- II from 'Social Dynamics' to 'Issues in Indian Politics'. | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Removing the term 'with reference to communalism' from the part on 'Religion' in Module 3 of Semester- II syllabus. | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Considering that the syllabus is meant to cater to students of FYBA Political Science, therefore basic understanding of role of caste in Indian Politics along with the recent debates on reservation would be sufficient. | Teaching is done accordingly |

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| To include Extremism in the part on 'Internal threats to Security' of Module 4 of Semester-II | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Naxalism cannot be removed from the Module 4 of Semester-II. Both Ultra-right and Ultra-left extremism must be included in the part on 'Internal threats to Security'. | Needful is done. New syllabus is available on the college website |
| Socio-economic and demographic profile of Thane city to be added in Module 4 of Paper 9, Semester VI syllabus | Needful is done. Change incorporated in the syllabus |
| Changing the terminology of the part on Evolution of Municipal Corporations in Thane District to, 'Introduction to Municipal Corporations in Thane District' in Module 4 of Paper 9, Semester VI syllabus. | Needful is done. Change incorporated in the syllabus |
| Assignments or Projects on Paper 9 of TYBA syllabus must be Thane-specific only. | Needful is done. Change incorporated in the syllabus |
| Evaluation pattern | As per the decision 60:40 pattern of examination is accepted and accordingly our examinations are conducted. |
| Add-on course | The Add-on course titled, 'Democratic skills through Gandhian Perspective' as approved in the earlier BoS meeting was held between 25th Feb, 2022 and 5th March, 2022. Total 33 students had enrolled for the course. |

Item 2.03: The existing syllabus at Second Year of UG level of Politics II and III and of ACG Paper Gandhian Thought was presented Semester wise.

Following were the changes and suggestions proposed by the members after discussion:

| Sr. No. | Name of the Member | Changes/Suggestions |
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| 1. | Ms. Chitra Lele | In the part 3 of Module 2 of the paper on Political Theory, (Politics II) Semester 3, the words “Inter-relationship between” should be added to State, Civil Society and Market. |
| 2. | Ms. Veena Kenchi | The title of Module 4 of the paper on Political Theory, Semester 4, should be changed to “Introduction to the Basics of Ideologies” |
| 3. | Ms. Chitra Lele | Module 2 of the paper on Public Administration, Semester 3, must include the theory of management by Herbert Simon. |
| 4. | Ms. Chitra Lele and Ms. Veena Kenchi | Module 3 of the paper on Public Administration, Semester 3, should be limited to Motivation Theories rather than also including Leadership Theories |
| 5. | Ms. Chitra Lele | The title of Module 3 of the paper on Public Administration, Semester 3, should be changed to “Basic Principles of Organization and Theories of Motivation” |
| 6. | Mr. Harsh Bhosale | Module 2 of the paper on Public Administration, Semester 4, should include “Lateral Entry” as recent trends in Recruitment. |
| 7. | Ms. Chitra Lele | The title of Module 4 of the applied component paper Gandhian Thought, Semester 3, should be changed to “Gandhiji’s Thoughts on Social Transformation and related debates” so as to incorporate critical evaluation of Gandhiji’s ideas |

Item 2.04: Approval for the changes in the syllabus was obtained from the Board of Studies and it was decided to forward it to the Academic Council for obtaining its approval

Item 2.05: Approval for the Internal (40 marks) and External (60 marks) evaluation pattern was accepted

Internal Evaluation consists of

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| Written Test | 20 marks |
| Project, Assignment etc. | 15 marks |
| Class Participation | 05 marks |

External Evaluation consists of 60 marks – 4 questions of 15 marks each from all the four modules with internal choice.

Item 2.06: An Add-on Course on Political Leadership to be conducted in collaboration with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini was proposed and approved.

Item 2.07: With the permission of the BoS members, Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar narrated the various activities of the Department of Political Science conducted in this academic year especially in the view of the National Conference on 'Women Political Leadership-Local to Global: Challenges and Opportunities' that was successfully organised.

Item 2.08: Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Priyamvada Tokekar, the Head of Department of Political Science

Chairperson and Head of the Department: Dr. (Mrs) Priyamvada P. Tokekar

Approved by the Principal

Day and Date of Approval