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(An Autonomous College under the jurisdiction of the University of Mumbai)**

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Minutes of the Meeting convened on May 27, 2021, through Google Meet

The meeting of the Board of Studies (hereinafter termed as BoS) of the Department of Geography was held on May 27, 2021, at 1.00 p.m. through Google Meet.

The following members were present for the meeting:

1. Dr. Sardar Ananda Patil (**Chairman** of the BoS)
2. Dr. Surendra C. Thakurdesai (**Member**, VC Nominee Subject Expert)
3. Dr. Ramraje S. Manedeshmukh (**Member**, An expert from outside the Parent University)
4. Dr. S. S. Panhalkar (**Member**, An expert from outside the Parent University)
5. Dr. Sameer Butala (**Member**, An expert from outside the college coopted with the approval of the principal for Special Courses)
6. Mr. Rakesh Yadav (**Member**, Alumni nominated by the principal)
7. Mr. Mukesh Dinkar Patil, **Member** (Allied area expert nominated by the academic council of the college)
8. Mr. Sandip Popatrao Jathar, **Member** (Industry expert nominated by the academic council of the college)
9. Mr. Mandar W. Jakhi, **Member** (The staff of the same faculty coopted with the approval of the principal)

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. Sardar Patil, the Associate Professor & Head of Department and the Chairman of the BoS, to all the members of the BoS in Geography. Dr. Patil informed the members that the department has started the B. Voc. in Geoinformatics for village Resource Mapping w.e.f. December 2020 and presently 16 students are enrolled for the First Year. Dr. Patil informed the members that considering the Pandemic Situation, the department is thinking of following the university syllabi for the third year of B. A. and the Second, third and fourth semesters of MA. Hence the department has not collected the feedback related to the curriculum.

Hereafter, the meeting continued with discussions regarding the concerns on the agenda. The details of the fruitful discussion held during the meeting are given below

Item No. 1: To review the minutes of the meeting held on May 31, 2020.

Dr. Sardar Patil, Chairman Board of Studies in Geography read the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies held on May 31, 2020, after listening carefully it was accepted and approved unanimously.

Resolution 1.1:

It was resolved to accept and approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 31, 2020.

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai **Seconded by** Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh

Item No. 2: To review the existing syllabi of the University of Mumbai for TYBA/BSC- Geography in the subject Geography.

Dr. Sardar Patil presented a copy of the syllabus of the University of Mumbai before the committee members with the view of review with a fruitful discussion on the existing syllabus.

Review of TYBA-Geography syllabus

Dr. Sardar Patil overviewed the existing syllabi of the T. Y. B. A. - Geography. He informed all the members that TYBA has three courses each semester. The fifth semester has Geography of Settlement, Geography of Maharashtra or Population Geography, and Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis. Students need to select any one paper from the Geography of Maharashtra and Population Geography. For the sixth-semester Environmental Geography, Tourism Geography or Political Geography, and Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis are made available. Students need to select any one paper from the Tourism Geography or Political Geography.

He furthered that some of the parts of Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis is already covered in First Year and Second Year practical components. He stated that the department is planning to introduce the paper related to Land Surveying Techniques with the view to providing surveying skills through the regular curriculum of the program. After listening to Dr. Patil, Shri. Sandip Jathar noted that some of the topics need to be rearranged at the time of change in the curriculum. All other members agreed with Mr. Jathar and unanimously accepted the fact.

Resolution 2.1:

It was resolved to rearrange the sequence of the topics at the time of the change in curriculum.

Proposed by Mr. Sandip Jathar **Seconded by** Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 3: To frame and finalize the syllabi of the Undergraduate courses

Dr. Patil expressed his views that it may not be possible to conduct the said practicals online during the pandemic. All other members agreed with Dr. Patil and unanimously accepted that the University syllabus for the third year of B. A. should be continued without

any modifications to the existing syllabi. Also, all the members unanimously decided to set up a Core Committee to enrich the syllabi.

Resolution 3.1:

Considering the pandemic situation, it was resolved to accept and implement the syllabus of the parent university.

Proposed by Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh **Seconded by** Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Resolution 3.2:

It was resolved to frame the core committee for syllabus revision.

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai **Seconded by** Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 4: To finalize the pattern of Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)

Dr. Patil informed that the Examination Cell of the college has suggested 70:30 patterns for the term-end examination and Continuous Internal Evaluation (hereinafter termed as CIA) respectively. The pattern of the CIA is as given below and it is applicable for the UG and PG programs/ courses. He furthered that the pattern for the CIA will be 30 marks comprising of 1 class test for 10 marks. He evoked that the 10 marks be assigned for the various classroom activities such as seminars, research projects, problem-solving, participation in online courses, open-book examinations, etc., and the rest 10 marks be classified into as the 5 marks for attendance and 5 marks for active participation in the classroom. He further stated that the examination cell reserves the right to make necessary changes regarding the conduction of class tests, i.e., either of 10 marks or 30 marks, according to feedback from the stakeholders. The pattern of CIA has been unanimously accepted and it has been finalized to conduct the class test preferably through online mode.

Resolution 4.1:

It was resolved to accept Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) for 30 marks (the division of 10 + 10 + 10). It is also resolved to conduct class tests preferably through online mode.

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai **Seconded by** Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 5: To finalize the question paper patterns for the term-end examination and repeater / additional examinations

Dr. Patil informed the members that the Examination Cell of the college has suggested 70:30 patterns for the term-end examination and CIA respectively. Hence the term-end examination will be 70 marks. He extended the discussion to inform the members that the

examination cell of the college indicated that there will be a 100-mark term-end examination for the candidates who fail a class test and/or in the regular term-end examination. However, the examination cell may change this complex scheme of the term-end examination as per the feedback received from the stakeholders. Dr. Thakurdesai communicated that as per the guidelines regarding examination given by the parent university, the 70-mark term-end examination will have a 2.5-hour duration, and the 100-mark examination will have 3 3-hour duration. He furthered that considering the current pandemic situation, whatever the circulars issued by the parent university may be considered for the smooth conduct of the examination.

Resolution 5.1:

It was resolved to accept the pattern of the term-end examination for regular as well as repeater/additional examination.

Proposed by Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh **Seconded by** Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Resolution 5.2:

It was resolved to consider the circulars issued by the parent university for the smooth conduct of the examination during the pandemic situation.

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai **Seconded by** Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 6: To define the learning outcomes of the courses (course outcomes and program-specific outcomes)

Dr. Sachin Panhalkar stated that considering the pandemic situation the parent university syllabi are accepted as it is. Hence, it is advisable to accept the learning outcomes given by the parent university. Dr. Manedeshmukh stated that these learning outcomes should be reflected on the website of the college. He furthered that the assessment of learning outcomes is possible through regular examinations. Dr. Butala stated that online tests may be conducted for the assessment of Co's and PSOs.

Resolution 6.1:


It was resolved to accept the objectives and COs of the courses and it should be reflected on the website through the syllabus. In addition to the term-end examination, the online test may be conducted with the view to assess the learning outcomes after the successful completion of the syllabus.

Proposed by Dr. Sameer Butala **Seconded by** Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh

Item No. 7: Any other subject with the permission of the Chairman.

No other matters were discussed and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Patil.




Dr. Sardar Ananda Patil,
Chairman, Board of Studies in
Geography