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

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

**MINUTES OF THE BOS MEETING CONVENED ON APRIL 07, 2024,
THROUGH GOOGLE MEET**

The meeting of the Board of Studies (hereinafter termed as BoS) of the Department of Geography will be held virtually on 30 March 2022 at 03:00 pm through the Meet application of Google. 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 proceeded according to the agenda. All members actively contributed to academic improvement. The Board of Studies unanimously passed the resolutions after a detailed discussion as per the agenda. The detailed meeting report is provided below.

Item No. 1:- To review the minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2021.

Dr. Patil reviewed the minutes from the meeting that took place on May 27, 2021. The minutes received unanimous approval from all present members.

Resolution 1.1:

It was resolved to accept and approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2021.

Proposed by Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh

Seconded by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Item No. 2:- To review the existing syllabi for the First Year and Third Year of Bachelor of Arts.

Dr. Patil presented a comprehensive review of the existing syllabi for the First Year and Third Year of the Bachelor of Arts program. The members agreed that the Third Year syllabus aligns well with UGC norms and places a strong emphasis on skill development, preparing students for practical applications in their field of study. Dr. Thakurdesai further noted that the University of Mumbai has recently revised its First Year syllabus, suggesting that the college should also adopt similar changes to ensure alignment with the curriculum of the parent university.

Resolution 2.1:

It was resolved to change the syllabus for the First Year of the Bachelor of Arts with the view to keeping in tune with the parent university.

Proposed by Dr. Sameer Butala

Seconded by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Resolution 2.2:

It was resolved to keep the syllabus unchanged for the Third Year of Bachelor of Arts.

Proposed by Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh

Seconded by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

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

Dr. Patil presented the draft syllabi for the undergraduate courses titled Environmental Geography and Human Geography. He clarified that the original drafts were based on the syllabus of the parent university, ensuring consistency with broader academic standards. During the meeting, several modifications were suggested by the present BoS members to enhance the content. Dr. Patil emphasized the inclusion of a 50% practical component, aimed at fostering skill development among students. After incorporating the suggested changes, the modified syllabi were unanimously approved by all members.

Resolution 3.1:

It was resolved to approve the syllabus of the FYBA Geography with necessary changes in the university curriculum.

Resolution 3.2:

It was resolved to revise the weight of theory and practical components to 50:50 % with four modules of theory and practical.

Proposed by Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh

Seconded by Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 4:- To frame and finalize the syllabi of the Post Graduate courses

Dr. Patil presented the draft syllabus for the second year of the postgraduate program in Geography, based on the curriculum of the parent university. A detailed discussion followed, during which the members reviewed the content thoroughly. The members unanimously agreed that the syllabus offered a wide range of elective courses, providing ample opportunities for learners to specialize in their areas of interest. After careful consideration, it was decided to accept the syllabus of the parent university as it is, without any modifications.

Resolution 4.1:

It was resolved to accept the syllabus of the University of Mumbai for an MA in Geography.

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Seconded by Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 5:- To frame and finalize the syllabi of the Skill Courses:

Dr. Patil presented the draft syllabi for two skill courses titled "Cartography" and "Use of Computer Technology in Data Analysis." It was proposed that the Cartography course would be taught to second-year students as part of their Skill Development curriculum, while the "Use of Computer Technology in Data Analysis" course would be introduced to third-year students, also as a Skill Development course. A detailed discussion followed, during which the members agreed that the proposed syllabi effectively focused on skill development for the learners. It was unanimously decided to accept both syllabi as presented.

Resolution 5.1:

It was resolved to accept the syllabus for the skill development courses titled "Cartography" and "Use of Computer Technology in Data Analysis."

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Seconded by Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 6:- To finalize the pattern of Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)

Dr. Patil presented the guidelines for Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) as provided by the Board of Examinations and Evaluations. He discussed the question paper pattern for

internal assessments, as well as the distribution of marks for internal tests, participative learning, and attendance. He emphasized the importance of conducting internal tests online.

Resolution 6.1:

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. 7:- To finalize the question paper patterns for the term-end examination and repeater / additional examinations

The proposed question paper pattern for Term-End and Additional Examinations, recommended by the Board of Examinations and Evaluations, was presented to the BoS for discussion. After thorough deliberation, the present members of the Board of Studies added their perspectives on assessment, emphasizing the importance of making learning enjoyable. The proposed pattern was unanimously approved.

Resolution 7.1:

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

Proposed by Dr. Sameer Butala

Seconded by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Item No. 8:- To define the learning outcomes of the courses (course outcomes and program-specific outcomes).

Dr. Patil stressed the significance of establishing clear learning goals for the courses, encompassing both course-specific outcomes and program-specific outcomes. He presented these learning objectives in accordance with Bloom's Taxonomy, ensuring that they covered a wide range of cognitive levels. The learning goals were thoroughly discussed, with careful consideration of their relevance and suitability for the curriculum. After thorough deliberation, the proposed learning objectives were unanimously approved by all present members.

Resolution 8.1:

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. 9:- To approve the list of supervisors for PG research projects.

Dr. Patil presented the list of qualified teachers for PG Dissertation supervision. He stated that the main aim is to collaborate for research with the qualified faculty members in the Konkan. The list was approved unanimously.

Resolution 9.1:


It was resolved to approve the list of supervisors for PG Dissertations.

Proposed by Dr. Surendra Thakurdesai

Seconded by Dr. Ramraje Manedeshmukh

Item No. 10:- Any other subject with the permission of the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 05:30 pm. No other matters were discussed and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Patil.


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