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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 (from now on termed as BoS) of the Department of Geography was held virtually on April 7th, 2024 at 11:30 AM 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. Sanjukta S. Sattar, **Member** (VC Nominee Subject Expert)
3. Dr. Virendra R. Nagarale **Member** (An expert from outside the Parent University)
4. Dr. Sambhaji D. Shinde, **Member** (An expert from outside the Parent University)
5. Ms Lalita Rohit Tambe, **Member** (Faculty of the Department)
6. Miss. Pratiksha Kiran Mohite, **Member** (Faculty of the Department)
7. Dr. Sameer Butala, **Member** (An expert from outside the college coopted with the approval of the principal for Special Courses)
8. Mr. Mayuresh Rane, **Member** (Alumni nominated by the principal)
9. Mr. Sandip Popatrao Jathar, **Member** (Industry expert nominated by the academic council of the college)
10. Dr. Prashant Tanaji Nargude, **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:- Review the meeting minutes held on July 03, 2023.

Assistant Professor Pratiksha Mohite reviewed the minutes from the meeting that took place on July 3, 2023. The minutes received unanimous approval from all present members.

Resolution 1.1:

It was decided to accept and approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on July 3, 2023.

Proposed by Pratiksha Mohite

Seconded by Dr. Virendra Nagrale

Item No. 2 - Discuss the feedback for curriculum redesign received from various stakeholders.

After approving the minutes of the last meeting held on July 03, 2023, Lalita Tambe, Assistant Professor in Geography and a member of the Board of Studies (BoS), presented valuable feedback concerning the existing curriculum. A detailed discussion was carried out among the members regarding the suggestions provided. After thorough deliberation, the feedback was accepted for incorporation into the curriculum. Consequently, a resolution was passed to ensure the proposed changes would be implemented in future revisions.

Resolution 2.1:

It was resolved that the proposed changes would be implemented in future revisions.

Proposed by Miss. Lalita Tambe

Seconded by Dr. Virendra Nagrale

Item No. 3:- Review the course structure and pattern for undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Geography, considering the six verticals of NEP 2020.

The course structure and pattern for undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Geography were reviewed in light of the six verticals of NEP 2020. Dr. Sardar Patil presented the course structure, as recommended in the BoS meeting held on July 03, 2023. He emphasized the need for a thorough review and revision, particularly concerning the credit distribution at the third-year level, especially for minor courses. To address this, the previously allocated four-credit course in the fifth semester for minor courses was revised. The members accepted the modification to a two-credit distribution for each semester of the third year. Consequently, the credit distribution for the Field Project was also readjusted to align with the overall credit requirements for the term.

Resolution 3.1:

It was resolved to recommend modifying the credit distribution pattern for undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Proposed by Dr. Sardar Patil

Seconded by Dr. Sanjukta Sattar

Item No. 4:- Recommend the second-year undergraduate and postgraduate syllabus under NEP 2020.

Assistant Professor Lalita Tambe presented the draft syllabus for the second-year undergraduate courses for semesters III and IV. The UG courses in semester III included subjects like A201GEC-Introduction to Climatology; A202GEC-Physical Geography of India; GEFP201-Geodatabase Creation for a Village; GEOE201-Vector Analysis in Q-GIS; GEOE202-Geopolitics -I; and GEVS201-Vector Analysis in Q-GIS. Whereas, semester IV covered the courses GECP201-Community Engagement Project; GEOE203-Raster Analysis in SAGA; GEOE204-Geopolitics-II; A203GET-Introduction to Oceanography; A204GET-Agricultural Geography of India; and GESE201-Web GIS. A detailed discussion ensued, where

all present members contributed valuable insights to the curriculum. Notably, major changes were suggested in the course Geopolitics. The draft syllabus was approved with minor corrections, and the resolution was passed.

Assistant Professor Pratiksha Mohite then presented the draft syllabus for the postgraduate courses for semesters III and IV. Semester III featured courses such as A601GET-Regional Planning and Development; A602GET-Evolution of Geographical Thoughts; A603GET-Political Geography; A604GEP-Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis-V; A605GEP-Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis-V; A606GET-Urban Geography; A606GEP-Tools and Techniques in Urban Geography; A607GET-Cultural Geography; A607GEP-Tools and Techniques in Cultural Geography; A608GET-Geography of Health; A608GEP-Tools and Techniques in Geography of Health; and GERP609-Research Project based on local/ regional issues.

Semester IV included A610GET-Tourism Geography; A611GET-Remote Sensing and GIS Applications in Environmental Management; A612GET-Models in Geography; A613GEP-Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis-V; A614GEP-Tools and Techniques in Spatial Analysis-VI; A615GET-Social Geography; A615GET-Tools and Techniques in Social Geography; A616GET-Agricultural Geography; A616GET-Tools and Techniques in Agricultural Geography; A617GET-Industrial Geography; A617GET-Tools and Techniques in Industrial Geography and GERP618-Research Project based on local/ regional issues.

After a thorough discussion, significant revisions were recommended for courses such as Political Geography, Cultural Geography, Geography of Health, Models in Geography, and Social Geography. The depth of the research projects was discussed in detail, and it was decided that the research project be a mandatory part of the curriculum in both semesters. Considering the time required for the credits and to achieve the expected outcomes, the research project of the third semester may be extended to the fourth semester. Dr. Sardar Patil outlined the tentative expected outline of the research project.

The draft syllabus was approved with necessary corrections, and the resolution was passed.

Resolution 4.1:

It was resolved to accept the draft syllabus for all UG courses and recommend the same to the Academic Council for further approval.

Proposed by Lalita Tambe

Seconded by Dr. Sanjukta Sattar

Resolution 4.2:

It was decided to approve the draft syllabus for all postgraduate courses and recommend it to the Academic Council for further approval.

Proposed by Pratiksha Mohite

Seconded by Dr. Virendra Nagrale

Item No. 5:- To recommend the Continuous Internal Evaluation and Term End Examination pattern.

The proposed pattern for Continuous Internal Evaluation and Term End Examination, recommended by the Board of Examinations and Evaluations, was presented to the committee for discussion. After thorough deliberation, the current members of the Board of Studies added their perspectives on continuous internal assessment, emphasizing the importance of making learning enjoyable. The proposed pattern was unanimously approved.

Resolution 5.1:

It was resolved to accept the pattern of TE and CIA as 60:40.

Proposed by Lalita Tambe **Seconded by** Dr. Sameer Butala

Item No. 6:- To approve the list of paper setters, examiners, and moderators.

Assistant Professor Pratiksha Mohite presented the list of examiners and paper setters. The list was approved unanimously. The committee granted the right to add examiners in adherence to the rules to the BoS Chairman.

Resolution 6.1:

It was resolved to accept the list of examiners, paper setters and moderators.

Proposed by Pratiksha Mohite **Seconded by** Dr. Virendra Nagrale

Item No. 7:- To approve the list of Supervisors for the PG Program.

Assistant Professor Lalita Tambe presented the list of qualified teachers for PG Dissertation supervision. The list was approved unanimously.


Resolution 7.1:

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

Proposed by Ms. Lalita Tambe **Seconded by** Dr. Virendra Nagrale

Item No. 8:- Any other subject with the permission of the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:30 pm. No other matters were discussed and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Prashant Nargude.


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