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# **CRITERION 1**

## **CURRICULAR ASPECTS**

**METRIC NO.**  
**1.2**

**Academic Flexibility**

**Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting**

**RSHSS**  
**Political Science and**  
**Administrative Services**

Department of Political Science

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of studies (BOS) held on 10th May, 2019(RSHSS)

A meeting of the Board of studies was held in BOG Room D block on 10<sup>th</sup> may,2019 at 11 a.m.

Members present: Prof (Dr) Pradip Jyoti Mahanta, Chairperson, BOS, RSHSS, Prof (Dr) Swabera Islam, Department of Economics, Dr. Monalisa Deka, Assistant Registrar (Academics), Prof. Gautam Mazumdar, External academic expert (Department of Economics), Dr. Subhrajit Konwar, External Academic Expert (Political Science) Dr. Sambit Mallick, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, IIT Guwahati, Mrs. Durba Dutta, Coordinator, RSHSS and Department of Economics, Mr. Jugal Kishore Bhattacharyya, Department of Economics, Ms. Riju Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (instead of Dr. Samuel L. Chuaungo), Dr. Prateeti Barman, Department of Social Work, Mr. Randhir Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Dr. Dip Jyoti Bhuyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.

The Chairperson of the BOS meeting, Professor (Dr) Pradip Jyoti Mahanta welcomed the members to the meeting. In particular, He extended his heartiest welcome to the expert of Economics, Sociology and Political Science. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss Course Work and detailed syllabus for BA, MA and Generic Elective in Political Science.

1. Approval of Agenda: Accepted

2. Matters Arising: Based on the discussions with the members present, Dr. Subhrajit Konwar (External Academic Expert), Associate Professor, Department of Political Science. Gauhati University provided the following suggestions regarding the course work and the detailed syllabus of BA, MA and Generic Elective in Political Science.

- i) The paper entitled "Select Political System" to be added as a POL128C101 paper in the B.A 1<sup>st</sup> semester instead of the existing paper namely "Colonialism in India".
- ii) The paper entitled "Research Methodology" need to be added as a DSE paper in MA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester.
- iii) One new paper to be added in M.A. 4<sup>th</sup> semester entitled "Society and Politics in North East India". In this context, the existing paper "Local Self Government" will be eliminated and the above mentioned paper has to be incorporated in DSE of MA 4<sup>th</sup> semester.
- iv) The paper "Women and Political Theory" to be renamed as "Gender and Political Theory" in M.A. 4<sup>th</sup> semester.
- v) It was suggested that in the paper "Foreign policy and major powers" in MA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, the topic i.e. Germany and Japan to be eliminated and suggested to remove from unit one.



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- vi) It was decided that the Paper.e "**Debates in Political Theory**" (.POL184C101) in MA in Political Science has so many contains and it was advised to reduce some contains and reframe it in a clear and specific manner.
- vii) It was suggested that the paper entitled "**Comparative Political Analysis**" (POL184C102) in MA in Political Science has many irrelevant sub themes and was advised to reduce few topics suggested by the expert .
- viii) It was suggested by the expert that the paper titled "**Theories of International Relations**" in MA in Political Science has so many unclear contains and was advised to reframe the contains and also selecte the topics to be incorporated in the paper.
- ix) It was suggested that the paper entitled "**Political Processes in India**" (POL182C203) in BA in Political Science has so many contains and advised to reduce some contains as well as to arrange the four modules systematically.
- x) In the paper entitled "**Theories of International relations and World History**" (POL182C401) in BA in Political Science the expert has suggested to modify few sub topics of module 1,2 and 4. And was advised to distribute the periods into four modules according to the demands of the modules..
- xi) It was suggested by the external academic expert that few new ideas/themes need to be added in the paper entitled "**Global Politics**" (POL182C502) in BA in Political Science and few themes have been given to incorporated in the said paper.
- xii) In the paper entitled "**Indian Political Thought-I**" (POL182D503) in BA in Political Science it was suggested to abolish few sub topics from the module I and III.
- xiii) In the paper entitled "**Modern Political Philosophy**" (Pol182C602) in BA in Political Science it was advised by the expert to reframe the topics and sub themes and also new topics have been given to annexed in the paper.
- xiv) The expert has given few modification like adding new sub themes in module I and III of the paper title "**India's Foreign Policy**"( POL182D603).
- xv) In the generic papers of BA i.e. "**Nature of Indian Political Process**"(POL182DG201) and "**International relations**" (POL182G401) it was advised to eliminate few sub themes and was given few new topics which to be incorporated.
- xvi) At last, the external academic expert has given few suggestions and recommendation for re-arranging the syllabus of Both B.A. and M.A. in Political science and Generic Elective in Political Science such as Heading, Sub heading systematically and technically arrange the course modules etc.

**The Assam Royal Global University**  
**First Meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS)**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
*21<sup>st</sup> May 2020*  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

Time: 1.30 pm

A meeting of the Board of studies was held via Zoom on 21<sup>st</sup> May 21, 2020 at 1.30 PM.

**Members Present:**

**External Expert: Dr. Subrajyoti Konwer, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University.**

**Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, Coordinator, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences,**



**Mr. Kaustav Padmapati, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences,**

**Dr. Tabassum Rizvi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences,**

**Shelza Jalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences.**

The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss course work and detailed syllabus for Political Science and International Studies

1. Changes to made in GE3 paper (Nature of Indian Political Process) Unit 4-
  - Concept of Globalization
  - Globalization and its impact on Indian Political Economy

  
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- Globalization and development (focus can be made on social movements)
2. Changes in GE 7/8 (International Relations) Unit 2-
    - Nature and variants of three major theories
      - ✓ Realism
      - ✓ Liberalism
      - ✓ Marxism
  3. MA International studies, Semester 1, DSE 1 (Contemporary Political Issue)-
    - Unit 4 – Major Problems
      - ✓ Global Terrorism
      - ✓ Wars and Conflict Resolutions.
      - ✓ Global Economy and Development.
    - The topic on Contemporary Political issues has to be worked out
    - International institutions (WTO,IMF) can be made one separate unit
    - Unit 1- Post Second World War
      - ✓ Contemporary issues can include foundation and role of EU
      - ✓ Role of Global Economic Institution
    - Unit 2- Security in post-cold war period instead of realism
      - ✓ Arab Spring
      - ✓ 9/11
      - ✓ Particular hotspots of the world
  4. MA International Studies, Semester 2, C2 (International Politics and Security)
    - Unit 3- Key concepts, instead of terrorism these topics can be put
      - ✓ Human rights
      - ✓ Migration and refugee
    - Unit 4: Globalization and Contemporary Security Challenges
      - ✓ Remove the term Transnational
  5. MA International Studies, Semester 2, C3 (Themes in World Politics and International Political Economy)
    - Unit 2-
      - ✓ Politics of International trade, Finance and labor, Knowledge and technology- these topics can be removed
      - ✓ Topics like BRI can be added
  6. MA International Studies, Semester 2, C4 (India's Foreign Policy II)

  
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- Add India and WTO
  - Unit 4- Recent Trends
    - ✓ India and global trade and India and global environment can be made two different topics
7. MA International Studies, Semester4, C1 (Global Politics)
- This paper seems repetitive, instead another paper can be introduced like-
    - ✓ UN and Development
    - ✓ Development studies
    - ✓ Human security
8. MA International Studies, Semester 4, C2 (State Politics in India)
- Unit 3- Party System: An Overview
    - ✓ Topic – Impact of politics- can be removed
  - Unit 4- Democratic Decentralization
    - ✓ India and HDI

The recommendations of the External Expert will be incorporated in the concerned syllabus and will be sent to the Academic Council for ratification.

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**The Assam Royal Global University  
Meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS)  
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18<sup>th</sup> June, 2021  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Time: 11:30 a.m.**

The meeting of the third Board of studies was held via Google Meet on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

1. Dr. Dhruba Pratim Sarma, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University – External Expert
2. Prof Pradip Jyoti Mahanta, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Royal Global University
3. Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences
4. Dr. Kaustav Padmapati, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences
5. Dr. Tabassum Rizvi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences
6. Mr. Abhinav Borbora, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
7. Ms. Shelza Jalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences
8. Ms. Chandrawali Goswami, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss course work and detailed syllabus for Political Science and Generic Electives offered by the department.

  
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1. BA 1<sup>st</sup> semester

- i) Multiple changes were decided for the paper Select Political System and further discussions are ongoing for the same. Following changes are made:
- Select Political System: Unit 1 is split into two units: unit 1 : **Constitution and Constitutionalism & Unit 2: Political System of United Kingdom**
  - **Unit 3: Political System of United States : History of American Constitution**
  - Unit VI: Political System of Switzerland is omitted.
- ii) Changes to be made in the paper Understanding Political Theory
- Unit 1: What is politics? What is political theory? What is political philosophy?
  - Unit 2: Instead of critical theories, Behaviourism and Post Behaviourism
  - Unit 3: Title – Democracy and State.
  - Unit 4: Title- Concepts of democracy. Sub topics are Liberty, fraternity, sovereignty, French Revolution/ American War of Independence
- iii) Changes to be made in the paper Constitutional Democracy and Government in India
- Unit 3: title – The federal structure. Added sub topic- the position of the Governor vis-à-vis the centre and states.
  - Unit 4: title: the process of decentralisation. Sub topics are Local self-govt: PRIs; 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> schedules.

2. BA 2<sup>nd</sup> semester:

- i) Changes made to the paper Political theory: concepts and debates
- Unit 4: Replace girl child rights with UN Human Rights.
- ii) Changes made to the paper Political Process in India
- Unit 1: sub topics changed to: Classification of political parties in India; Evolution of Indian party system
  - Unit 2: sub topics changed to: politics of autonomy and accommodation; separatist movements in the Indian state.
  - Unit 3: sub topics changed to: caste in Indian politics; gender and politics.
  - Unit 4: sub topics changed to: globalisation as a concept; impact of globalisation on the Indian state

3. BA 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester:



- Introduction to Comparative Government & Politics: Unit 1: Meaning of Comparative Politics is added.
- Going beyond Eurocentrism is omitted
- Unit 2: Globalisation is omitted, Social Democracy is added.
- Unit 3: Political Development of Third World countries are added.
- Unit 4: Direct Democracy: Case study of Switzerland is added.

#### 4. BA 4th semester:

- Changes made to the paper Political institutions and processes in Comparative politics
  - Unit 4: omit federalism

#### 5. BA 5<sup>th</sup> semester

- Changes made to the paper Global Politics
  - Unit 1: Globalisation and liberalisation
- Changes made to the paper Indian political thought-I
  - Unit 1: Omit 3 sub topics of hindu tradition
  - Unit 2: Omit Aganasutta and MN Roy

#### 6. BA 6<sup>th</sup> semester

- Changes made to the paper Classical Political Philosophy
  - The title of the paper has been changed to Classical to Early Modern Political Philosophy
  - Unit 3: i) St. Augustine ii) Machiavelli and the Prince
- Changes made to the paper Modern Political Philosophy
  - Unit 3: add Theory of imperialism
  - Omit two sub units
- Changes made to the paper Feminism and Indian Politics
  - Unit 2: i) Origins of feminism
  - Unit 3: i) Omit culture and construction; add ii) The emergence of Third gender studies

#### 7. MA 1<sup>st</sup> semester

- Changes made to the paper Politics in India
  - Unit 1: i) replace legal with subaltern ; ii) nature of democratic state in India

- ii) Changes made to the paper Theories in IR
- Add a 4<sup>th</sup> unit

8. MA 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

- i) Changes made to the paper Themes in Indian Political Thought
- Unit 1: add Hindutva school
  - Unit 2: change sub unit i) Nationalist school of thought
  - Unit 3: Omit Quam
  - Unit 4: Omit Shramanic tradition. Add Reformist Kabir Das
- ii) Changes made to the paper Themes in world politics and International Political Economy
- Unit 2: G7 instead of G8
- iii) Changes made to the paper Political Thinkers
- Unit 2: change unit title- Medieval and Early Modern thinkers
- iv) Changes made to the paper State politics in India
- Unit 1: i) Background of state politics in British India. ii) theoretical framework for the study of the state politics and patterns of state politics
  - Unit 2: title: Centre-state relations: challenges and opportunities

9. MA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester

- i) Changes made to the paper Modern India: Politics and Determinants
- Unit 2: Omit Gender and Politics
- ii) Changes made to the paper Democracy and Political Institutions
- Unit 2: Omit caste; making of civil society
  - Unit 4: development of civil society with special reference to the Indian state.
- iii) Changes made to the paper Federalism In India are major.

10. MA 4<sup>th</sup> semester

- i) Changes made to the paper Western political theory
- Title changes to Readings in Western Political Philosophy
  - Other major changes were made to this paper.

11. Generic Elective 1

- i) Changes made in the first unit
- Philosophy of the Constitution
  - Basic structure and salient features of the Constitution of India

- Omit- Fundamental rights, Fundamental duties, Directive Principles of State Policies
- ii) Title of the Unit 2 changed to Rights and Duties in Indian Constitution. Changes made in the content
  - Fundamental Rights
  - Fundamental Duties
  - Directive Principles of State Policy.
- iii) Changes in Unit 3
  - Caste in Politics
- iv) Changes in Unit 4
  - Title- Organs of the Government
  - Content –
    - a. Composition and role of Legislature and Executive Judiciary:
    - b. Independence of Judiciary, High courts and supreme court;
    - c. Judicial Review
    - d. Judicial Activism

#### 12. Generic Elective 2

- i) Changes in Unit 3
  - Omit Electoral issues and demands of Political Parties

#### 13. Generic Elective 3

- i) Changes in Unit 1
  - Replace 3<sup>rd</sup> sub unit with Linguistic formation of states
- ii) Changes in Unit 3
  - Omit Gandhi's view on Caste system
- iii) Changes in Unit 4
  - Replace 3<sup>rd</sup> sub unit with Globalisation and its impact on ecology.

14. Generic Elective 4 replaced with a new paper titled- Peace and Conflict. Changes in the paper-

- i) Changes in Unit 2
  - Omit the 3<sup>rd</sup> sub unit.

#### 15. Generic Elective 7/8

- i) Changes in Unit 2
  - Omit Dependency Theory in 3<sup>rd</sup> sub unit.

Other Discussions-

- ✓ Discussion on the enrolment of the students for the MOOC and SWAYAM courses was done.
- ✓ Proposal for the introduction of a new DSE paper in the Masters course titled **Marxist Political Theory** that will replace Federalism in India.

  
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**The Assam Royal Global University  
Meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS)  
Department of Political Science  
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12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**The Members present:**

1. Prof. Subrajyoti Konwer, (Subject Expert) Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University.
2. Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, (Member) Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
3. Dr. Kaustav Padmapati, (Member) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
4. Dr. Tabassum Rizvi, (Member) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
5. Ms. Shelza Jalan, (Member) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
6. Ms. Mauchumi Kalita, (Member) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
7. Ms. Tanzeela Mehboob, (Member) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
8. Ms. Megha Chaudhury, (Member) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RGU.
9. Moonmoon Ahmed, (Member) Registrar's nominee in the BOS

**Members Absent**

1. Prof. Pratap Jyoti Mahanta, Dean (I/C) Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

  
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## Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

The agenda of the meeting was to discuss and alter the syllabus of both BA and MA Political Science and BA Administrative Services. The recommendations are highlighted as follows:

### B.A. Political Science :

The following recommendations were made by the External Academic Expert in the syllabuses are as follows :

1. The paper "Nationalism in India" to be shifted from 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester as Paper 1.
2. The paper "Select Political System" to be shifted from 1<sup>st</sup> semester to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
3. Paraphrasing of the sub- units to be done to maintain uniformity. Every unit must have 3 sub-units to ensure consistency.

It has also been proposed that 14 days **internship** will be compulsory for the 4th semester in lieu of 1 sub-unit. In lieu of the one unit, one question will be set based on the fieldwork or internship or skill development in the end semester examination. Work certificate with attendance duly signed by the authority to be submitted by the students compulsorily.

It has been proposed that the students will be asked to publish joint papers under the supervision of the faculty members. Students will be primarily responsible for data collection and other basic research work. This will be done instead of assignments and students will be encouraged to publish in the proposed inter-departmental journal to promote the practise of publishing. The expert suggested that the proposed journal's editorial board must have senior faculties from various departments to have an interdisciplinary approach.

### M.A. Political Science

The following recommendations were made by the expert after thorough discussion:

1. Uniformity in the syllabus to be maintained by rationalising each paper . Each paper must consist of 4 units with each unit having 3 sub-units.
2. Major changes required in the paper "Themes in Indian Political Thought".
3. The paper "Readings in Western Political Thought" to be replaced by a new paper on **Social Movements**. Detailed syllabus to be developed by the Co-ordinator.
4. The paper "Political Thinkers" to be replaced by another paper named "**Issues in Political Theory**". Course to be developed by the Co-ordinator from Political Science.
5. Major changes suggested in the paper named "Society and Politics in North-east India".

It has been proposed that the students who will be able to publish their minor projects in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester will be allowed to continue with the same topic for their major project in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester. If they cannot publish, then they have to choose a different topic for their Major Research Project. Publication in the in-house journal will be encouraged.

Students will also be encouraged to volunteer as field workers for OKD and other similar institutes and MOU can be signed for the same.

### **B.A. Administrative Services**

Major changes required in the syllabus to include disciplines like history, geography, sociology, economics, environmental studies etc.

All the suggestion and modifications have been accepted and necessary modifications and changes will be made in the syllabus in a week's time.

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## AGENDA

### Agenda for BOS Meeting in the Department of Political Science 22/11/2022

1. Welcoming the members of the BOS for the meeting
2. To discuss the syllabus of BA in details
3. To discuss the syllabus of MA in details
4. Any other matter if required.
5. Vote of Thanks by the HOD

  
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**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> BOS MEETING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL  
SCIENCE**

**Date: 22.11.2022**

**Time: 11AM**

**Members Present**

**Dr. Subhrajit Konwer**

(Associate Professor, Gauhati University)



**Prof. (Dr) Surajit Chandra Mukhopadhyay**

(Professor and Dean, RSHSS)

**Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky**

(Assistant Professor)



**Dr. Y Monojit Singha**

(Assistant Professor)



**Dr. Banasmita Sarma**

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**Ms. Mouchumi Kalita**

(Assistant Professor)



**Mr. Rhitwique Dutta**


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**Ms. Birina Borthakur**

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The meeting started at 11:05 AM, Dr. Dhiraj immediately set out the agenda for the meeting where he mentioned that only basic contents of BA syllabus was supposed to be discussed. Also, according to him it was desirable to cover at least four semesters. It was also mentioned that the discussion was to be held keeping in mind "the spirit of New Education Policy". Also, discussion pertaining to the structure of syllabus was left for a later date.

### **BA First Semester**

Firstly, the **BA in Political Science** program was taken up for discussion and the first paper **Nationalism in India** was discussed. Dr. Subhrajit Konwer started by asking how much similarities the syllabus followed by department of Political Science had with that followed by Delhi University. The answer provided by Dr. Dhiraj was that it had about 50 percent similarity clarifying later on that only the structure of syllabus has been borrowed from Delhi University. In the first paper, all of the members agreed that there were too many 'schools' which needed to be removed as it seemed more like a PG syllabus as stated by Dr. Subhrajit.

Prof. Surajit mentioned that some of the elements of this paper needed to be shifted for the master's program and more emphasis should be given on starting the particular paper by thinkers. It was decided that there should be various approaches and the idea was to keep everything open. A discussion was held to remove Cambridge, Marxist and Subaltern schools from the syllabus. Also, a discussion was held on ethnicity and nationalism, the importance of these areas was detailed. Prof. Surajit mentioned that is important to understand the concept of nationalism and its impact on policies. After Unit 1, discussion moved to the second unit, here it was mentioned that revolutionaries were missing out. It was also decided that socialist alternatives must be removed and keeping Khilafat movement intact. However, it was also decided that Bose, Quit India Movement and Anushilan Samiti must be included in the syllabus. Also, Bhagat Singh must be included in the syllabus and difference between moderates and extremist must be broken down. In the social movements, Quit India should be added and book by Randhir Singh must be a compulsory reading.

In social movements concepts like Gramdaan and Bhoodaan movement should also be included. The idea was to put everything in perspective, including social movements in politics. The importance of Poona Pact was reiterated by the senior members. In the fourth unit the peasant movement was to be removed and Tebhaga was to be included (Gandhian Legacy). Then the discussion moved into another paper that is **Understanding Political Theory** where it was decided that three subunits must be kept. Firstly, it was decided that understanding what is political theory was most vital. Also, it should be followed by Greek and Roman political thought. Further, it must be followed by the debate regarding decline of political theory which has a huge significance as pointed out by senior board members. Also, the word 'historical' must be removed. The unit's name of 'introduction to democracy' must be changed to 'democracy and the state', here the importance of state was thoroughly discussed in understanding democracy. Also, Prof. Surajit mentioned that justice must be studied in relation with the state. He also emphasized how important it is to study sovereignty and the state. The

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later unit was to be models of democracy where there would be parliamentary and presidential model followed by different forms of representative democracy. Prof. Surajit also mentioned that students limit themselves in studying the form of presidential model that is followed in USA (on which a significant discussion was held).

It was ultimately decided that US model of presidential system must be studied with that of France and India's parliamentary system must be studied with that of Germany. After, this the unit was to include models of electoral process and separation of powers & checks and balances. The third paper that is **Constitutional Democracy and Government in India** should be more focused on understanding what is federation as decided by the board members. Also, it was important to understand why the concept of federalism emerged. It was also decided to include Centre-state relations.

### **BA Second Semester**

The 1<sup>st</sup> paper **Select Political System** was accepted as it was.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paper **Political Theory: Concepts and Debates** many changes were suggested. It has been suggested to change the heading of the Units as well as some of the sub-themes have been reframed.

In the next paper, **Political Processes in India** several changes have been suggested. The sub-themes of the 1<sup>st</sup> unit have been reframed. Different phases of the evolution of the Indian party system along with a subtheme on coalition politics in India have been incorporated. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit under the sub-theme separatist movements in India, Khalistan and NSCN have been included. In the unit 3 issues like caste in Indian politics, Mandal Commission and Dalit Movement in India have been introduced. Under 4<sup>th</sup> unit, concept of secularism and its debates with special reference to Uniform Civil Code, constitutional provisions regarding protection of rights of minorities have been incorporated.

### **BA Third Semester**

In the paper **Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics** it was decided to include nature and scope of comparative politics. It was to be followed by growth of comparative politics—traditional and behavioral approaches. Also, communism was to be replaced by socialism. The third unit must focus on concepts in comparative politics that includes political socialization and culture, political development and political communication. Here, Prof. Surajit also mentioned that comparative government is not only limited to constitution but goes much beyond and includes concepts like dependency theories. The fourth unit must deal with pressure groups including meaning and nature, trade unions and student unions.

In the next paper **Theories of Administration**, the entire paper has been reframed and some of the core changes are like- 'what is public in Public Administration', Kautilya and statecraft, Gandhi's ideas on Swaraj and self-administration, concept of e-governance with special reference to UIDAI and UPI.

In the next paper **Feminism Theory and Practice**, the entire content of unit 3 has been shifted to unit 2. Rosa Luxemburg has been included as one of the feminist thinkers. Unit 3 has been renamed as 'Gender and Politics' which includes sub themes like women as political leader, gender budgeting and gender and environment.

In the next paper **Theories of International Relations and World History** major changes have been suggested. In unit 1, the concept of International Relation, Westphalia world, emergence of International Relation and League of Nations are introduced. Unit 3 covers the issues on emergence of the modern state system like empire system as well as causes and consequences of World War-I and World War-II. Apart from that, unit 4 includes the post-Cold War Era-Cold War: Growth of Institutions and Phases, End of the Cold War and fluid international order i.e. the present world order.

In the BOS meeting the Board members have decided to introduce a new paper on Politics in North-East India.

All the suggestions and modifications have been accepted and necessary modifications and changes will be made in the syllabus within a week.


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# AGENDA

## Agenda for BOS Meeting in the Department of Political Science 06/04/2023

1. Welcoming the members of the BOS for the meeting
2. To discuss the syllabus of BA in line with the NEP.
3. To discuss the syllabus of MA in details
4. To introduce topics that are in tune with the present socio-economic of the country and the world.
5. To discuss the possibility of introducing new courses.
6. Any other matter if required.
7. Vote of Thanks by the HOD

  
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Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting in the Department of Political Science

held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Time: 11:00 AM- 1:30 PM

Members Present

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**Dr. Barasa Deka**

(Assitant Professor, Gauhati University)



**Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky**

(Assistant Professor)



**Dr. Y Monojit Singha**

(Assistant Professor)



**Dr. Banasmita Sarma**

(Assistant Professor)



**Dr. Nilmi Konwar**

(Assistant Professor)



**Mr. Rhitwique Dutta**

(Assistant Professor)



**Ms. Birina Borthakur**

(Teaching Assistant)



  
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(Teaching Assistant)

- It was decided to look at 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester syllabus of BA Political Science and Administrative Services.
- Dr. Dhiraj mentioned that the syllabus was prepared keeping in mind the spirit of NEP.

### **BA Political Science**

- It was decided that the structure be made more detailed.
- Suggestions were made on monitoring internships.
- For the 5<sup>th</sup> semester syllabus, it was suggested that Indian Political Thought-I should not be an elective subject.
- It was suggested that the name of Dilemmas in Politics paper should be changed to Contemporary Debates in Politics.
- For the 6<sup>th</sup> semester it was decided that SEC Film Studies must be removed.
- Indian Political Thought-II was also suggested to be made a core subject.
- The name of the paper Feminism and Indian Politics was suggested to be changed to Feminism in India.

### **5<sup>th</sup> semester**

- For the paper titled – Public Policy and Administration in India, the following changes were suggested.
- It was suggested to have range of sub-topics, bifurcation into more sub-topics was decided. Models was to come at number 2 in the first unit.
- Approaches in 3<sup>rd</sup> unit was decided to come before Budget Cycle.
- Public Service Delivery was decided to be removed.
- It was decided to specify RTI and E- Governance.
- In the 4<sup>th</sup> unit, Concepts and Approaches are decided to be removed and only Social Welfare Schemes in India to be kept in title.
- RTE, NRHM and MNREGA were decided to be kept.
- It was suggested that in references page numbers should be specified.
- In the paper titled Global Politics, a name change was decided on Understanding Globalization/Globalization and State Sovereignty in the sub units.
- It was suggested that on Unit 2 Bretton Woods should be used as an umbrella term that would include IMF, World Bank.
- It was decided that Global Social Movements and NGOs must be kept and Greenpeace and Amnesty must be included.

  
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- Unit 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> were termed as overlapping 1- Climate Change Implications 2- Refugees and Migration: issues and Debates 3- Global Terrorism, all others were decided to be removed.
- Unit 4<sup>th</sup> topic should be Global Shifts and Institutions of Governance 1- Contemporary Global Order and declining US hegemony 2- Rise and Growth of India and China 3- G-7 and G-20 4- BRICS and BIMSTEC.
- In Indian Political Thought-I, topic of the first sub unit is deemed long, Unit 3 could be also broken in two units as decided, keeping Gandhi, Ambedkar and Savarkar was decided. Removing 3<sup>rd</sup> sub-topic from Unit 1 was decided.
- Topic of Unit was to be Ancient Indian Political Thought, Manu was decided to be removed from Unit 2.
- Raja Ram Mohan Roy was to be in Unit 2 and Tilak was decided to be removed.
- Democratic Socialism of Lohia should be kept intact.
- In Understanding South Asia paper, Region was decided to be removed and periods of History and Colonial legacies were suggested to be reduced. Unit 2 topic was suggested to be Politics and Governance in South Asia. 1- Pakistan 2- Nepal 3- Bangladesh 4 Sri-Lanka.
- Topic of the paper was decided to be changed to Politics in South Asia.
- Unit 3- 1- Religion, Pakistan 2- Ethnicity, Sri-Lanka, 3- Language, Bangladesh
- Unit 4 Challenges in South Asia- topic was to be renamed. 1- Regional cooperation 2- Human Security and Development in South Asia 3- Terrorism.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Semester

- Western Political Philosophy I should be the name change as suggested.
- Unit 1- Text and context 2- Problems of interpretation 3- language should be removed as decided.
- Unit 2- Greek Political Philosophy, remove Philosophy and politics
- It was decided to remove slavery and revolution from Aristotle.
- Unit 3 Machiavelli. Renaissance and the Prince to be kept.
- Unit 4 Hobbes- it was decided that Human nature, social contract, and state should be kept and heading changed to contractualist tradition.
- Locke- it was decided that natural rights, limited government, and private property to be kept.
- Rousseau- general will and social contract to be kept as suggested.
- Modern Political Philosophy II- Modern was to be replaced by Western as suggested.
- Unit 1 Topic – Utilitarianism 1- Bentham, Utilitarianism, and the State. 2- Mill- liberty and representative government
- Unit 2- Marx, historical materialism 2- Class Struggle
- Unit 4- removing of 2<sup>nd</sup> sub unit was suggested.
- In India's Foreign Policy paper, it was suggested that topic should be India's Relations with Major Powers. Sub Units 1- India-USA 2. India-Russia and 3. India-China.
- Unit 3 should be India's Neighborhood Policy as suggested.
- Unit 4 heading should be India's Approach to Multilateralism as decided. Sub Units- 1. India and G20, 2- Act-East Policy and 3- QUAD

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- In Feminism paper significant changes were suggested. Unit 2 was to be renamed Feminism and Nationalist movements. Women's participation in anti-colonial struggle was to be kept.
- In first unit Women and Social Reform Movements was suggested to be included along with Pandita Ramabai.
- Unit 3 topic was suggested to be revisited- feminism in post-independent India. 1. Women's Movement and Issues of culture, caste, religion, violence, and health were suggested. 2- LGBTQA+.
- 4<sup>th</sup> unit was suggested to be issue of reservation and women in India, bill was to be removed. 3 suggestion was to include gender issues in north-east India, conflict, and politics.

  
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## Action Taken Report

The action taken report

1. Necessary changes have been made to the BA Syllabus of Political Science as suggested by the BOS.
2. The new syllabus with the necessary changes have been approved by the Department and will be sent to the Academic Council for its approval.

  
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