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Minutes of the Course Revision Workshop and 6th meeting of the Board of Studies, DOPC, held on Tuesday, May ~~09~~¹⁰, 2016

A Course Revision Workshop and a Meeting of the Board of Studies (BOS) of the Department of Philosophy & Culture (DOPC) were organized on Tuesday, May 09, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FOHSS). The Workshop began at 10 am and continued up to 4 pm. The Meeting of BOS started at 5 pm and continued up to 9pm. The following members were present:

1. Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Assoc. Prof., DOLL, I/C Dean FOHSS (Ex-officio Chairperson)
2. Dr. Varun K. Tripathi, Assoc. Prof. & Director, DOPC (Ex-officio Vice-chairperson)
3. Dr. Anil K. Tewari, Asst. Prof., DOPC, Member Ex-officio
4. Mr. Sumanta S. Sharma, Asst. Prof., DOPC, Member Ex-officio
5. Dr. Ashoka K. Tarai, Asst. Prof., DOPC, Member Ex-officio
6. Dr. M. M. Chaturvedi, Asst. Prof., DOPC, Member Ex-officio
7. Prof. Ashok Vohra, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, Member Expert
8. Prof. Ambika Datt Sharma, Department of Philosophy, Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar, Member Expert

First Session: Workshop on the Revision of Courses of the Department

All the existing courses of the Department were revised and classified. The revisions are documented in **Annexure A** (Courses for Pre-PhD Course Work), **Annexure B** (Courses for MA Philosophy program), and **Annexure C** (Courses for the programs of other Departments).

Second Session: 6th Meeting of the BOS

The following are the agenda-wise discussions and recommendations in the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 6.1: Review of Courses

6.1.1 Review of Pre-PhD Courses (Ref. Annexure A):

- (a) The title of the course "Research Methodology" (PCL 8018) is changed to "Research Methodology in Philosophy" (PCL 8018).
- (b) The title of the course "Thought, Language and Reality (Indian)" (PCE 8104) is changed to "Indian Theories of Language and Reality" (PCE 8104).
- (c) The title of the course "Thought, Language and Reality (Western)" (PCE 8105) is changed to "Western Theories of Language and Reality" (PCE 8105).
- (d) The title of the course "Methods of Analytical Reading" (PCE 8106) is changed to "Techniques of Critical Reading" (PCE 8106).

(e) The contents of all the courses are divided into three units: Unit I, Unit II, and Unit III.

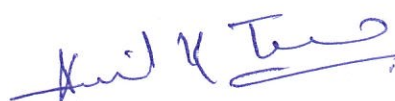
6.1.2 Review of MA (Philosophy) Courses (Ref. Annexure B):

- (a) The contents of all the courses are suitably revised and divided into three units: Unit I, Unit II, and Unit III.
- (b) The course codes are developed and assigned as per the existing schema of coding.
- (c) The L-T-P structure of all the courses is changed from 3-1-0 to 4-0-0 due to the theoretical nature of the philosophy discipline.
- (d) Titles of some courses are changed to suit the revised contents.
- (e) The title of the course "Modern Indian Thought" (PPCL 206P) is changed to "Contemporary Indian Philosophy" (PCL 7015).
- (f) The title of the course "Recent Western Metaphysics" (PPCL 207P) is changed to "Recent Trend in Western Metaphysics" (PCL 7024).
- (g) The title of the course "Virtue Ethics: Classical" (PPCE 111P) is changed to "Classical Virtue Ethics" (PCE 6064).
- (h) The title of the course "Ethics in Early Buddhism" (PPCE 115P) is changed to "Buddhist Ethics" (PCE 6065).
- (i) The title of the course "Comparative Religion" (PPCE 211P) is changed to "Comparative Study of World Religions" (PCE 7092).
- (j) The title of the course "Navya-Nyaya" (PPCE 215P) is changed to "Navya Nyāya Theory of Language and Analysis" (PCE 7103).
- (k) The title of the course "Virtue Ethics: Contemporary" (PPCE 220P) is changed to Contemporary Virtue Ethics (PCE 7066).
- (l) The title of the course "The Philosophy of Tantra" (PPCE 221P) is changed to "Kāśmīra Śaiva Philosophy" (PCE 7116).
- (m) The title of the course "Philosophical Approach to Gandhi's Ideas" (PPCE 222P) is changed to "Issues in Gandhian Thought" (PCE 7076).
- (n) The course "Asian Philosophy" (PPCE 223P) is removed due its less utility and overlapping with other course. For the same reason, "Philosophy of Saivism" (PPCE 224P) is also removed.
- (o) The general course "Applied Ethics" (PPCE 225P) is replaced by a more specific and relevant course "Environmental Ethics" (PCE 7134).
- (p) The course titled "Vedanta: Nimbarka, Vallabha And Chaitanya" (PPCE 214P) is removed due to its limited scope.

6.1.3 Review of the Courses offered for the other Departments/School (Ref. Annexure C):

- (a) The contents of all the courses are suitably revised and divided into three units: Unit I, Unit II, and Unit III.
- (b) The title of the course "Introduction to Human Rights and Values" (PCE 3037) is changed to "Introduction to Human Rights" (PCE 3037).
- (c) The course "Science, Technology and Society" (PCE 3143) is removed.

Agenda Item No. 6.2: Introduction of New Courses



6.2.1 Introduction of a new Elective Course with title "Philosophy of Art"

The Board unanimously approved and recommended the introduction of elective course titled "Philosophy of Art" (PCE 3081) for the benefit of interested students particularly of Architecture branch.

6.2.2 Introduction of a Non-credit Audit Course for all regular students except PhD

The DOPC was asked to design a course on value education by the authorities of the University. In pursuance of this desire, the Board approved and recommended a course with title "Discourse on Human Virtues" (PCN 1067) with 1-0-0 structure as non-credit course. It is to be offered to all regular students, except PhD students, of the University as audit course.

6.3 Differential Treatment of Fees for MA (Philosophy) and PhD

The members opined that the fee structure of SMVDU for philosophy program is high in comparison to other institutions. Given the limited scope of employment in philosophy discipline, it is really difficult to attract students at this level of fee. The Board therefore recommended a differential fee structure for philosophy programs.

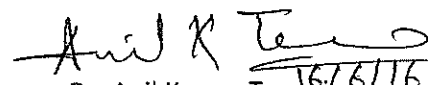
6.4 The List of Recognized/Indexing Journals

The members suggested that there should be an additional list of journals apart from the indexed ones for the publication requirements of thesis submissions, because there is scarcity of Indian journals/journals related to Indian Philosophy indexed internationally. Even the Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR), the leading journal of philosophy in India (now undertaken by Springer) is not listed on Web of Science, Philosophers' Index etc. Therefore the Board recommended the following list of journals to be adopted for the purpose (till any viable alternative) in addition to the accepted list of index:

1. Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (English)
2. Brahmavidya: The Adyar Library Bulletin (English)
3. Indian Philosophical Quarterly (English)
4. Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy (English)
5. Suvidya: Journal of Philosophy and Religion (English)
6. Paramarsh (Hindi)
7. Sandarshan (bilingual)
8. Samaj, Dharm evam Darshan (Hindi)
9. Darshanik Traimasik (Hindi)
10. Unmilan (Hindi)

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Varun K. Tripathi, HoD, DOPC.

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