

BOS

**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The BOS for SCAS/SIS was held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 10 AM in the Conference Hall of the administrative block.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. (Dr). Sanjay Kumar Jha
2. Prof.(Dr.) Rumki Basu
3. Dr. Bawa Singh
4. Dr. Sudheer Singh Verma
5. Dr. Nishtha Kaushiki
6. Dr. Sumedha Dutta

The Agenda items were as follows:

1. To discuss and approve the syllabus of the following courses for 2020 intake:
  - a. M.A. Political Science
  - b. Ph.D. in South and Central Asian Studies
2. To discuss eligibility criteria for PhD Programme

The Committee members have approved

1. Syllabus for M.A. Political Science for 2020-22 session with the following minor changes:
  - a. POL. 504 (VAC) to be changed to Conflict and Ethics and Modules to be changed accordingly as suggested  
Unit 1: Definition, Nature and Types of Conflicts  
Unit 2: Philosophical and Legal Aspects of ethics and conflicts  
Unit 3: Armed Conflicts in the Contemporary International System
  - b. POL. 505 (VAC) to be changed to Ethics and Governance.
2. Syllabus of Ph.D. Political Science for 2020-22 with the changes which are as follows:
  - a. Eligibility criteria of the PhD Programme being offered should be in accordance with the 2016 UGC Guidelines. In this context, the minimum percentage required is 55% for General and 50% for SC/ST/OBC

Further recommendations of the BOS are as follows:

1. To develop the critical thinking and writing skills, the evaluation pattern of the M.A. Programme should be having 50% weightage to be as follows:
  - a. 20 Marks 1 essay question
  - b. 10 Marks 2 questions
  - c. 5 Marks 2 questions as short notes

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29.2.2020

*Prof. (Dr.) Rumki Basu*  
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*Dr. Bawa Singh*  
29/02/2020

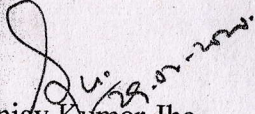
*Dr. Sudheer Singh Verma*  
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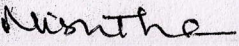
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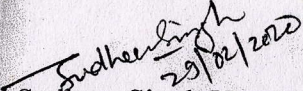


3. The nomenclature of the Department of SCAS should be changed to the Department of Politics and International Relations to increase the employability of the passing out students
4. The nomenclature of the PhD programme should be changed as follows:
  - Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations.
5. The nomenclature of the current Department does not reflect the on-going course structure of M.A. Political Science Programme. To resolve the issue, the following additional M.A. Programme should be started from 2021:
  - M.A. in Politics and International Relations
6. The BOS authorizes the SCAS, depending upon the specialisation of the existing faculty, to decide upon the identification of the broader eligibility for the upcoming PhD Programme.
7. The members recommended to change course code of PhD from SCA... to PIR.....
8. The external experts informally interacted with the students of M.A. Political Science and visited the classroom of SCAS. For the work, the SCAS has been doing and the efforts put in given the space and infrastructure constraints, the experts commended the work of the faculty with respect to the quality of the syllabus and the student feedback.

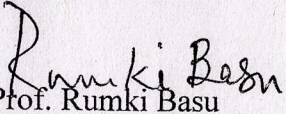
  
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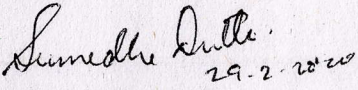
  
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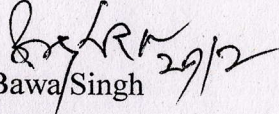
  
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