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❖ **Minutes and/or Resolutions of Board of Studies meetings held in the last five years for:**

• **Department of Public Policy**

Programme/s: 1. MA Public Policy

• **Summary**

Academic Year	Dates of BoS meetings	Revision in syllabus
2019-2020	05-10-2019	✘
2017-2018	15-03-2018	✓
2016-2017	14-12-2016	✘
2014-2015	04-12-2014	✓



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BOARD OF STUDIES

05th OCT. 2019

DESIGNATION	NAME	SIGNATURE
Chairperson	PROF. AGNELO MENEZES	
Exec. Chairperson	,, ,,	
Faculty member	NANDINI NAIK	
Faculty Member	DR. AWANISH KUMAR	
Subject Expert	PROF. R. RAMAKUMAR	
Subject Expert		
Student Member	Ms MANASVINI ABHYANKAR	
Student Member	MR. CHRISTY THARANYIL	



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Board of Studies, MPP, 5 October 2019

Members Present

Prof R Ramakumar

Dr Agnelo Menezes

Prof Nandini Naik

Dr Awanish Kumar

Manasvini Abhyankar (Student Member)

Christy Tharanyil (Student Member)

Dr Agnelo Menezes welcomed all the members to the meeting and introduced the agenda to everyone.

Dr Awanish Kumar presented the course structures for the newly revamped courses on Research Methodology and Economics for Public Policy. Prof R Ramakumar endorsed the idea of teaching RM spread over two semesters. He further suggested that the module on probability be moved to the first semester along with survey methodology.

Prof Ramakumar endorsed the adaption of CORE textbook titled Economy, Society and Public Policy for teaching Economics to MPP students. This will again be spread over two semesters- second and third.


Dr Awanish Kumar reported about the field trip to Raipur. The trip provided the students with a unique opportunity to engage with policy making from below. The students interacted with a number of academics, activists at the 7th National Convention of the Right to Food Campaign. Prof. Nandini Naik organised the visit of the students to the office of the Nava Raipur Development Authority where the Chief Engineer along with his team of Urban Planners made a presentation to the students. The students were also taken to the Smart City Command centre to explain is working. On the students request they were also taken to see and understand the working of a membrane technology sewage treatment plant.

Manasvini Abhyankar seconded his report and added that it was a useful contrast to visit the campaign meeting along with Naya Raipur.

Christy Tharanyil requested that the internships be reflected in the marksheets. Everyone agreed that this be done without impacting the overall CGPA.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY

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BOARD OF STUDIES (2017-18) DATE: 15th MARCH, 2018

DESIGNATION	NAME	SIGNATURE
CHAIRPERSON	DR. AGNELO MENEZES	
EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON	"	
FACULTY MEMBER	MS. NANDINI NAIK	
FACULTY MEMBER	MR. AWANISH KUMAR	
SUBJECT EXPERT	PROF. R. RAM KUMAR	
SUBJECT EXPERT	PROF. SUDHA MOHAN	
INDUSTRY EXPERT	MR. SUDHIR KUMAR THA	
INDUSTRY EXPERT	MR. GAURAV GUPTA	
STUDENT MEMBER	MR. SANKALP SINGH CHAUDHAN	
STUDENT MEMBER	MS. ISHITA PAIL	



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Board of Studies, MPP, 15 March 2018

Members Present

Mr Sudhir Kumar Jha
Prof Sudha Mohan
Prof Agnelo Menezes
Prof Nandini Naik
Prof Awanish Kumar
Ishita Patil (Student Member)
Sankalp Singh (Student Member)

Sudhir Kumar Jha suggested that we must be able to integrate impact analysis of policies, and recommendations into the course. A possible way could be to introduce a course on Program evaluation and impact assessment. Prof Mohan and Awanish Kumar supported the suggestion.

Sankalp Singh suggested that we need a bridge course on economics and statistics. The bridge course will be compulsory but non-credited. There will be an entry-level exam.

Ishita Patil suggested that statistics course be introduced in the first semester.

Sankalp Singh: two Law course, one basic and another related to policy making.

S K Jha: not only constitutional law but also a focus on policy orientation. Genesis of law and its interaction with other sectors.

Sudha Mohan: currently the law course has a very organisational approach.

Ishita Patil: the CIAs should be diverse in a given semester, more primary study oriented.

The new course structure arrived at through consensus is as follows:

FIRST SEMESTER

TWO BRIDGE COURSES ON BASIC ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS


1. Public Policy Analysis (NN)
2. Ethics and Redistribution (TM)
3. Public Economics (AM+AK)
4. Research Methods in Public Policy (AK)

SECOND SEMESTER

1. Law and Public Policy (KD)
2. Foreign Policy (NN)
3. Environment Policy (optional) (NN)



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4. Gender Policy (optional) (NN)
5. Health Policy (optional) (AK)

THIRD SEMESTER

1. Development and Public Policy: Theories and Experiences (AK)
2. Project Planning and Evaluation (AK)
3. Rural Policy (optional) (AK)
4. Urban Policy (optional) (NN)
5. Media Policy (optional) (NN)

FOURTH SEMESTER

1. International Economics (AM)
2. Dissertation (AK)
3. Corporate Governance(optional) (???)
4. Globalisation and Labour (optional) (AK)
5. Education Policy (optional) (AK)





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BOARD OF STUDIES (2016-17)		DATE: 14 DEC, 2016
DESIGNATION	NAME	SIGNATURE
CHAIRPERSON	DR. AGNELO MENEZES	
EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON	DR. ARUN DE SOUZA	
FACULTY MEMBER	MS. NANDINI NAIK	
FACULTY MEMBER	MR. AWANISH KUMAR	
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INDUSTRY EXPERT	MR. SUDHIR KUMAR JHA	
INDUSTRY EXPERT	MR. GAURAV GUPTA	
STUDENT MEMBER	MS. SAKINA DHORAJIWALA	
STUDENT MEMBER	MR. SANKALP SINGH CHADHAN	



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Department of Public Policy

Board of Studies(Minutes)

Date: 14th December 2016, 3 PM.Venue: Principal's Office

Members:

1. Dr. Agnelo Menezes (Chairperson& Principal)
2. Dr. (Fr.) Arun de Souza (Head of Department)
3. Prof. R Ramakumar (Subject Expert)
4. Prof Sudha Mohan (Subject Expert)- Absent
5. Mr S K Jha (Industry Expert)
6. Mr Gaurav Gupta (Industry Expert)- Absent
7. Ms. Nandini Naik (Faculty member)
8. Mr. Awanish Kumar (Faculty member)
9. Ms. Sakina Dhorajiwala (Student Representative)
10. Mr. Sankalp Singh (Student Representative)

The following members were present for the meeting: Dr. Agnelo Menezes, Dr. (Fr) Arun de Souza, Prof. R. Ramakumar, Mr. S. K. Jha, Ms. Nandini Naik, Mr. Awanish Kumar, Ms. Sakina Dhorajiwala& Mr. Sankalp Singh. The following members had excused themselves for personal reasons: Prof. Sudha Mohan & Mr. Gaurav Gupta.

Agenda:

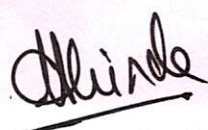
1. Re-ratification of the syllabus for Master in Public Policy (MPP).
2. Suggestions on the course content for MPP.

Mr. Jha proposed the resolution for re-ratification of the syllabus and Dr. Ramakumar seconded the proposal. A resolution passing the syllabus was passed unanimously.

The meeting then decided to take a relook at every course of the MPP program one by one.



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1. Public Policy Analysis: A suggestion to start a policy discussion group among students was given by student representatives. Prof Ramakumar suggested that works of Atul Kohli and Vivek Chibber could be included in the paper.
2. Politics of Redistribution: Prof Ramakumar suggested the inclusion of Amartya Sen's writings on social exclusion.
3. Economics for Public Policy: A discussion on public finance and budgetary analysis could be included in the course. As students from non-economics background face a problem, a mentor-mentee approach can be introduced.
4. Research Methodology-1: Ms Sakina suggested that the research methodology course should be shifted from the first semester to the second semester of the programme. However, Prof Ramakumar said that a course on RM was essential for writing a research proposal. The Board suggested that the department take a final decision on this matter before the start of the next academic session.
5. Research Methodology-2: The course should focus more on the applied component and not only on working of formulae.
6. Law and Public Policy: Mr Jha suggested that case study method should be employed in the course. Jurisprudence should also be a part of the course.
7. Environment and Public Policy: Ms Sakina suggested that climate change could be emphasized more in the course.
8. Gender and Public Policy: No comments.
9. Health Policy: Mr Jha suggested an emphasis on community health in the course including some field visits.
10. Development and Public Policy: Ms Sakina suggested that the development policy course should be shifted from the third semester to the first semester. The Board was in favour of this change. The dept. would have a look to see how this could be done.

After some discussion, it was decided that the following can be tried out in the academic session beginning June 2017:

Development and Public Policy: shifted from 3rd to 1st semester

RM-1 and 2 to be taught in the 2nd semester

Law and Public Policy be shifted to 3rd semester

11. Ethics and Public Policy: Arun mentioned that it was difficult to get qualified teachers for this course. He had contacted a person who might be available in the coming year. Awanish





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suggested the name of Dr Tarun Menon (TISS) as an instructor for the course. Ms Sakina suggested the inclusion of more thinkers/philosophy in the content.


12. Urban Planning Policy: Ms Sakina suggested more guest lectures for the course.
13. Rural Planning Policy: Initially, it was suggested that the entire course be run in-situ in a rural setting. However, Board members felt that this could result in lowering of quality and theoretical rigour. Finally it was decided that the Rural fieldwork component could be extended to 7-10 days as part of the course.
14. Media and Public Policy: Prof Ramakumar suggested the inclusion of the works of Robin Jeffrey.
15. International Economics and Public Policy: No comments.
16. Microfinance Policy: Microfinance could be included in the Rural Planning Policy course.
17. Foreign Policy: No comments.
18. Awanish Kumar proposed two courses: a course on social and political theory and another course as a replacement for Microfinance policy, namely, Education policy. The course should ensure that no overlaps with the course on "The Politics of Redistribution." The Board suggested that an experimental course be run before the final syllabus is confirmed by the Board.

Secretary: Ms. Nandini Naik

Chair: Dr. Arun de Souza



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BOARD OF STUDIES RESOLUTION

The following courses have been conducted for the last three academic years (2016 – 2015, 2015 – 2014, 2014 – 2013).

Semester I:

MPPCC 1.01 – PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
MPPCC 1.02 – THE POLITICS OF REDISTRIBUTION: ISSUES OF INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION
MPPCC 1.03 – ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPCC 1.04 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY-I

Semester II:

MPPCC 2.01 – LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPCC 2.02 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY-II
MPPEC 2.03 – ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPEC 2.04 – GENDER AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPEC 2.05 – HEALTH POLICY

Semester III:


MPPCC 3.01 – DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPCC 3.02 – ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPEC 3.01 – URBAN AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPEC 3.02 – RURAL DEVELOPMENT
MPPEC 3.03 – MEDIA AND PUBLIC POLICY

Semester IV:

MPPCC 4.02 – INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY
MPPCC 4.03 – DISSERTATION WRITING
MPPEC 4.04 – MICRO FINANCE PUBLIC POLICY
MPPEC 4.05 – FOREIGN POLICY

So far they have been well appreciated and found to be relevant to the overall aims of the Public Policy Programme. It is thus resolved that they be revalidated for the subsequent years. It is recommended that the department and the teaching faculty continually work on these syllabi to make them more in tune with the needs of policy making in the contemporary era.


Dr. Arun de Souza, Head
Dept. of Public Policy


Prof R. Ramakumar, Dean
School of Development Studies, TISS Mumbai

Date: 14th Dec. 2016



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MINUTES OF
THE SECOND BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING FOR
MASTER IN PUBLIC POLICY

This meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) for MPP was convened on 6th December 2014 (from 2 pm) in the Board Room of the College.

The agenda of this meeting mainly focussed on discussing and ratifying the syllabus of 3rd Semester of the MPP course (of the academic year 2014 -15). This BoS also previewed the titles of the papers that were to be taught in the 4th Semester. It was decided to ratify the content of the 4th Semester's syllabus at the next BoS.

The following BoS Members were present at this meeting:


Dr. (Fr.) M. T. Joseph (Subject Expert), Dr. Julie Hudman (Subject Expert), Ms Shivancee Agarwal (Student Representative), Ms Mukta Gawde (Student Representative) and Dr. B. A. Menezes (Chairperson).

After the Minutes of the previous BoS was read and ratified, the following proposals were put forth at this meeting:

1. It was felt that the paper on 'Bureaucracy and Civil Society' (MPPCC 3.01) be clubbed with the paper on 'Dynamics of Public Policy' (MPPCC 1.02), as there exists close similarities between the two papers. The combined paper could be called 'Bureaucracy and Public Policy' and it should be taught in the 1st Semester itself. Hence, a new paper would have to be developed for MPPCC 3.01. The BoS recommended that this new paper should be prepared and presented at the next BoS meeting. This suggestion was accepted by all present.
2. The content of 'Ethics and Public Policy' (MPPCC 3.02) was appreciated by all. However, it was suggested by the Student Representatives that some amount of contact with reality be included in the course so as to reduce its abstract nature. It was suggested that the CIA 2 assignment be geared towards such an orientation. The CIA proposal was immediately accepted by all.
3. It was recommended that the elective paper 'Urban Planning and Public Policy' (MPPEC 3.01) include urban planning in the first module itself, so as to acquaint students with the way in which urban spaces have emerged globally as well as nationally. It was suggested that a sub-module on Urban Poverty be introduced to engage students with this major urban issue. In the sub-module 'Current Issues' it was proposed that some of India's planned cities be analysed as case studies. Finally, the inclusion of readings by Saskia Sassen and Manuel Castells was suggested. All these suggestions were accepted by all.



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4. It was recommended that the elective paper on 'Rural Planning and Public Policy' (MPPEC 3.02) be totally revamped and made compatible with the current Indian agrarian scenario, in the light of neo-liberal policies. It was proposed that the status of rural jobs, new migration patterns and recent financial developments be stressed in this course. It was also suggested that the revamping of this paper be undertaken with guidance from Fr. Arun DeSouza SJ. All these suggestions were accepted by all.
5. The elective paper on 'Media and Public Policy' (MPPEC 3.03) was appreciated by all. The paper's content was also commended. However, it was recommended that the paper include a critique of the social media as well as engage with the alternate media. These recommendations were welcomed by all.
6. The Chairperson listed the various internships undertaken by the students. A brief report on the outcomes of the internships was also made. The Student Representatives spoke about the gains from the internships. It was strongly recommended that all internships be undertaken only with institutions that either ideate / critique public policies and / or are involved directly with public policy implementation or monitoring.
7. The titles of the papers for the 4th Semester were shared with the BoS: Social Protection and Public Policy (MPPCC 4.01), International Economics and Public Policy (MPPCC 4.02), Foreign Policy (MPPEC 4.01), Micro-Finance Policy (MPPEC 4.02) and a Dissertation paper. The BoS recommended that the Dissertation should be made compulsory for all students in the 4th Semester. The BoS also proposed that only senior faculty be involved in supervising the research work of the students and in conducting the viva. The recommendations vis-à-vis the dissertation were approved by all.
8. The BoS finally ratified the syllabus of the 3rd Semester of the MPP
9. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all those present by the Chairperson.

Dr. B.A. Menezes
Chairperson



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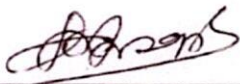
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Saturday, 6th December, 2014

RESOLUTION
(Board of Studies – Master in Public Policy)

The Subject Board for Master in Public Policy for St. Xavier's College - Autonomous, Mumbai, hereby approves the following syllabi for the Third Semester (July – December 2014):

**MPCC 3.01; MPCC 3.02; MPEC 3.01; MPEC 3.02;
MPEC 3.03;**

1. 
(Dr. (Fr.) M.T. Joseph – Subject Expert)

2. 
(Dr. J. Hudman – Subject Expert)

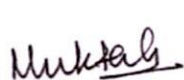
3. _____
(Dr. (Fr.) F. Mascarenhas - Subject Expert)

4. _____
(Dr. V. Amonkar – Senior Teacher)

5. _____
(Dr. P. Shah - Professional)

6. _____
(Ms. M. Kripalani - Professional)

7. 
(Ms. S. Agarwal – Student Rep.)

8. 
(Ms. M. Gawde – Student Rep.)

9. 
(Dr. B. A. Menezes - Chairperson)

