

**Department of Policy & Management Studies
TERI School of Advanced Studies**

Agenda for Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting

Date: 13 January 2023

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Venue: Seminar Hall, TERI SAS

A Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the Department of Policy & Management Studies (DoPMS) was conducted on 13 January 2023 from 11.00 am –1:00 PM.

Following BoS members were present in the meeting:

External Members

Prof. Avanish Kumar, *Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon*
Prof. Meeta Keswani Mehra, *Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi*

Internal Members

Dr. Sukanya Das (Chairperson)
Dr. Smriti Das
Dr. Kavita Sardana
Dr. Shruti Sharma Rana (Absent)
Dr. Shantanu De Roy (Absent)
Dr. Swarup Dutta (for Dr. Shantanu Dey Roy, Secretary)

Special Invitee

Dr. Gopal Sarangi
Dr. L. N. Venkataraman
Dr. Chandan Kumar

Agenda

1. Review of the revised courses aligning with the revised structure of the MSc-Economics
2. Review the interim programme structure and the courses of MA-SDP Programme for BoS approval.
3. Any other issue as per the consideration of the Chairperson.

Minutes

The BoS Chairperson welcomed the BoS members, and Dr. Swarup Dutta in place of Dr. Shantanu De Roy moderated the meeting. The Programme Coordinator of MSc Programme, Dr. Kavita Sardana briefed the revised Programme Structure of the MSc-Economics program to BoS members.

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New course structure of Econometrics II was presented by Dr. Kavita. The course structure was approved by BoS members. –

- NO comments received from the members as all the members have agreed to go ahead with the proposed structure.

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The programme coordinator presented second and third semester programme outline.

- It was apprised that two new courses were to be offered in the second semester (Gender and Development-2 credits and Introduction to ESG- 2 credits), which could not be done due to some unavoidable circumstances. To accommodate this, an interim arrangement was made where a third semester course (MPD 161- 3 credits) would be offered in the second semester while the new courses would be shifted to the third semester. This would imply that the total credit for core courses in second semester would be 19 and the third semester would be 11. This arrangement would only be applicable for 2023.
- The revised outlines of the following courses of MA-SDP Programme were presented, and the BoS members made the following comments and suggestions -

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Dr. Swarup Dutta presented the course outline of the course titled “Integrated Impact Assessment” to the BoS members, and received the following comments & suggestions on the course:

- Practical aspects must be included in the course. Some of current cases pertaining to infrastructure projects, environmental disasters etc. could be included to make the course learnings interesting and relevant.

- Prof. Kumar added that it will be better for the students to get hands-on-training to conduct EIA as there are several urban infrastructure projects coming up. At the end, they must be capable of conducting EIA.
- The course coordinator needs to revisit the sequencing of the modules. As far the module-6 is concerned, two options were given. First, that it should come before rest of the modules. Second, that parts from here could be merged with existing modules.
- Since this is a very applied course, the practical/fieldwork duration could be increased so that the students can comprehensively work on any component.
- Module-7 Analytical tools for integrated impact assessment can be removed and instead the lecture hours can be added in the practical hours.
- The reading list must accommodate some of the recent literature on impact assessment.

State, Civil Society and Development

Dr. L. N. Venkatraman presented the course outline of the course titled “Discourses on Development” to the BoS members, and received the following comments & suggestions on the course:

- Prof. Kumar suggested reshuffling some of the elements. There are multiple kinds of civil society, that must be linked and elaborated fluently, so that students should not be confused.
- Prof. Kumar also suggested that as per the content of the course, it can be better titled as “State Development and Society.”
- Prof. Meeta queried if there is a scope to structure it in terms of Federal structure: National, provincial, local etc.
- Evaluation criteria must be modified, at least one of the evaluations must be a major one covering at least 50% of the course, which should include the entire modules of the course. Now, it has also become the part of NEP 2020. Both Prof. Kumar & Prof. Meeta reiterated.
- Dr. Smriti highlighted that the course must be seen in light of the revised MODO course that was orienting students to development organizations and built more on

principles of management, as suggested by the PRC. The current course is a new course, which is too theoretical and misses on essential management aspects.

- Dr. Gopal also reiterated the point of including management aspects of development organizations. This course is the output of merging two earlier courses, which must be justified considering the need of the SDP students. International civil society engagement can also be included.

Development Economics:

Dr. Gopal Sarangi presented the course outline of the course titled “Development Economics” to the BoS members, and received the following comments & suggestions on the course:

- Technology and Development aspects can be included.
- Convergence & Catch-up content can be added.
- Trade and development module can be omitted.
- Suggested readings can be reduced.
- Organizing and rationalizing the contents of the modules better since there were too many overlaps.

Population Health & Sustainable Development: Analytical Perspectives:

Dr. Chandan Kumar presented the course outline of the course titled “Population Health & Sustainable Development: Analytical Perspectives” to the BoS members, and received the following comments & suggestions on the course:

- Prof. Kumar suggested that the specific elements related to clinical epidemiology such as diagnosis and classification of diseases can be replaced by the elements of health and development aspects, such as out-of-pocket expenditure, etc.
- The issues related to mental health status can be included in the third module.

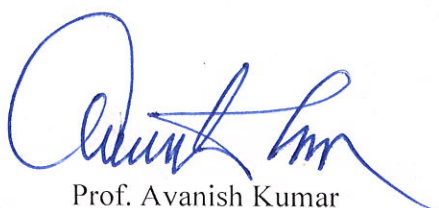
Minor Project:

The PC presented the outline of the “Minor Project” to the BoS members, and received the following comments & suggestions on the course:


- Number of hours must be rationalized.
- Role of Internal Supervisor must be clearly stated
- Follow the course outline of minor and major projects approved by the AC for other programmes.

Resolution: The revised course outlines to be offered in the second semester of MSc-Economics and MA-SDP, which were presented before the BoS, were approved by the BoS, with the suggested modifications to be presented before the Academic Council for further approval.

The BoS Chairperson concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks.



Prof. Avanish Kumar




Prof. Meeta Mehra



Dr. Sukanya Das



Dr. Kavita Sardana



Dr. Smriti Das



Dr. Swarup Dutta