

TERI School of Advanced Studies
Department of Policy Studies

Minutes of the Board of Studies Meeting

A meeting of Board of Studies (BoS) of Department of Policy Studies was held on 27th October 2017 at 11 am in the Media Room of the University.

Following members were present in the meeting:

Kanchan Chopra
V G Hegde
Avinash Kumar
Nandan Nawn.....Chairperson
Gopal Sarangi.....Secretary
Kavita Sardana
Soumendu Sarkar
M V Shiju
Ram Singh

M P Singh and Smriti Das were not present with prior intimation.

To facilitate the discussion the following faculty members were present in the meeting: Gaurav, Amrithnath Sreedevi Babu, Sukanya Das, Swarup Dutta, Shantanu De Roy, Seema Sangita and L N Venkataraman.

Agenda no 1. Recommendation to the Academic Council the outline of following courses

Agenda no 1a. Competition Law and Policy

Following changes were suggested;

- To incorporate case laws from similarly placed countries/other developing countries
- To modify modules considering differing intensities of competition as it occurs at different stages of infrastructure development such as (1) bidding stage (good); (2) contract stage (competitive); and (3) post contract/regulatory stage
- To shift Module II to the end module (may be after module IV)
- To include judicial interpretations and its impact on competition law
- To incorporate theory and concept in Module I
- To include institutional structure
- To make this course open to environmental law students
- To incorporate readings by Sandeep Varma for the initial few modules

Agenda no 1b. Water resources Law

Following changes were suggested;

- To incorporate readings by McAfee
- To include Hegde's paper in IGIL: Indus Water Paper (India and International Settlement and Disputes)
- To include river linking issues and associated legal dilemma around it

- To rethink about the questions on distribution of lecture hours and tutorials

Agenda no 1c. Hazardous Waste Law

Following changes were suggested;

- To include definition and concepts of 'hazardous waste' in the module I e.g. foundational questions such as what is hazardous waste and how it is distinguished from non-hazardous waste?
What kind of technology/institutional design is required for solid wastes?
- To incorporate SC's decision on Vandana Shiva – 1985 -2012, may be included

Agenda no 1d. Macroeconomic Theory

Following changes were suggested;

- To look at the consistency among the modules

Agenda no 1e. Labour Economics

Following changes were suggested;

- To emphasize the aspects of inequalities and discriminations in one/ a few modules
- To reexamine the current suggested reading list, suggested readings, in the current form, are more empirical and less conceptual
- To design assignments in the form of presentations that may include; 1) classic papers and 2) contemporary papers

Agenda no 1f. Public Policy Processes and Institutions

Following changes were suggested;

- To reduce the number of readings – may be grouped module wise
- To include papers on policy aspects
- To include cases on judicial activism

Agenda no 1g. Communities and Conservation

Following changes were suggested;

- FRA may be included in the reading list

Agenda no 1h. India- Major Policy Issues

Following changes were suggested;

- To link policies with programmes
- To include infrastructure – section specific
- Land acquisition issues may be included

Agenda no 1i. Water Science & Policy

Following changes were suggested;

- To change title to 'Water Management'

Agenda no 1j. Sustainable Consumption and Production in Cities

- Approved as it is

Agenda no 1k. Agriculture and rural development

Following changes were suggested;

- To change the evaluation criteria (50 % weightages may be given to both the components)
- To revise policy component related to agriculture
- To include more appropriate readings in the references list

Agenda no 1. Public Management

Following changes were suggested;

- To include more references in the list

ACTION TAKEN: Modified Course Outline, Syllabus and Readings were placed before the Academic Council in its 41st meeting held on 13th November, 2017. Some of the courses were approved in toto and some with slight modifications.

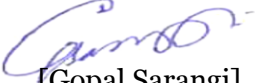
Agenda no 2. Recommendation to the Academic Council the structure of the following programme:

MSc in Economics (with specialization in Environment and Resource Economics)

Following suggestions were made;

- To make 'Research Methodology' course compulsory for all

ACTION TAKEN: Modified programme structure was placed before the Academic Council in its 41st meeting held on 13th November, 2017. 'In principle' approval to start the process for programme revision was given. In the next meeting of the BoS the full structure will be presented, before placing it to the Academic Council in its next meeting.


[Gopal Sarangi]
Secretary, BoS, DoPS