

Minutes of the first meeting of the BoS in History, Union Christian College Autonomous, Aluva on 02 April 2025 at 2.30 PM in the History Reading Room.

Agenda

1. Introductory remarks by the Chairman
2. Selection of Member Secretary
3. UG Syllabus (Minor if applicable)
4. PG Syllabus-Adaptation of new/ restructured scheme and syllabus for the academic year 2025-26 onwards.
5. Teaching Methodology (Teachers Specific content/Signature course/CCA methodology for each course)
6. Question bank preparation and External Examiners list for scrutiny
7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair (Add on courses, Certificate/Diploma etc)

Members Attended

1. Dr. Jeneer Peter, Chairperson
2. Dr. Sivadasan V, External Expert Member
3. Dr. Sheeba K. M. Member Nominated by VC
4. Dr. Kamakshy V, Member
5. Dr. John Thomas, Member
6. Dr. Abhilash Malayil, Member
7. Dr. Rajesh S V, Member
8. Mr. Joseph George, Member
9. Dr. Tintu K J, Member
10. Ms. Juby John, Member
11. Ms. Tresa Divya T J, Member
12. Dr. Twincy Varghese, Member Secretary
13. Dr. Hanu G Das, Member
14. Dr. Shela Mary Varghese, Member

Agenda Item No.1- Introductory Remarks by the Chairman: The Chairman of the BoS and Head of the Department of History Dr. Jeneer Peter made the introductory remarks.

Agenda Item No.2- Selection of Member Secretary: The Committee selected Dr. Twincy Varghese as the Member Secretary.

Agenda Item No.3- UG Syllabus (Minor if applicable): UG Syllabus was discussed and BoS approved the existing M G University Syllabus without any change. Course codes will change from MGU to UC. BoS Suggested incorporating major changes by the academic year 2026-27 in

order to make it more job oriented. Prof. Sivadas suggested designing a syllabus exploring the locality and local job opportunities, startups by the students and interdisciplinarity is essential to meet the need of the changing times. A preliminary study of the catchment area, resources, opportunities, and possible startups shall be made at the earliest to use it as a guideline for revising syllabus. Mr. Joseph George, industry representative, detailed on the job vacancies in the current job market and suggested to make the students confident and give special training at the end of the programme to enter the job market.

Agenda Item No.4- PG Syllabus-Adaptation of new/ restructured scheme and syllabus for the academic year 2025-26 onwards: The P G Syllabus was discussed in detail and BoS suggested changes to be incorporated and the revised syllabus was approved. Dr. Kamakshy suggested that courses with overlapping topics should be revised thoroughly. Dr. Sivadasan suggested revising courses to meet the changing AI scenario. A detailed workshop shall be organized and maximum number of elective papers to be provided in the PG Syllabus to cater to the student interests and employability requirements. BoS suggested internship for PG.

Dr. John Thomas and Dr. Abhilash Malayil reflected on the subject, and insisted core values and core competencies in Historical Studies should remain intact while incorporating job orientation. Dr. Abhilash Malayil and Dr. Tintu K J suggested that higher education should create discipline knowledge as well as employability in a balanced manner. Students should be oriented towards research. Mr. Joseph George suggested that syllabus shall remain subject oriented enriching the discipline but an up skilling process should be done at the end of the course to make the student placement ready.

After detailed discussion the BoS accepted a 20% change in the existing MG University M A History syllabus.

Agenda Item No.5- Teaching Methodology (Teachers Specific content/Signature course/CCA methodology for each course): Teacher Specific Content in courses under FYUGP was presented by Dr. Hanu G Das and Dr. Shela Mary Varghese and was approved by the BoS.

Agenda Item No.6- Question bank preparation and External Examiners list for scrutiny: Ms. Juby John presented the status of question bank preparation and external examiners for U G and PG. Dr. Kamakshy suggested increasing the number of external examiners as there are multiple jobs like question paper setting, scrutiny of the question paper and valuation.

Agenda Item No.7- Any other matter with the permission of the Chair (Add on courses, Certificate/Diploma etc)

1. Dr. Sivadas suggested introducing Add on courses to make the students' job ready. A discussion on Advanced Diploma in Archaeology and Museology three-year programme

currently run by the Department was initiated by HoD Dr. Jeneer Peter. BoS decided to make the course open to all UG students from 2025 admission onwards. Internships can be provided in association with other institutes and projects shall be made more interdisciplinary. All offered programs should have suitable credits.

2. **Internships and skill development** can be provided by the Department at three levels for history students, other students and for public and community.
3. BoS suggested signature courses in the department in History, Archaeology and Museology and Heritage Studies.
4. BoS suggested designing such activities like gaming and video making with the use of AI to make history learning interesting and for propagating historical knowledge.

Member secretary proposed vote of thanks to all who joined the meeting. The meeting came to end by 4.30 pm.

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Chairperson, BoS