

V.E.S. College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous)

Department of Commerce

Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting on 13th March 2026

Department: Commerce

Day: Wednesday

Date: 13th March 2026

Time: 12 .00 Noon

Venue: Hybrid mode

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Welcome and introduction of all the BOS members.
2. To discuss and approve the proposed changes in the Open Elective Offered at FYBCOM Semester II.
3. To discuss and approve the increase in intake of research scholars for Ph.D. Commerce- (Business Policy and Administration) program
4. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Minutes of Meeting

The Members present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Varsha Ganatra: Chairperson (Head, Department of Commerce, VESASC)
2. **Other members: Department of Commerce, VESASC faculty:** Dr. Sachin Bhandarkar,
Dr. Sadhana Singh
3. **External Subject Expert:** Dr. Aparna Jain and Prof. Dr. Kulvinder Kaur Bath
4. **University Nominee:** Prof. Dr. Sonali Deogirikar
5. **Industry Expert:** Ms. Archana Shah
6. **Alumnus:** Ms. Kirti Deshmukh

The meeting was chaired by the Head of Department, Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Varsha Ganatra, and following points were discussed:

1. All members of the Board of Studies were welcomed by Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Varsha Ganatra, Head of Department of Commerce, VESASC.
2. **Proposed changes in the Open Elective of FYBCOM Semester II** – Prof. Varsha informed the BOS members that we are offering Basics of Finance as Open Elective in Sem IV of BCOM, therefore instead of offering Financial Literacy as Open Elective in Sem II of BCOM we propose to offer Travel and Tourism as the Open Elective, the syllabus of the same was already approved by the BOS in earlier meetings.. This was approved by the BOS members.
3. **Increase in intake of research scholars for Ph.D. Commerce- (Business Policy and Administration) program** – Prof.Dr. Varsha brought it to the notice of the BOS members that currently the college has the intake capacity of 6 (research scholars) seats allotted for the mentioned program out of which 2 are already filled and registered. She also mentioned that having received the Professor grade, and Dr. Sadhana Singh getting recognised as PhD guide, we can increase the intake capacity of research scholars. She proposed to increase the number of seats to 12 from the current 6 seats. This was approved by the BOS members.
4. **A.O.B.-** Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Varsha Ganatra elaborated on the NEP framework for the four-year Bachelor's Degree- (B.Com- (Honours) Degree Programme. She informed, that the Department of Commerce was already having, M.Com PG programme and PhD. centre in Commerce (Business Policy and Administration) , so is eligible to admit students for BCom (Honours) and PhD. Programme as per guidelines of University of Mumbai which are as follows:

Under NEP 2020, a student after clearing the B.Com Degree Program with 120 to 132 credits is eligible to take admission in Level 6 as the college has an approved (M.Com) PG Program.

In Level 6 a student has following options:

- 1.Exit after 4th Year Undergraduate Program i.e. B.Com (Honours) with 160 to 176 credits along with a 4-credit internship.
- 2.Exit after First Year PG by taking PG Diploma after completing 4 credits Skill Enhancement Course.
- 3.Complete PG of 2 years and attain PG Degree.

- A student having 120 to 132 credits and CGPA of 7.5 and above can take admission in Level 6 in B.Com (Honours) Degree .The student will attain B.Com (Honours by Research) Degree with with 160 to 176 credits and 12-credit research project or dissertation in the major subject, provided the college has an approved PhD. centre with a minimum of 2 approved research guides. This student is also eligible to take admission in the PhD. program after completion of the entrance examination as per the guidelines of the University of Mumbai.

These changes were approved by the BOS members.

Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Varsha Ganatra

Head of the Department



