



THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB CHARTER

The Student Activity and Affairs Committee
FLAME University
July 2020

Article I: Club Principles

This Student Club:

1. Aims to contribute towards the enrichment of the lives of all members of FLAME University. It shall not discriminate with regard to race, religion, age, ethnic or national origin, gender, physical ability, or sexual orientation.
2. Will respect that differing viewpoints exist, and will work towards understanding these viewpoints, and giving all members the right to voice their concerns as long as they are within the bounds of acceptable behaviour within the FLAME Community.
3. Will work towards strengthening, not fragmenting the FLAME Community. It will use its influence to impact positively, all of its members - and by extension, the FLAME Community.

Article II: Name and Logo

This Club shall be known as The Philosophy Club of FLAME University.



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Article III: Purpose

The purpose of The Philosophy Club shall be to promote a FLAME culture inclusive of philosophy which is discussion-oriented in nature.

Article IV: Club Leadership (Executive Committee)

The **President** and **Founder** of this club would be Ms. Saanya Verdia of Batch UG3.

The **Vice-President** and **Co-Founder** of this club would be Mr. Robin James of Batch UG3.

The **Secretary** and **Co-Founder** of this club would be Mr. Adithya Ajith Nair of Batch UG3.

The **Treasurer** and **Co-Founder** of this club would be Ms. Ovee Karwa of Batch UG3.

The **Faculty Advisor** of this club would be Ms. Avani Sabade.

Presidential Statement: I am Saanya Verdia, a third-year majoring in Psychology with a minor in Literary and Cultural Studies. Although I was introduced to Philosophy as a discipline very recently but in my 11th grade after doing an intensive research on Buddhism, I started asking deep philosophical questions on truth, reality and Nirvana. All these questions led me towards the domain of Philosophy. Before coming to FLAME, I had already decided to continue studying philosophy by myself and was hoping to find people who shared my passion towards the subject. However, after coming to FLAME, I realised that the campus lacked a culture of student-led discussions outside classrooms where different Philosophies and theories could be debated. In FLAME I came across a number of students who were interested in Philosophy, but due to there being an absence of a proper Philosophy club and a course, except for the foundational courses in the first year, the students did not get a platform to discuss these questions and raise even greater ones. This has made FLAME students miss out on a lot of opportunities. There are numerous Philosophical conferences that happen nationally and internationally every year that can benefit the students and in turn, the University as well. Also, the students who have never studied the Theory of Knowledge are caught unawares with the Ethics and the Critical Reasoning classes. These courses have a fixed syllabus and if students want to have discussions which are not based on the topics studied in the class then they find it impossible to. Thus, by forming The Philosophy Club I wanted to bring to FLAME

a platform wherein healthy and productive philosophical conversations could take place. Through this platform, philosophy should hopefully become more accessible to the students and they can also find several others who are interested in the same topics as them. This adds on to the FLAME student community and solidarity. My objectives are synonymous with those of the Philosophy club. My objective is to create a culture in FLAME where the different philosophies are discussed, understood and applied.

Objectives:

1. To create a platform for open academic discussions on philosophy outside the classroom.
2. To introduce students to the fundamentals of philosophy, so as to lay the foundations for more complex discussions.
3. To discuss contemporary issues from philosophical standpoints.
4. To collaborate with philosophy clubs in Pune.
5. To make philosophy more accessible to the FLAME student community by organizing various events on and off-campus.
6. To establish the rigour of philosophy as a discipline and way of life.

We think these objectives will have a positive impact on society because it will encourage critical thinking and help in contextualising contemporary debates of global importance.

Closing Statement: We are a discussion-oriented group that believes in the true spirit of enquiry and open-mindedness. We are secular, unbiased and do not endorse any particular philosophical stance as a group.

Article V: Membership

Membership shall be open to all Students of FLAME University.

Currently the membership is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name	Batch	Designation	Remark
1	Aanchal Pannu	UG3	Active Member	

2	Kaavya Ramamoorthy	UG2	Active Member	
3	Khushi Rajpuria	UG2	Active Member	
4	Shraddha Shah	UG3	Active Member	
5	Abha Awasthi	UG3	Active Member	
6	Bhartrhari Srinivasan	UG2	Active Member	
7	Jayanth Deshmukh	Alumni	Active Member	
8	Uravi Agarwal	UG2	Active Member	
9	Rudvik Gullepalli	UG2	Active Member	
10	Shrish Sudharsan	UG2	Active Member	
11	Abhimanyu Tyagi	UG2	Active Member	
12	Dheer Sanghavi	UG3	Active Member	
13	Kapish Agarwal	UG3	Active Member	
14	Ria Kolarao	UG3	Active Member	
15	Ritvik Gupta	UG2	Active Member	
16	Sasha Dhawan	UG2	Active	

			Member	
17	Siddhant Rishi Prabhakar	UG3	Active Member	
18	Stuti Kumar	UG2	Active Member	
19	Ovee Karwa	UG3	Treasurer/Co-Founder	
20	Adithya Ajith Nair	UG3	Secretary/Co-Founder	
21	Robin James	UG3	Vice President/Co-Founder	
22	Saanya Verdia	UG3	President/Founder	

Article VI: Club Plan for the Academic year 2020-21

- **Screenings:** Understanding topics of philosophical relevance through screenings
- **Moderated discussions:** To have discussions supervised by people proficient in philosophy
- **Hands-on activities:** To organize JAMs (extempore), debate competitions and other activities designed to foster engagement in philosophical thought
- **Off-campus activities:** To arrange for discussions with philosophy clubs off-campus
- **Collaborations:** To collaborate with clubs (The Film Club, The Ellipsis, The Debate Society etc.)
- **Covering relevant literature:** To give readings about topics of discussions to students
- **Guest lecturers:** To invite guest lecturers to conduct seminars/webinars on key philosophical ideas that enrich our understanding on topics of philosophical relevance

- **Interdisciplinary approach:** To organize conferences/talks by professors belonging to various disciplines on campus
- **Monthly Magazine (“The Philouette”):** To publish a monthly e-magazine available to the entire student body in order to facilitate increased accessibility to topics of philosophy

Article VII: FLAME Support

- Logistical support for events organised in FLAME (for e.g.: printing services, stationery, audio-visual support etc.)
- Technological Support by IT Department
- Transit support for participating in off-campus events and discussions
- Helping us with the invitation process of guest lecturers and availing hospitality services for them
- Access to philosophy reading material as required (library support)

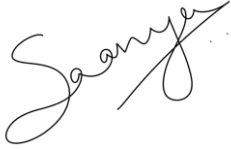
Article VIII: Expected Budget/Sponsorship-Raising Plans

The Philosophy Club would require a budget for organizing four guest lectures (as we plan on having bi-monthly webinars/seminars) for the academic year of 2020-21, transit support to attend off-campus philosophy events and contingency fund for unforeseen circumstances.

Activity	Estimated Expense (in Rs.)
Honourarium Fees for Guest Lecturers	14000 (3500 for each lecturer)
Transport	3000
Contingency Fund	2500
Total	19500

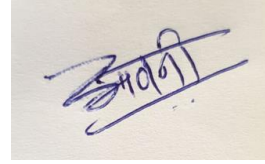
We, the Executive Committee of the club, have read and clearly understood the terms and conditions of the Club and roles and responsibilities of the various office bearers.

President



Ms. Saanya Verdia

The Club Advisor



Ms. Avani Sabade

Vice president



Mr. Robin James

Secretary



Mr. Adithya Ajith Nair

Treasurer



Ms. Ovee Karwa