

Department of English

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Studies

The second meeting of the Board of Studies of Department of English was held on May 20, 2021 at 11.00 am through online platform, Google Meet. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Alpna Saini, Chairperson
2. Dr. Shahila Zafar, Associate Professor, Department of English
3. Dr. Dinesh Babu P., Assistant Professor, Department of English
4. Prof. Zameerpal Kaur, Professor, Department of Punjabi
5. Dr. Amandeep Singh, Assistant professor, Department of Punjabi
6. Dr. Vinod Arya, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
7. Prof. Rana Nayar, Former Professor, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
8. Prof. Gurupadesh Singh, Former professor, Department of English, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
9. Prof. Rabinder Powar, Former professor, Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala
10. Dr. Tania Bansal, Alumna (Assistant Professor, Chandigarh University, Mohali)

Special invitees:

1. Dr. Vipin Pal Singh, Associate Professor, Department of English
2. Dr. Prithvi Raj, Assistant Professor, Department of English

Following agenda items were put up for discussion:

1. To discuss the changes in syllabi and coursework of M.A. English
2. To discuss the changes in syllabi and coursework of Ph.D. English
3. To discuss re-introduction of PhD English (Language Studies) as a separate course distinct from PhD English

The Board discussed the points of the agenda and agreed upon the following:

Item 1: To discuss the changes in syllabi and coursework of M.A. English

The Board of Studies unanimously agreed on the syllabi and coursework of M.A. English for 2021-23 with some changes as mentioned in the summary sheets attached at Annexure I.

Item 2: To discuss the changes in syllabi and coursework of Ph.D. English

The Board of Studies unanimously agreed on the syllabi and coursework of Ph.D. English for 2021-22 with some changes as mentioned in the summary sheets attached at Annexure II.

Item 3: To discuss re-introduction of PhD English (Language Studies) as a separate course distinct from PhD English

The Board agreed on the re-introduction of PhD English (Language Studies) as a separate course distinct from PhD English and approved its syllabus.

Item 4: To discuss that the fourth semester should not be entirely devoted to dissertation

Board members were in agreement about introducing at least one more course in the fourth semester along with the MA Dissertation. The members were of the opinion that an open-ended elective course be introduced in the fourth semester specifically designed keeping in mind the needs of the students for writing the dissertation by the respective supervisors.

Item 5: To discuss the evaluation pattern of dissertation proposal and dissertation

Board members suggested that the supervisors should not be given 50% weightage in evaluating the dissertation proposal (3rd semester) and final dissertation (4th semester). Not more than 25% weightage should be given to the supervisor of the student. 75% weightage should be equally divided between other members of the evaluation committee i.e. external expert, HoD and one senior faculty member of the department.

Item 6: To prepare a list of visiting faculties

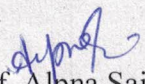
A list of visiting faculties to be invited for interaction with students of the department was prepared. List is attached as Annexure III.

Item 7: To prepare a list of evaluators of MA Dissertations

A list of external evaluators of MA Dissertations of the students of the department was prepared. List is attached as Annexure IV.

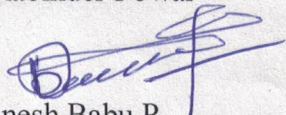
The Board approved the above-mentioned points to recommend to the School Board.

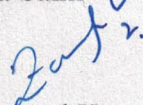
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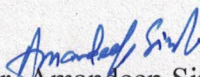

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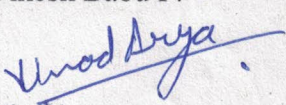

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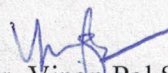

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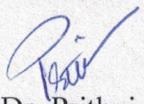

Prof. Zameerpal Kaur


Dr. Amandeep Singh


Dr. Vinod Arya

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Dr. Tania Bansal


Dr. Vipin Pal Singh


Dr. Prithvi Raj

Annexure- I

Changes in Syllabus of MA English

- Change in total credits 21+24+20+20
- Electives in 1st semester increased from 2 to 5 + MOOC
- Introduced two electives in 2nd semester in place of one with 3 and 4 options respectively
- Number of British literature papers as compulsory papers reduced to three papers titled British Poetry, British Drama and British Fiction in place of period wise papers earlier
- Added Richard Feynman: *Surely You're Joking Mr Feynman* in the paper Literature and Science
- Added Shakespeare screen adaptations (BBC adaptations, Akira Kurosawa, Vishal Bhardwaj) in the paper Shakespeare Across Cultures
- Changed New Literature to New Literatures
- Created units in Natyashastra paper.
- Added Plagiarism and Self-plagiarism in Research Methodology
- Added texts to recommended readings in papers Introduction to Language and Linguistics, English in India, English Language Teaching and Discourse Analysis as recommended by the external members of the Board.
- Added new topics to the above papers, except ELT, as per the recommendations.
- Updated evaluation Parameters for Practical Criticism as follows:

| Evaluation Parameters for Practical Criticism | Marks |
|---|-------|
| Analytical ability | 20 |
| Relevance of critical theory | 20 |
| Relationship between content and form | 20 |
| Overall assessment | 20 |
| Viva-voce | 20 |

New papers added:

1. Children's literature (DSE)
2. Natyashastra (DSE)
3. Globalization (VAC)
4. Comics and Visual Culture (VAC)
5. Literature and Science (IDC)
6. Practical Criticism (SDC)

New Evaluation Criteria for Theory Courses:

- A. Continuous Assessment: [25 Marks]
 - i. Surprise Test (minimum three) - Based on Objective Type Tests [10 Marks]
 - ii. Term paper [10 Marks]
 - iii. Assignment(s) [5 Marks]
- B. Mid- Semester Test: Based on Subjective Type Test (50% of the entire syllabus) [25 Marks]
- C. End- Semester Exam: Based on Subjective Type Test (100% of the entire syllabus) [50 Marks]

Annexure – II
List of Changes in PhD English syllabus

1. Syllabus for Language and Linguistics separated as a separate course titled PhD English (Language Studies).
2. Added Graduate Attributes instead of Learning Outcomes
3. Four novels added in Postcolonial Studies paper.
4. Changes in Gender Studies paper – added new texts of Judith Butler, Hélène Cixous and Adrienne Rich.
5. Added Plagiarism and Self-plagiarism in the Research Ethics paper

Annexure – III
LIST OF VISITING PROFESSORS

1. Prof. P.S. Ramana, Former Professor, Punjabi University Regional Center, Bathinda
2. Prof. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Professor and Head, Punjabi University, Patiala
3. Prof. Pramod K. Nayar, Dept. of English, University of Hyderabad
4. Prof. G. J. V. Prasad. Centre for English Studies, JNU, New Delhi
5. Prof. Deepti Gupta, Panjab University, Chandigarh
6. Prof. Amol Padwad, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, New Delhi
7. Prof. Manmohan Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala
8. Prof. Santanu Biswas, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
9. Prof. K. Narayana Chandran, Dept. of English, University of Hyderabad

Annexure – IV

List of External Evaluators of MA Dissertation

1. Dr. Shantanu Ghosh, Department of English, Akal University, Talwandi Sabo
2. Prof. Pushpinder Syal, Panjab University, Chandigarh
3. Prof. Surjeet Lee, Former Professor, Punjabi University Patiala
4. Dr. Shivani Thakar, Department of Distance Education, Punjabi University, Patiala.
5. Professor Pankaj K. Singh, Department of English Himachal Pradesh University Summerhill, Shimla
6. Prof. Joya Chakravarty, Department of English, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
7. Prof. Awdhesh Sharma, Department of English, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi
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