

Department of English
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Minutes of the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Studies held on the 14th November 2007.

A Meeting of the BOS English was held to discuss the following agenda.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the BOS.
2. Allocation of Guides for MPhil Scholars (2006 & 2007) Batches
3. Panel of Examiners (MPhil)
4. Ph D Program in English (Part Time)
5. Panel of Paper Setters and Examiners for MA Semester I & III Exams 2007
6. Any other Item.

Following members were Present

1. Prof. Laxmana Murthy
Professor of English (Retd),
Kaktiya University,
Warangal
2. Prof Syed Mujeebuddin
Department of English,
University of Hyderabad.
3. Prof Siddiq Ali
Director
Osmania University Centre for International Studies,
Osmania University,
Hyderabad.

Prof Alok Bhalla could not attend. Following members of Faculty, Department of English, MANUU were special invitees at the meeting.

The meeting began with a condolence resolution on the sad demise of Prof Isacc Squiera and Prof GV.Raj Members observed two minutes' silence to pay respect to the memory of the departed souls.

At the outset Prof Amina Kishore recorded her appreciation of the services rendered by Dr Gulfishan Habeeb and Dr Haseeb Qadri both Readers Department of English in running the Department.

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1. The Minutes of the earlier meeting were approved and passed with the following remarks:
 - a) The HOD reported that the changes in the MA Syllabus proposed by the earlier BOS had been incorporated.
 - b) At present no external faculty was allocated the responsibility of Supervision of M Phil candidates. Prof Mujeebuddin suggested that such allocation should be subject to the consent of the external faculty.
 - c) Mr Om Parakash's name had already been included in the panel of examiners as suggested by the earlier BOS.
2. M Phil program was discussed in detail. The names of Guides for the 2006 & 2007 batches were approved. (List enclosed). However, members agreed unanimously that in future DRC should take care of matters like admission, allotment of Guides, formulation of topic, changes in the topic (Minor as well as Major) etc.
3. The Syllabus of M Phil program Part I was tabled for approval by BOS. A detailed discussion took place.
 - Paper I – Methodology and Literary Criticism
 - Paper II A – ELT (Special Paper)
 - Paper II B – Fiction (Special Paper)

Members were of the opinion that a single Genre paper being offered to all students irrespective of their topic of research was not very fair. There should be a special paper relevant to the area of study selected by the scholar. The HOD informed the members that two more Special Papers had been devised (viz., Paper on Drama and Poetry) but these were not being offered because of the position of shortage of staff. It was suggested that an alternative would be to design a special paper, which was Genre inclusive. This multi Genre paper could be offered to all students working for M Phil degree in Literature. Ideally in future the Dept should opt for offering Special Papers on principle of Topic specific allocation. At present the HOD was asked to explore the possibility of devising a Special paper on Drama and was authorized to finalise the detailed Syllabus for the same with the help of the teacher(s).

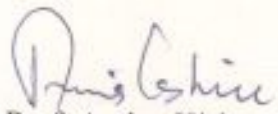
Issues related to the M Phil program were discussed in detail:

- (i) Topic of Dissertation
- (ii) Presentation Seminars at the stage of Part II of M Phil program

Members felt that the topics of the Dissertation should be ideally finalized only at the end of the Part I stage. At the time of Registration into M Phil., it is sufficient to decide the broad area of the proposed project. Ideally, Pre-presentation as well as post-presentation Seminars are essential. In view of the shortage of staff and other problems, the pre-presentation Seminar may be kept as Optional. The Post-presentation Seminar (Open Viva) should be compulsory.

4. The HOD presented for the approval by the BOS, a panel of examiners prepared in consultation with Dr Qadri, Guide of Mohammad Shafiullah who has requested his M Phil thesis to be examined. The members of the BOS opined that preferably the names should be from different Institutions. A panel of four names was drawn up for sending to the Vice Chancellor for picking out the names of examiner(s). In future the list would be prepared by the HOD in consultation with the Guide and circulated among the members for comment. (List enclosed)
5. The HOD informed the members that the panel of paper setters and examiners for the MA examinations Semester I & III 2007 had already been drawn up and submitted in view of the impending schedule of examinations. The BOS ratified the action taken.
6. PhD Program (Part Time): The start of the Research Degree program was reported. The admissions were in process. Members felt that by and large, UGC Guidelines should be followed in matters pertaining to admissions, course conduct, time frames etc. The BOS was competent to make any suggestion/recommendations for amendments.
7. The mandate of the BOS was sought to include the name of Dr Shagufta Shaheen in the list of Research Guides for M Phil & PhD. Dr Gulfishan would be requested to help in the PhD program just as she was doing in the M Phil program. In this program, permission of appointing external guides is also to be made possible.
8. UGC Guidelines.

Date: 19-11-2007


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Confirmed.
