

Minutes of the meeting of Board of Undergraduate Studies in English held on 22-07-2022.

The meeting began with the Head, Department of English and the chair of the Board of UG Studies English welcoming all the members. She thanked the members for attending the meeting which had to be convened at short notice. The head informed the members that the admission process is on in colleges and syllabuses framed in accordance with the NEP 2020 will be implemented from this session. Citing the lack of clear guidelines from UGC, the head informed the members that the earlier syllabuses framed when the board met on 24-02-2022 have to be modified. She thanked the consultant, Prof. Mohammad Ashraf for compiling the list for which syllabuses have to be framed and his help in clarifying matters.

The head informed the members that for most of the courses, syllabuses had to be prepared for I and II semester initially and that the faculty at the Department had framed tentative syllabuses which she was placing before the board for discussion and approval. She thanked her colleagues in particular Dr Iffat Maqbool, for their hard work and serious deliberations in framing initial drafts.

The members present were:

1. Professor Nusrat Jan (in the Chair) Head, Department of English, University of Kashmir
2. Professor Mohammad Ashraf Shah, Consultant UG Level, University of Kashmir
3. Professor Ajaz Ahmed Sheikh, Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir
4. Prof. Salma Ahad, Principal, Govt. Degree College Sopore
5. Dr Iffat Maqbool, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Kashmir
6. Dr Mufti Mudasir, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Kashmir
7. Dr Tasleem War, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of English , University of Kashmir
8. Prof Syed Humayoun, Head, Dept of English, Govt. Degree College, Baramulla
9. Prof Master Showkat Ali, Department of English, Govt. Degree College for Boys, Pulwama
10. Ms Naila Neelofar, Academic Officer, Board of School Education

The members discussed the draft syllabuses thoroughly and suggested necessary changes and modifications. The following were taken up for consideration one by one:

1. **English Literature:** To be offered both as Major/ Minor course. The head informed the members that they have modified the earlier syllabuses already existing at UG level keeping in mind the exit options available to the student. The course can translate into an honors/ research programme which has to be kept in mind. After due deliberation the syllabus was proposed for semester I and semester II (appended).

2. **English Literature:** To be offered an Introductory/ Multidisciplinary which would be available in a basket of multidisciplinary courses. A three credit course, this could be taken by a student in any semesters from I-III. The members agreed that it should be introductory in nature familiarizing a student with a few literary pieces (syllabus appended).
3. **General English:** To be offered as a minor course which will continue right upto the 8th semester. The members agreed that the syllabus and textbooks already existing in the old scheme could be recommended. The syllabuses for semester I and semester II was framed (appended) and *AECC* and *English I* published by Cambridge University Press recommended for semester I and semester II respectively. It was agreed that any changes in the cover-details of these books would be made in due course of time.
4. **Functional English:** To be offered as a minor course which would continue till 8th semester. The head informed the members that the existing syllabus has been modified to make it more 'functional'. Keeping the aim of the course in mind it was decided that syllabus for semester I and II would be introductory in nature and the difficulty level will increase in later semesters. A few changes were suggested by the members who which incorporated and the syllabus was finalized (appended).
5. **English Language:** To be offered as a common compulsory course of three credits. The student can opt for this course at any time from semester I-III. The members agreed that the aim of the paper was to enable the student to read, speak and write English with competence. Teaching language through simple literary pieces was suggested and after a lot of deliberation the members decided to recommend a textbook for this course- *Step up with English* published by Orient BlackSwan. Going through the textbook it was felt that it was both student and teacher friendly. Two units from this textbook were chosen while one unit was kept more general with a focus on language use (syllabus appended).
6. **Communication Skill:** To be offered as a common compulsory course of three credits. The student can opt for this course at any time from semester I-III. Keeping the objectives of the course in mind it was decided that soft skills be a part of this syllabus and that overlapping between English Language Syllabus and this one should be minimized as much as possible.

The following members ^{who} were present at the meeting recommended the syllabuses (appended) for UG level under NEP 2020.

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