



Akal College of Economics, Commerce and Management
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Proceedings of 14th Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting of Akal College of Economics, Commerce and Management held on 11/06/2026 at 3:00 PM in the Seminar Hall-517 of college. Following members were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	College	Participants
1.	Dr. S. K. Chauhan	ACECM	Chairman
2.	Dr. Ankit Pathania	ACECM	Member Secretary
3.	Dr. Pawan Kumar Dubey	ACECM	Member
4.	Dr. Priyanka Thakur	DKSGACA	Member Secretary, DKSGACA
5.	Dr. Manjinder Kaur	ACECM	Special Invitee
6.	Ms. Urvashi	ACECM	Special Invitee
7.	Ms Ucheta	ACECM	Office representative

Dr. Surjan Singh, Dr. Tusshar Mahajan, Dr. Kajal Chaudhary, Dr. Yash Pal Azad could not attend the meeting.

The proceedings commenced with a welcome address by the Chairman, Board of Studies who greeted all members and appreciated their presence. With the permission of the Chair, the Member Secretary initiated the formal proceedings and presented the agenda items for discussion and approval.

Agenda Item No. 1: Ratification of the Proceedings of the 13th Board of Studies Meeting

The first agenda item pertained to the ratification of the proceedings of the 13th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting held on 1 April 2026. The Chairman informed the house that all actions arising from the decisions taken during the meeting had been duly implemented by the concerned faculty members. He acknowledged and appreciated the timely efforts made by the faculty in executing the assigned responsibilities. The members expressed satisfaction with the action taken report, and the proceedings of the 13th BoS meeting were unanimously **ratified by the house**

Agenda Item No. 2: Approval of Revised Generic Elective (GE) Courses of the Department of Economics

The second agenda item focused on the approval of the revised Generic Elective (GE) courses designed by the Department of Economics for implementation from the academic session 2026-27. The proposal was presented by Dr. Manjinder Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics. She informed the house that the department had earlier approved a structure comprising sixteen GE courses, with two GE courses offered in each semester. However, after reviewing the implementation experience under NEP-2020, the department decided to revise the course structure substantially and rationalize the number of GE

courses offered. The Chairman sought justification for the withdrawal and revision of a majority of the previously approved courses. Dr. Kaur explained that, at the time of NEP-2020 implementation, departments were asked to submit a list of GE courses without having adequate information regarding student interest and enrolment patterns. Furthermore, offering a large number of courses was proving challenging in view of the available faculty strength. Following detailed deliberations and brainstorming within the department, it was decided that only one GE course would be offered in each semester. The revised courses were developed considering student interests, faculty expertise and contemporary academic requirements. She also informed that course content for GE courses from Semester I to Semester VI was prepared accordingly. Prof. S. K. Chauhan, Chairman, BoS and Professor of Economics, advised that all proposed courses should be vetted by an external expert before being submitted to the Standing Committee. The members concurred with the suggestion. Thereafter, the revised GE courses were approved by the Board of Studies. Dr. Manjinder Kaur informed the house that the following GE courses would be offered by the Department of Economics w.e.f. academic session 2026-27.

Course code	Course Type	Course Name	Credits L+T+P	Semester
0420013010	GE-I	Sectoral Issues in Indian Economy	3+1+0	I (Odd)
0420023020	GE-II	Development Economics	3+1+0	II (Even)
0420033030	GE-III	Basic Issues in Environmental Economics	3+1+0	III (Odd)
0420043040	GE-IV	Indian Economic Policies and Reforms	3+1+0	IV (Even)
0420053050	GE-V	Institutions and Governance in Indian Economy	3+1+0	V (Odd)
0420063060	GE-VI	Financial System in India	3+1+0	VI (Even)
0420073070	GE-VII	Contemporary Issues of Indian Economy	3+1+0	VII (Odd)
0420073080	GE-VIII	Contemporary Issues of Indian & World Economy	3+1+0	VII (Odd)
0420083090	GE-IX	Fundamentals of Agricultural Economics	3+1+0	VIII (Even)
0420083100	GE-X	Rural Sustainability and Economic Development	3+1+0	VIII (Even)

Prof. Chauhan further directed that, after obtaining approval from the External Expert, Standing Committee and Academic Council, the final compiled list of GE courses offered by ACECM should be submitted to the Dean, Academic Affairs for circulation among students and for official record.

(Action: Dr. Manjinder Kaur)

Agenda Item No. 3: Approval of Newly Designed Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs)

The third agenda item concerned the approval of newly designed Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) for the fifth and sixth semesters. The proposal was presented by Ms. Urvashi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics. She informed the house that the Department had developed the detailed course content for two new SECs, namely "Money Banking and Insurance" for Semester V and "Entrepreneurship Development and Project Management" for Semester VI. The courses were designed in accordance with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aimed at enhancing students' practical knowledge, professional competencies and employability skills.

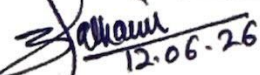
The Chairman appreciated the efforts of the Department in developing the courses and observed that the proposed SECs addressed contemporary academic and industry requirements. He further advised that the courses be vetted by an external subject expert along with the proposed GE courses before being forwarded to the Standing Committee for consideration.

(Action: Ms. Urvashi)

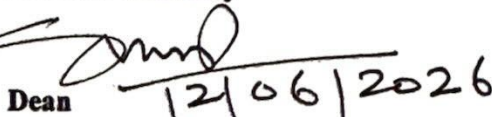
Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

With the permission of the Chair, the Member Secretary invited any additional item(s) for consideration by the house. No formal agenda item was proposed by the members. However, the Chairman informed the house that the course "Cyber Security and Cyber Laws" is a mandatory Generic Elective (GE) course and must be completed by all students in either the 1st, 3rd, or 5th semester of their respective programmes. He emphasized the importance of ensuring compliance with this academic requirement and directed all faculty members to counsel and guide their mentees appropriately during the course registration process. The Chairman further clarified that students entering the 5th semester who had not successfully completed the course in either the 1st or 3rd semester shall be required to register for the course compulsorily in the 5th semester. The members took note of the directions issued by the Chairman and agreed to disseminate the information among the concerned students. There being no other item for discussion, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Member Secretary, who expressed sincere gratitude to the Chairman and all members for their valuable contributions, constructive suggestions and active participation in the proceedings.

Proceedings confirmed


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