



Akal College of Economics, Commerce and Management
Eternal University, Baru Sahib, District Sirmour-173101 (H.P.)

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Proceedings of 11th Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting of Akal College of Economics, Commerce and Management held on 15/10/2025 at 3:00 PM in the Governing Body Hall of Eternal University, Baru Sahib. 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. Tusshar Mahajan	ACECM	Member
4.	Dr. Kajal Chaudhary	ACECM	Member
5.	Dr. Pawan Kumar Dubey	ACECM	Member
6.	Dr. Surjan Singh	ACBS	Special Invitee (ACBS)
7.	Dr. Yash Pal Azad	ACAS&S	Special Invitee (ACA&SS)
8.	Dr. Priyanka Thakur	DKSGACA	Special Invitee (MS, Dr. KSGACA)
9.	Dr. Desh Raj	ACECM	Special Invitee
10.	Ms. Payal Thakur	ACECM	Student Member

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. S. K. Chauhan, chairman of the BoS & Dean, Akal College of Economics, Commerce, and Management (ACECM) He expressed gratitude to all the members for their continued contributions emphasizing that collective efforts of all members will help the college strengthen its academic standards and better serve students and society.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Member Secretary, Dr. Ankit Pathania, proceeded with the agenda items of the 11th BoS meeting. He appraised the house of the agenda items received for deliberation and approval. The first agenda item pertained to the ratification of the proceedings of the 10th BoS meeting held on 23rd June 2025. He informed the members that all necessary actions had been taken by the concerned individuals. The house duly acknowledged the actions taken by the concerned faculty members and unanimously ratified the proceedings.

The second agenda item, pertaining to the revised syllabus of MBA (Business Analytics), was presented by Dr. Tusshar Mahajan, Professor Management. He informed the house that the syllabus had been revised and reviewed by an external expert. Dr. S. K. Chauhan confirmed that he had personally examined the syllabus, and the comments provided had been duly incorporated by the course convener. **The house approved the revised syllabus.**

The third agenda item, concerning the revised syllabus of Ph.D. (Commerce), was presented by Dr. Kajal Chaudhary, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce. She informed the house

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that the course structure follows the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS), providing students the flexibility to select major and minor subjects within or outside their parent department. As per the recommendations of the external expert, the Research Methodology (4 credits) and Research Publication & Ethics (2 credits) courses have been made compulsory, aligning with UGC guidelines. It was also discussed that previously, the "Research Publication and Ethics" component was a unit within the Research Methodology course. Members unanimously supported the separation of these two courses. Ms. Payal Thakur, the student representative, raised a valid concern regarding students who had not undertaken this course. The Chairman assured that the matter would be revisited in the upcoming Academic Council meeting, ensuring no student faces any disadvantage in the future. The Chairman further directed that the lecture distribution (L/T/P) for the Research Methodology course should be uniform across the University, recommending the adoption of the 4+0+0 structure. He instructed that, after incorporating the suggested changes, the revised draft be forwarded to the Standing Committee and subsequently to the Academic Council for final approval.

(Action: Dr. Kajal Chaudhary)

The fourth agenda item, concerning the revision of the Ph.D. (Management) syllabus, was presented by Dr. Ankit Pathania, Assistant Professor, Department of Management. He informed the house that the revision was carried out in line with the Ph.D. (Commerce) syllabus. The Chairman advised that all relevant modifications reflected in the Ph.D. (Commerce) syllabus should be incorporated before submission for final approval.

(Action: Dr. Ankit Pathania)

The fifth agenda item was presented by Dr. Kajal Chaudhary, regarding the formulation of committees for the preparation of course content for BBA (Hons. with Research), B.Com. (Hons. with Research), and B.A. Liberal Arts (Hons. with Research) (Major in Economics), including SEC and GE courses for the 5th and 6th semesters. Dr. Ankit Pathania suggested that, based on student demand, courses on Stock Market and Tally be designed under the SEC category. The Chairman emphasized the importance of early committee formation to ensure timely completion and approval of syllabi. Dr. Surjan Singh, Professor Mathematics suggested setting a timeline for submission, which was agreed upon. The Chairman directed that the list of committee members will be circulated immediately to initiate the process.

(Action: Dean, ACECM)

Further, the Member Secretary requested Dr. Kajal Chaudhary to brief the house on the evaluation format for the IAPC course. She explained that under the NEP framework, certain BBA (Hons. with Research) and B.Com. (Hons. with Research) students had opted for IAPC courses in lieu of SEC courses. The Chairman noted that as per University guidelines, IAPC evaluation should be based on five performance areas. He suggested incorporating modifications in the existing format and proposed that the expertise of Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Former Vice-

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Chancellor, Eternal University, will be sought for finalizing the evaluation criteria. **The proposal was approved by the house.**

(Action: Dr. Kajal Chaudhary)

The next agenda item concerned the formation of a Universal Human Values (UHV) Cell at the college level. The chairman introduced Dr. Desh Raj, newly appointed faculty in the Department of Commerce, who had prior experience in similar initiatives. Dr. Desh Raj delivered a presentation on the concept and objectives of the UHV Cell, highlighting its role in organizing induction programs and faculty development programs on human values. The members unanimously agreed that the vision of the UHV Cell aligns with the mission of Eternal University to impart value-based education. Accordingly, **the constitution of the UHV Cell at the college level was approved.**

(Action: Dean, ACECM)

The subsequent agenda item pertained to the approval of the 7th Annual Report of Akal College of Economics, Commerce, and Management. Dr. S. K. Chauhan extended special appreciation to Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, former Assistant Professor (Economics), for her diligent efforts in compiling the report prior to her relieving in July. He also expressed gratitude to the other committee members Dr. Divyanshu, Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Ms. Ucheta Mehta for ensuring its timely completion and publication. He proudly mentioned that ACECM is the only college in the University preparing its own annual report in addition to the University's report. The house appreciated this initiative. The Chairman further directed Dr. Pawan Kumar Dubey to upload the report on the college webpage.

(Action: Dr. Pawan Kumar Dubey)

Dr. Ankit Pathania then invited Dr. Chauhan to discuss the allocation of mentors to newly admitted undergraduate students. Dr. Chauhan emphasized the importance of fostering a strong mentor-mentee relationship, enabling students to address academic or personal concerns at the mentor level. He highlighted that unresolved student issues could lead to attrition, adversely affecting institutional reputation. Dr. Yash Pal Azad, Assistant Professor of Psychology, informed the house about the counseling services available for students facing stress or anxiety. He underscored the responsibility of mentors to observe behavioral patterns and refer students to the counseling cell when necessary. Dr. Pathania further suggested strengthening the alumni network through consistent communication, possibly via a WhatsApp group, to maintain engagement with existing students. The chairman directed Dr. Pawan Kumar Dubey, Assistant Professor, Department of Management to work towards this initiative. Dr. Azad proposed organizing online interactions between current students and distinguished alumni. Ms. Payal Thakur, student member, added that during the recent NAAC peer team visit, alumni engagement was specifically discussed. Dr. Surjan Singh emphasized that enhancing alumni



participation could positively impact future NAAC assessments. The house unanimously supported these recommendations.

(Action: Dr. Pawan Kumar Dubey)

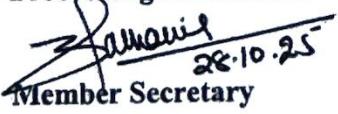
The last item of discussion was presented by Dr. S. K. Chauhan, who proposed the approval of displaying the list of PG and Ph.D. students on the college webpage. He informed the house that the complete list of students' theses had been meticulously prepared under his guidance by Ms. Ucheta Mehta, Office Assistant, and would soon be uploaded to the webpage. This initiative will ensure easy retrieval of academic information in one place and highlight the research contributions of students on the college platform. The proposal was well received and appreciated by all members of the house.

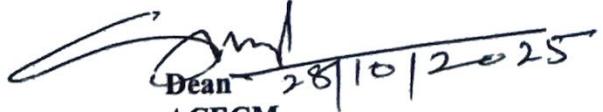
(Action: Dean, ACECM)

The Member Secretary, Dr. Ankit Pathania, informed the house that all agenda items had been discussed. He further mentioned that if any member wished to raise an additional point for discussion, it could be taken up with the permission of the Chair. As no other items were received for discussion, the meeting proceeded to its conclusion.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Chairman of the house and expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the members for their valuable insights, constructive suggestions, and active participation in the deliberations. He also extended special thanks to the Member Secretary for meticulously organizing the meeting in such a smooth and efficient manner and for promoting environmental consciousness by displaying all documents on the screen instead of printing.

Proceedings confirmed


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Member Secretary


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