



**ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**  
**AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR**  
**Department of Economics**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Departmental Committee was held under the chairmanship of Prof. S. M. Shafi, HoD, Economics on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 1:30 PM in the Computer Lab of the Department. The meeting was attending by the following faculty members:

1. Prof. S. M. Shafi	Chairperson
2. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Sofi	Member
3. Dr. Shumila Cheshti	Member
4. Dr. Ab. Hamid Mir	Member
5. Dr Showkat Ah. Bhat	Member
6. Dr. Mehak Majeed	Member

**Agenda of the Meeting**

Agenda 1: Rationalisation of Faculty Assignments

Agenda 2: Picnic

Agenda 3: New Education Policy 2020 (NEP)

Agenda 4: Research Methodology Workshop

Agenda 5: Head's 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting with CRs

Agenda 6: Soft Skill Enhancement Programme

Agenda 7: Proposed Memorandums of understanding (MOU's)

Agenda 8: MOOCS Courses

Agenda 9: Book Proposal

Agenda 10: Proposal for the Creation of Photo Gallery in the Department

Agenda 11: Extension Lecture Scheme

After a threadbare discussion, the following was unanimously resolved:

**Agenda 1: Rationalisation of Faculty Assignments**

- The faculty briefed the head of the department about the status of various academic activities. The Head evaluated the positions of the various committees and some assignments were revised between the faculty members to ensure high efficiency for attaining optimal in the contribution and outcomes of the activities.

**Agenda 2: Picnic**

- Due to the tight schedule this week, the picnic date has been rescheduled to 29th July 2023 instead of 22nd July 2023. Meanwhile the consent forms will be received and the furtherance of the process will

be carried out and completed. The picnic committee members briefed that preparations are in full swing.

### **Agenda 3: New Education Policy 2020 (NEP)**

- The Head of the Department resolved to deliver a lecture regarding NEP, tentatively on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. It was further decided that the lecture will be extended to the whole School of Management, IUST. In this regard due preparations will be made by the concerned faculty members. It is expected that the lecture will prepare the faculty in the preparation of the new and updated courses in light of the NEP.

### **Agenda 4: Research Methodology Workshop**

- The proposal on research methodology workshop was discussed in the meeting as was resolved in the previous meeting. The list of experts and topics thereof was discussed. It was resolved that each faculty member will propose the name of an expert and a tentative topic. The final list will be discussed in the next meeting.

### **Agenda 5: Head's 1st Meeting with CRs**

- The Head briefed all the faculty members about the recent meeting that he had with the CRs of the two Semesters. It was impressed upon by the Head that the faculty members that they should continue to work with dedication and commitment. Appreciating the faculty members, the Head boosted them towards opening their horizons in the attainment of unparalleled student outcomes.

### **Agenda 6: Soft Skill Enhancement Programme**

- A concern was raised by the Head of the department pertaining to the overall personality development of the students. It was suggested that a personality development workshop should be conducted for the students. The Head of the Department impressed upon that the faculty members should explore a reputed personality development agency for conducting the programme. The 'Tongue-Tied' approach of the students has to be done away with. The programme should focus on spoken language, writing skills and personality development.

### **➤ Agenda 7: Proposed Memorandums of understanding (MOU)**

In continuation of the discussion from the previous meeting, the dialogue on setting in place the MoUs between the Department of Economics, IUST and other universities and institutions was carried forward. The exchange will be restricted to only research exchange and later student exchange will be taken up once finance implications are sorted out. The proposal was discussed and modifications made. The updated proposal will be discussed in the next meeting.

### **Agenda 8: MOOCS Courses**

- The Head briefed the faculty members on the nature and outcomes of the MOOC Courses. It was impressed upon by the Head that all faculty members should contribute towards the creation of MOOC courses, to be uploaded on the SWAYAM platform.



It was also resolved that the Head will be facilitating the faculty members for the creation of all four verticals in this direction.

#### **Agenda 9: Book Proposal**

- As a step forward with the dual motive of faculty enhancement and departmental contribution, it was resolved that proposed book preferably an edited volume will be published by the Department. The book will have of chapters contributed by the faculty and research scholars of the department. Further discussion on the same will be done in the next Departmental Committee Meeting

#### **Agenda 10: Proposal for the Creation of Photo Gallery in the Department**

- To create a lively academic aura in the department, on the recommendation of the Head it was resolved that a proposal be floated for the creation of a photo gallery relating to famous Nobel Laureates Economists and quotes of significance in Economics in the department. The budgetary obligations will be sought from administration.


#### **Agenda 11: Extension Lecture Scheme**

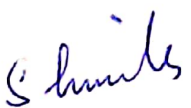
- For the all-round and practical learning of the students an extension series of lectures shall take place over the course of time. The coordinator of the Extension Lecture Scheme is Dr. Mehak Majeed. It was resolved that the department of economics, IUST will come up with framework for conducting such lectures.
- It was also resolved that the faculty will work determinedly in guiding the students towards a better career prospectus.

**The Meeting was ended with vote of thanks**

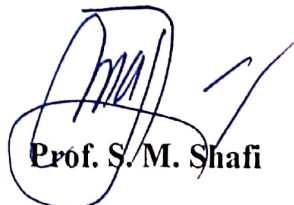
  
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