



**H. L. College of Commerce (Autonomous)**  
**Department of English**  
**Minutes of the 3rd Board of Studies (BOS) Meeting**  
**Date: 7th April, 2025**  
**Mode: Online (10:30 a.m. onwards)**

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**Agenda of the Meeting:**

1. Discussion on the Value-Added Courses (VAC) for Semester 3 and Semester 4 for the academic year 2025–26.
  2. Sharing of the internal and external examination mark scheme.
  3. Proposal to replace Unit 1.2 *Listening Skills* with *Effective Communication in Customer Care* in Semester 2 SEC (EBC).
  4. Review and selection of short stories, poems, and essays for AEC courses in Semesters 2, 3, and 4.
  5. Additional suggestions, if any, by the Chair.
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**Members Present:**

1. Dr. Mona Kelshikar (Chairperson)
  2. Prof. Y. D. Shastri
  3. Dr. Akash Joshi
  4. Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya
  5. Dr. Kashmira Mehta
  6. Dr. Vasant Joshi
  7. Dr. Jainil Shah
  8. Adv. Dhaval Shah
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**Minutes of the Meeting:**

The third meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of English was convened online on 7th April 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Mona Kelshikar welcomed all members and opened the discussion.

**1. Curriculum Revision for SEC (Semester 2 – EBC)**

The Board unanimously approved the proposal to replace the sub-topic *Listening Skills* (Unit 1.2) with *Effective Communication in Customer Care* in the SEC paper for Semester 2 (EBC).

**2. Suggestions for AEC Courses**

- **Semester 3 AEC (English in Use):**

Dr. Kelshikar proposed the inclusion of the short story *The Chameleon* by Anton Chekhov in Unit 1.1. She also recommended adding *Home Burial* by Robert Frost in Unit 1.2.

Dr. Kashmiri Mehta shared an alternative list of poems (see Appendix). The Board agreed to finalize one poem from the shared list for inclusion.

- **Semester 4 AEC:**

Dr. Kelshikar suggested replacing *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* with *Mending Wall* by Robert Frost.

Dr. Mehta emphasized the need to include translated works of regional writers to promote linguistic and cultural diversity. She also suggested incorporating a project or activity on heritage buildings and monuments to raise awareness about local cultural heritage.

Dr. Jainil Shah endorsed this idea and proposed the inclusion of Ahmedabad's heritage content in the syllabus to add contextual relevance.

### 3. Value-Added Courses (VAC) for Academic Year 2025–26

The Board approved the following subjects, as prescribed by Gujarat University:

- **Semester 3:** *Indic Knowledge System*
- **Semester 4:** *Great Epics of India – Ramayana and Mahabharata*

Dr. Kashmiri Mehta recommended using the term *personalities* in place of *characters* in Unit 2 of the VAC (Semester 4) syllabus for better academic clarity. This suggestion was accepted by the Board.

### 4. Integration of ICT Tools

Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya proposed integrating ICT tools into SEC papers in the upcoming semesters to enhance digital literacy among students. The Board welcomed this suggestion and agreed to consider it in the next round of curriculum development.

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### Conclusion:

The meeting concluded with a note of thanks from the Chair, Dr. Mona Kelshikar, appreciating the valuable inputs and collaborative efforts of all members.

Appendix- List of poems suggested by Dr.Kashmiri Mehta

1. 'Invictus' – William Ernest Henley
2. 'If'- Rudyard Kipling
3. 'Sympathy' -Paul Lurance Dunbar
4. 'A Psalm of Life'- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
5. 'The Rainy Day'- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

• The third Board of Studies meeting of the Department of English, H L College of Commerce (Autonomous) was held online on 7 April, 2025 at 10:30 am.

• Dr. Mona Kelshikar \* commenced the meeting with a welcome note.

• On following the discussion regarding the replacement of the sub-topic 1.2 (Listening Skills) of Semester II - SEC - EBC with Effective Communication in Customer Care. The suggestion was approved by all the board members.

• In semester III - AEC, (English in Use), Dr. Kelshikar suggested to add 'The Chameleon' by Anton Chekhov in Unit 1.1. She also recommended to add 'The Home Burial' by Robert Frost in Unit 1.2. Whereas, Dr. Kashmira Mehta shared a list of poems (appendix\*) to be added in 1.2. The Board members decided to select any one of those.

• For VAC Sem III & IV, the Board has approved the following subjects prescribed by Gujarat University:

Sem III - Indic Knowledge System

Sem IV - Great Epics of India - Ramayana and Mahabharata

• Following the discussions on VAC Sem IV, Dr. Kashmira Mehta pointed out to replace the word 'personalities' <sup>in place of</sup> ~~with~~ 'characters' in Unit II.

• For Sem IV - AEC, Dr. Keshikar suggested to include 'Mending Walls' by Robert Frost in place of 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' by Robert Frost. In addition to it, Dr. Kashmira Mehta emphasized <sup>to include</sup> ~~regional~~ regional writers' translated works in the syllabus content. She also suggested an idea for working on Heritage buildings to inculcate the importance of regional monuments and culture.

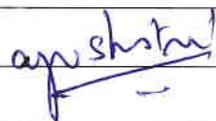
• The meeting Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya suggested to include the importance of ICT Tools in SEC for the upcoming semesters.

• Dr. Jainil Shah supported the idea of the inclusion of Ahmedabad's heritage based content in the syllabus, which would add more value.

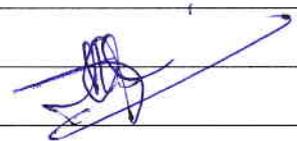
• The meeting concluded with the chair's thanking note.



Dr. Akash Joshi



Dr. Yogendra Shastri



Dr. Mona Keshikar