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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES – B.S. FINTECH (SELF-FINANCE PROGRAMME) OF H L COLLEGE OF COMMERCE (AUTONOMOUS) FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–27 – SEMESTER 5, HELD ON 18TH APRIL, 2026, AT 10:00 AM, AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, HLCC CAMPUS, AHMEDABAD.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Particulars	Attendance
1.	Dr. Mona Kelshikar	Principal & Chairperson	Present
2.	Prof. Pravin Parmar	Head, Department of Statistics	Present
3.	Dr. Nisha Bhavsar	Head, Department of Accountancy	Online
4.	Prof. Yogendra Shastri	Placement Officer	Present
5.	Dr. Sandip Parmar	Head, Department of Management	Absent
6.	Dr. Radha Tiwari	Department of Economics	Present
7.	CS Komal Kewalramani	Faculty Co-ordinator, B.S. Fintech	Present
8.	Dr. Payal Shastri	Faculty Co-ordinator, B.Com Banking and Finance	Present
9.	Prof. Aman Khanna	Faculty member	Present
10.	Dr. Jayvantsinh Sarvaiya	Principal, H K Arts College	Absent
11.	Mr. Rahul Kewalramani	Industry Expert	Present
12.	Mr. Chirag Shah	Industry Expert	Present
13.	Mr. Vipul Shah	Alumni, HLCC	Present
14.	Mr. Bhavesh Rathod	Alumni, HLCC	Present

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. Mona Kelshikar**, Principal and Chairperson. She emphasized the importance of continuous curriculum revision to ensure alignment with evolving industry trends, technological advancements, and academic rigor in the FinTech domain. She appreciated the active participation and valuable inputs of all members.

Agenda of the Meeting

1. Syllabus Framing and Finalization for Semester 5 (Academic Year 2026–27)
2. Discussion on Internship Policy Alignment
3. Any revisions to be made in the subjects of Semester I and III for the academic year 2026-27

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1. Syllabus Framing and Finalization for Semester 5

The Board undertook a detailed review of the proposed Semester 5 syllabus with inputs from academic members and industry experts. The following recommendations were discussed and finalized:

✚ Subject 501 – Big Data Analysis – I (4 credits)

- It was recommended by Mr. Rahul Kewalramani and Mr. Chirag Shah to:
 - Include the term “**Overview**” in the topics:
 - HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System)
 - Key-Value & Columnar Stores
- The objective is to **avoid in-depth technical complexity** and ensure better conceptual understanding considering students’ grasping levels.

✚ Subject 502 – International Finance (4 credits)

- The syllabus was **approved as per the B.Com Banking and Finance Board of Studies**.
- Adopted without modification to maintain inter-program consistency.

✚ Subject 503 – Entrepreneurship and Start-up Management (4 credits)

- Significant revisions were suggested by:
 - **Mr. Bhavesh Rathod**
 - **Dr. Nisha Bhavsar**
- Key updates:
 - Inclusion of **Ecosystem Documentation**
 - Redrafting of syllabus based on:
 - Innovation frameworks
 - Holistic entrepreneurial concepts
- The subject will be reframed to better align with practical startup environments.

✚ Subject 504 – Income Tax (4 credits)

- The syllabus was **approved as per the B.Com Banking and Finance Board of Studies**.
- Adopted without changes.

✚ Subject 505 – Auditing (4 credits)

- The syllabus was **approved as per the B.Com Banking and Finance Board of Studies**.
- Adopted without modification.

✚ Subject 506 – Design Thinking (2 credits)

- It was observed that the syllabus contained **excessive technical components**.
- Recommendations:
 - Limit the technical aspects
 - Focus more on conceptual and application-oriented learning
 - Avoid overlap with **Financial Modelling** subject

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- It was decided that:
 - **Mr. Chirag Shah** will assist in **redrafting the syllabus** for improved structure and relevance.

2. Internship Policy Alignment

- It was decided that:
 - Students undertaking **summer internships after Semester 4** may receive approval for the same to be considered towards their **Semester 6 Internship requirement**.
 - Conditions:
 - **Prior approval from the college is mandatory**
 - Students must **fulfil the prescribed internship hours**
 - Implication:
 - Students who have completed approved internships after Semester 4 **will not be required to repeat the internship in Semester 6**.
3. **Any revisions to be made in the subjects of Semester I and III for the academic year 2026-27**

There were no revisions in the subjects of Semester I and III. Hence, the same will be continued for the academic year 2026-27.

Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair

No additional matters were raised for discussion.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with appreciation for the valuable suggestions and active participation of all members in strengthening the academic framework of the FinTech Programme.

Vote of Thanks

The meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

Place: Ahmedabad

Date: 18th April, 2026

Dr. Mona Kelshikar
Principal & Chairperson