

**PROFORMA FOR
INTRODUCTION OF A NEW COURSE**

Name of the course	MA International Politics (Specialisation in Strategy, Security and Peace)
Intake (Specifically mention General Category or NRI Category)	15 (General) NRI (Over and above)
Duration of the Course	04 Semesters
Age Limit (if any)	As per university Policy
Qualifying Examination	Graduate in any discipline from a recognized University / Institution with at least 50% marks in aggregate. Note: Candidate should refer to 'Allowed Courses' under 'Important Information & Rules' to ascertain whether s/he is permitted to apply for the course of study.
Selection Procedure (Mode of Selection i.e. Test Course/Department Test/ Non-Test Courses) with detail	Through Departmental Test
Test Paper Details	Test Paper Details: There shall be one paper comprising 80 questions with the following breakup: a) 70 Objective Type Questions (Multiple Choice): 140 marks. b) 10 Short Answer Type Questions: 60 marks
Test Schedule	As specified by the University
Application form Details	As specified in the Guide to Admissions
Registration & Admission Test Fee/ Processing Charges	As per university rules/ As specified in the Guide to Admissions
Test/ Departmental Test Syllabus	To be prepared
Admission Charges* (Both Internal & External with separation of Male and Female in consultation with the DFO (Students))	As specified by the University
STATUS: Approval of the BoS/ Faculty/ Admission Committee/AC/EC/Regulatory Bodies etc.	Approved by BoS
Development Charges/ Special Development Charges (if any)	As per university rules
Required Teaching & Infrastructural facilities in detail (Please attach separate sheet)	Existing: 01 Assistant Professor, 01 Guest Teacher Required: 01 Professor 02 Associate Professor 02 Assistant Professor
Date of Approval in the meeting of the BoS/ Faculty alongwith Minutes of the meetings	Minutes enclosed
Admission Test/ Departmental Test Syllabus in case of Test/ Departmental Test Courses	Departmental Test Courses
Whether Ordinances are framed. If yes furnish a copy of the same.	Yes, Ordinances / Structure <u>Fly B</u>

***Admission Charges**

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Office of the Chairperson
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 Faculty of International Studies,
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Chairperson

D.No. 614 /DSSS

The Vice-Chancellor
 AMU, Aligarh

Office of Controller of Examinations
 AMU, Aligarh
 R No. 614
 Dated: 26/12/20

Dated: 24-12-2020

R No. 2355 MS
 Dated: 24/12/2020

Through: Dean, Faculty of International Studies

Subject: Introduction of Master's Programmes in the Department from the Academic Session- 2021-2022

Sir,

The time bound communication from Controller of Examinations office (Copy of letter enclosed) is seeking fresh proposals of new courses being proposed in the Department of Studies in the academic session 2021-22 duly approved by Board of Studies and the Faculty.

This is to request you to please consider and approve the enclosed programmes duly approved by the Board of Studies of the department (copy of BoS Minutes enclosed), on behalf of the Faculty of International Studies due to paucity of time. The programmes are as follows:

- (i) MA International Politics (specialization in Strategic, Security and Peace)
- (ii) Annual International School on Peace Studies (Annexures I & II) from Academic Session- 2021-22.

The proposal has to be included in the Agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Admission Committee.

Sincerely,

(Prof. Mohammad Gulrez)

Chairman

Department of Strategic & Security Studies
 Faculty of International Studies
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Enclosures: As Above

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATION
(ADMISSION SECTION)
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DATED : 15.12.2020

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Secretary, University Games Committee / Coordinator, Cultural Education Centre
Director, Directorate of School Education

**SUBJECT : FINALIZATION OF GUIDE TO ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION
2021-2022.**

The Guide to Admissions, 2020-2021 is available on the website (www.amucontrollerexams.com).
You are requested to go through the portion pertaining to your Department / Unit / Section and send your proposal(s) regarding addition/deletion, if any, on a separate sheet in the following format to incorporate the same in the Guide to Admissions for the academic session, 2021-2022.

S. No.	Name of Faculty / Department	Page No. of the Guide 2020-2021	Existing Provision 2020-2021	Proposed Changes(s) for 2021-2022

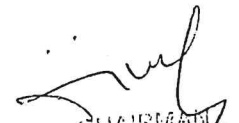
In case any new course is being proposed in the Department / Centre / Unit from the session 2021-2022, please give the details in the format of Guide to Admissions along with the approval of the appropriate bodies and the proposed Draft Ordinances (Academic) relating to the course.

The proposal(s) duly approved by the **BOS and Faculty** may please be sent, to the Joint Controller (Admissions) **latest by 07.01.2021** for including the same in the Agenda of forthcoming meeting of the Admission Committee.

CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

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1. Registrar
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(Annexure - A)
ANNEXURE - I

Detailed Proposal
for
the
Introduction
of
Masters Programme

MA in International Politics (Specialisation in Strategy, Security and Peace)

In



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The Department in Brief

One of the core unit of the Faculty of International Studies, the department of Strategic and Security studies has been conceptualised with a deeply thought out aim and well planned strategy to become a pioneering centre of advanced studies and research in India in the arena of Strategic and Security studies. The overall aim is to intelligently pool and constructively engage the best minds in the pursuit of a more peaceful world and the strategy is to ignite the imagination of all the stakeholders - the policy makers, the academics, the journalists, general public and particularly the youths - with the idea that another world is possible. Inspired with the motto , 'Towards A New World: Peaceful, Humane, Secure ad Inclusive', the department is uniquely different and unusual from other such departments for the fact that here, the main emphasis is on the construction of the idea of a more peaceful world - a world not just with the absence of wars and conflicts but one that is much more positive with the idea which actually make conflicts much less likely i.e., the idea about emancipation, rights, justice, fairness, security etc.

That is precisely the reason why the department is named as the, 'Department of Strategic and Security Studies' explicitly meaning that unlike the Department of War Studies, or Department of Peace and Conflict Studies or the Department of Defence and Security Studies where generally the focus is on understanding war, or analysing conflicts or developing methods and tools to quantify war and conflicts or developing defence capabilities, etc., here, the main emphasis will be on-building a viable narrative of peace - a narrative which has the capability, intellectual rigour and practical insight to tide over the dominant war narrative which currently hegemonies the prevailing discourse.

Inspired by the noble vision of the founding father of this institution, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan who instilled hopes in the Indian populace during the then depressing environment of the dark days of Colonialism by harking on the liberating and moderating impulse of the modern scientific education, this department, similarly aims to rekindle the spirit of hope in the prevailing atmosphere of gloom all over the world - the world of ever increasing violence, deadlier weapons, environmental degradation, growing insecurities etc. This will be achieved by the twin process of high quality teaching and innovative research of practical significance. World class researches will be carried out not just to unearth the causes of conflicts but basically to help locate the levers for the promotion of a sustainable and durable peace. This high class practically relevant researches will inform the policy makers and other stakeholders through the galaxy of students who will be particularly trained for this purpose at the department.

The department, therefore, will not just be for those who want to study strategy, war, peace, international politics, etc., but will be relevant for anyone and everyone who take interest in and are concerned with the goings of the world and want to play their part in making it a better place to live in.

This department i.e., the Department of Strategic and Security Studies is about who we are and what we actually want ourselves to be.

Helping build durable, sustainable and long-lasting peace, supporting for the establishment of an inclusive, benign and enabling environment for all and assisting in the creation of a more secure, humane and fulfilling life for everyone - is what this department strives to work for.

Rationale for Introducing Masters Programme titled

MA in International Politics (specialisation in Strategy, Security and Peace)

In the post liberalization era India, when repackaging of processes particularly those related to aspects which have germinating effect on the very nature of the body polity have become an unavoidable necessity, imparting 'education' in the manner it is required assumes a pervasively imperative necessity. This is not to mean in any way, as sacred a thing as education, needs to be commoditised to underline its continued relevance in these times of heightend neo-liberalism and all rampant populism the world over. The purpose here, is only to package the deliverable in the currency it is understood with keeping the basics grounded in the time-tested and experientially sustained eternal principles education has always been upholding – Critique-ing, Questioning, Interrogating, Probing etc.

The intended Course of study i.e., MA in International Politics (specializing in Strategic, Security and Peace Studies) is proposed with these objectives in mind. Whereas the plethora of Masters Courses running in this university and elsewhere may have their own utilities, this intended Masters Programme apart from being uniquely placed is expected to fill the void the current masters courses in the country is grappling with viz., the mismatch between what is taught and what is actually required in this fast changing world.

With the very title of the course, capturing its essence, this masters programme will basically be in the nature of the MA in international Relation/international politics type, with the added nomenclature strategy, security and peace aimed at imparting the urgently required interventions the world is clamouring for. Inspired by the ideals of the founder and mandated by the successive Education policy of the country which among other things expect education programmes to be a site for bringing in the much needed intervention leading to positive changes in society for the pursuit of the idea of 'equality, liberty, fraternity, scientific temper, humanism, spirit of enquiry and reform etc, for helping build a better society, a good country and an efficient international order. The motto of the department, 'Towards a better world: Peaceful, Humane and Secure' stands emphatically substantiated with the introduction of this masters programme, where the ultimate aim of helping establish Peace and order in the world through sustained security will be attempted to be structurally 'strategised'. Therefore this masters programme will have three pathways in the contemplation for achieving better and efficient world order – "Security Pathways", "Strategy Pathways" and "Peace Pathways" – with the underlining importance accorded to the hitherto marginalized academic orientations like, Feminist epistemology, post colonial discourse, Critical theory etc.

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Objective for this Proposal

This programme basically aims to act as a bridge for those intending to play their part in making the world a better place to live in – a world not just with the tools and mechanism to prevent the occurrence of war but a world where actually the beginning of war itself becomes much less likely. The objective of the Course, therefore, is to invest in the establishment of sustainable, durable and everlasting peace – through the creation of a more secure world by the use of effective, efficient and practical strategies. As such the course has a sharp focus on cultivating a category of dedicated students inspired by the vision of a peaceful world who may utilize their learnings from the course in whatever field they choose as their career – be it journalism, teaching, academia, researches, policy making or simple volunteering.

The course is designed in such a way so as to orient the students not just in their capability to analyse and understand the happenings of the world in a better way but also to actively play their part with their suggestion, opinions, active involvement etc., in giving direction and helping build narrative.

The course aims to enable students:

- (a) to critique, question, analyse and explore the status quo and the reason thereof
- (b) to comprehend the application of power in maintaining the status quo and the factors which help shape power
- (c) to understand how resources of different kinds and categories could be coordinated in the pursuit of the intended outcome. (Strategising)
- (d) to analyse the causes and factors which results in the surfacing of conflicts and as such aim at those very embryonic roots of conflict to tide them over
- (e) to search for the levers of sustainable, durable and everlasting peace

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Intended Benefits to the Students Opting for this Masters Programme

Opting for this programme of study will enable students, among others to be richer by:

- ✓ Having a deeper and well-coordinated understanding of the prevailing national and international issues with their concomitant effect and intricate inter relationship
- ✓ Inculcating a nuanced understanding specifically of the security interactions between various stake holders at the national and international level and the consequent effect of such interactions at multiple levels
- ✓ Stimulating a critically engaged mind capable of effective strategizing attentive of resource limitations as well as expected aspirations.
- ✓ Being a responsible world citizen – thinking globally and acting locally

Who all may opt for this Course

Prospective Students

- **Students with their background in humanities, social sciences, sciences and engineering intending to have a sound understanding of international politics-strategy, security and peace**
- **Those planning to join the foreign services bureau of their countries**
- **Journalists intending to add up to their 'international' skills**
- **Aspiring International Civil Servants**
- **Researchers trying to orient them in area study researches**
- **Anyone and everyone interested in playing his/her role in making the world a better place to live in.**

Relevance of this Programme of Study

The field of Strategic and Security studies has considerably changed and has got much diversified since its inception as an academic discipline in the aftermath of the Second World War. From its initial concern with narrowly defined themes like the strategic consequences of super power rivalry, nuclear weapons and 'statism', it has gravitated to include much broader themes related to security, lying at the intersection of as diverse disciplines as psychology, medical sciences, economics, computer sciences, international politics etc. The concerns of security in the beginning were approached with the domineeringly Realist paradigm, but, now with the imminent changes coming in the world as a result of globalization and other forces, the ambit of approaches to comprehend security has widened to include post modern, feminist and critical security studies among others. Military security, erstwhile considered to be the whole and sole arena of security studies is now just one of the aspects alongwith equally, and may be, even more important concepts like human security, environmental security etc. Strategic and security Studies, as such, has become a truly interdisciplinary field.

This academic discipline, therefore, becomes very important particularly for an emerging country like India which for strategic reasons will obviously need a number of indigenous experts trained in the field with due academic rigour. As of now, in our country, though strategic and security studies have been introduced as an academic discipline at various places, yet, commensurate to the requirement of the country, they remain highly inadequate. The various Committees appointed by the University Grants Commission to take stock of the existing status of teaching and research in strategic and security studies in India underlines this fact. Apart from numbers, the UGC appointed Jasjit Singh Committee also highlighted the need for Strategic and Security Studies courses in India to become more comprehensive and contemporary. It specifically recommended the recasting of all teaching courses to reflect contemporary themes and perspectives.

The idea of this Masters programme to constructively engage with the theory of strategy and security in order to provide the foundation for a sustainably peaceful world, in the current times when all over the world the cloud of impending conflict and imminent war is looming large, as such is critically relevant. The urgency and necessity of such a programme of study in the contemporary ambience cant be over-emphasised.

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Structure / ORDINARY

1. In order to be eligible for the award of M.A. in Strategic, Security and Peace Studies, candidate shall have to pass 20 theory courses of 4 credits each, two viva-voce of 4 credits each, one Seminar Presentation of 4 Credits and One Open Elective Course of 4 Credits in total (96 Credits) , spread over four semester examinations in accordance with the decision of Academic Council on the recommendations of Board of Studies and the Faculty of International Studies.

The four Semester Courses tentatively will be like:

- (a) Semester I: Five Theory papers comprising 4 credits each, plus Seminar Presentation carrying 4 credits, equaling to a total of 24 Credits. $(5 \times 4 + 4 = 24)$
 - (b) Semester II: Five Theory Papers comprising 4 credits each and a 4 Credit Viva Voce, equaling a total of 24 credits. $(5 \times 4 + 4 = 24)$
 - (c) Semester III: Five Theory papers comprising 4 credits each plus an Open Elective comprising 4 Credits, equaling a total of 24 credits. $(5 \times 4 + 4 = 24)$
 - (d) Semester IV: Five Theory Papers comprising 4 credits each and a 4 Credit Viva Voce, equaling a total of 24 credits. $(5 \times 4 + 4 = 24)$
2. Each Course will have 30% marks for internal evaluation and 70% for an examination to be held at the end of the semester. The Internal evaluation will be based on Sessional /Assignment & or Presentation.

Candidates will have to pass the internal and Semester end examinations separately

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Tentative Syllabi for Masters Programme

MA in International Politics (with specialization in Strategy, Security and Peace)

Outline of Papers

Core Papers

1st Semester

1. Theories and Concepts in International Relations
2. Historical development of International Relations.
3. International Organization
4. International Law related to Armed Conflicts
5. Defence and Strategy in the Contemporary Order

2nd Semester

1. Problems and Issues in International Relations
2. National Interest and International Relations
3. Political Geography
4. International Political Economy and World Economic Order
5. India and the World Affairs

3rd Semester

1. Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution
2. Peace and War in the Nuclear age
3. Globalization and Human Rights
4. Regional Integration in Contemporary World: Issues and challenges
5. Comparative Politics

4th Semester

1. Introduction to Research Methods in International Relations
2. UN PKO and shared responsibility to Global Peace
3. Popular Culture and International Politics
4. Securitization in the 21st Century
5. Culture, Norms and Identity in World Politics

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Department Requirement for starting the Masters program in International Politics (with specialization in Strategy, Security and Peace)

As per the UGC directives generally for starting a new department, we need the following teaching faculty:

One (1) Professor

Two (2) Associate Professors

Four (4) Assistant Professors

And commensurate with the proper functioning of the same we also need corresponding technical support staff. Accordingly, the recently established department of security and strategic studies needs the same.

The Department currently functions from the premises of Alumni Affairs and doesn't have its own space. As such, the department is in urgent need of classrooms and library.

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(Annexure-C)
ANNEXURE-II

Proposal

For
An

Annual
International School
on
Peace Studies



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Introduction

The Department of Strategic and Security Studies proposes for an Annual International Summer School in Peace Studies from the session 2020-21-

Intended to be organized with the active support from the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Womens' Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Department of Business Management, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, this Summer School will be an attempt to assist those who want to play their part in making the world a better place to love in. Following the department's motto, "Towards A Better World: Peaceful, Humane, Secure and Inclusive", this International Summer School on Peace studies will be in consonance not only with the founders dream of making a peaceful, tolerant and inclusive world but will also bolster our constitutional principle of helping to promote peace and prosperity, alongwith supporting the vision of the incumbent Vice Chancellor of our university Mr Tariq Mansoor, who in his address to the faculty members in August 2018 outlined his plan of devising mechanism to forge connectivity with the alumni of the university through short term courses/training for their children.

Taught by faculty members with their background in different academic disciplines like Political Science, Sociology, psychology, womens' studies, philosophy, management, etc., this Summer School will examine both the methodological and topical issues in order to ignite the imagination of the students to think beyond the current paradigm and look for solution for the prevailing problems the world is embroiled in, with Indian orientation primarily. The theme underlining the course will be to understand the conflict in order to help resolve it and flagging in India's peace potential at international level and promote India's role as a peace promoter.

Apart from students enrolled in the university, this School will be of particular interest for the working professionals, researchers, journalists, NGO volunteers, and all those who are concerned citizens of the world.

Along with helping the interested students, this Summer School being unique of its kind in India will add to the image of the university, which, of late, because of the emerging political ambience in the country has become a site of misplaced criticism. This International Summer School on Peace Studies, offered by the Department of Strategic and Security Studies, will therefore, not just be urgently timely but will, in fact, be extremely important strategically too.

Background idea, inspiring the proposal for an Annual Summer School on Peace Studies

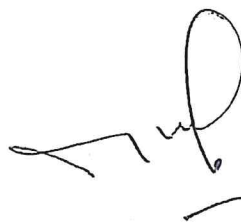
The quest for a peaceful world has always pre-occupied the minds of scholars and practitioners of international relations. Since the times human civilization began till now, that search continues, though the form and the manner of that search keeps changing. From the Congress of Vienna to the League of Nations to the comparatively more recent one, the United Nations, the manifestation of that search could be seen at various levels. At individual level if we can boldly take the name of Woodrow Wilson, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela etc., we can similarly have the name of different countries at different times taking up the cudgel of popularizing and mainstreamising peace initiatives. India has had a leading role in such efforts and the main aim of this project as such mainly is to develop and popularize this peace potential of India. The land of Buddha, Tagore and Gandhi has actually had a very rich history of initiating and promoting peace initiatives. From many of such examples from the unrecorded history of the country encapsulated in the popular folklore, to that of the example of Ashoka of deliberately relinquishing all military might for the cause of peace, to the comparatively recent one of the non-violent strategies adopted by Gandhiji to fight the mighty British Empire, India has got a unique peace potential. Realizing this, United Nations assigned many a leading role to India in its peace keeping missions. For India, a country in the very nascent stage of its development, as it got independence in 1947 only, the assigning of peace keeping role by the United Nations had been both a morale booster as well as recognition of the peace potential of India.

The Summer School basically tries to capitalize on that very peace potential of India to fulfil its strategic objectives in the realm of its international relations. In the current global scenario, the most pressing issues in front of the whole world are those which are the problems of 'Global Commons'. In these pressing issues of global commons one of the most taxing one is the problem of terrorism. Among the many causes of terrorism, one important factor is the instability in various countries of the world. In South Asia particularly terrorism mainly emanates from those areas which have been unable to be governed properly. Annual Summer School on Peace Studies, therefore, becomes very important

Outline of the thematic underpinning of the proposed Annual Summer School on Peace Studies

The proposed Summer School basically aims at enhancing the image of India as a country involved in the promotion of peace, amity and tolerance in the world by building upon the past experiences of India. Taking cue from the way, how Norway, a small country located in Scandinavia, could develop its peace potential so much, that nowadays any talk regarding peace initiatives anywhere in the world surely has a mention of Norway in one way or the other. In the popular imagination of the world, Norway is considered to be synonymous with peace. Peace, as the studies in recent years have highlighted doesn't merely act as a morale booster in the Kantian scheme of international relations rather peace has its own reward from the perspective of Realism in its approach to the world in terms of real hard core politics. The growing popularity of Joseph Nye's ground breaking work on the concept of Soft power, the most visibly popular work representative of this aspect of peace is an evidence of the ever increasing importance of the use of "Peace Promotion" for strategic gains. This has been so for more than one reason and by all practical considerations the future will see a furtherance of this. Growing incapability of even the great world powers to stop the carrying out of terrorist activities in their own backyard, the ever increasing scope of the deadliness of warfare, the ever widening rise of sectarianism and inhumanity the world over etc., all show the futility of the pursuance of hard power. It, though, is also a fact that abandoning the pursuance of hard power altogether will also not be a wise decision. Therefore, a judicious approach in formulating the foreign policy of a country would be to have a rightful blend of the pursuance of both the hard as well as the soft power. Failure to do so will be a mistake for the foreign policy planners of any country. Example of the continuing insurgency in Iraq, the unending problems in Afghanistan and Pakistan's continued descent into chaos are all cases in point. Even the sole super power of the world, the military might of which is many times higher than the combined military strength of all other countries of the world has to learn this important lesson of history the hard way.

India has a history of peace. It is the place of origin of two of the most pacifist religion of the world – Buddhism and Jainism. Annual International Summer School on this Peace potential of India will , thus, be very educative, important and timely



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D. No. 543 /DSSE
11/9/2020

Office of the Chairman
Department of Strategic & Security Studies
Aligarh Muslim University

Minutes

An ordinary Online meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of Strategic & Security Studies was held on 2 September 2020 at 11.00 a.m.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, Chairman D/O Strategic & Security Studies (in the Chair)
2. Prof. Aftab Alam D/O Political Science (Assigned Member)
3. Dr. Syed Tahseen Raza , Assistant Professor D/O Strategic & Security Studies
4. Dr. Swasti Rao , Guest Faculty D/O Strategic & Security Studies (Special Invitee)

The following decisions were taken:

Item No. 1

Confirmed the minutes of the last meeting of BOS (ordinary) held on 29/5/2019.

Item No. 2


Considered and approved the proposal to introduce Masters Programme –MA in International Politics (Specialisation in Strategy, Security & Peace) from the academic session 2021-2022. (Annexure A)

The members were of the view that , to begin with , the department be given three additional posts of Assistant Professor in addition to one Assistant Professor already working in the department as also communicated by the Joint Registrar (Development Section) vide letter No.F/20-21/DS/87, dated 25/6/2020 . The members also resolved that as per the detailed proposal for the introduction of Masters Programme - MA in International Politics (Specialisation in Strategy, Security & Peace) , the university may also consider for sanctioning additional teaching positions to the department as follows :

Professor -1
Associate Professor-2
Assistant Professor -4

This is in addition to corresponding technical and supporting staff required for the department on regular basis for running the Masters programme.

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Chairman
Department of Strategic &
Security Studies

Item No. 3

3. (A)

It was also agreed that the department will organize the following Webinar on the specific themes as follows:

- (I). Post Pandemic World : Strategic Implications
- (II). Emerging Geo-Political & Economic Challenges in South Asia
- (III). Geo Politics of Emotions : Covid 19 and Its Impact
- (IV). International Politics in an Era of Increasing Populism
- (V). Security Studies and Racism: Controversy regarding the secularization Theory debate
- (VI). Bio Safety and Bio Security : Where we Stand
- (VII). India and Its Neighbours
- (VIII). Unilateralism, Tri Polarity or Multi Polarity : Future World Order
- (IX). Middle East in Ferment: What Lies Ahead
- (X). Policing During Pandemic: Need for Reform (Annexure B)

3 (B).

Annual International School (Summer School)

It is agreed that the department will organize an Annual International School on Peace Studies. The purpose of Summer School will be to comprehend and understand the issues of conflict in order to help resolve it and flagging in India's peace potential at International level and promote India's role as a peace promoter.

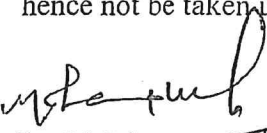
The Summer School will be organized with the support of other departments at AMU and will be open to students enrolled in the university. The Summer school will also be of interest for the working professionals, researchers, journalists, NGO Volunteers etc. (Annexure C)

Item No. 4

As per the requirements, the BOS approved the names of the Examiners, Moderators and Scrutinizers for BA Vth Semester and MA1st & 3rd Semester courses (Open Elective Courses) offered by the students in the faculty of International Studies for the session 2020-21 (Not to be circulated)

Any other item(s)

One faculty member under any other raised the issue that that the university may be requested to transfer the services of Prof. Aftab Alam from Department of Political Science to Department of Strategic & Security Studies. The Chairman stated that the issue raised is not appropriate and hence not be taken up.


Prof. Mohammad Gulrez
Chairman
Department of Strategic &
Security Studies
Faculty of International Studies
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To

The Chair
Board of Studies on 2/09/2020
Department of Strategic and Security Studies
Faculty of International Studies, AMU

Subject: Regarding Incorporation of the missing part of the meeting's deliberations and clarification on some aspect

This relates to the minutes of meeting held on 2 September 2020. The following points may kindly be considered before the minutes get finalized:

Related to Item no 2:

- 1) That there was discussion related to '*those eligible for MA Programme*', whereby the undersigned underlined the importance of opening the eligibility of the Course for graduates from faculty of Engineering and Medicine too. The reason for this submission had been to ensure quality of students who would join the Masters programme. This discussion must be included in the minutes. Though the Board didn't finally agree on this, yet, this point needs to be mentioned that one member of the Board raised this point and was not convinced of the Board's overall decision
- 2) That there is a mention of a letter by Joint Registrar (Development Section) No F./20-21/DS/87, dated 25/06/2020. The Board members are not in the know of its content and as such they need to know what this letter actually mentions.
- 3) The concluding part of Item no 1 reads
"this is in addition to corresponding technical and supporting staff required for the department on regular basis for running the *Master's programme*."

The undersigned suggests changing the above highlighted words to "Department" as the support staff are needed to run the whole department and not just Master's Programme.

Related to Item no 3 (A):

Since the agenda 3 of the BoS, didn't explicitly mention the topics or the speakers, and as has been the usual norm in other departments of the university, specific topics need not be finalized by the BoS. The Department organizes lectures on topics which the department thinks is important. Therefore the undersigned request to keep the essence of the agenda and should not restrict itself to these topics only.

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Related to Item 3 (B):

Attention may kindly be made to the following point as written in the item 3 B;

"The Summer School ... will be open to students enrolled in the university. The Summer School will also be of interest for the working professionals, researchers, journalists, NGO Volunteers etc"

This may kindly be explicitly written as " Working professionals, researchers, journalists, NGO Volunteers etc, will also be eligible for this"

Related to Any Other Item:

The undersigned mentioned the point regarding a request to the university to transfer the services of Prof Aftab Alam to the Department of Strategic and Security Studies. Terming this as '*not appropriate*' is not just disrespectful to Prof Aftab Alam but is also in essence against the spirit of 'Board of Studies, apart from being demeaning to the Board member who made this request.

Member putting forth this request, has since the inception of the department, when it was not even in physical existence, has toiled a lot, to put the department's functioning on a firm footing. With persistent efforts of four years, and despite numerous hiccups, the department remained successful in achieving a niche for itself, evident from the publications by the department and popularity of the courses it currently runs. The Undersigned, while proposing this request, was aware of the immense support extended by Prof Aftab Alam to the Department, both being a senior Professor of the university and as a member of the Executive Council. Prof Alam and Dr Noman (another EC member) were instrumental in facilitating meeting of the undersigned with the university authorities in pursuance of the various requests made by the department.

Apart from assistance in procedural matters, Prof Alam being a Professor of International Relations had been of help in formulating the syllabus which related to 'International Law aspect' of Strategy, Security, Peace and War.

Seeing his consistent support to the department and keeping in consideration the overall welfare of the department, the undersigned, who himself has experiences of teaching and research not just in this university but other universities in India and abroad including the best ones as well, made this request. Moreso, this request is not the first of its kind. There are various such precedence in this university whereby services of experts have been transferred to another place for the overall good of the university. As such terming such a request as being '*NOT APPROPRIATE*' and hence '*not taken up*' is not just demeaning but even hurtful to the proposer.

Further, the very purpose of 'Any Other Item' is to bring up issues for the welfare of the department. Since the department is still in its nascent stage without building and classes of its own and lacking

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proper support staff, it becomes important for the undersigned to utilize any avenue whereby matters related to the welfare of the department could be brought up. The only guiding principle governing this proposal by the undersigned is 'well-being of the department' as he himself is a witness to the everydayness of struggle to put a nascent department to a firm footing. Multiple request for as basic a thing as books for the department has unfortunately not been met. (There are documentary evidence for this). Request for Prof Aftab Alam's services was meant to expedite the process of department's progress and nothing else.

The undersigned would like this term 'not appropriate' to be expunged. It depends on the nature of Board of Studies whether to accept request of a member, on the basis of democratic voting or through 'consensus' building. If allowed Chair may also be within his/her rights to use his/ her discretion to scuttle any point/request, made by a member. However to term any request as "NOT APPROPRIATE" may not be legally wise too.

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