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The Principal,
_____ College,
University of Delhi
Delhi/New Delhi

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Allocation of Teaching and Examination Duties for Economics Papers in
Under-graduate Commerce Courses**

I have been receiving many messages and telephone calls from Economics teachers in colleges regarding a notification dated 21st July, 2014 sent by the HoD Commerce, claiming that at the Academic Council meeting of 19th July, 2014 the decision of the "competent authority" was clarified that Economics courses being taught as Allied Courses in the restructured three-year B.Com. (Hons) of the FYUP would be taught *only* by teachers appointed in the Department of Commerce, and the same would apply to "all existing titles" of the revived three-year commerce courses. I was present at the AC meeting and no such official clarification was given. Minutes of the A.C. meeting do not refer to this issue at all.

However, I may point out that in the last two years there have been several official decisions of the University regarding this issue which support the position of the Department of Economics in this matter, viz:

1. For students admitted under the FYUP, courses that were proposed in the AC meeting by the Commerce Department as Allied courses for BCom (Hons) were drawn up by the Department of Economics and passed by the Committee of Courses and sent to the University as DC-2 Economics courses. After the AC meeting, Annexure I of the "Restructuring of the erstwhile FYUP 2013-14 to three year UG programme (Combined & Updated Course Details) - 24/07/2014" uploaded on the DU website clearly indicates that these are courses of the Economics department. Clearly, these courses should be taught and evaluated by teachers of the same department.
2. As regards the revived courses of the 2012 three year programme for students being admitted this year, past practice has been that Economics teachers, whether affiliated to the Commerce or Economics departments of their respective colleges, have serviced the Economics courses of the BCom programmes. Examiners for many of these courses have traditionally been chosen by the Department of Economics. Just today we have received instructions from the Examination Branch for organizing paper setting and moderation of the three B.Com (Prog) courses to be offered in the current I, III and V semester. These papers have been assigned Deptt Code 227 (Economics). Obviously, paper setters for these papers must be chosen from teachers of the same subject.



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3. It is on record that in his letters CD/318/12 dated 1st August, 2012 and CD/862/12 dated 22 November 2012, Prof K.V.Bhanu Murthy (HoD Commerce) stated that he had thoroughly discussed the matter with the Pro-Vice Chancellor, and under his directions, the Principal of Kalindi College is asked to adopt “status quo” regarding teaching of B.Com and B.Com.(Hons.).
4. The Deputy Registrar (Council) in his letter CNC-i/105/2013 dated 7 November 2013, clearly states that in relation to two specific Economics papers of B.Com (Hons), the “competent authority” has decided to follow past practice, which is that these courses would be taught by Economics teachers.

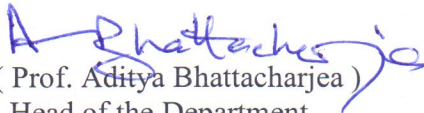
All these official communications indicate that the consistent position of the University is that Economics courses in the undergraduate Commerce degree programmes should continue to be taught by Economics teachers. It may further be pointed out that the University, in responding to the directive of the UGC, has reverted *in toto* to the pre-FYUP 2012 syllabus for the three-year undergraduate degree courses. The same practice should continue as regards allocation of teaching responsibilities. Otherwise it may be seen as an infringement of the UGC directive. Even otherwise, the UGC and National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) may have serious objections to Economics courses designed by the Economics department being taught by commerce teachers.

Finally, it may be pointed out that there are science departments in this University which have had courses in English and Economics as part of their B.Sc (Hons) syllabi. It would be absurd to expect science teachers to teach such courses merely because they are part of a B.Sc programme.

Therefore, in calculation of workloads and in recruitment of faculty, Economics papers under the B.Com degree courses should be taught only by teachers with minimum MA and NET in Economics, whether they are affiliated to the Commerce or Economics departments of their respective colleges. An earlier letter along these lines (No. Eco/1-Sem./2014-15/630 dated 1st August, 2014) has already been issued to the Teachers in Charge of Economics Departments, with copies to the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dean of Colleges and Director South Campus.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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