

**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI  
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Subject** : B.A. (Hons) Economics, First Semester (2014)  
**Course** : 01 (Introductory Microeconomics)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday 4th August 2014, 2:00 pm  
**Venue** : Room 205, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,  
University of Delhi  
**Convener** : Dr. Shreekant Gupta, Department of Economics

**Attended by (in order of signing):**

1. Neelam Johar Malhotra, Lady Shri Ram College
2. N. Shradha Varma, Indraprastha College
3. Malabika Pal, Miranda House
4. S. Rubina Naqvi, Hindu College
5. Abdul Rasheed C.K., Hindu College
6. Mukesh Kumar, Motilal Nehru College
7. Saraswati, Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College
8. Kapila Mallah, Hansraj College
9. Alok Dash, Ramjas College
10. A.J.C. Bose, Shri Ram College of Commerce
11. Sanjeev Grewal, St. Stephen's College
12. Sunita Meena, Miranda House
13. Aradhana Nandi, Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce (SGGSCC)
14. Aruna Rao, Sri Venkateswara College
15. Akhilesh Kumar Yadav, Satyawati College (Evening)
16. Renu Sinha, Satyawati College (Day)
17. Stuti Gupta, Shyamlal College (Evening)
18. Rashmi Sharma, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce
19. Punam Tyagi, Kalindi College
20. Gurdeep Kaur, Shivaji College

**The following texts were agreed upon:**

1. [N. Gregory Mankiw \(2012\), \*Economics: Principles and Applications\*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition](#), India edition by South-Western, a part of Cengage Learning, Cengage Learning India Private Limited, ISBN-13: 9788131517390 (hereafter Mankiw, 2012, 6e).
2. **Joseph E. Stiglitz and Carl E. Walsh (2006), *Economics***, International Student Edition, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., New York, ISBN 0-393-92622-2. (hereafter Stiglitz & Walsh, 2006, 4e).

## Topic wise Readings:

- 1. Exploring the subject matter of Economics:** Why study economics? Scope and method of economics; The economic problem: Scarcity and choice; the question of what to produce, how to produce and how to distribute output; Science of economics; The basic competitive model; Prices, Property rights and Profits; Incentives and information; Rationing; Opportunity sets; Economic systems; Reading and working with graphs (*de-emphasise*)  
**Stiglitz & Walsh, 2006, 4e, Chapters 1 & 2.**
- 2. Supply and Demand: How Markets Work, Markets and Welfare:** Markets and competition; Determinants of individual demand/supply; Demand/supply schedule and demand/supply curve; Market versus individual demand/supply; Shifts in the demand/supply curve, demand and supply together; How prices allocate resources; Elasticity and its application; Controls on prices; Taxes and the costs of taxation; Consumer surplus, producer surplus and the efficiency of the markets.  
**Mankiw, 2012, 6e, Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8**
- 3. The Households:** The consumption decision—budget constraint, consumption and income/price changes, demand for all other goods and price changes; Description of preferences (representing preferences with indifference curves), properties of indifference curves, consumer's optimum choice; Income and substitution effects; Labour supply and savings decision—choice between leisure and consumption.  
**Mankiw, 2012, 6e, Chapter 21: The Theory of Consumer Choice.**
- 4. The Firm and Perfect Market Structure:** Behaviour of profit maximizing firms and the production process; Short run costs and output decisions; Costs and output in the long run.  
**Mankiw, 2012, 6e, Chapters 13-14.**
- 5. Imperfect Market Structure:** Monopoly and anti-trust policy, government policies towards competition.  
**Mankiw, 2012, 6e, Chapter 15.**
- 6. Input Markets:** Labour and land markets—basic concepts (derived demand, productivity of an input, marginal productivity of labour, marginal revenue product); demand for labour; input demand curves; shifts in input demand curves; competitive labour markets; and labour markets and public policy.  
**Mankiw, 2012, 6e, Chapter 18.**

## Internal Assessment:

Class tests (2): 10 marks each

Attendance in lectures and tutorials: 5 marks

## End of semester exam:

The exam will carry 75 marks and seven questions in all. Each question will be worth fifteen marks. The *first* question will be compulsory. Besides, the students will be asked to answer *any* four out of the remaining six questions.

**Note:** The committee recommended the next meeting for this course should be convened around April 2015 before the dispersal of classes so that the list of readings is available in time.