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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Minutes of the First School Board Meeting held on December 04, 2007 at 4.00 p.m. in the Board Room, Block No. 8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 3. Prof. Basir Ahmed Khan, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 4. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 5. Prof. Nawal Kishore, Professor, SOMS | - Member |
| 6. Prof. N.K.Dash, Professor, SOE | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Jaswant Sokhi, Reader, SOS | - Member |
| 8. Dr. Nandini Sahu, Reader, SOH | - Member |

The following could not attend:

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| 1. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 2. Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools was present to assist the Chairman of the School Board.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the School Board. He briefed the members about the Expert Committee recommendations on establishing the new school and the approval process involving the Planning Board, Academic Council Standing Committee, Academic Council, Board of Management and the Visitor. The University has already initiated the process of appointing the regular faculty in the new School.

The following are the Agenda items for discussion and consideration of the School Board:

1. Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.
2. Programmes being developed for the School.
3. To consider 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.
4. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

SOITS 1.1: Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.

SOITS 1.1.1: The School Board took note of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies. There is a need for the preparation of Vision Document to decide on the programmes & activities and draw a roadmap for the new School. Dr. Naidu said that the Vice Chancellor has assigned this task to Prof. Vijay Kapur, Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University. It is likely that Prof. may submit the report by the end of December 2007.

SOITS 1.1.2: The members are of the opinion that there should be an Advisory Board for the School to delineate various activities of the School.

SOITS 1.1.3: The School Board took note of the above and authorised the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate steps on the above.

SOITS 1.2: Programmes being developed for the School.

SOITS 1.2.1: The School Board took note of the following programme being proposed and developed in the School:

Programme	Programme Coordinator
PG Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies	Dr. Nandini Sahu, Reader, SOH

SOITS 1.2.2: The member are of the opinion that the School should not confine to just offering programmes. Even the very ODL is transcending across the disciplines. Dr. Latha Pillai said that the National Institute of Advanced Studies conducts a number of workshops and seminars covering several areas of study that can form under this School. Discussion forums could be formed and later they can be put into public domain. Prof. Nawal Kishore suggested a Brainstorming session and said that the rigidity of subjects etc. should not be there. The Chairman said that the preservation and documentation of traditional languages like that of Andaman and Nicobar Islands where the population extinction is very fast should be taken up. Also, General courses instead of credit based Diploma and Degree programmes could be taken up by the School.

SOITS 1.2.3: The School Board took note of the above.

SOITS 1.3: To co-opt 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.

SOITS 1.3.1: The Vice-Chancellor said that according to the Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University, not more than five experts, who are not the employees of the University, are to be co-opted by the School Board. The members discussed the names of a number of people for the co-option to the School Board.

SOITS 1.3.2: The School Board decided to co-opt following five experts under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University:

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5. To be nominated by VC

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman

