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The 10th Meeting of the School Board of the SOITS was held on 17th August, 2011 at 10.30 A.M. The minutes of this meeting are placed at Flag 'A'.

Your kind approval is sought on the minutes of the 10th Meeting of the School Board.

(Velayutham Saravanan)
Director

Vice-Chancellor

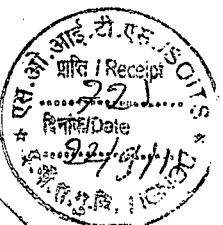
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MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 2011 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE ROOM NO. 5, CONVENTION CENTRE, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI

The Following members were present:

1. Prof. Velayutham Saravanan, Director	Chairperson
2. Prof. C.K. Ghosh, Director, NCIDE	Internal Member
3. Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SOA	Internal Member
4. Prof. S.S. Hasan, Director, IIA, Bangaluru	External Member
5. Prof. Sushil, IIT, Delhi	External Member
6. Prof. S. Neelamegham	External Member
7. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS	Member
8. Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS	Member
9. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS	Member
10. Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra, SOITS	Member

Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar, Prof. Ranabir Chakravorty and Prof. B.K. Pattanaik could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Sadanand Sahoo, SOITS attended the meeting as a special invitee.

At the outset, the Chairperson, Prof. Velayutham Saravanan, welcomed the members and introduced the new internal member, Dr. Subhokanta Mohapatra to the house. Chairperson also expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members, Dr. Sadanand Sahoo and Dr. P.K. Ratheesh for their contribution.

The enlisted agenda items were discussed in the School Board and the decisions are as follows:

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 28th January, 2011

SB 10.1.1 The School Board considered the minutes of its 9th meeting held on 28th January, 2011. While confirming the minutes, it was suggested that in future, Action Taken Report should also to be presented. Members were also advised that School Board minutes be circulated to them in advance.

SB 10.1.2 The School Board noted the suggestion made by the members and confirmed the minutes of the 9th School Board meeting.

SB 10.1.3 The School Board also noted the modification in the decision on Item No. 31 of the 9th meeting as under:

"S.B. 9.31.1 The School Board approved the change of admission under Category 'B' to Category 'A' in r/o Ms. Soraya C Vargas.

Item No. 2 To consider the minutes of the Doctoral Committee meeting held on 22nd July, 2011

SB 10.2.1 The Doctoral Committee meeting of the SOITS was held on 22nd July, 2011. The decisions of the Doctoral Committee were placed before the School Board for approval on the following items: **(Appendix-1)**

- (i) Approval of the name Dr.Sadanand Sahoo, Assistant Professor, SOITS as Ph.D/M.Phil Supervisor **(Item No. 1)**
- (ii) Number of candidates supervised by Prof.D.Gopal **(Item No. 2)**
- (iii) Approval of admission of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya for Ph.D programme under Category 'A' and Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra as his Supervisor **(Item No. 3)**
- (iv) Approval of the name of Dr. R.G. Jaybhaya, Associate Professor in Geography, University of Pune, as Co-supervisor of Mr. Jadhav Madhav, Ph.D Scholar under SOITS **(Item No. 4)**
- (v) Approval of Ph.D course work of RTAs **(Item No. 5)**
- (vi) Approval on Progress Reports of SACAR Ph.D and M.Phil candidates for the period July-Dec., 2010 and Jan.-July, 2011 **(Item No. 6)**
- (vii) Approval of the name of Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar (SRD), IGNOU as Ph.D Supervisor under SOITS **(Item No. 7)**
- (viii) Approval of the list of SACAR Supervisors **(Item No. 8)**
- (ix) Approval of the Progress Reports of RTAs and Ph.D candidates of SOITS and De-registration of Ms. Shalini, RTA, SOITS **(Item No. 9)**

SB 10.2.2 While deliberating on the item No. (ii) pertaining to number of students supervised by Prof. D. Gopal, the School Board observed that in the interests of the students, status quo to be maintained. However, IGNOU norms should be strictly adhered to and therefore the case should not be treated as a precedent.

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- SB 10.2.3** Regarding Item No. (vii) related to approval of the name of Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD, some of the members cited the examples of other universities wherein persons holding important administrative positions are not ordinarily permitted to supervise research scholars. The School Board advised that the Doctoral Committee deliberate upon the matter and recommend uniform policies.
- Item No. 3 To ratify the report of the Sub-Committee for creation of posts in the School**
- SB 10.3.1** The deliberations of the Sub-Committee constituted for creation of posts in the School were reported to the Academic Council and the same was placed before the School Board for ratification. (**Appendix-2**)
- SB 10.3.2** The Sub-Committee recommendations were briefly explained to the members. The Sub-Committee recommended 6 positions of which 2 Professors, 2 Associate Professors and 2 Assistant Professors. Of the six positions, one each may be recruited immediately.
- SB 10.3.3** The Committee unanimously noted and ratified the same.
- Item No. 4 To consider and approve change of Ph.D topic/title in respect of Ms. Raunak Ahmed, RTA in the discipline of Gandhian Studies (SOITS)**
- SB 10.4.1** Ms Raunak Ahmed, RTA in the discipline of Gandhian Studies was proposed to change the title of her research. Her earlier title was "*Social Vision of Mahatma Gandhi: A Study of Constructive Programme*" and the proposed title is "*Gandhi's Constructive Programme: A Study of Its Contemporary Relevance*". The matter was placed before the 9th School Board and afterwards 9th RCSC. A copy of the decision of the 9th RCSC is placed as **Appendix-3** which is self-explanatory.
- As required by RCSC vide Resolution No.9.12.2, it was clarified that the change is limited to "Change of Title".
- SB 10.4.2** The School Board approved the change of title as "Gandhi's Constructive Programme: A Study of Its Contemporary Relevance" in respect to Ms. Raunak Ahmed, RTA in the discipline of Gandhian Studies (SOITS).
- Item No. 5 To consider and approve change of Ph.D topic/title in respect of Mr. Mohmad Rafiq Sheikh**
- SB 10.5.1** Mr. Mohmad Rafiq Sheikh proposed to change the title of Ph.D thesis from "*Women's Employment and the Changing Dynamics of Gender – Relations in Work and Family Structure: A Study of Kashmiri Society*" to "*Kashmiri Women and the Socio-cultural Development: A Literary*

Perspective" The matter was placed before the 9th School Board and afterwards 9th RCSC. A copy of the decision of the 9th RCSC is placed as **Appendix-4**, which is self-explanatory.

As required by RCSC vidē Resolution No.9.20.2, it is clarified that the change is limited to "Change of Title".

SB 10.5.2 The School Board advised that the student has to make a presentation before the Doctoral Committee justifying the change of topic/title. The decision of the Doctoral Committee would be ratified by the School Board.

Item No. 6 **To consider and approve the proposal for M.Phil in Interdisciplinary Studies**

SB 10.6.1 The School is planning to introduce M.Phil in Interdisciplinary Studies in the current academic year. The content of the courses are under the discussion among the faculty members of the School. Once the faculty members accepted the contents, the expert committee meeting will be conducted. Attempt has been made to introduce the M.Phil programme in the current academic year.

SB 10.6.2 The School Board approved the proposal. It was also suggested that the last date for M.Phil/Ph.D admission was on 31st October, 2011, the School could consider launching the programme this year.

Sanskrit

Item No. 7 **To consider Phase-Zero – Phase Four forms for new courses, (i) Foundation Advaita Vedanta Course, (ii) Advanced Advaita Vedanta Course, and (iii) Vision of Bhagavad Gita under IGNOU-CIF**

SB 10.7.1 The CIF has proposed to introduce the following three programmes:
(i) Foundation Advaita Vedanta Course, (ii) Advanced Advaita Vedanta Course, and (iii) Vision of Bhagavad Gita

The proposals duly approved by the competent authority are to be placed before the School Board for approval.

SB 10.7.2 While approving the Phase forms in principle, the School Board observed that the forms were not properly filled and had several inconsistencies. The CIF was advised to seek the guidance of the IGNOU faculty and complete the forms in a proper manner. It was also suggested that SOITS faculty member assumes the charge of the programmes conducted by external collaborators.

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MASA & MLD

Item No. 8 To report the progress of face-to-face programmes of MASA and MLD

SB 10.8.1 It is reported that the first batch of MLD and MASA students completed their course. Some of them got admission in the premier institutions like, Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Hyderabad and IIT Mumbai for their higher studies.

SB 10.8.2 The progress of MASA and MLD on-campus programmes was reported. The members expressed satisfaction that the first batch of students had successfully completed their programme.

Item No. 9 To consider the concept note for PG Certificate Programme on Corporate Ethnography

SB 10.9.2 Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur proposed PG Certificate Programme on Corporate Ethnography in collaboration with Prof. P.R.R. Nair, OSD, Centre for Corporate Education, Training and Consultancy. The above proposed programme would be relevant in the emerging corporate sector of this country. It will attract a large number of students in future.

SB 10.9.2 The School Board approved the concept note for PG Certificate Programme on Corporate Ethnography and opined that it was a relevant and topical programme.

Population Studies

Item No. 10 To consider the Phase-2 form for Post-Graduate Diploma in Population Studies

SB 10.10.1 Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra has proposed to introduce the PG Diploma in Population Studies. He has conducted First Expert Committee Meeting and now he is submitting Phase two form for approval.

SB 10.10.2 The School Board approved the Phase-2 form for the Post-Graduate Diploma in Population Studies.

Gandhian Studies

Item No. 11 To consider the Phase-3 form for Certificate Programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Management & list of Course Writers

SB 10.11.1 Dr. D. Gopal has submitted Phase – 3 form for Certificate Programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Management and the list of Course Writers for the approval of the School Board.

SB 10.11.2 The School Board considered and approved the Phase-3 form for Certificate Programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Management. It is

also pointed out that certain terminology has to be changed in the form and also envisaged procedures should be followed.

- SB 10.11.3** The School Board also approved the list of Course Writers for this programme (**Appendix- 5**).

Integrated M.Sc-Ph.D in Physics and Astrophysics

Item No. 12 To ratify the guidelines for research programmes for M.Sc-Ph.D with integrated mode of Astrophysics

- SB 10.12.1** The 9th RCSC has approved the guidelines for research programmes for M.Sc-Ph.D with integrated mode of Astrophysics and the same are placed before the School Board for approval and ratification.

- SB 10.12.2** The School Board ratified the guidelines for research programmes for M.Sc-Ph.D with integrated mode of Astrophysics.

BHASHA

Item No. 13 To consider and approve the list of Research Supervisors in the knowledge domains of Tribal Studies and Himalayan Studies

- SB 10.13.1** The BHASHA centre has submitted the list of supervisors for their research programmes in Tribal and Himalayan Studies for approval of the School Board. The above lists of supervisors are meeting the necessary eligibility criteria. (**Appendix- 6**)

- SB 10.13.2** The School Board considered and approved the list of Research Supervisors in the knowledge domains of Tribal Studies and Himalayan Studies.

Item No. 14 To report the status of academic programmes of BHASHA

- SB 10.14.1** The BHASHA Centre has reported above different academic programmes and the various stages of the programmes (**Appendix- 7**).

- SB 10.14.2** To avoid confusion as well as to strengthen the programmes, the School Board suggested involving the SOITS faculty members to develop the new programmes in future.

Other

Item No. 15 To report the matter relating to relocation of existing programmes of SOITS

- SB 10.15.1** The Chairperson reported about the relocation of existing programmes to appropriate departments/schools.

- SB 10.15.2** The School Board noted the direction of the Vice-Chancellor that the matter may be discussed with the Programme Coordinators. They advised Director (SOITS) to chalk out a plan of action and circulate it among the members.
- SB 10.15.3** Prof. Sushil reminded the School Board of an earlier suggestion to draft a vision and mission statement clearly spelling out the plans and priorities of the School. It was emphasized that the School should devise certain mechanisms and inducts interested faculties and additional administrative staff to make its programmes a success.
- SB 10.15.4** The School Board advised that a concept note to be made for this effect.
- Item No. 16** **To consider admission of Mr. Avijeet Prasad in Ph.D under Collaborative Integrated M.Sc.-Ph.D Programme in Physics and Astrophysics**
- SB 10.16.1** The School Board approved the admission of Mr. Avijeet Prasad in Ph.D programme under Collaborative Integrated M.Sc.-Ph.D Programme in Physics and Astrophysics. The title of his Ph.D thesis is "*Magnetic Helicity and Force-Free properties of Astrophysical Magnetic fields*".
- SB 10.16.2** The School Board also approved the name of Prof. Arun Mangalam, IIA, Bangaluru, as his Supervisor and Prof. C.K. Ghosh, Programme Coordinator, SOITS IGNOU, as his Co-Supervisor.
- Item No. 17** **To consider the list of activated Regional Centres and Study Centres for M.A. (Integrated Programme) in Gandhi and Peace Studies**
- SB 10.17.1** The School Board considered and approved the list of activated Regional Centres and Study Centres for M.A. (Integrated Programme) in Gandhi and Peace Studies.
- Item No. 18** **To consider Phase forms for M.A. in Social Anthropology through ODL mode and Lists of Course Writers, Content Editors, CVs of Course Writers**
- SB 10.18.1** Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur has submitted Phase Forms (1 to 4) for M.A. in Social Anthropology through ODL mode. Phase-1 and 3 forms have to be submitted to the School Board and Phase-2 and 4 forms have to be submitted to the Planning Board and Academic Council respectively. However, these forms have to be approved. She has also submitted the list of Course Writers, Content Editors, CVs of Course Writers for this programme.
- SB 10.18.2** The School Board considered and approved the Phase forms (1 to 4) for M.A. in Social Anthropology through ODL mode.

SB 10.18.3 The School Board also approved the lists of Course Writers, Content Editors and CVs of Course writers for M.A. in Social Anthropology (ODL mode).

Item No. 19 To consider the list of Experts for Doctoral Committee meeting of SACAR

SB 10.19.1 SACAR has submitted the list of Experts for the Doctoral Committee members who fulfill the requisite eligibility criteria viz. Professors and Associate Professors for approval of the School Board.

SB 10.19.2 The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for Doctoral Committee meeting of SACAR.

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



(PROF. VELAYUTHAM SARAVANAN)
Chairman

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(To Item No 23) 29

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research
Partner Institution of Indira Gandhi National Open University for "Sri Aurobindo Studies"

Format for Placing Research Proposals for Admission/ Registration of Research Candidates Before RC/ RCSC

Sl.No	Name of the candidate (if RTA Specify)	Discipline/School/	Names of Research Supervisor (s)	Number of M.Phil/Ph.D candidate taken		Category A or B (specify M.Phil/Ph.D with 5 years exp. If any)	Course Work , if any recommended for Category ' A' specify	Date & approval of School Board
		Centre	(Briefs of each external research supervisor to be enclosed)	Till the previous allotment	Present allotment			
		Topic for M.Phil/Ph.D (Briefs in 200 words to be enclosed)						
PhD								
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MPhil								
1.	Mr. Kishology Gupta	SOITS	Dr. Suhas K. Mehra	0	1	N/A	Liberty and mutuality in business organizations for its optimum efficiency.	28/1/11
2.	Mr. Satyabrata Dash	SOITS	Dr. Martha Orton	1	2	N/A	A pragmatic reflection into Sri Aurobindo studies at the level of Quantum Psychology	28/1/11
3.	Mr. Abhay D. Nayak	SOITS	Dr. Martha Orton	2	3	N/A	Consciousness and higher states of mind	28/1/11
4.	Ms. Teena Susan Korah	SOITS	Dr. Larry Seidlitz	6	7	N/A	Literature a medium of social thought	28/1/11
5	Ms. Kalpana Choudhry	SOITS	Dr. Martha Orton	3	4	N/A	Emergence of inner self	28/1/11
6	Ms. Gauri Bahuguna	SOITS	Dr Beloo Mehra	5	6	N/A	Evaluating present world conditions to provide evidence for evolution of consciousness.	28/1/11