

Minutes of the 12th School Board Meeting of School of Law held on 19 June, 2012 at 11.00 a.m. at Conference Room of New VC Block, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068

The following Members were present:

1. Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Former Member, Commission on Centre-State Relations, Government of India
3. Prof. B.B. Pande, Former Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, Delhi University.
4. Prof. (Dr.) Marian Pinheiro, Principal, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa.
5. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune
6. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Professor, School of Social Sciences (SOSS)
7. Prof. S.R. Jha, Professor, School of Sciences (SOS)
8. Dr. O.P. Dewal, Associate Professor, School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS)
9. Mr. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS)
10. Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Assistant Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
11. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
12. Mr. Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
13. Ms. Mansi Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Law, IGNOU

Mr Vivek K Tankha, Additional Solicitor General (Direct Taxes) Supreme Court of India could not attend this meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members of the School Board and introduced the new Members of the School Board of School of Law, Prof. Ravinder Kumar, Professor, School of Social Sciences (SOSS), Prof. S.R. Jha, Professor, School of Sciences (SOS), Dr. O.P. Dewal, Associate Professor, School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS), and Mr. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS). The Chairman also placed on record the contributions made by the previous Members Prof. Pandav Nayak, School of Social Sciences, Prof. CRK Murthy, STRIDE, Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, School of Social Sciences and Dr. Babu P. Ramesh, Associate Professor, School of Inter disciplinary Studies.

The Chairman, in brief, informed about the following activities undertaken by the School of Law after the conduct of previous School Board Meeting.

- At the instance of Department of Justice (DoJ), Ministry of Law and Justice and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), SOL organized a one day consultation on **"Human Trafficking: Training Needs Assessment for the Judiciary"** on 12th November, 2011 at IGNOU in collaboration with the

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India with the objective of developing a training module for judges dealing with human trafficking.

- A 3 days ToT programme on Human Rights for police personnel was organised by SOL, **IGNOU in collaboration with NHRC** between from March 19-21, 2012. This Programme was participated by Senior police officials from 27 States/UTs.
- A series called "**Kanooni Salah**" in **Gyan Vani** Radio channel started by School of Law, IGNOU on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month between 5-6 p.m since, w.e.f June, 2011 primarily with a view to create awareness among masses on laws, issues and concerns affecting common man has successfully completed one year on 23rd May, 2012 and the same programme is being continued for the second year as well.
- School of Law has also launched on 26th January, 2012 a live interactive phone in programme on '**Legal Awareness for Common People**' through Gyan Darshan I. This interactive phone in programme in Gyan Darshan 1 is being telecast live between 4-5 pm on 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.
- Prof. Madhava Menon appreciated the efforts taken by SOL towards spreading legal education through mass media i.e Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan at the same time expressed concern over the proposal of additional programmes in the midst of faculty shortages. Prof. Menon emphasized the fact that quality legal education requires adequate faculty support.

The Director, SOL clarified that the vacant position (one Professor and two Readers) could not be filled, perhaps for want of visitor's nominee.

- The Members had elaborate discussion on the preparation of Vision Document for the School and holding School Board Meetings at regular intervals. After detailed deliberations the following points emerged.
 - ❖ At least three School Board Meetings should be convened in a year.
 - ❖ The proposed Vision Document needs to be prepared at the earliest as per IGNOU's mandate. (**Action: Dr. Suneet Kashyap, SOL**)

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Item No. 12.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Eleventh School Board Meeting

- SB 12.1.1** The Minutes of the 11th School Board Meeting were confirmed with the above observations.

Item No. 12.2 The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Eleventh School Board Meeting

- SB 12.2.1** The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Eleventh School Board Meeting was taken up in seriatim.
- SB 12.2.2** The matter pertaining to Ph.D. Programme in the School was discussed at length in the wake of Research Council's decision to with-hold Research Programmes i.e. Ph.D. offered by School of Law until the necessary conditions are fulfilled. As per the Academic Council resolution, the **concerned School should have at least 3 recognized Supervisors from among the faculty of the Discipline** to run the Ph.D. Programme.
- SB 12.2.3** In this regard, Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Member of School Board as well as Director, Research Unit, IGNOU clarified that "the requirement of at least three recognized Supervisors from among the faculty of the discipline to run Ph. D programme is the decision of the Academic Council meeting, hence, it supersedes the decision of Research Council.
- SB 12.2.4** The Director, SOL informed the Members that the School from the beginning never had three professors, however, the University permitted the School to offer Ph.D programme since June, 2009.
- SB 12.2.5** The Members deliberated on this issue at length and the following points emerged out of the discussion.
- SB 12.2.6** The offer of Ph. D programme had received wider publicity both within and outside the country to the extent that couple of Board Members often receive mails with a request for seeking admission into Ph. D Programme in Law at SOL.
- SB 12.2.7** Instead of putting a limit or restriction on the minimum required number of internal faculty in the School for the offer of Ph. D programme, it is desirable to put a limit or restriction on the number of candidates pursuing Ph. D under a particular recognized supervisor at any point of time, as being followed and practiced by other Universities, opined by the Members.
- SB 12.2.8** Prof. Menon added that the above said blanket ban restriction on the School also affects the right of internal recognized Supervisors, to guide Ph. D students.
- SB 12.2.9** The Members unanimously felt that the University should allow the School of Law to continue the offer of Ph. D programme with the help of

internal and external Supervisors till the requirement of three internal Supervisors is fulfilled, subject to the prescribed maximum number of Ph. D candidates permitted to work under each of the internal Supervisors (say 5-6 candidates per recognized Ph.D supervisor).

SB 12.2.9 The other points discussed and emerged are as under:

There is a need to chalk out a plan of action to monitor the progress of Programme development and other activities taken by the School.

The review of the work of SOL and also that of faculty Members is necessary and important and it needs to be discussed at the School Council/ Board Meetings regularly.

Item No. 12.3 To approve the extension of maximum duration for PGDLPO online Programme

SB 12.3.1 Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator, PGDLPO informed that PGDLPO is the online programme offered by School of Law from January 2009. The students who appeared for TEE examination in December 2009 have received their results and grade cards very late only in the 23rd convocation held on 23 May, 2011 and 24th Convocation held on 5 September 2011 respectively. The total number of students enrolled in first batch was 350, out of which only 117 passed out. Hence it was proposed that the maximum duration of the programme may be extended from 3 to 4 years in the interest of students of first batch.

After detailed deliberations, it was resolved as under:

SB 12.3.2 The issue involved is a policy matter, hence, it was recommended that the matter pertaining to the students of first batch needs to be placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

SB 12.3.3 The Programme fee is very high, hence, re-registration may not help the students, therefore, concession may be given to first batch students.

(Action: Programme Coordinator, PGDLPO)

Item No. 12.4 To consider and approve the names of Supervisors and evaluators for PGCCCL_OL Programme

SB 12.4.1 Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator, PGCCCL-OL informed the Members that PGCCCL-OL is the online certificate programme with six months duration. As per the approved evaluation methodology, the

students have to submit Research Paper for all the four courses viz MIR-011, MIR-012, MIR-013 and MIR-014 hence, recommended for the approval of Supervisors and Evaluators for PGCCL-OL Programme.

SB 12.4.2 Dr. Shashikala Gurpur suggested to include more names i.e. Shri Pawan Duggal, Shri Vakul Sharma etc.

SB 12.4.3 The School Board approved the list of Supervisors and evaluators with the newly recommended names for the programme **PGCCL-OL** (List enclosed as Annexure-1).

(Action: Programme Coordinator, PGCCL-OL)

Item No. 12.5 To consider and approve the names of Unit Writers/Content Editors for the Programme Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (PGDIPR)

SB 12.5.1 Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Programme Coordinator, (PGDIPR) informed the Members that PGDIPR is a one year Diploma programme and it is under revision. Some of the units have been retained. The revision includes latest amendments and case laws. The revised Programme includes a few units written by Qualified Patent Attorneys. The names of the unit writers were already approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. However, few of the unit writers didn't complete the task and a few more declined to write. Hence, the revised list of Unit Writers was placed for the approval of School Board Members.

SB 12.5.2 The School Board Members suggested that the complete list of units approved by the VC vis-à-vis the list to be approved by the School Board needs to be specified separately. With this suggestion, the School Board approved the proposed revised list of unit writers with the said stipulation of furnishing both the list separately. Both the revised lists as recommended by the School Board is given in **Annexure 2** (The list of experts approved by VC) and **Annexure 3** (The revised list meant for approval by School Board).

(Action: Programme Coordinator, PGDIPR)

Item No. 12.6 To consider and approve the names of Unit Writers for Diploma in Cooperation, Cooperative Law, and Cooperative Management (DCCLCM)

SB 12.6.1 Prof. K. Elumalai, the Programme Coordinator, DCCLCM explained to School Board Members about the finalization of course curriculum by

Expert Committee and approved by the School Board in its meeting held on November 18, 2010. The said School Board observed that the content of the Programme was bulky, hence, suggested to explore the possibility of reducing the course content (from 4 courses to three courses) and in its place introduce a component of practical/ project work with the same weightage.

SB 12.6.2 Accordingly, the matter was discussed with concerned subject matter experts and after detailed discussion, a consensus was reached that the course No. 2 "Cooperative Management" may be dropped, however, the curriculum of the said course with further elaboration may be used as topics for undertaking project/ field work, and accordingly the subject matter experts in the respective discipline have been identified to write the remaining units.

SB 12.6.3 The School Board Members expressed that the course should not be certified twice by the University and this should be clarified with the SED and inform the students accordingly.

SB 12.6.4 The School Board approved the proposed names of unit writers with the above suggestion made. The list of approved unit writers is enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

(Action: Programme Coordinator, DCCLCM)

Item No.12.7 To consider and approve the names for Doctoral Committee

SB 12.7.1 This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 12.8 Approval of the Name of Translators and Editors for CAHT Programme

SB 12.8.1 Ms. Mansi Sharma, Programme Coordinator, CAHT informed the Members that this programme was launched in July, 2010. The Translation of this programme in Hindi was approved by 10th School Board Meeting held on 18th November, 2010. The translation of this programme in Hindi is in progress in respect of three courses (BLE-31, 32, 33) and it is requested to approve the name of the translators and editors for BLEP-034 course and Programme Guide.

SB 12.8.2 School Board Members felt that since the translation of the programme has already been approved by the School Board, names of the translators do not need the approval of School Board. The matter may be cleared at the School level.

School Board Members felt that the approved panel of translators and content editors will facilitate the translation work including proof reading and printing work. Also, the possibility of utilizing the services of Translator in the Supreme Court may also be explored in future.

SB 12.8.3 The School Board, with the above suggestion, approved the name of proposed translators. The names of approved translators are given below:

1. Shri Rakesh Renu
Senior Editor, Yojana
Planning Commission
New Delhi
2. Mr. Nilendu Vatsyayan
Senior Advocate
New Delhi

(Action: Programme Coordinator, CAHT)

Item No. 12.9 To approve the offering of Certificate Programme in Anti Human Trafficking in Mizo Language

SB 12.9.1 The Director, SOL informed the Members that the Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT) programme is presently offered in English language. The translation of the course in Hindi is in progress as explained above. The Regional Director, Aizawal has requested for translation of the Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking programme into Mizo Language, keeping in view the large number of enrolment in CAHT Programme in the state of Mizoram.

SB 12.9.2 The Members suggested that while translating into Mizo language, one of the faculty expert or other expert who knows Mizo language should take the complete responsibility of doing the content editing and coordination work.

SB 12.9.3 School Board Members also suggested that EDNERU at the Headquarters may be involved in this task.

SB 12.9.4 The proposal was approved with the above suggestions.

(Action: Programme Coordinator, CAHT)

Item No 12.10 To approve the names of Expert Committee Members /Unit Writers and Content Editors for PG Diploma in Human Rights.

SB 12.10.1 Mr. Anand Gupta, Programme Coordinator of the proposed PGDHR placed the names of Expert Committee Members/Unit Writers. The School Board Members suggested that names of Expert Committee and unit writers/content editors should be listed separately for getting the approval of the School Board. At this juncture, it was clarified that the proposed list of experts may be treated as list of Expert Committee Members only. It was further suggested that if School Board Members were to be invited for the Expert Committee Meetings, they may be invited as Special Invitees. It was discussed that few more eminent names in the field need to be added.

SB 12.10.2 The revised list with the addition of few names as approved is enclosed as **Annexure-5.**

(Action: Programme Coordinator, PGDHR)

Item No 12.11 To approve the names of Expert Committee Members/Unit Writers for PG Diploma in Forensic Science and Evidence Law (PGDFSEL)

SB 12.11.1 Prof K.Elumalai, Programme Coordinator of the proposed PGDFSEL placed the names of Expert Committee Members/Unit Writers. The School Board Members suggested that names of Expert Committee and unit writers/content editors should be listed separately for getting the approval of the School Board. At this juncture, it was clarified that the proposed list of Experts may be treated as list of Expert Committee Members only. It was further suggested that if School Board Members were to be invited for the Expert Committee Meetings, they may be invited as Special Invitees. It was decided to include few more experts like Shri Sudhir Chowdhary, IG Recruit Training Centre(RTC), Haryana Police Complex, Mr. Sangwal, Director, Forensic Science Laboratory Madhuban, Dr. C.N. Bhattacharya, Acting Chief Forensic Scientist, Directorate of Forensic Science, Ministry of Home Affairs and Mr. Pradeep Kashyap, Member, National Security Advisory Board, Government of India

SB 12.11.2 The list of experts with addition of above mentioned few names were approved. The revised list of approved names is given in **Annexure-6.**

(Action: Programme Coordinator, PGDFSEL)

Item No 12.12 Approval for online delivery and updation of self-learning material of MIPL programme on E-gyankosh portal IGNOU

SB 12.12.1 Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, the Programme Coordinator, MIPL explained to Members that MIPL is offered through E-gyankosh, IGNOU platform. However, the programme is marketed, delivered and managed by M/s Rainmaker through their online E-learning platform (E-mentor) under a MoU. The MoU between rainmaker and IGNOU will expire on 10th October 2012. The Rainmaker has served a notice of Termination of Agreement between IGNOU and Rainmaker upon IGNOU on 9th March 2012. In view of the above, the programme has to be offered by IGNOU alone with the involvement of SOL, E-Gyankosh, SED, and SRD

After detailed deliberations, the School Board Members suggested that the information about the **complete plan of transition** i.e. who will be doing what, relook at the delivery point, the people who will be mentoring etc. should be in place i.e. with in two months before the termination of agreement.

It was also felt by the Members that the first hand experience of coordination (i.e delivery of the programme by Egyankosh) on pilot basis may be taken upon on any one of the programme i.e. PGLPO / MIPL

(Action: Programme Coordinator, MIPL)

Item No 12.13 To Consider and Approve the List of Course Writers for PG Diploma/Certificate in Child Rights, Child Protection and Juvenile Justice.

SB 12.13.1 Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Programme Coordinator, PGD/CRCPJJ placed the list of Course Writers for the captioned programmes for approval. The School Board Members after deliberation suggested for inclusion of few more experts like Prof. Ved Kumari, Dr. Asha Bajpai, Dr. Usha Raghavan and Dr. Snehi Mann and others.

The School Board approved the list of experts with the inclusion of above mentioned suggested names. The revised list of unit writers with the inclusion of said names is enclosed at **Annexure -7**.

(Action: Programme Coordinator, PGD/CRCPJJ)

Item No12.14 Reporting of the Programme on Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan.

SB 12.14.1 Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL informed the School Board Members about successful completion of one year of the **"Kanooni Salah"** Programme, a live phone in interactive programme in Gyan Vani Radio telecast live between 5-6 p.m on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The running of another live phone in interactive programme under the title **"Legal Awareness for Common Man"** by School of Law in Gyan Darshan Channel between 4-5 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Saturdays was also brought to the notice of all the Members. SOL runs both the high profile programmes by inviting very senior officials from concerned Government Departments, National Commissions, Police Department, Renowned NGOs and Academicians. He desired that faculty Members should also come forward to run this programme smoothly.

School Board Members appreciated this as a wonderful effort made by SOL

ItemNo12.15 Collaborative academic arrangement on the subject Law and Management between IIM, Lucknow, Noida Campus and School of Law, IGNOU

SB 12.15.1 Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL explained to the School Board Members about the proposed collaborative academic arrangement on the subject Law and Management between IIM (L), Noida Campus and School of Law, IGNOU, New Delhi as given below.

1. Development of Joint MBA (Law) to be offered face to face at IIM (Lucknow), Noida Campus and also through distance mode in IGNOU.
2. To conduct short term (3-5 days) Training Programme (MDP) for Middle and Senior level executives and Law faculty working in Schools/Universities and Management Institutions on specific sectoral laws and related managerial aspects i.e. Banking Law, Consumer law, Law and Governance, Business Law, IT Laws etc.
3. Joint conduct of National/International Seminars / Conferences / Workshops on subjects related to Law and Management.
4. Joint Research studies related to Law and Management Studies.

SB 12.15.2 Prof. Menon welcomed the proposal and made a reference on meeting called by former Chief Justice of India with the then VC and senior officials of IGNOU on the one hand and Prof. Madhava Menon, the then Director, NJA, Bhopal.

Prof. Menon said that this combination of Law and Management should focus on the job prospects. He said that the 13th Finance Commission has now recommended court managers assistance to district judges. Finance Commission has created the posts of Court Managers who will come from Law teaching institutions and management Schools. He said that the proposed idea is in demand i.e. some elements of management and Practices. He said that IIM (L) is a reputed institution and IGNOU can possibly deliver which is not being offered elsewhere. Whatever is required can be delivered by distance mode. This is an ideal combination and IGNOU should take this initiative. Management of the Judicial System through distance mode is an ideal combination of Law and Management.

School Board Members felt that a discussion paper on this may be brought out at the earliest. The School Board, however, permitted the School to proceed with offering collaborative short term training programmes and conduct of seminars/workshops. (as specified at serial nos. 2 & 3 above).

(Action: Director, SOL)

TItemNo12.16 To approve the names of the Experts/Unit Writers/Editors for Diploma in Legal Remedies (DLR)

SB 12.16.1 Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, PC, DLR presented the names of Experts/Unit Writers/Editors for approval. After deliberations, the School Board Members suggested that names of Expert Committee and Unit writers/content editors should be listed separately for getting the approval of the School Board. It was clarified that the proposed list of experts may be treated as list of Expert Committee Members only. It was further suggested that the School Board Members who were to be invited for the Expert Committee, may be addressed as Special Invitees. It was discussed that few more eminent names in the field need to be added.

SB 12.16.2 The School Board approved the proposed names along with inclusion of new names as proposed.

SB 12.16.3 The revised list of Experts as approved is given in **Annexure 8**.

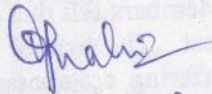
(Action: Programme Coordinator, DLR)

Item No 12.17 Approval of names of Supervisors for project work (MIRP 003) of MIPL programme

- SB 12.17.1** Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator presented the list of external Supervisors for Project Work (MIRP 003) of Master in Intellectual Property Law for approval.
- SB 12.17.2** School Board Members approved the list of names Supervisors for Project Work (MIRP 003) of MIPL programme. The list of Experts names is given in **Annexure-9**.

(Action: Programme Coordinator, MIPL)

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


(Prof. K. L. Lumbini)