

Minutes of the 13th School Board Meeting of the School of Journalism & New Media Studies held on May 5, 2015 at 11.00 am in the Discussion Room, Convention Centre, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

The following members were present:

1. Dr. Kiron Bansal, Director, SOJNMS	Chairperson
2. Prof. Usha V. Reddy, Former Director, CEMCA, Hyderabad	Member
3. Prof. J.S.Yadav, Former Director, IIMC, New Delhi	Member
4. Prof. Vinod Pavarala, S.N.School of Communication, UoH, Hyderabad	Member
5. Prof. Mangal D.Negi, Head Deptt. of Film Direction, FTII, Pune	Member
6. Prof. Swaraj Basu, Prof. SOSS, IGNOU	Member
7. Prof. Neera Kapoor, Prof. SOS, IGNOU	Member
8. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Assistant Prof. SOITS, IGNOU	Member
9. Mr. M.Tahir Siddiqui, Assistant Prof. SOPVA, IGNOU	Member
10. Prof. S.N.Singh, Professor, SOJNMS	Member
11. Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan, Associate Professor, SOJNMS	Member
12. Dr. O.P.Dewal, Associate Professor, SOJNMS	Member
13. Ms Padmini Jain, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS	Member
14. Mr. Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS	Member

Mr. Sunil Abraham could not attend the meeting due to his preoccupation.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members and thanked them for their participation in the 13th meeting of the School Board. She gave a brief introduction of Prof. Usha V. Reddy as this was her first meeting of the School Board. Then agenda items were taken up for discussion.

13.01 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 12th School Board Meeting held on November 24, 2014

The Minutes of the 12th School Board Meeting held on November 24, 2014 was taken up and since no comments were received from the members, the same was confirmed.

13.02 To consider and approve ATRs on the Minutes of the 12th School Board Meeting held on November 24, 2014

The Action Taken on the agenda items of the 12th School Board meeting was reported to the School Board and was approved.

13.03 To consider and approve the Phase 2 Form of MPhil in Communication Studies

The Phase 2 Form of MPhil in Communication Studies was presented by the Programme Proposer, Dr. K.S.Arul Selvan. During the discussion, it was observed that there is a lack of clarity at the University level regarding various issues relating to MPhil and PhD programmes which needs to be addressed. The 'Regular mode' needs to be clarified with the Research Unit to avoid any confusion arising in future, in the interest of the students.

13.07 A great deal of discussion took place whether the number of vacant seats is specified in the advertisement or not. Some external members were of the view that in conventional universities the number of vacant is specified. The internal non-School faculty member pointed out that the University does not specify the number of seats which may be kept open to enroll students as per the availability of School faculty and it was agreed upon.

With these suggestions, the MPhil in Communication Studies programme was approved by the School Board.

13.04 To consider and approve the Phase 2 Form of Appreciation Programme in Media and Information Literacy

The Phase 2 Form of Appreciation Programme in Media and Information Literacy (APMIL) was presented by the Programme Proposer, Dr. K.S.Arul Selvan.

The School Board considered and approved the APMIL programme with the recommendation that keeping in view the need and importance of media and information literacy in the present context, the University may consider offering it as a foundation course in BDP programme.

The Board approved the MILUNI network subject to legal vetting of the MoU by the Legal Cell as per University framework and guidelines.

13.05 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee meeting held on April 30, 2015

The minutes of the Doctoral Committee meeting held on April 30, 2015 were presented to the School Board.

On Agenda Item no. 4 (2) of the minutes, the members observed that the suggestions made during pre-submission may be left to the supervisors.

The lists of examiners for PhD thesis of four scholars received from their supervisors in sealed envelopes were presented in the meeting and the names of the examiners were recommended for approval (Annexure - sealed envelope).

The Board approved the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee.

Ms Padmini Jain and Shri Amit Kumar, who are also research scholars at the SOJNMS recused themselves during discussion on Item no. 13.05, and joined the meeting, thereafter.

13.06 To consider and approve the Guidelines for Biannual Seminar Series for Research Scholars

The Guidelines for Biannual Seminar Series for Research Scholars presented by Seminar proposer, Dr. K.S.Arul Selvan were appreciated by the School Board and approved.

13.07 To consider and approve the proposal of re-launching of PGDAPP programme

The proposal of re-launching of PGDAPP programme was presented by Dr. O.P.Dewal. The Board, while accepting the need for revision was of the view that the feasibility of providing practical component should be ensured before re-launching the programme. Since the exercise for assessing practical training facilities for MA-JMC programme has already been initiated by the School, the details of such training centres will be useful in this context. After considering these aspects, the proposal may be presented in the next School Board.

13.08 To consider and approve the proposal of upgrading the Certificate in Community Radio (CCR) programme into a new Diploma programme

The proposal of upgrading the CCR into a new Diploma programme was presented by Dr. O.P. Dewal. The Board suggested that for a programme of this nature, instead of highly centralized structures, more viable and alternative media forms such as teleconferencing, community media may be considered for conducting practicals. Similarly, instead of imparting hands-on practical training alternative modes of training may be explored.

With these suggestions, the proposal of upgrading the CCR programme was approved in principle. It was recommended that an Exploratory Experts Committee meeting may be convened to work out the programme details and Phase 1 Form may be placed in the next School Board.

13.09 To consider the proposal of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for SOJNMS programmes

The feedback of the SOJNMS faculty on the proposal of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) received from the UGC was shared. The School Board observed that on such matters, policy decisions at the University level need to be made and the same may be followed by the School.

13.10 To consider and approve the List of Course Writers and Editors for Appreciation Programme in Media and Information Literacy

The List of Course Writers and Editors for APMIL programme was presented and with the addition of a few names, the list was recommended for approval.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members.

13.03 To consider and approve the Phase 2 Form of MPhil in Communication Studies


(Kiron Bansal)

To: All concerned

डॉ. किरण बंसल
Dr. Kiron Bansal
निदेशक (प.न.ज.अ.वि.) इग्नू
Director (SOJNMS) IGNOU