

**MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT 10.30 A.M. ROOM NO.5, CONVENTION CENTRE, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI.**

The following members were present

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| 1. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Director (I/c), SOITS | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Upinder Singh, Delhi University          | - Member      |
| 3. Prof. K.S. James, ISEC, Bangalore              | - Member      |
| 4. Prof. Ajeet N. Mathur, IIM, Ahmedabad          | - Member      |
| 5. Prof. A.R. Khan, Director, EMPC                | - Member      |
| 6. Prof. C.R. K. Murthy, STRIDE, IGNOU            | - Member      |
| 7. Prof. B.S. Saraswat, SOS, IGNOU                | - Member      |
| 8. Dr. O.P. Dewal, SOJNMS, IGNOU                  | - Member      |
| 9. Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS, IGNOU               | - Member      |
| 10. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, IGNOU            | - Member      |
| 11. Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS, IGNOU             | - Member      |

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal and Prof. Maitreyi Chaudhary did not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members.

The meeting began with expressing condolence in memory of Prof. Vijay Kapur, former School Board member, who passed away on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013. The School Board recorded its sense of loss with sorrow and gratitude with its appreciation of Prof. Vijay Kapur's distinguished record of contributions to the SOITS over a long period of time.

The School Board also condoled the passing away of Prof. R.S. Mann, Visiting Professor at SOITS from 2010-2011.

The following matters were discussed and decisions/ recommendations were arrived at apropos various agenda items considered in the meeting.

<b>SB 14.1</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School board of SOITS held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 and Action Taken Report</b>  The Minutes were confirmed. It was also suggested to give the Action Taken Report in a written form, in future.
<b>SB 14.2</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2013</b>  The Minutes of the 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Doctoral Committee meeting were approved with the exception of matter on revised Evaluation Methodology of Ph.D/M.Phil programmes of SACAR. The School Board advised that the Evaluation Methodology earlier adopted by SACAR be presented along with the revised Evaluation Methodology. It was agreed that the same would be circulated to the members at the earliest.
<b>SB 14.3</b>	<b>To approve the Vision &amp; Mission statement of SOITS</b>  The School Board decided that the Committee of the School Board constituted to finalize the Vision and Mission document of SOITS be convened in October, 2013.
<b>SB 14.4</b>	<b>To consider the Phase I Form of PG Diploma in Industrial Relations, Labour Law and Workers Rights, in new format.</b>  The Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Industrial Relations, Labour Law and Workers, in new

	<p>format, was placed for approval. After detailed discussions, the School Board unanimously suggested that the School drop this programme and work on a PG Diploma on Labour and Development, which will form a subset of the already proposed Masters Programme in the same area. The School Board recommended that the school quickly work on the modalities of introducing the PG Diploma on Labour Development to expedite the ODL activities of the school.</p>
SB 14.5	<p><b>To consider the Phase I Form for MA (Labour &amp; Development) in ODL mode, in new format.</b></p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the phase form (in new format). While doing so, the School Board unanimously resolved that <b>it is better to plan the Masters programme with a lateral exit option</b>-i.e. after completing 32 credits the candidate can opt for a PG Diploma on the same subject. It was pointed out by the School Board that such a <b>modular design</b> will provide some flexibility to the students, as they have an option to leave the course in midway, after acquiring 32 credits, with a PG Diploma, while retaining their right to come back and completing the Masters programme within a stipulated time period. In view of this, it was proposed by the School Board that a <b>PG Diploma on Labour and Development</b> may be planned along with the development of the Masters programme. As the PG Diploma is a subset of the Masters programme, it was suggested that, its planning and implementation can be done along with those of the latter programme, ensuring optimal utilization of the available resources. The School Board also urged the school to expedite the procedural modalities of introducing these programmes and to conduct expert committee meeting(s) to finalise the programme outline and other details.</p> <p>Later on, the members of the School Board also approved the panel of external experts to be invited for expert committee meeting(s) of the above programmes (circulated vide email).</p>
SB 14.6	<p><b>To consider and approve the Minutes of the Expert Committee on proposed programme on PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Phase I Form and approval of Course Writers and Editors.</b></p> <p>The School Board approved the Phase I form. It advised that SOITS may attempt to collaborate with other Schools of Study in IGNOU working on related areas, so that courses developed for this programme may be taken up as elective courses in other programmes.</p>
SB 14.7	<p><b>To consider the proposal for revised Ph.D course work and list of resource persons for the expert committee.</b></p> <p>The School Board approved the proposal to revise the Ph.D course work of SOITS and approved the names of the following resource persons for the proposed expert committee meeting. The Board also suggested additional names of resource persons as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University</li> <li>(ii) Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU</li> <li>(iii) Prof. Susan Viswanathan, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU</li> <li>(iv) Prof. K.P. Kannan, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum</li> <li>(v) Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi</li> <li>(vi) Prof. R. Gopinath, Department of History, JMI</li> <li>(vii) Prof. Bhairavi Prasad Sahoo, Department of History, DU</li> <li>(viii) Dr. Prabhu Mohapatra, Department of History, DU</li> <li>(ix) Prof. Pankaj Sinha, Faculty of Management Studies, DU</li> <li>(x) Dr. K. Hemchandran, Centre for the Study for Developing Societies, Delhi</li> <li>(xi) Prof. P.C. Jain, School of International Studies, JNU</li> <li>(xii) Prof. R.K. Jain, Retd. Professor, CSSS, JNU</li> <li>(xiii) Prof. Shobita Jain, Former Director, SOSS, IGNOU</li> </ul> <p><b>The Board also suggested additional names of resource persons as follows:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Prof. Andre Beteille, Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, DU</li> <li>(ii) Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Soundarajan Chair, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore</li> <li>(iii) Prof. Amit Bhaduri, (formerly, JNU and IIM Kolkata)</li> <li>(iv) Prof. Sushanta Banerjee, SUMEDHAS, New Delhi</li> <li>(v) Prof. Vijay Raghavan, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Currently Secretary, Biotechnology, New Delhi</li> <li>(vi) Prof. Dhruv Raina, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU</li> </ul>
<b>SB 14.8</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve all pending documents and data related to ICIS students and Revised Evaluation Methodology of SACAR M.Phil and Ph.D programme.</b></p> <p>The School Board advised that the School provide a summary of status of all the programmes under ICIS and SACAR detailing the approvals required for each. It was agreed that the same would be circulated by the School to the members for their perusal.</p>
<b>SB 14.9</b>	<p><b>To consider work plan for ODL /Time schedule.</b></p> <p>While considering the Schools proposed work plan and time schedule for ODL programmes, for the next two years, the School Board strongly advised the faculty members to concentrate their efforts and energies in developing and launching any one or a few of the proposed programmes to begin with accordingly, it was decided to immediately work on the MA and PG Diploma Programmes on Labour and Development; and on the PG Diploma on Diaspora Studies. It was highlighted that such a prioritization of work is extremely desirable, given the meager faculty strength of the school and to ensure timely completion of select ODL programmes.</p>
<b>SB 14.10</b>	<p><b>To report the cancellation of Ph.D registration by Ms. Monica Bisht</b></p> <p>The School Board took note of the same.</p>
<b>SB 14.11</b>	<p><b>To consider the confidential list of External Examiners of Ph.D thesis of Ms. Beauty Gogoi, RTA submitted by Prof. D. Gopal.</b></p> <p>The School Board considered and approved the following list of External Examiners submitted by Prof. D. Gopal for examination of Ph.D thesis submitted by Ms. Beauty Gogoi, RTA, after adding two more names,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Prof. Indira Hirway, Director and Professor of Economics, Centre for Development, Alternatives, Ahmedabad</li> <li>(2) Prof. Indira Rajaraman, Professor Emeritus in Economics, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi.</li> <li>(i) Prof. Jai Narain Sharma, Former Chairman, Deptt. of Gandhian Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh.</li> <li>(ii) Prof. A P S Chauhan, Head, School of Studies in Political Science &amp; Public Administration, Jiwaji University Gwalior.</li> <li>(iii) Prof. Ripu Sudan Singh, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow.</li> <li>(iv) Dr. Girish Kumar, Associate Professor &amp; Head Department of International Relations, Central University of Kerala, Kerala.</li> <li>(v) Prof. R.S. Yadav, Professor of Political Science, Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.</li> <li>(vi) Prof. B.M. Bayeen, Professor in Political Science, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka.</li> <li>(vii) Prof. K.D. Kapur, Former Dean, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</li> <li>(viii) Prof. Indira Hirway, Director and Professor of Economics, Centre for Development Alternatives, Ahmedabad</li> <li>(ix) Prof. Indira Rajaraman, Professor Emeritus in Economics, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi</li> </ul>
<b>SB 14.12</b>	<p><b>To consider the confidential list of External Examiners and Moderators for setting</b></p>

	<p><b>papers for the Ph.D course work.</b></p> <p>The School Board considered and approved the following Examiners, Moderators and Paper Setters for Ph.D course examination:</p> <p><b>1. List of Examiners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University</li> <li>(ii) Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi</li> <li>(iii) Dr. Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for the Study Social Systems, JNU</li> <li>(iv) Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(v) Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(vi) Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(vii) Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS, IGNOU</li> </ul> <p><b>2. List of Moderators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University</li> <li>(ii) Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi</li> <li>(iii) Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(iv) Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(v) Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(vi) Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(viii) Prof. Jagpal, SOSS, IGNOU</li> <li>(ix) Dr. Nehal Faruqui, SOEDS, IGNOU</li> <li>(x) Prof. B.K. Pattnaik, SOEDS, IGNOU</li> </ul> <p><b>3. List of Paper Setters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(ii) Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(iii) Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(iv) Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS, IGNOU</li> <li>(v) Dr. Anil Kumar, SOSS, IGNOU</li> </ul>
SB 14.13	<p><b>To consider the matter that for all the Programmes of SOITS besides Programme Coordinators, rest of the faculty members would be members of the Programme Coordination Team.</b></p> <p>The School Board approved the suggestion that all the faculty members of SOITS would be members of the Programme Coordination Team for all the proposed ODL programmes under Development in SOITS.</p>
S.B 14.14	<p><b>To consider the Phase I Form of PG Diploma in Labour and Development</b></p> <p>Following the suggestions of the School Board (at SB 14.4 &amp; SB 14.5 above), the Phase I form of PG Diploma in Labour and Development was circulated (vide email) for the approval School Board members. The members approved the same and directed the school to do the necessary follow up actions to expedite work towards developing and launching the programme at the earliest.</p>

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