

Minutes of the 18th School Board Meeting of School of Law held on Thursday, 2nd March, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. at Room no.- 1, Conference Room, School of Law, Block- G, Academic Complex, IGNOU, New Delhi- 110068.

The following Members were present:

1. Prof. T.U. Fulzele, Director, SOL, IGNOU- Chairperson
2. Prof. K. Elumalai, Professor, SOL, IGNOU
3. Professor S.Sachidhanandam, Visiting Professor, National Law University, New Delhi (Former Vice Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai)
4. Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha, Professor, SOET, IGNOU.
5. Dr. (Mrs) Reeta Vashishta, *Additional Secretary & L.C Ministry of Law and Justice, Government India, New Delhi
6. Sh. Tata Rama Krishna, Assistant Professor, STRIDE, IGNOU
7. Dr. Monika Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOSS, IGNOU.
8. Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava, Assistant Professor, SOL, IGNOU
9. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, SOL, IGNOU
10. Dr. Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, SOL, IGNOU
11. Ms. Mansi Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOL, IGNOU

The following Members could not attend the Meeting:

1. Professor BT Kaul, Chairperson, National Judicial Academy, New Delhi- 110021.
2. Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur
3. Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, Professor, SOMS, IGNOU
4. Dr. T. K Viswanathan, Director, The International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), New Delhi (Former Union Law Secretary and Secretary-General Lok Sabha)
5. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Associate Professor, SOS, IGNOU

At the outset, the Chairman, School Board of School of Law welcomed all the Members of the School Board. The Chairman congratulated the newly appointed Members of the School Board of SOL and acknowledged the Academic contributions of the previous School Board Members Prof. Uma Medury, SOSS, IGNOU, Prof. B. B. Khanna, SOMS, IGNOU, Dr. Arul Selvan, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU and Dr. Ali Asgar, Assistant Professor, STRIDE, IGNOU.

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Item No.18.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Seventeenth School Board Meeting held on 19th May, 2016.

- S.B. 18.1.1** The Chairman, School Board informed that the Seventeenth School Board Meeting of the School of Law was held on 19th May, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, School of Law, Block-G, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi- 110 068 and the Minutes were circulated among the Members on 1st June, 2016 through e-mail (**Annexure -1**) with a request to offer their comments on or before 12th June, 2016 failing which the minutes shall be deemed confirmed thereafter. Comments have not been received from any of the Members till date.

S.B. 18.1.2 The Members were informed that no comments have been received from any of the Members, hence, placed the said Minutes for the approval by the School Board.

S.B. 18.1.3 The Minutes of the Seventeenth School Board Meeting as circulated on 1st June 2016 through e-mail were approved by the School Board.

Item No. 18.2: The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the previous School Board Meetings.

S.B. 18.2.1 The Action Taken Report on various agenda items of the 17th School Board Meeting is given below:

S. No.	Item No.	Action Taken
1.	Item No. 17.3: To consider and approve: (i) The revised curriculum drafted by Expert Committee held on 17/02/2016, (ii) the list of Unit Writers and Editors and (iii) Phase Form-Zero for the Certificate in Consumer Protection (CCP) programme.	Phase Zero Form was approved in 42 nd ACSC meeting held on 1 st August, 2016 Item No. 42.25.2.
2	Item No. 17.4: To consider and approve the eligibility criteria of the Academic Counselors for all the programmes offered by School of Law.	The school has noted the decision of the School Board and the necessary action will be taken as and when required.
3.	Item No. 17.5: To consider, approve and recommend the names of panel of Paper Setters/ Moderators for all the programmes offered by School of Law.	Appropriate action taken and the SED has been informed vide F. No. IG/SOL/3918 dated 13/06/2016.
4.	Item No. 17.6: To consider and approve the proposal for Revision of the Programme Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber law (PGCCL) and the list of Experts for the Revision/ Review Committee/ Expert Committee.	Expert Committee constituted and met on 10 th and 11 th August, 2016 to finalise the curriculum. The Phase Zero form and revised curriculum is placed before the 18 th School Board.
5.	Item No. 17.7: To consider and approve the proposal for Revision of the Programme Post Graduate Certificate in Patent Practice (PGCPP) and the list of Experts for the Revision/ Review Committee/ Expert Committee	Expert Committee constituted and met on 7 th and 8 th November, 2016 to finalise the curriculum. The Phase Zero form and revised curriculum is placed before the 18 th School Board.
6.	Item No. 17.8: To consider and approve the proposal for Revision of the Programme Certificate in Human Rights (CHR) and the list of Experts for the Revision/ Review Committee/ Expert Committee.	Expert Committee constituted and met on 17 th and 18 th October, 2016 to finalise the curriculum. The Phase Zero form and revised curriculum is placed before the 18 th School Board.

7.	Item No. 17.9: To consider and approve the proposal for Revision of the Programme Certificate in Anti-Human Trafficking (CAHT) and the list of Experts for the Revision/ Review Committee/ Expert Committee	Appropriate action has been initiated.
8.	Item No. 17.10: To consider and approve the proposal for Revision of the Programme Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice (PGDCJ) and the list of Experts for the Revision/ Review Committee/ Expert Committee.	Expert Committee constituted and met on 5th & 6th January, 2017 to finalise the curriculum. The Phase Zero form and revised curriculum is placed before the 18 th School Board.
9.	Item No. 17.11: To consider and approve the Minutes of the Sixth Doctoral Committee Meeting to be held on 13 th May, 2015.	Note has been sent to Research Unit vide F. No. IG/SOL/2016/3916 dated 13/06/2016 for necessary action.
10.	Item No. 17.12: To consider and approve the Ph.D. Programme Progress Report for the period Jan-June, 2015 and July-Dec, 2015 submitted by 1. Mr. Saji Mathew, 2. Mr. Rakesh Kumar, 3. Mr. Rahul Verma, and 4. Mr. Manoj Kumar Patel Research Scholars.	Note has been sent to Research Unit vide F. No. IG/SOL/2016/3916 dated 13/06/2016 for necessary action.
11.	Item No. 17.13: To consider and approve the names of two of the faculty Members i.e. Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Asstt. Professors for recognition of PhD guide/supervisor.	Note has been sent to Research Unit vide F. No. IG/SOL/2016/3917 dated 13/06/2016 for necessary action.

S.B. 18.2.2 The above Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Seventeenth School Board Meeting held on 2nd March, 2017 was noted by the School Board Members.

Item No.18.3: To Consider and Approve the revised Curriculum of CHR Programme.

S.B. 18.3.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Anand Gupta briefly informed the members that the 17th School Board vide Item No. 17.8 had approved the proposal for the revision of the Certificate in Human Rights (CHR) Programme along with the names of the Members of the Expert Committee for the purpose of revising the curriculum. The Expert Committee Meeting was held on 17/10/2016 & 18/10/2016. After detailed deliberation the Committee revised the Curriculum.).

S.B. 18.3.2 The Phase Zero Form along with the revised Curriculum, was placed for consideration and approval by the School Board

S.B. 18.3.3 The School Board Members after detailed deliberations, approved the Phase Zero Form with the change in proposed launch cycle/year from January, 2020 to July, 2019 (**Annexure-2**) and revised course curriculum for the programme (**Annexure-3**).

Item No.18.4: To consider and approve the Phase Form Zero along with revised Curriculum and Title of the programme from PG Certificate to PG Diploma in Cyber Law.

- S.B. 18.4.1** The programme Coordinator, Dr. Gurmeet Kaur briefly informed that Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law (PGCCL) was launched in July 2008. In the 17th School Board the proposal for revision of PGCCL Programme along with the list of Revision/ Review/ Expert Committee Members for the purpose of undertaking the revision of the Curriculum of PGCCL Programme was approved (Item No. 17.6). The Expert Committee Meeting was held on 10th and 11th August 2016 to finalise the revised course curriculum for the programme. The expert committee members had detailed discussions and deliberations for the two days on the draft curriculum circulated. In the meeting it was also unanimously agreed that the programme requires upgradation from PG Certificate to PG Diploma level due to its wider subject coverage and being a professional/ technical programme and accordingly the new revised curriculum was formulated.
- S.B.18.4.2** The Phase Zero Form along with the revised Curriculum was placed for consideration and approval by the School Board
- S.B. 18.4.3** The School Board Members after due deliberations suggested that since there is upgradation of the programme from PG Certificate to PG Diploma level considering the fact that and the revised curriculum has already been formulated in the Expert Committee Meeting held on 10th and 11th August 2016, the Phase 1 & 2 forms may be placed before the next School Board for approval.

Item No. 18.5: To Consider and Approve the revised Curriculum of PGCPP Programme.

- S.B. 18.5.1** The programme Coordinator, Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava informed that the 17th School Board vide Item No. 17.7 has approved the proposal for the revision of the Post Graduate Certificate in Patent Practice (PGCPP) programme along with the names of the Members of the Expert Committee for the purpose of revising the curriculum. The Expert Committee Meeting was held on 7th & 8th November, 2016. After detailed deliberation the Committee revised the Curriculum.
- S.B. 18.5.2** The Phase Zero Form along with the revised Curriculum was placed for consideration and approval by the School Board
- S.B. 18.5.3** The School Board Members after detailed deliberations approved the Phase Zero Form with the change in proposed launch cycle/year from January, 2020 to July, 2019 (**Annexure-4**) and revised course curriculum for the programme (**Annexure-5**).

Item No. 18.6: To Consider and Approve the revised Curriculum of PGDCJ Programme.

- S.B. 18.6.1** The programme Coordinator, Mansi Sharma briefly informed that the 17th School Board vide Item No. 17.10 has approved the proposal for the revision of the Post



Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice (PGDCJ) programme along with the names of the Members of the Expert Committee for the purpose of revising the curriculum. The Expert Committee Meeting was held on 5th & 6th January, 2017 and after detailed deliberation the Expert Committee revised the Curriculum.

S.B.18.6.2 The Phase Zero Form along with the revised Curriculum was placed for consideration and approval by the School Board

S.B.18.6.3 The School Board Members after detailed deliberations approved the Phase Zero Form with the change in proposed launch cycle/year from July, 2020 to January, 2020 (**Annexure-6**) and revised course curriculum for the programme (**Annexure-7**).

Item No. 18.7: To consider and approve the minutes of the 7th Doctoral Research Committee Meeting held on 21st February, 2017.

- S.B. 18.7.1** The 7th Doctoral Research Committee Meeting was held on 21/02/2017 to discuss the Agenda Items.
- S.B. 18.7.2** The minutes of the 7th Doctoral Research Committee held on 21/02/2017 was placed for consideration and approval by the School Board
- S.B. 18.7.3** The School Board considered the same and accorded approval on the Minutes of the said Doctoral Research Committee Meeting held on 21/02/2017 (**Annexure-8**)

Item No.18.8: To consider and approve the Progress Reports submitted by Research Scholars of Ph.D. Programme which is approved by 7th Doctoral Research Committee Meeting held on 21st February, 2017

S.B. 18.8.1 The details of submission of Progress Report are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Ph.D. Scholar	Registration Cycle	Progress Report (Review Period)	Annexure-9
1.	Mr. Saji Mathew	July, 2013	i. Jan-July, 2016 ii. July-Dec, 2016	9.1 9.2
2.	Mr. Rakesh Kumar	July, 2013	i. Jan-July, 2016 ii. July-Dec, 2016	9.3 9.4
3.	Mr. Rahul Verma	July, 2013	i. Jan-July, 2016 ii. July-Dec, 2016	9.5 9.6
4.	Mr. Manoj Kumar Patel	July, 2014	i. Jan-July, 2016 ii. July-Dec, 2016	9.7 9.8

S.B. 18.8.2 The above 4 progress reports were placed for consideration and approval before the 7th Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) held on 21st February, 2017 and the same was approved by the DRC in the said meeting.

S.B. 18.8.3 The above progress reports as approved by the 7th DRC were placed for the consideration and approval by the School Board.

S.B.18.8.4 After deliberations, the School Board based on the approval of the 7th DRC approved the above detailed Progress Reports of the respective candidates for the period Jan- July, 2016 and July-Dec, 2016 (**Annexures- 9.1 to 9.8**).

S.B.18.8.5 The School Board Members further recommended the onward transmission of the approved progress reports of the respective candidates to Research Council/Sanding Committee (RCSC) for its consideration and approval.

Item No.18.9: To consider and approve the Phase form Zero along with Revised Course Work/ Curriculum of Ph.D. in Law to comply with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standard and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degree), Regulation, 2016.

S.B. 18.9.1 The Research Programme Coordinator, Dr. Gurmeet Kaur informed the School Board Members that in view of the University Grant Commission (Minimum Standard and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degree), Regulation, 2016 communicated by the UGC to IGNOU (No. F1.130/2015(VIP/PS), dated August, 24, 2016, there was a need to revise the existing course work for the Ph.D. programme in Law to comply with the requirement prescribed by the UGC Regulations.

S.B. 18.9.2 The Doctoral Research Committee deliberated on the issue extensively in its meeting held on 21st February, 2017 and restructured the Course work for Ph.D. in Law.

S.B. 18.9.3 The revised Phase Zero form of the Ph.D. programme along with the revised pre-Ph.D. course work was placed for approval of the School Board.

S.B 18.9.4 The School Board Members after detailed deliberations, approved the Phase Zero Form (**Annexure-10**) and the revised pre-Ph.D. course work (**Annexure-11**)

Item No. 18.10: To consider and approve the list of candidates selected for admission to Ph.D. – January, 2017 cycle which was recommended and approved in the 7th Doctoral Research Committee Meeting held on 21st February, 2017.

S.B.18.10.1 Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator informed that the interview for the selection of candidates for Ph.D. programme was scheduled on 14th, 15th and 16th February, 2017 with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU. 75 candidates were called for interview consisting of category A1 (47 candidates who are NET qualified and exempted from entrance exam) and category B2 (28 candidates who had cleared entrance exam conducted by the University).

S.B.18.10.2 The merit list as recommended by the Interview Board was placed before Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) held on 21st February, 2017. The same was recommended and approved by the DRC

S.B. 18.10.3 The merit list of the selected candidates for admission to Ph.D – January, 2017 cycle as approved by the above said DRC was placed for recommendation and approval of the School Board.

S.B.18.10.4 The School Board Members approved the merit list as recommended by the 7th DRC held on 21/02/2017 (**Annexure-12**).

S.B. 18.10.5 The School Board Members further recommended the onward transmission of the approved merit list to Research Council Sanding Committee (RCSC) for its consideration and approval.

Item No.18.11: Any other item with the permission of the chair.

S.B. 18.11.1 The Programme Coordinator, Prof. K. Elumalai submitted tabled item with the subject: Revision of the Certificate in Consumer Protection (CCP) programme- SOL Current Status.

S.B. 18.11.2 Prof. K. Elumalai informed that the programme CCP consist of three courses with 47 Units. The zero form and the names of Unit Writers and Editors for the revision of CCP programme were approved in the 17th School Board Meeting held on 19/05/2016. The Phase zero was also approved in 42nd meeting of the ACSC held on 1st August, 2016 with the launch date January 2017.

S.B.18.11.3 36 Units have been received from the Unit writers, one unit is withdrawn and 10 units are yet to be received from unit writers.

S.B.18.11.4 The School Board Members suggested that the matter may be discussed in the School for expediting the launch of the programme.



Prof. T.U. Fulzele,
Director, SOL