

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA STUDIES**

**Minutes of the First School Board Meeting held on December 04, 2007 at 9.30 a.m. in the Board Room, Block No. 8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068**

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU | - Chairman        |
| 2. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, IGNOU                      | - Special Invitee |
| 3. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, IGNOU                           | - Special Invitee |
| 4. Prof. Subhash Dhuliya, Professor, EMPC, IGNOU          | - Member          |
| 5. Prof. Madhu Bala, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU               | - Member          |
| 6. Dr. Kiron Bansal, Reader, EMPC, IGNOU                  | - Member          |

The following could not attend:

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| 1. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, IGNOU    | - Special Invitee |
| 2. Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC, IGNOU        | - Special Invitee |
| 3. Prof. Basir Ahmed Khan, PVC, IGNOU    | - Special Invitee |
| 4. Mr. T. Ranjith, Lecturer, EMPC, IGNOU | - Member          |

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools was present to assist the Chairman of the School Board.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the School Board. He briefed the members about the Expert Committee recommendations on establishing the new school and the approval process involving the Planning Board, Academic Council Standing Committee, Academic Council, Board of Management and the Visitor.

The following are the Agenda items for discussion and consideration of the School Board:

1. Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.
2. Programmes being developed for the School.
3. To consider 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.
4. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:



**SOJNMS 1.1: Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.**

SOJNMS 1.1.1: The School Board took note of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on establishing the School of Journalism and New Media Studies. The Vice-Chancellor said that Prof. A.W. Khan, Assistant Director General, UNESCO is providing guidance and other support for the new School. There is a need for the preparation of Vision Document to decide on the programmes & activities and draw a roadmap for the new School. We may engage outside experts to coordinate this activity. Prof. Parvin Sinclair has suggested that a Workshop/Brainstorming Session may be conducted to make recommendations and for giving directions to the new School that could help the preparation of the Vision Document.

SOJNMS 1.1.2: The School Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate steps for this purpose.

**SOJNMS 1.2: Programmes being developed in the School.**

SOJNMS 1.2.1: The School Board took note of the following programmes being developed/proposed in the School:

Programme	Programme Coordinator
1. MA in Mass Communication	Dr. Kiron Bansal, Reader, EMPC
2. PG Diploma in Science and Health Journalism	Mr. T. Ranjith, Lecturer, EMPC
3. Certificate in Creative Media Arts (stream: Digital Film-Making)	Mr. Ravi Kanth, Jt. Director, EMPC
4. Certificate in Creative Media Arts (stream: Sound Recording and Engineering)	
5. PG Diploma in Digital Media Management	Dr. Zeba Khan, Dy. Director, EMPC
6. Certificate Course in Combating Communalism through Mass Media	Mr. A.S. Ibrahim, Producer (SG), EMPC
7. Certificate in Community Radio	Mr. H. Faruqui, Producer (SG), EMPC

Dr. Kiron Bansal told that the School Board of the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has approved Phase-I of MA in Mass Communication programme and she will be submitting Phase-II format for consideration of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) shortly.

In respect of other programmes, the Phase-I Form (Programme Proposal) and Phase II Form (Programme Concept) will be put before the School Board and Academic Programme Committee respectively as and when the Experts Groups make their recommendations on the programme proposal, need assessment and structure of the programme.

SOJNMS 1.2.2: It was informed to the School Board that the School Board of the SOCE has approved the re-location of the following programmes in the School of Journalism and New Media Studies:

- i. P.G. Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication (PGJMC)
- ii. P.G. Diploma in Audio Programme Production (PGDAPP)
- iii. Launch of MA (Mass Communication)

SOJNMS 1.2.3: The School Board took note of the above and accepted the recommendations of the School Board, SOCE.

**SOJNMS 1.3: To co-opt 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.**

SOJNMS 1.3.1: The Vice-Chancellor said that according to the Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University, not more than five experts, who are not the employees of the University, are to be co-opted by the School Board. The members discussed the names of a number of people for the co-option to the School Board.

SOJNMS 1.3.2: The School Board decided to co-opt following five experts under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University:

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

(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)  
Chairman