

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**Minutes of the First School Board Meeting held on December 04, 2007 at 2.00 p.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. Anu Aneja, Professor, SOCE                       | - Member          |
| 5. Prof. Kamal Yadava, Professor, SOMS                    | - Member          |
| 6. Dr. Annu J. Thomas, SOCE                               | - Member          |
| 7. Dr. Vimal Thorat, Reader, SOH                          | - 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 |

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 University has already initiated the process of appointing the regular faculty in the new School.

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:

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

**SOGDS 1.1.1:** The School Board took note of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School of Gender and Development Studies. 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 the area of Trans-Gender Studies also needs to be included as a separate area of study in the School.

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

**SOGDS 1.2: Programmes being developed for the School.**

**SOGDS 1.2.1:** Prof. Anu Aneja said that the Gender Studies and Women Studies are two separate areas of study. Prof. Anu Aneja, SOCE, will coordinate PG Diploma in Women Studies and MA in Women Studies. Dr. Annu J. Thomas, Reader, SOCE, will coordinate PG Diploma in Gender Studies, MA in Gender Studies and Bachelors Degree in Gender and Development Studies.

The Chairman said that the Phase-1 forms of PG Diploma in : (a) Gender Studies, and (b) Women Studies, and MA in : (a) Gender Studies, and (b) Women Studies may be submitted by the programme coordinators for the consideration of the School Board, School of Gender and Development Studies, after recommendations of the expert committee on this are available.

**SOGDS 1.2.2:** Some members expressed that the M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes also need to be introduced in the new School. The Chairman said that all the new Schools are required to introduce these programmes.

**SOGDS 1.2.3:** The School Board took note of the above.

**SOGDS 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.**

**SOGDS 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.

SOGDS 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.

*Approved*

*V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai*

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Chairman