

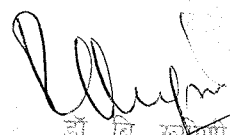
Indira Gandhi National Open University

School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS)

Minutes of 20th School Board of SOITS held on 21st October 2016

The 20th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 21st October 2016 from 10:30 A.M. at the Radhakrishnan Block, IGNOU Maidan Garhi. The following members were present:

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| 1. | Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy. | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Annu J Thomas, SOGDS, IGNOU, New Delhi. | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas, Associate Professor, SOET, IGNOU, New Delhi. | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Shachi Shah, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Reader, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Anjali C. Ramteke, SOMS, IGNOU, New Delhi. | Member |
| 9. | Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor (SS), SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 11. | Prof. R. Baskar, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar, Haryana. | Special Invitee |
| 12. | Prof. Babu P. Remesh, Ambedkar University, Delhi. | Special Invitee |
| 13. | Dr. V.Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Special Invitee |
| 14. | Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Special Invitee |
| 15. | Dr. Y.S.C.Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Special Invitee |


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Prof. Shobhita Jain, Prof. C.S. Bhat, Prof. Padmini Swaminathan and Prof. Gopal Guru could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a very warm welcome to all the Members of the School Board and thanked them for their active participation, constant support and providing their expertise for improvement on the school initiatives with valuable suggestions. Further, she made a brief presentation on the various activities and future plans of the school. The following agenda items were taken up for consideration and approval of the School Board.

- SB. 20.1** **To confirm the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 19th May, 2016 and the Action Taken Report.**
- SB.20.1.1** The chairperson informed that the minutes of 19th Meeting of the School Board, SOITS were circulated to all school board members. She informed that no comments have been received and therefore, the Minutes of 19th Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed.
- SB.20.1.2** The School Board confirmed the Minutes of 19th School Board Meeting and noted the Action Taken Report. (**Appendix 1 and 2**).
- SB.20.1.3** The board confirmed the minutes of 19th School Board Meeting and the Action Taken Report of it.
- SB. 20.2** **To report the shifting of discipline of Environmental Studies and CSD from School of Agriculture to SOITS.**
- SB.20.2.1** The Chairperson informed about the shifting of the faculty of Environmental Studies Discipline and 1 Faculty in erstwhile CSD from SOA to SOITS. She expressed thanks to the hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Professor Ravindra Kumar, for shifting the Discipline of Environmental Studies suitably in SOITS.
- SB.20.2.2** The School Board members welcomed the faculty of Environmental Studies Discipline and erstwhile CSD to SOITS and congratulated.
- SB. 20.3** **To consider and approve the name of Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur as Programme Coordinator of B.A./ M.A. (Philosophy)**
- SB.20.3.1** The Chairperson informed that the programme BA in Philosophy (BPY) and MA in Philosophy (MPY) are housed in SOITS. The present programme Coordinator Prof. Gracious Thomas, School of Social Work (SOSW) agreed for handing over the Program's coordinatorship to the Faculty of SOITS. Accordingly, the

coordinatorship of two programs has been given to Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS. The School Board members opined that this agenda item can be considered as a reporting item.

SB.20.3.2

The School Board members considered as reporting item and confirmed that Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur as Program's Coordinator for BPY and MPY Programs.

SB. 20.4

To consider and approve the names of Programme Coordinators of MA (Labour and Development) & PG Diploma (Labour and Development) - MALD & PGDLD- ODL Mode.

SB.20.4.1

The School Board members were informed that Dr. Babu P. Remesh, Programme Coordinator of MALD and PGDLD programmes had joined as Professor in the Ambedkar University, Delhi. The chairperson proposed Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya (Reader, SOITS) and Dr. Sadananda Sahoo (Assistant Professor, SOITS) as Programme Coordinators for MALD and PGDLD programmes. It was also informed to the Members that the course materials for the first year's courses are in an advanced stage of preparation. Therefore, it is proposed that the programme- Post Graduate Diploma in Labour and Development will be launched initially due to paucity of the Faculty in the area of Labour and Development. Subsequently, the Programme development for the second year courses leading to M.A. will be initiated at a later stage. It was also informed that the courses being coordinated by Dr. Babu P. Remesh would be redistributed amongst the faculty members of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies.

SB.20.4.2

The School Board considered and approved the names of Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya (Reader, SOITS) and Dr. Sadananda Sahoo (Assistant Professor, SOITS) as Programme Coordinators of MA (Labour and Development) MALD & PG Diploma (Labour and Development) - PGDLD.

SB. 20.5

To consider and approve the Ph.D. Evaluator for Ph.D. Thesis of Ms. Ayushi Agarwal

SB.20.5.1

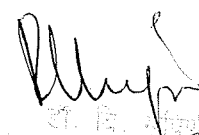
The chairperson read out the confidential list of the evaluators for Ph.D. Thesis in respect of Miss Ayushi Agarwal, Research Scholar.

SB.20.5.2

The School Board considered and approved the list of the Evaluators for Ph.D. thesis in respect of Ms. Ayushi Agarwal (**Appendix-3**).

SB. 20.6

To consider and approve the concept note for Ph.D. in Environmental Science.



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- SB.20.6.1** Dr. B. Rupini, one of the Programme coordinator's presented the concept note for developing Ph.D. in Environmental Science and informed that the UGC regulations shall be followed as decided by the University from time to time. After detailed deliberations, the Members suggested that the lab facilities presently available in School of Sciences can be availed for conducting experiments. The members recommended that the 'area of residence' need not be mentioned in the Concept note. The eligibility criteria may include the Master Degree in Engineering and other relevant areas.
- SB.20.6.2** The School Board considered and approved the concept note for Ph.D. in Environmental Science. Master Degree in Engineering and other relevant areas may be included in the eligibility criteria (**Appendix-4**).
- SB. 20.7** **To consider and approve the concept note for M.Phil. in Environmental Science.**
- SB.20.7.1** The members perused the concept note and recommended that the 'area of residence' need not be mentioned in the Concept note. The eligibility criteria may be included the Master Degree in Engineering and other relevant areas.
- SB.20.7.2** The School Board considered and approved the concept note for M.Phil. in Environmental Science. Master Degree in Engineering and other relevant areas may be included in the eligibility criteria. (**Appendix- 5**).
- SB. 20.8** **To report about Ph.D. course work of Mr. Anshuman Upadhayaya, Ph.D. student.**
- SB.20.8.1** The School Board was informed that Mr. Anshuman Upadhayaya earlier admitted as category 'A student has been allotted PhD course work in view of Research Council's decision for providing one time opportunity to all those candidates who have been earlier exempted from the course work, enabling the candidate to complete his PhD in accordance with UGC regulations. He would appear for Term-end examination in December 2016.
- SB.20.8.2** The School Board noted the progress in respect of Mr. Anshuman Upadhayaya, Ph.D. scholar.
- SB. 20.9** **To consider and approve the request of Mr. Mahendra Sethi, Ph.D. student for de-registration.**

- SB.20.9.1** Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Ph.D. Programme Coordinator briefed, the members about the request received from Mr. Mahendra Sethi, Ph.D. scholar for de-registration of his admission.
- SB.20.9.2** The School Board considered and approved the request of Mr. Mahendra Sethi, Ph.D. student for de-registration.
- SB. 20.10** **To consider and approve the Phase 2 form of "M.Sc. Environmental Science"**
- SB.20.10.1** Dr. Shachi Shah, the Programme Coordinator explained about the Phase- I form which was approved by the 25th School Board, School of Agriculture (SOA), held on 13th March- 2015, and the need assessment report was approved in 26th School Board Meeting of SOA, held on 30th September- 2015, followed by the approval of 49th APC held on 13th April- 2016. She also explained the programme structure which was framed in the programme expert Committee Meeting conducted on 27th- 28th September- 2016 and briefed about the filled in Phase – 2 form.
- SB.20.10.2** The School Board suggested that, the title of the programme has to be in accordance with the UGC guidelines and norms. With regard to the Project Dissertation, the members strongly recommended the viva – voce should be made compulsory. Accordingly, the members suggested that 70% Weightage will be given to the evaluation of Project Dissertation Report and the 30% Weightage will be given to the viva- voce. The modalities for conduct of the Viva-Voce may be worked out by the Discipline as per the provisions and available resources of the University. With regard to the environmental science lab course, it was decided that the evaluation methodology for the lab courses has to be followed as per the University norms.
- SB.20.10.3** The School Board considered and approved the Phase 2 form for "M.Sc. Environmental Science" (Appendix- 6)
- SB. 20.11** **To consider and approve the list of Course Coordinators for "M.Sc. Environmental Science" Programme**
- SB.20.11.1** A list of Course's Coordinators for "MSc. Environmental Science" Programme was presented.
- SB.20.11.2** The School Board considered and approved the list of Course's Coordinators for "M.Sc. Environmental Science" Programme. (Appendix- 7)

- SB. 20.12** To consider and approve the list of Course writers for "M.Sc. Environmental Science" Programme.
- SB.20.12.1** A list of Course's Writers for "M.Sc. Environmental Science" Program was presented.
- SB.20.12.2** The School Board considered and approved the list of Course's writers for "M.Sc. Environmental Science" Programme. (Appendix- 8)
- SB. 20.13** To consider and approve the Phase 2 Form of PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme.
- SB.20.13.1** Dr. B. Rupini, one of the Programme Coordinator's explained the conceptualization of the Programme and briefed about the concept note which was approved by the 25th School Board of SOA, in its meeting held on 13th March, 2015 and the Phase- I form was approved in 26th School Board of SOA at its Meeting held on 30th September, 2015. Consequently, Phase- I form alongwith the need assessment report and the exploratory expert committee meeting recommendations has been approved in 49th APC held on 13th April, 2016. She also explained the Programme structure which was finalized in the expert committee meeting that was conducted on 23rd- 24th of August, 2016. And also briefed about Phase- 2 form.
- SB.20.13.2** After deliberations, it was recommended that titles of Courses 8, 9 and 10 of the programme may be reviewed for its suitability by the internal programme development team.
- SB.20.13.3** The School Board considered and approved the Phase 2 Form of PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme. (Appendix- 9)
- SB. 20.14** To consider and approve the list of Course Coordinators for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme.
- SB.20.14.1** A list of Course's Coordinators for the Programme- PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health was presented by the programme coordinator.
- SB.20.14.2** The School Board considered and approved the list of Course's Coordinators for the programme- PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health. (Appendix- 10)
- SB. 20.15** To consider and approve the list of Course Writers for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH).

SB.20.15.1

A list of Course's Writers for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health was presented.

Dr. Ruchika Kuba, Associate Professor and one of the Programme Coordinators proposed the following additional names as course writers for the consideration of the School Board.

1. Dr. Ravi Chandran, NIOH, Bangalore
2. Dr. Sunil Kumar, NIOH, Bangalore
3. Prof. Daga, Professor of Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi.
4. Prof. Sunil Garg, Professor of Community Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi.
5. Prof. Passey, Professor of Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi.

SB.20.15.2

The School Board considered and approved the list of Course's Writers alongwith the additional names as mentioned above for the Programme- PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health. (Appendix-11)

SB. 20.16

To consider and approve the Phase 2 form for the Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change.

SB.20.16.1

The Phase 2 form for the Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change was presented in the School Board.

SB.20.16.2

The School Board considered and approved the Phase 2 form for the Programme- Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change. (Appendix-12)

SB. 20.17

To consider and approve the list of Course Writers for the Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change.

SB.20.17.1

A list of Course's Writers for the programme- Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change was presented.

SB.20.17.2

The School Board considered and approved the list of Course's Writers for the Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change. (Appendix-13)

SB. 20.18

To consider and approve the resubmission of Phase 1 and Phase 2 form (in the revised format) of PG Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS).

SB.20.18.1

The Chairperson informed that the programme- PG Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS) was earlier offered through online mode. Since, online programmes are on hold, now, it is proposed to

offer the programme through off-line ODL mode. In order to launch the programme through off-line ODL mode, the Phase 1 and Phase 2 forms (revised format) of PG Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS) was resubmitted. The programme coordinator informed about the readiness of the course's material and also the enrolment data for the programme (online).

SB.20.18.2 The School Board considered and approved the Phase 1 and Phase 2 form (revised format) for the Programme- PG Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS). (**Appendix-14 & Appendix-15**)

SB. 20.19 **To consider and approve the Phase -3 form of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS).**

SB.20.19.1 The Programme Coordinator informed the School Board about the readiness of the course material and about the status of video production for the programme.

SB.20.19.2 The School Board considered and approved the Phase -3 form for Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS). (**Appendix-16**)

SB. 20.20 **To consider and approve the list of Experts for BPY & MPY.**

SB.20.20.1 Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Programme Coordinator, explained that the need for revision of the courses of BPY and MPY programmes. Therefore, the list of experts for revision of the course's is proposed.

SB.20.20.2 The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for the revision of course of BPY & MPY programmes. (**Appendix-17**)

SB. 20.21 **To report the offer of one MOOC course on SWAYAM platform of MHRD by School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies in the first phase.**

SB.20.21.1 Dr. Shachi Shah the programme coordinator for Appreciation Programme on Sustainable Management of Bio- diversity, informed that the programme has been developed as MOOC course as per the guidelines. She informed that 40 videos have been developed by various resource persons, with the help of EMPC.

SB.20.21.2 The School Board considered and noted the activity.

TABLED ITEMS

SB. 20.22 **To consider and approve list of External members for the School Board.**

SB.20.22.1

The chairperson informed the School Board that the term of present External Members of the School Board would be completed on 27th February, 2017 and as per the Clause (2) (e) of the Statute 10A, the School Board has to co-opt not more than 5 persons from different areas of specializations in any Disciplines assigned to the School or in any allied branches of knowledge. Accordingly, the proposed list of External members was presented in order to co-opt 5 External members to the School Board as per the Statutory provisions.

SB.20.22.2

The School Board considered and co-opted the following External members to the School Board.

1. Prof. R. Baskar, Professor, Environmental Science, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar, Haryana.
2. Prof. Satyavati Sharma, Professor, Centre for Rural Technology & Development, IIT, Delhi.
3. Prof. Renu Addlakha, CWDS, New Delhi.
4. Prof. S. Samuel Asir Raj, Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.
5. Prof. M. Krishnan, Professor, Department of Bio- Chemistry, Central University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

SB. 20.23

To consider and approve the list of Experts for Ph.D. and M. Phil. programmes in Environmental Science.

SB.20.23.1

The Chairperson presented a list of experts for developing the course work for Ph.D. and M Phil. programmes in Environmental Science in accordance with the UGC regulations.

SB.20.23.2

The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for the course work in Ph.D. and M Phil. programmes in Environmental Science. (Appendix-18)

SB. 20.24

To consider and approve the request of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya, Ph.D. student for extension to submit the Ph.D. thesis.

SB.20.24.1

Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Programme Coordinator, Ph.D presented the request of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya, Ph.D. scholar, for extension to submit the Ph.D. thesis. She informed that the 5-year maximum period is going to be completed by February 2017 and informed about the progress of the research work. She also informed that an item in respect of the candidate's course work was also presented in the

previous agenda item of 20.8 in this School Board. The members expressed that the extension of the duration may be given to the scholar only in accordance to IGNOU norms.

SB.20.24.2

The School Board considered and approved the request of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya, Ph.D. scholar for extension to submit the Ph.D. thesis, subject to the extent of the norms of the University.

SB. 20.25

To consider and approve the list of Ph.D. evaluators for Ph.D. thesis of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya.

SB.20.25.1

The Chairperson presented to the School Board a list of Ph.D. evaluators for evaluating the Ph.D. thesis of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya. The School Board suggested that the few Ph.D. evaluators may also be chosen for consideration from other parts of the country as the list of evaluators included predominantly from one state. Also, it was recommended that few evaluators may be included from the area of Agricultural Sciences.

SB.20.25.2

The School Board considered and approved the list of PhD evaluators for Ph.D. thesis of Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya and authorized the Director and Chairperson to include few names of the evaluators by covering the other regions of the country. (Appendix- 19)

SB. 20.26

To approve the list of External Experts for the Doctoral Committee for the Ph.D. Programme in Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies.

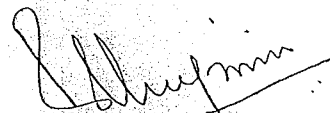
SB.20.26.1

Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Programme Coordinator, PhD proposed the reconstitution of the Doctoral Committee and presented the list of External members for the Doctoral Committee, Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies.

SB.20.26.2

The School Board considered and approved the list of the External Members for the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D. Programme in Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies. (Appendix-20)

The Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


Director, SOITS

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