

## Indira Gandhi National Open University

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

#### Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

The 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 from 10.30 A.M. at the Dr. Radhakrishnan Block, IGNOU Maidan Garhi. The following members were present:

1.	Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Chairperson</b>
2.	Prof. R. Baskar, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar, Haryana.	<b>Member</b>
3.	Prof. M. Krishnan, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan	<b>Member</b>
4.	Prof. Satyavati Sharma, Professor, Centre for Rural Technology and development, IIT, Delhi.	<b>Member</b>
5.	Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
6.	Prof. Samuel Asir Raj, Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.	<b>Member</b>
7.	Prof. Annu J Thomas, SOGDS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	<b>Member</b>
8.	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
9.	Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas, Associate Professor, SOET, IGNOU, New Delhi.	<b>Member</b>
10.	Dr. Shachi Shah, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
11.	Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Reader, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
12.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor (SS), SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
13.	Dr. V.Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
14.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
15.	Dr. Y.S.C.Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>

Dr. Rekha Sharma Sen, Dr. Anjali C. Ramteke (SOMS, IGNOU), and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar (SOITS, IGNOU) could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a very warm welcome to the new external members of the school board and thanked the members whose tenure was completed for their active participation, constant support and providing their expertise and guidance for the improvement of school initiatives with valuable suggestions. Further, she made a brief presentation on the school activities and future plans of the school. Among the school activities since the last school board, she made a special mention about the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Migration and Diasporas - Emerging diversities and development challenges organized by the school during 22-23 March, 2017. The following agenda items were taken up for consideration and approval of the School Board.

**SB. 21.1**

**To confirm the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2016, extract of minutes of 20th School Board Part A by circulation on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017, extract of minutes of 20th School Board Part B by circulation on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 and the Action Taken Report.**

**SB.21.1.1**

The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS, extract of minutes of 20th School Board Part A by circulation on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017, and extract of minutes of 20th School Board Part B by circulation on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 to all School Board members. She informed that no comments have been received and hence the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed.

**SB.21.1.2**

The school board confirmed the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting, Part A and Part B of the 20<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report (**Annexure 1 and 2**).

**SB. 21.2**

**To consider and approve the Phase 2 form for Ph.D (Environmental Science) programme and the course work**

**SB.21.2.1**

The programme coordinator Dr. B.Rupini informed the school board that the Ph.D (Environmental Science) programme is being developed and launched as per the UGC norms. The members opined that the course work for elective courses (8 credits) can be made into two courses of 4 credits each for the convenience of students and as per the UGC norms.

**SB.21.2.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the Phase 2 form for Ph.D (Environmental Science) programme and the course work.

**SB. 21.3****To Consider and approve revised syllabus in B.A. (Philosophy) in BDP programme****SB.21.3.1**

The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the school board that the Philosophy electives have been offered in BDP for the last 8 years. As the BDP programme needed to be offered in CBCS system as per the UGC norms, the expert committee meeting was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 to revise the syllabus and the revised syllabus is placed before the board for consideration and approval. The members perused the syllabus and suggested that the course with 8 credits can be split into two courses of 4 credits. Also, they opined that the course should account for the credit load uniformly in terms of no. of blocks and units. The programme coordinator clarified that the number of the units in a block can be either 3/4/5. However, the weightage in terms of credits for each block will be same.

**SB.21.3.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the revised syllabus in B.A. (Philosophy) in BDP programme

**SB. 21.4****To consider offering PG Diploma in Labour and Development as a Stand-alone programme.****SB.21.4.1**

The programme coordinator Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya informed in detail to the School Board about the programme development of MA in Labour and Development with exit option after one year of study. Since, the former programme coordinator Dr. Babu P. Remesh, had joined the Ambedkar University Delhi, and the course material for the first year is in an advanced stage of preparation with most of the Units received, the School proposes to offer PG Diploma in Labour and Development as a Stand-alone programme. The School Board strongly recommended that the SOITS go ahead and offer the PGDLD programme as a stand-alone programme to begin with. The SB noted that the Certificate Programme in Labour and Development earlier offered by the SOSS was no longer available and therefore the PGDLD programme would be of benefit to the Learners. The members suggested for hiring a consultant in the field of labour and development for the successful launch of the programme.

**SB.21.4.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the proposal of offering PG Diploma in Labour and Development as a Stand-alone programme.

- SB. 21.5 **To Consider and approve the additional list of Course Writers for M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme.**
- SB.21.5.1 The chairperson presented the additional list of Course Writers for M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme. The members suggested that the Director of the school can be empowered to add the names of the course writers and the agenda can be presented as reporting item in the School Board.
- SB.21.5.2 The School Board members considered and approved the additional list of Course Writers for M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme (**Annexure**).
- SB. 21.6 **To Consider and approve the additional list of Course Writers of PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH) Programme.**
- SB.21.6.1 The chairperson presented the additional list of Course Writers for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH) Programme. The members reiterated the earlier suggestion of empowering the Director of the school to add the names of the course writers in the list and the agenda can be presented as reporting item in the School Board.
- SB.21.6.2 The School Board members considered and approved the additional list of Course Writers for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH) Programme (**Annexure**).
- SB. 21.7 **To Consider and approve the list of Editors for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH) programme.**
- SB.21.7.1 The chairperson presented the additional list of Editors for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH) Programme. The members suggested that the Director of the school can be empowered to add the names of the course writers/editors and the agenda can be presented as a reporting item in the School Board.
- SB.21.7.2 The School Board members considered and approved the list of Editors for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH) programme (**Annexure**).

- SB. 21.8** **To Consider and approve the Phase-Zero form for B.A (Philosophy) Programme**
- SB.21.8.1** The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the school board that the expert committee meeting for B.A (Philosophy) Programme conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 developed a revised syllabus for the B.A. (Philosophy) Programme. The revised syllabus is submitted for consideration and approval of the board.
- SB.21.8.2** The School Board members considered and approved the Phase-Zero form for B.A (Philosophy) Programme.
- SB. 21.9** **To Consider and approve the list of Course Writers & Editors for B.A (Philosophy) programme.**
- SB.21.9.1** The chairperson presented the list of Course Writers & Editors for B.A (Philosophy) programme for consideration and approval of the School Board.
- SB.21.9.2** The School Board members considered and approved the list of Course Writers & Editors for B.A (Philosophy) programme (Annexure).
- SB. 21.10** **To Consider and approve the name of Ms. Sudha Bharadwaj as Course Writer and Course Editor for PGDLD and MALD Programme.**
- SB.21.10.1** The chairperson presented to the School Board for consideration and approval of Ms Sudha Bharadwaj as Course Writer and Course Editor for PGDLD and MALD Programme.
- SB.21.10.2** The School Board members considered and approved the name of Ms Sudha Bharadwaj as Course Writer and Course Editor for PGDLD and MALD Programme (Annexure).
- SB. 21.11** **To Consider and approve the constitution of Doctoral Committee for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Programme.**
- SB.21.11.1** The chairperson presented to the School Board for consideration and approval of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Programme.
- SB.21.11.2** The School Board members considered and approved the constitution of Doctoral Committee for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Programme (Annexure).

- SB. 21.12**                      **To Consider and approve the Moderation Committee of PG Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme.**
- SB.21.12.1**                      The chairperson presented to the School Board for consideration and approval of the moderation Committee for PG Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme. The members suggested that the Director may be empowered to prepare the list of paper setters/evaluators/moderators and the agenda can be reported in the School Board so that the activities of the school can be fastened.
- SB.21.12.2**                      The School Board members considered and approved the Moderation Committee of PG Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme (**Annexure**).
- SB. 21.13**                      **To Consider and approve the Question Paper Setters and Evaluators of PG Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme.**
- SB.21.13.1**                      The chairperson presented to the School Board the Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for PG Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme for the consideration and approval of the School Board.
- SB.21.13.2**                      The School Board members considered and approved the Question Paper Setters and Evaluators of PG Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme (**Annexure**).
- SB. 21.14**                      **To Consider and approve the additional list of panel of members for Doctoral Committee of Ph.D (Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies) programme.**
- SB.21.14.1**                      The chairperson presented to the School Board the additional list of panel of members for Doctoral Committee of Ph.D (Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies) programme for the consideration and approval of the School Board. Dr.V.Venkat Ramanan Suggested the name of Dr. S.D.Attri, DDGM, IMD, New Delhi for the Doctoral Committee of PHDITS.
- SB.21.14.2**                      The School Board members considered and approved the additional list of panel of members for Doctoral Committee of Ph.D (Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies) programme (**Annexure**).

## TABLED ITEMS

**SB. 21.15**

**To Consider and approve the Phase 3 form of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme**

**SB.21.15.1**

The chairperson informed to the School Board that the Ph.D programme does not involve preparation of course material and so the Phase 3 for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Programme is submitted for the kind consideration and approval of the school board.

**SB.21.15.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the Phase 3 form of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme

**SB. 21.16**

**To Consider and approve the Moderation Committee of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme**

**SB.21.16.1**

The chairperson presented the list of moderation committee members for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Programme for the consideration and approval of the school board. The members reiterated that the Director may be empowered to finalize the list of Question Paper Setters/Evaluators/Moderators and report the list in the School Board.

**SB.21.16.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the Moderation Committee of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme (**Annexure**)

**SB. 21.17**

**To Consider and approve the Question Paper Setters and Evaluators of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme Course Work**

**SB.21.17.1**

The chairperson presented the list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Programme course work for the consideration and approval of the school board. The members reiterated that the Director may be empowered to finalize the list of Question Paper Setters/Evaluators/Moderators and report the list in the School Board.

**SB.21.17.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme Course Work. (**Annexure**)

**SB. 21.18**

**To Consider and approve the names of the Course Coordinators for PG Diploma in Labour and Development (PGDLD) Programme**

**SB.21.18.1**

The chairperson presented the names of the Course Coordinators for PG Diploma in Labour and Development (PGDLD) Programme for the consideration and approval of the school board.


**SB.21.18.2**

The School Board members considered and approved the names of the Course Coordinators for PG Diploma in Labour and Development (PGDLD) Programme. (**Annexure**)

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The Director thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions and informed the School Board Members about the intention of the school to organize a National Seminar on Environmental Health during the month of Oct, 2017 and an International Conference on Environmental Health during the month of Feb, 2018. The external members of the School Board suggested that the Board place on record its appreciation of the Director, SOITS and Chairperson of the School Board and the internal members for the well organized 21st Meeting of the School Board of the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS).

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

  
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