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

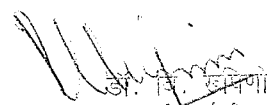
Minutes of 22nd School Board of SOITS held on 7th November, 2017

The 22nd Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 7th November, 2017 from 10.30 A.M. at Room No.6, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU Maidan Garhi. The following members were present:

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| 1. | Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. R. Baskar, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar, Haryana. | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Samuel Asir Raj, Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Shachi Shah, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 7. | Dr. V.Venkat Ramanan. Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU. New Delhi | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 9. | Dr.Y.S.C.Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Reader, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Special Invitee |
| 11. | Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor (SS), SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi | Special Invitee |

Prof. M. Krishnan (Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan), Prof. Satyavati Sharma (Centre for Rural Technology and development, IIT, Delhi.), Prof. Annu J Thomas (SOGDS, IGNOU), Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas (Associate Professor, SOET, IGNOU), Dr. Rekha Sharma Sen, Dr. Anjali C. Ramteke (SOMS, IGNOU), and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar (SOITS) 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


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expertise for improvement on the school initiatives with valuable suggestions. The Chairperson welcomed the new members Dr. V.Venkat Ramanan, SOITS; Dr. Deeksha Dave, SOITS, and Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman, SOITS to the School Board and thanked the members whose tenure was completed (Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS; Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS, and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, SOITS) for their active participation and constant support with constructive suggestions.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration and approval of the School Board.

SB. 22.1 **To confirm the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 12th May, 2017 and the Action Taken Report.**

SB.22.1.1 The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the School Board of SOITS were circulated to all School Board members. She informed that no comments have been received and hence the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 20th School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.

SB.22.1.2 The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 21st School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report (Annexure 1 and 2).

SB. 22.2 **To consider and approve the list of Course Editors for the Programme Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change**

SB.22.2.1 The programme coordinator Dr. V.Venkat Ramanan presented to the School Board a list of Course Editors for the Programme Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change. The members opined that the Director may be empowered to include more Course Editors if required and after the process of editing, the list of Courses and Editors for respective courses may be reported in the School Board.

SB.22.2.2 The School Board members considered and approved the list of Course Editors for the Programme Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change.

SB. 22.3 **To consider and approve the list of Course Editors for M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme**

SB.22.3.1 The programme coordinator Dr. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of Course Editors for the M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme. The members opined that the Director may be empowered to include more Course Editors if required. After the process of editing, the list of Courses and

Editors for respective courses may be reported in the School Board.

SB.22.3.2

The School Board members considered and approved the list of Course Editors for the M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme.

SB. 22.4

To consider the list of External Examiners for Ph.D Scholar, Ms. Arsala Nizami.

SB.22.4.1

The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed and placed for the consideration of the School Board a confidential list of External Examiners.

SB.22.4.2

The School Board members considered and noted.

SB. 23.5

To report the National Seminar on Environment and Society organized by the School on 31st October, 2017.

SB.23.5.1

The chairperson briefed the members about the successful conduct of the National Seminar on Environment and Society. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Former Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam delivered a keynote address on "Sustainability Lessons from the Past Society and Consequences of the Present Development Surpassing Nature's Carrying Capacity". Dr. Mayank Kumar, University of Delhi delivered a keynote address on "Visibly-invisible: Sources, Environment and Historians". Prof. S.V. Eswaran, Visiting Scientist, UNESCO DBT Regional Centre for Biotechnology, RCB delivered a keynote address on "Current Environmental issues: A Balanced Appraisal". The members appreciated the School for conducting the National Seminar on contemporary importance and inviting renowned experts for delivering keynote address on varied topics of national importance.

SB.23.5.2

The School Board members noted and appreciated the School for the successful conduct of the National Seminar on Environment and Society.

SB. 23.6

To report the evaluation method (TEE) and Internal Assessment of Ph.D (ITS) as per the UGC Guidelines.

SB.23.6.1

The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo informed the members about the typographical error in Phase Zero of Ph.D (ITS). The Ratio of the Internal assessment and Term End Exam has been mentioned in Phase Zero as 40: 60 instead of 50:50 as per the UGC guidelines. The correction has been made and the same is reported for the kind consideration of the School Board.

SB.23.6.2

The School Board members noted the change in the ratio of the Internal assessment and Term End Exam from 40: 60 to 50:50 as

per the UGC guidelines.

SB. 23.7

To report the Pre-submission Seminar of Ph.D Scholar, Mr. Anshuman Uppadhyay

SB.23.7.1

The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the members about the pre-submission Seminar of Ph.D Scholar, Mr. Anshuman Uppadhyay.

SB.23.7.2

The School Board members noted the successful completion of pre-submission Seminar of Ph.D Scholar, Mr. Anshuman Uppadhyay.

SB. 24.8

To report the Course Coordinatorship for BDP (Philosophy) Courses.

SB.24.8.1

The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the School Board that Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya and Dr. Sadananda Sahoo may be considered as internal course Coordinators for the BDP Programme. As per the proposal Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya will coordinate the following courses:

1. Ethics (BPY-007) 4 credits
2. Modern Western Philosophy (BPY - 008) 4 credits
3. Contemporary Western Philosophy (BPY-009) 4 credits.

Dr. Sadananda Sahoo will coordinate the following courses:

1. Epistemology (BPY-010) 4 credit.
2. Philosophy of Human Person (BPY-011) 4 Credits.
3. Philosophy of Science and Cosmology (BPY-012) 4 Credits

SB.24.8.2

The School Board members noted the allotment of internal course coordinators for the BDP Programme.

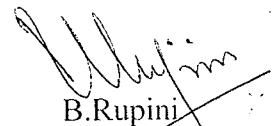
The chairperson informed the School Board members about the School's proposal to conduct International Conference on "Environmental and Ecological Sustainability: Engaging the Stakeholders" on 4-5th October, 2018. The members appreciated the initiative and suggested to include themes like Development issues and the environment, Urbanization and the environment, Gender and the environment, Public Health and the environment, Conflict on resources, River linking, Water conflict, Environmental Movements, Built Environment and accessibility issues. The members suggested that Dr. Nityanand Jayaraman and Dr. S.P. Udaya Kumar can be invited to address in the conference.

Further, during deliberations, the members opined that the Environmental Studies discipline in the School can undertake activities like Sensitization Programme on Waste management, Energy Conservation Programme in the campus, and Water harvesting in the campus. The School may

celebrate Earth Day, World Environment Day, and Ozone Day by inviting renowned experts to deliver lecture and for Panel Discussion on Contemporary issues. It was also suggested that the expertise of the experts participating in the School Board Meetings, Ph.D Viva-Voce and Expert Committee Meetings can be harnessed by Expert Talk and advised that the School may launch e-bulletin covering Environmental News and School activities.

The Director thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

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


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