

## Indira Gandhi National Open University

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

#### Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 from 11.00 A.M. at Room No.2, 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   | <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, Department of Biochemistry, Central University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan.   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 4.  | Prof. Samuel Asir Raj, Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. | <b>Member</b>          |
| 5.  | Prof. Satyavati Sharma, Centre for Rural Technology and development, IIT, Delhi.   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 6.  | Prof. P.V.K. Sasidhar, SOEDS, IGNOU, New Delhi.  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 7.  | Prof. Anu Aneja, SOGDS, IGNOU, New Delhi.  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 8.  | Prof. Ruchika Kuba, SOHS, IGNOU, New Delhi.  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 9.  | Dr. Saugato Sen, SOSS, IGNOU, New Delhi.   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 10. | Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 11. | Dr. Shachi Shah, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 12. | Dr. V.Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 13. | Dr.Y.S.C.Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 14. | Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Reader, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| 15. | Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor (SS), SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi   | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| 16. | Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi   | <b>Special Invitee</b> |

Prof. Renu Addlakha (Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi), and Dr. Deeksha Dave (Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU) 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. The Chairperson welcomed the new members (Prof. P.V.K. Sasidhar, SOEDS; Prof. Anu Aneja, SOGDS; Prof. Ruchika Kuba, SOHS; Dr. Saugato Sen, SOSS) to the School Board and thanked the members whose tenure was completed (Prof. Annu J Thomas, SOGDS; Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas, Associate Professor, SOET; Dr. Rekha Sharma Sen; Dr. Anjali C. Ramteke, SOMS) 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. 23.1 To confirm the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 7th November, 2017.**

**SB.23.1.1** The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed.

**SB.23.1.2** The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> School Board meeting.

**SB. 23.2 To consider and approve the Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS (Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies) held during 20-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.**

**SB.23.2.1** The programme coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented to the School Board the Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS (Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies) held during 20-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.

**SB.23.2.2** The School Board members considered and approved the Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS (Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies).

**SB. 23.3 To consider and approve the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDEV (Environmental Science) held during 2-3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 and 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 respectively and the allotment of supervisors.**

**SB.23.3.1** The Director, SOITS, and programme coordinator Dr.B.Rupini, presented to the School Board the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDEV (Environmental Science) held during 2-3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 and 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 respectively.

**SB.23.3.2** The School Board members considered and approved the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDEV (Environmental Science), and the allotted list of supervisors.

**SB. 23.4 To consider and approve the Question Paper Setters and Moderators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Entrance Test.**

**SB.23.4.1** The Director, SOITS, and programme coordinator Dr.B.Rupini, presented to the School Board the Question Paper Setters and Moderators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Entrance Test. The Board recommended Prof. R. Baskar, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, Guru

Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar; Dr. Chirashree Ghosh, Delhi University; and Prof. I.S.Thakur, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU. The members opined that the Director may be empowered to include more Question Paper Setters and Moderators if required and subsequently, the list may be reported in the School Board.

**SB.23.4.2** The School Board members considered and approved the Question Paper Setters and Moderators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Entrance Test.

**SB. 23.5** **To consider and approve the Evaluators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Entrance Test.**

**SB.23.5.1** The Director, SOITS, and programme coordinator Dr.B.Rupini, presented to the School Board the Evaluators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Entrance Test. The members opined that the Director may be empowered to include more evaluators if required and subsequently, the list may be reported in the School Board.

**SB.23.5.2** The School Board members considered and approved the Evaluators for Ph.D (Environmental Science) Entrance Test.

**SB. 23.6** **To consider and approve the minutes of expert committee meeting for the revision of BDP Philosophy elective CBCS-UGC and finalization of credit distribution.**

**SB.23.6.1** The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the minutes of expert committee meeting for the revision of BDP Philosophy elective CBCS-UGC and finalization of credit distribution. The programme coordinator explained the need for the revision of Philosophy electives as per the CBCS notification of UGC. The members recommended for the uniformity in terms of no. of units per course. Members recommended adoption and adaptation of relevant units which are available in IGNOU courses.

**SB.23.6.2** The School Board members considered and approved the minutes of expert committee meeting for the revision of BDP Philosophy elective CBCS-UGC and finalization of credit distribution.

**SB. 23.7** **To consider and approve the offering of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) through overseas partner institutions.**

**SB.23.7.1** The programme coordinator Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman presented the progress of the programme with respect to enrolment, and he brought to the notice of the board the importance of sustainability science, and demand for the programme from students from countries like Ethiopia, Nepal, and Nigeria. The Board considered the proposal to offer the programme through overseas partner institutions.

**SB.23.7.2** The School Board members appreciate the initiation of programme coordinator, considered and approved the proposal to offer Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme through overseas partner institutions.

**SB. 23.8** **To consider and approve the list of additional paper setters, moderators, and evaluators for BDP Philosophy and M.A. Philosophy programmes.**

**SB.23.8.1** The programme coordinator Prof.Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the list of additional paper setters, moderators, and evaluators for BDP Philosophy and M.A. Philosophy programmes.

**SB.23.8.2** The School Board members considered and approved the list of additional paper

setters, moderators, and evaluators for BDP Philosophy and M.A. Philosophy programmes.

**SB. 23.9 To consider and approve the concept note of certificate in Solid Waste Management.**

**SB.23.9.1** Dr. Shachi Shah, Associate Professor, SOITS presented the need for solid waste management, an outline of the programme details including social and academic relevance, and target group on behalf of Dr. Deeksha Dave, Programme proposer since Dr. Dave is on leave due to unavoidable circumstances. The Board suggested that the eligibility for the programme can be either Plus 2 or the graduation and suggested for an expert committee meeting to be conducted to decide the eligibility criteria along with the curriculum.

**SB.23.9.2** The School Board members considered and approved the concept note of Certificate in Solid Waste Management.

**SB. 23.10 To report the conduct of interview for the appointment of a consultant in Philosophy programme.**

**SB.23.10.1** The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the School Board regarding the interview for the appointment of a consultant in Philosophy programme.

**SB.23.10.2** The School Board members noted the report regarding the appointment of a consultant in Philosophy programme.

**Table Item**

**SB. 23.11 To consider and approve the list of External Examiners for Ph.D Scholar, Ms. Shubha Banerjee.**

**SB.23.11.1** The programme coordinator and Supervisor, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed and placed for the consideration of the School Board a confidential list of External Examiners.

**SB.23.11.2** The School Board members considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D Scholar, Ms. Shubha Banerjee.

The Director thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

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



B. Rupini

Director,

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Dr. B. RUPINI  
Director (SOITS) IGNOU

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND SUPERVISOR BY RC/RCSC**

Name of the School: SOITS      Name of the Discipline: Environmental Science      Programme: PhD      Programme Code: PHDEV

S. No.	Name of the Student and Enrolment Number	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor	Number of students currently registered with the Supervisor excluding the present student	Course completion status (Specify whether completed/ not completed/not assigned)	Date of DRC approval (Pl. enclose Minutes of the meeting)	Date of School Board/ Standing Committee of School Board approval (Pl. enclose Minutes of the meeting)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Shashank Saurabh	To be allotted later	Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman	Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018. min. (enclosed)	27/04/2018
2.	Sonam Angmo	To be allotted later	Dr. Shachi Shah	01			
3.	Sohal Bhardwaj	To be allotted later	Dr. Sushmitha Bhaskar	Nil			
4.	Arun P.	To be allotted later	Dr. B. Rupini	Nil			
5.	Bhavna	To be allotted later	Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan	02			
6.	Bhuvan Chopra	To be allotted later	Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman	Nil			
7.	Ajay K. Sharma	To be allotted later	Dr. B. Rupini	Nil			
8.	Sheikh Mubarek Gul	To be allotted later	Dr. Deeksha Dave	Nil			
9.	Amit K Gautam	To be allotted later	Dr. B. Rupini	Nil			
10.	Anjali	To be allotted later	Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan	02			
11.	Arpita Sagar	To be allotted later	Dr. B. Rupini	Nil			
12.	Sachin Agarwal	To be allotted later	Dr. B. Rupini	Nil			

Name and Signature of the Research Programme Coordinator: Dr. B. Rupini

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

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