Minutes

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- 1. Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava, Director, SOL, (Chairperson)
- 2. Prof. Priti Saxena, Director, Center of Post Graduate Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow-25
- 3. Prof. Anupam Jha, Law Center-II, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, Delhi- 110007
- 4. Prof. M.P. Tiwari, Former Head of Law Department PG Constituent College, University of Allahabad-211019
- 5. Adv. Ranjana Iyer, E-203, Mantri Splendor, Geddalahalli, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore 560077
- 6. Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Professor, CIQA
- 7. Dr. K.S. Arul Selvam, Associate Professor, SOJNMS
- 8. Dr. Saumya, Assistant Professor, SOSW
- 9. Prof. K. Elumalai, Professor, SOL
- 10. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, SOL
- 11. Dr. Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, SOL
- 12. Dr. Mansi Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOL

Dr. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat and Dr. Rashmi Bansal, Associate Professor, SOMS could not attend the meeting. The following Agenda Items were taken for consideration.

At the outset the Director, School of Law, Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava welcomed the External Members who were Co-opted in the 23rd School Board Meeting. She also extended her warm welcome to the Internal Members and Faculty Members. Further the Director, thanked the out-going External and Internal Members for being a part of School of Law in helping the School grow and take decision and also shaping the School in a positive manner. Thereafter, the following Agenda Items were taken for deliberations and considerations.

Item No.24.1

Item No. 24.1 To consider and approve the PPF and PDF Forms of BA Legal Studies

S.B. 24.1.1 The Programme Coordinator and Director, School of Law, Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava presented before the Members of the School Board the proposal submitted by her regarding BA Legal Studies. She explained about the programme and also the objectives related to the programme. She also explained that this programme was the first Bachelor Academic Progamme started by School of Law and would be a flagship progamme for the School. She also informed the members that it is an Academic Progamme and not a Professional LLB Programme. She also mentioned that the programme was in the CBCS format.

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- **S.B. 24.1.2** The Members applauded the programme and said the it was a very nice programme for IGNOU. They asked about the details of the programme and whether it was in conformity with UGC or not which was explained by the Programme Coordinator.
- **S.B. 24.1.3** Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, CIQA, IGNOU informed the Members about the National Educational Policy (NEP) and asked the Programme Coordinator, Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava that the New Programme should also be in lines with NEP.
- **S.B. 24.1.4** Prof. Priti Saxena, Director, Center of Post Graduate Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow-25 said that it is a good programme and will cater to the needs of paralegals.
- **S.B. 24.1.5** Prof. Anupam Jha, Delhi University said that legal language should be added as a component of the Curriculum.
- **S.B. 24.1.6** Adv. Ranjana Iyer, also applauded the programme and said that IGNOU has taken a right move by launching such a programme which will cater to the target group of paralegals.
- **S.B. 24.1.7** After detailed deliberations the Members approved the PPF and PDF Forms of BA Legal Studies.

Item No.24.2

- Item No. 24.2 To consider and approve the List of Expert Committee Members for BA Legal Studies
- **S.B. 24.2.1** The list of Expert Committee Member for BA Legal Studies was placed before the Members for consideration.
- **S.B. 24.2.2:** The Member after deliberations approved the list.

All the DRC related Agendas i.e. (Item No. 24.3 to 24.9) were taken up by Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator Research.

Item No.24.3

- Item No. 24.3 One Student Ms. Manjula Raghav under the supervision of Dr. Gurmeet Kaur and one student Mr. Ajay Chaudhary under the supervision of Dr. Anand Gupta have submitted the thesis and the names of external experts for evaluation have also been approved by DRC. The names of external experts needs to be confirmed by School Board.
- **S.B. 24.3.1** The Programme Coordinator, intimated the School Board Members that in the 14th DRC the names were approved and so there was no need to read the names again before the School Board Members as the names were already in the sealed envelope.

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S.B. 24.3.2 The School Board Members deliberated that if it was already sealed then they would approve the names since it was approved in the DRC.

Item No.24.4

- Item No 24.4 To approve the Panel of Evaluators for Ph.D thesis titled "Conflicting issues in Competition Law and Intellectual Property Law in India: An Analytical Study submitted by Pankaj Kumar Srivastava, Enrolment No. 173102301 under the supervision of Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava.
- **S.B. 24.4.1** The Supervisor Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava read before the School Board Members the names of External Evaluators.
- **S.B. 24.4.2** The Members approved the names of the External Evaluators.

Item No.24.5

- Item No. 24.5 To approve the Panel of Evaluators for Ph.D thesis titled "Protection of Agricultural Goods and Foodstuff under the Law of Geographical Indications: A critical study by Krishna Mohan Arya, Enrolment No. 173102326 under the supervision of Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava.
- **S.B. 24.5.1** The Supervisor Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava read before the School Board Members the names of External Evaluators.
- **S.B. 24.5.2** The Members approved the names of the External Evaluators.

Item No.24.6

- Item No. 24.6 To approve the Panel of Evaluators for Ph.D thesis titled "Corporate insolvency Resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code, 2016: A critical Study by Pallavi Baghel, Enrolment No. 173102358 under the supervision of Dr. Anand Gupta.
- **S.B. 24.6.1** The Supervisor Dr. Anand Gupta read before the School Board Members the names of External Evaluators.
- **S.B. 24.6.2** The Members approved the names of the External Evaluators.

Item No.24.7

- Item No. 24.7 To approve the Panel of Evaluators for Ph.D thesis titled "A Critical study on the effectiveness of laws on cyber crimes against women in India. Ms. Pratima Singh, Enrl. No. 173102319 under the supervision of Dr. Gurmeet Kaur.
- **S.B. 24.7.1** The Supervisor Dr. Gurmeet Kaur read before the School Board Members the names of External Evaluators.
- **S.B. 24.7.2** The Members approved the names of the External Evaluators.

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Item No.24.8

Item No.24.8 To consider and approve the minutes of 13th DRC Meeting held on 25/02/2021

- **S.B. 24.8.1** The Programme Coordinator gave the background of the 13th DRC Meeting which was held on 25/02/2021
- **S.B. 24.8.2** The school board members approved the minutes of 13th DRC Meeting held on 25/02/2021 which included the progress Reports of 10 students (registered in Jan. 2017 session) and one student (registered in 2014) for the period July to December, 2020. (Annexure-1)

Item No.24.9

- Item No.24.9 To consider and approve the minutes of 14th DRC Meeting held on 05/08/2021
- **S.B. 24.9.1** Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator Research, gave the background related to 14th DRC Meeting held on 5th August, 2021.
- **S.B. 24.9.2** The School Board members approved the minutes of 14th DRC Meeting held on 05/08/2021, which include the progress Reports of 8 students (registered in Jan 2017 session); withdrawal of admission in Ph.D Programme (Law) by the student Gurudutt, Enrollment No. 20249361 registered in July, 2020 (**Annexure-2**).
- **S.B. 24.9.3** Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator Research, gave the background related to 14th DRC Meeting held on 5th August, 2021 in connection with the matter related with Mr. Manoj Patel. During the deliberations of Mr. Manoj Patel, his Supervisor Prof. K. Elumalai absented himself from the Meeting.
- S.B. 24.9.4 The School Board members also approved the minutes of 14th DRC Meeting held on 05/08/2021, item no 14.5 to 14.8 which are related to the grievances of Mr. Manoj Kumar Patel, Enrolment No. 149500013 under the supervision of Prof. K. Elumalai (Annexure-3). In the context of Mr. Manoj Kumar Patel the External School Board Member, Prof. Priti Saxena, Director, Center of Post Graduate Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, was of the view that despite the fact that the case of Mr. Manoj Kumar Patel was decided in the 14th DRC Meeting if there is any possibility then the student should be given a fair chance to submit his thesis.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

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