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MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF SCIENCES HELD ON JULY 30, 2003 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, IGNOU MAIDAN GARHI NEW DELHI – 110 068

The following members were present :-

1. Prof. S.S. Hasan, Director (SOS) – Chairman
2. Prof. S.N. Tandon
3. Dr. A.K. Bhatnagar
4. Prof. B.S. Yadava
5. Prof. A.K. Agarwal
6. Prof. Parvin Sinclair
7. Prof. S. Kannan
8. Prof. Swaraj Basu
9. Sh. Shashi Bhushan Sharma
10. Dr. Vijayshri
11. Dr. B.I. Fozdar
12. Dr. S.M. Gokhale - Special Invitee
13. Dr. S. Venkataraman
14. Ms. Bano Saidullah

Prof. S.Sri Bala, Prof. V.K. Tripathi and Dr. Geeta Kaicker, Special Invitee could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced the new external members of the Board and reiterated the Board's appreciation of the outgoing external members for their significant contribution. Thereafter, the following items on the agenda were deliberated upon:

Item No. 1 : To confirm the Minutes of the 25th meeting of the School Board of School of Sciences held on 27th March, 2003 at 11.00 A.M.

26.1.1 The Board was informed that the minutes of the 25th Meeting of the School of Sciences were circulated to all members vide letters No. IG/SOS/SB25/2003/29/42 dated 7th April, 2003. No comments were received from members.

26.1.2 The minutes of the 25th Meeting of the School Board of School of Sciences were confirmed.

Item No. 2 : Reporting Item

- **To report on the preparedness for launch of the Appreciation Course on Environment developed by the School of Sciences in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment & Forests.**
- **To inform about the revision of various courses offered by the School of Sciences including FST.**

26.2.1

The Chairman reported to the Board that an Appreciation Course on Environment had been developed by the School of Sciences in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forests. It would be launched shortly. The Board members were also informed about the objectives of the course viz.; to

- Disseminate information on national and international environmental issues;
- Create environmental consciousness among professionals, academicians and other members of society who can play an active part in opinion making within the society so that corrective environmental action could be encouraged;
- Facilitate development of environmental leadership among individuals who may organize/participate in environment upgradation programmes.

26.2.2

The Chairman also reported that an Awareness Course on Intellectual Property Rights has been developed by the National Centre for IPR, IGNOU in collaboration with WIPO, Geneva. This Programme is funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The objectives of this programme are to :

- Disseminate information on national and international IPR issues;
- Create IPR consciousness among scientists, professionals, academicians, government officials, entrepreneurs and other members of society; and
- Familiarize learners about the documentation and administrative procedures relating to IPR in India.

The Chairman informed the Board that the awareness course shall be housed in SOS, and form a part of Post-graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights.

26.2.3

The Chairman further informed that various first level Courses offered by the School of Sciences in its B.Sc. Programme, including the Foundation Course in Science & Technology, are now being revised as per University policy.

Item No. 3 : To approve the Phase-III Form for the Programme in "Diploma in Telecommunication".

26.3.1

The Phase-III Form of the Diploma in Telecommunication Programme was placed before the School Board for discussion.

26.3.2

The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Shubha Gokhale briefed the Board about the structure of the Programme and course content. During detailed deliberations, she addressed concerns of the Board members regarding online counselling, fee structure, multimedia component, comparative costing etc. It was suggested by the Board that some of the Telecom Training Centres of BSNL functioning across the country should be visited and due care should be taken for implementing the practical training component. The Board also suggested that some of the training could be carried out through the teleconferencing mode.

26.3.3

After detailed discussions, the School Board approved the proposal.

Item No.4 : To approve the Phase-III Form for the Programme in "Post-graduate Diploma in Environment & Sustainable Development".

26.4.1

The Board approved the Phase-III Form for the Programme in "Post-graduate Diploma in Environment & Sustainable Development" with the following suggestions:

Topics like Environmental impact Assessment in developmental projects and industry, pollution control, green chemistry may be included in the appropriate courses of the programme.

The Programme Coordinators may consider including a project component at a later stage.

Item No.5: To approve Phase-I Form for the Programme in "Post-graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights".

26.5.1 The Board deliberated the item at length, with particular reference to issues such as the level, nature and content of the proposed programme and approved the Phase-1 form.

26.5.2 The Board approved the item. However, Prof. S. Kannan dissented.

Item No.6 : To approve the names of Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators for the Mathematics Courses

26.6.1 The Board approved the names of the Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators for the Mathematics courses with the suggestion that the complete addresses may be provided.

Item No.7: To approve the list of Evaluators of FST-1

26.7.1 The Board approved the list of Evaluators of FST-1

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

S.S. Hanuman
(CHAIRMAN)