

MINUTES OF THE 32ND MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES HELD ON MARCH, 9TH, 2006 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Parvin Sinclair. Chairperson
2. Prof. V.B. Bhatia (Retd.). University of Delhi
3. Prof. S. Kumaresan, University of Mumbai
4. Prof. Gayatri Kansal, Director, SOET, IGNOU
5. Prof. Jawarimal Parakh, Director, SOH, IGNOU
6. Prof. M.C. Sharma, Director, SOE, IGNOU
7. Dr. J.A. Farooqi, SOS, IGNOU
8. Dr. Shubha M. Gokhale, SOS, IGNOU
9. Dr. Neera Kapoor, SOS, IGNOU
10. Prof. Sunita Malhotra, SOS, IGNOU
11. Dr. Poornima Mital, SOS, IGNOU
12. Dr. Jaswant Sokhi, SOS, IGNOU
13. Prof. Vijayshri, SOS, IGNOU
14. Dr. S.R. Jha, SOS, IGNOU – Special Invitee

Prof. N.K. Jha, Prof. S. Ramachandran and Prof. Satya Deo Tripathi could not attend the meeting.

The meeting began with the Chairperson welcoming all the members. Thereafter, the following items on the agenda were deliberated upon:

ITEM NO. 1: TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES.

32.1.1 Comments were received from two members regarding Item No. 6, asking for deletion of the portion, "not just the 8-credit course package given in the Annexure-1, Pt. 2" from Line 5 of 31.6.3, as it is a bit confusing. The members also commented that for those taking more than 8 but less than 48 credits of chemistry, a suggestive advice be given not to take the 8-credit package "Essentials of Chemistry" but choose from the rest of the 12 chemistry electives courses.

32.1.2 The Board members agreed with the first comment, but decided that the second comment was already incorporated. Thus, 31.6.3 should read as follows: "The members approved The Board also suggested that students who want to take less than 48 credits of courses in Chemistry, may be allowed to take whichever courses they found suitable. The Board was of the opinion as is noted in Annexure-I."

ITEM NO. 2: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

32.2.1 The Chairperson informed the School Board that the Diploma in Aquaculture would now be launched in January, 2007 due to certain system related problems. However, the Application Course on Environment has been successfully launched, with an initial learner intake of 182.

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32.2.2 The Chairperson informed the members that the Research Council had approved the admission of Ms. Arundhati Mishra for admission to the Ph.D programme in Physics. Ms. Arundhati Mishra is the first Ph.D student of the School of Sciences.

ITEM NO. 3: REPORTING ITEMS

32.3.1 The Chairperson informed the members that the 17th IGNOU Convocation was held on Saturday, February, 18, 2006. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest, and Sh. N. R. Narayan Murthy, Chairman, & Chief Mentor, Infosys Technologies Ltd. was the Guest of Honor of the 17th IGNOU Convocation. She also informed the members that 497 B.Sc. students were awarded the degree, 79 students in the Certificate Programme in Laboratory Techniques (CPLT) and 68 students in the Certificate Programme in the Teaching of Primary School Mathematics (CTPM) were awarded certificates.

ITEM NO. 4: TO APPROVE THE PHASE ZERO FORMS OF PHE-01, PHE-02, PHE-03 (L) AND PHE-09

32.4.1 The Phase Zero forms of the Physics courses PHE-01, PHE-02, PHE-03 (L) and PHE-09 were placed before the members for consideration.

32.4.2 The members required clarification regarding Point 1 of the explanatory note of the Phase Zero form. According to this note, it appears that the Phase Zero form is required to be approved before the Expert Committee meeting regarding the course/programme concerned is held. However, in practice, the Phase Zero form has been given after the Expert Committee meeting has formulated a revised syllabus/syllabi. This apparent contradiction needs to be clarified. Further, because of this contradiction, the Expert Committee meeting for the revision of PHE-01 would only be called after the Phase Zero form is approved by the School Board. The Phase Zero Forms of PHE-02, PHE-03 (L) and PHE-09 were accompanied by pre-revised and post-revised syllabi.

Another point raised by the members for clarification was about the definition of 'major revision' and 'minor revision'.

32.4.3 The Board approved all the 4 Phase Zero forms of PHE-01, PHE-02, PHE-03(L) and PHE-09 (see Appendices 1-4). and requested the Chairperson to seek clarifications from the competent authority on the matters raised in 32.4.2.

ITEM NO. 5: TO APPROVE THE LIST OF PAPER-SETTERS, EVALUATORS, MODERATORS FOR PHYSICS COURSES.

32.5.1 The names given in the lists in Appendix-5 were considered and approved by the members of the School Board.

Is it correct to approve them forms with full knowledge of facts.

ITEM NO. 6: TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL LIST OF PAPER-SETTERS, EVALUATORS, MODERATORS FOR THE COURSES MED-004, MED-005, MED-006 AND MED-009 OF THE PGDESD PROGRAMME.

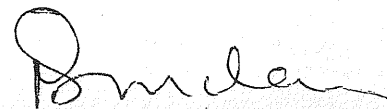
32.6.1 The names given in the lists in Appendix-6 were considered and approved by the members of the School Board.

ITEM NO. 7: TO APPROVE THE LIST OF PAPER-SETTERS, EVALUATORS, MODERATORS FOR THE MATHEMATICS COURSES OMT-101 (PREPARATORY COURSE IN GENERAL MATHEMATICS), AST-01 (STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES), MTE-09 (REAL ANALYSIS) AND MTE-07 (ADVANCED CALCULUS).

32.7.1 The names given in the lists in Appendix-7 were considered and approved by the members of the School Board.

ITEM NO. 8: TO APPROVE THE LIST OF PAPER-SETTERS, EVALUATORS, MODERATORS FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES COURSES LSE-02, LSE-05 (PART-I), LSE-05 (PART-II), LSE-06 (PART-I), LSE-07, LSE-10, LSE-12, LSE-13, AHE-01 AND LT-02.

32.8.1 The names given in the lists in Appendix-8 were considered and approved by the members of the School Board.


(Parvin Sinclair)

