

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD AT 3.00 P.M. ON 10.02.2004 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068**

The following were present:

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| 3.  | Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice Chancellor, NSOU   | Member          |
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| 10. | Prof. Parvin Sinclair, SOS, IGNOU               | Member          |
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RC 4.3.1 Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Coordinator, Ph.D. programme in History apprised the Council of the structure of the programme. This was followed by a detailed discussion. The members observed that the structure of the programme should be in conformity with the decision taken in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Council and detailed syllabi of discipline based courses (16-26 credits) be worked out for approval by the Research Council. The Council observed that since the University is offering these programmes for the first time, it would be desirable that for uniformity and quality, the proposals be examined in detail by a Sub-Committee to be chaired by the PVC. The Chairman was authorized to nominate other members.

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RC 4.5.1. In its last meeting, the Research Council considered the proposals of the School of Social Sciences for admission of twelve candidates for admission to Ph.D. Programme in Economics, Library and Information Science, Sociology, Political Science and Public Administration. The Council decided that the following Committee should consider the proposals and make detailed recommendations to the Chairman, Research Council for his approval and the list be placed before the Research Council at its next meeting:

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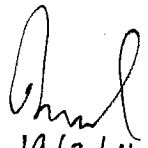
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RC 4.7.2 The proposal was discussed in detail and appreciated by the members. While approving it in principle, the Council observed that since the proposal would require multidisciplinary expertise, the programme may be examined by and routed through the Area Committee as per the provisions of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes.

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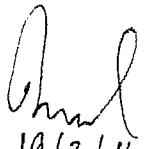
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