

Minutes of the 54th School Board Meeting of School of Health Sciences

The 54th School Board Meeting of SOHS was held on the 19th February, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Director, School of Health Sciences in the Conference Room of School of Management Studies, C-Block, New Academic Complex, IGNOU at 11.00 a.m.

The Following Members were present:

1. Prof. T. K. Jena, Director, SOHS, IGNOU, New Delhi (Chairperson)
2. Dr. R.K. Shrivastava, Former DGHS, Govt. of India, East End Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase -1 Delhi.
3. Dr. (Prof.) R.N. Salhan, Addl. DGHS, (Retd.), C-1/1233, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi
4. Dr. Sanjay Chaturvedi, Professor, Department of community Medicine, UCMS & GTB Hospital, New Delhi
5. Dr. K. Lalitha, Professor and Head Dept. of Nursing, NIMHANS, Houseer Road, Bangalore
6. Prof. Rafath Razia, NIHFW, Hyderabad
7. Prof. P.K. Biswas, STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi
8. Prof. G. Mahesh, Assistant Professor, SOSW, IGNOU New Delhi
9. Dr. Suhas Shetogovekar, Associate Professor, SOSS, IGNOU, New Delhi
10. Prof. Pity Kaul, School of Health sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi
11. Dr. Ruchika Kuba, Associate Prof. School of Health Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi
12. Ms. Neerja Sood, Assistant Professor (Convener), School of Health sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi (Convener).
13. Mrs. Laxmi, Assistant Prof. school of Health sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi

The Following Member could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Associate Professor, SOGDS, IGNOU, New Delhi
2. Prof. S.B. Arora, School of Health Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi
3. Dr. Biplab Jamatia, Assistant Prof. (Sr. Scale), School of Health Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi
4. Mrs. Reeta Devi, Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi

Chairperson welcomed all the School Board Members. Then the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

54.1 Approval of Minutes of 53rd School Board Meeting

School received observations related to two items. Observations for item No.53.7 was related to approval of Phase Zero form for PGDCC Programme. Director clarified that as the Phase Zero form is being resubmitted in this School Board, the observation related to item No.53.7 will be taken up along with the fresh proposal at item No. 54.7.

Observation related to item No.53.11 was related to signing of MOU with National Health Mission (NHM) Haryana. Director mentioned that the Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) was aimed at providing the multimedia package developed by SOHS-NCIDE, IGNOU to the National Health Mission, Government of Haryana for training their health personnel in 21 Districts. He also informed that the MOC has already been signed on 14th February, 2014. The MOC will help to preserve the copyright of the multimedia developed by IGNOU.

With these observations, the minutes of the 53rd School Board Meeting was approved.

54.2 Approval of MOC with NBE

Director informed the members that IGNOU had signed an MOU with NBE on 3rd February, 2006 which is presently active. However, the MOU needs to be revised for more clarity in terms and conditions. A meeting was held with the NBE in this regard and the roles of each organization has been identified. Members discussed the roles for IGNOU and NBE and suggested the following:

- The phrase 'lateral entry to IGNOU students' should be worded as 'one year waiver in respective DNB courses'
- The utilisation of IGNOU's teleconferencing facility for NBE students should mention the maximum permissible duration so that IGNOU does not commit for financial liability beyond its expected benefit. Director clarified that the details related to the use of the teleconferencing facility will be discussed in a separate meeting with NBE and Director EMPC before its finalisation.

With the above observations, the proposed MOC with NBE was approved by the School Board.

54.3 Approval for Correction in Methodology of BSCHOT Programme

School Board members were informed that the course on Communicative English (BOS-001) has been adapted from one of the courses of Post Basic Nursing Programme of SOHS wherein the pass percentage is 40%. So the pass percentage for this particular course (BOS-001) was also kept at 40% and the same was reflected in programme guide provided to students. However, inadvertently in the SED evaluation methodology, the pass percentage for the course had been shown as 50%. To correct the error, the revised evaluation methodology needs to be approved by School Board.

Members discussed the matter and agreed that the pass percentage of a course should be kept uniform as applicable to other programmes of SOHS. With the above observation, the change in the evaluation methodology for BOS -001 as proposed by the Programme Co-ordinator was approved.

54.4 Approval for Extension of Registration period for one year for Dr. Anindya Jain, a student of PGCOI Programme

Dr. Ruchika Kuba, the Programme Co-ordinator informed that admission to the PGCOI Programme has been stopped after termination of the MOU with Dental Council of India. To clear the backlog of the students, steps are being taken to reorganize their practical activities and conduct examination. While organizing the practical activity, it has been observed that one student of 2011 batch cannot complete the activities within the valid registration period i.e. June, 2014. This is because there was a delay of about 6 months in identifying the left over students and re-organising their activities. Moreover, as the Programme is of one year duration and has heavy practical components, the activities cannot be squeezed into a small time frame. As re-registration fee is too high (about Rs.70,000/-) and organizing the Practical activity was delayed from IGNOU side, there is a need to extend the validity of the registration period by one year.

Members discussed the issue and agreed for one time waiver due to the reasons cited above. The Programme Co-ordinator was also informed to ensure that such event is not repeated with other students.

With the above observations, the proposal of extension of registration period for one year was approved.

54.5.1 Progress Report of the Ph.D.Scholars

Prof. Pity Koul, the Programme Co-ordinator mentioned that 22 Ph.D scholars had presented their progress report to the Doctoral Committee. She placed the progress report & minutes of the Doctoral Committee for approval. Members observed that Progress report should be taken up only as a reporting item as it was already approved by the Doctoral Committee. Accordingly, the progress report of the Ph.D scholars was accepted as a reporting item.

54.5.2 Additional List of External Experts for Doctoral Committee of Ph. D in Nursing

Director informed that research guidelines for IGNOU has been recently revised. Therefore, the list of panel of experts for Doctoral Committee needs to be expanded. Prof.Pity Koul proposed four names who have more than 5 years of experience after Ph.D. The list is as given below.

S.No.	Name & Address	Area of Specialization	Experience	Post Ph.D Experience
1	Dr Indarjit Walia, Professor and Advisor, Rattan Professional Education College, Sohana, Sector-78, Mohali, Punjab.	Community Health Nursing and Community Medicine	*40 + 3 Years (approx.)	30 years (approx.)
2	Dr. A.V Raman, Director Nursing Education and Research, West Fort College of Nursing, WAHE, Thrissur, Kerala	Obstetrics Nursing	*35+ 19 years (approx.)	14 years (approx.)
3	Dr. Asha Sharma , Consultant and Vice President Indian Nursing Council G-74, Sector 41, NOIDA, UP	Medical Surgical Nursing	*35+ 9 years (approx.)	18 years (approx.)
4	Dr. Sunita Lawrence Principal, Pragyan College of Nursing, Bhopal	Obstetrics Nursing	30 years (approx.)	11 years (approx.)

* Experience in Government sector

The suggested names as mentioned above were approved by the School Board for the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Nursing.

54.6 Approval of Phase 1 form for Ph.D. in Public Health

Director presented the phase -1 form for Ph.D in Public Health. He mentioned that the term Public health needs deliberation. Dr.Shrivastava mentioned that an expert committee needs to be called to look into various aspects of the proposal like target group, criteria for Ph.D guide, collaborative arrangements needed etc., Prof.G.Mahesh, SOSW mentioned that Ph.D in public health should be kept open to applicants of non medical background like Sociology also. This will help to integrate various non medical and medical specialties. Dr.Chaturvedi cautioned that expanding the scope may dilute the professional quality.

It was finally agreed that the objective of Ph.D should be to create leadership in public health so as to meet the challenges that country faces at present. The School Board agreed in principle to the proposal of starting Ph.D in Public Health. However, the Phase -1 form needs to be re-submitted to the School Board for approval after discussing various aspects in the expert committee meeting.

54.7 Approval of Phase Zero form of PGDCC Programme

Dr.Ruchika Kuba presented the phase-zero form of PGDCC Programme on behalf of Dr.Biplab Jamatia, programme Co-ordinator. She pointed out that the Programme design, credit load and arrangement of two tier practical training (PSC and SDC) as an implementation process was approved in the 53rd School Board Meeting. As per the additional requirement mentioned in the previous School Board, an expert committee meeting was organized inviting Medical Council of India (MCI), National Board of Examination (NBE) and the Department of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). The Executive Director, NBE and Health Secretary of Department of Health, MoHFW had participated in the Meeting. Health Secretary in principle had agreed that PGDCC programme was a need of the Country.

As per IGNOU policy, the third party evaluation related to academic Programmes of the School has to be carried out by STRIDE. Steps are being initiated for third party evaluation of PGDCC Programme.

During discussion, Dr. Shrivastava pointed out that the third party evaluation work could be given to NBE. This will give credibility to the observations and also will find a larger acceptance. On the issue of proposed admission fee, it was pointed out that IGNOU should have a consistent policy for different categories of programmes and the costing should be done accordingly. This could help to avoid future audit objections.

Dr. Salhan and other members also felt that NBE being an outside Government Organisation, suits for the third party evaluation.

With the above observations, Phase Zero form of PGDCC Programme was approved.

53.9 Approval of Additional List of Paper Setters, Moderators, Evaluators and Course Writers / Editors for various Programmes

Programme Coordinators for CAHC, BMLT & CHCWM Programme presented panels of additional names of experts for Paper Setters / Course Writers / Moderators, / Evaluators for their respective programmes.

Members approved the panels of additional names of experts as presented by the respective Programme Co-ordinators.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairperson and the participants.


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