

MINUTES OF THE 8th SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANSDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (SOITS), IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The 8th Meeting of the School Board of the SOITS was held on 27th July, 2010 (F/N) at the Conference Room, Block No. 08, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi.

The Following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Director (I/c) SOITS | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE | Member |
| 3. Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Director, NCIDE | Member |
| 4. Prof. B.K. Pattnaik, Director, SOEDS | Member |
| 5. Prof. M.K. Saluja, Director, SOA | Member |
| 6. Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS | Member |

The following special invitees were present:

1. Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, PVC
2. Prof. Vijay Kapur, AVC (Special Projects)
3. Prof. D. Gopal, SOSS
4. Prof. Gracious Thomas, SOSW
5. Dr. Nandini Sahu, SOH
6. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS
7. Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS
8. Dr. Ratheesh Kumar P.K., SOITS

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members and special invitees and placed on record appreciation for the outgoing members of the School Board whose term ended on 11/02/2010.

It was discussed and unanimously agreed that a Steering Committee comprising eminent scholars in the areas of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary studies be constituted to revisit the original visional mission document of SOITS. The committees would deliberate upon the activities and research areas of the School and help to chart out a further plan of action. It was also suggested that a seminar be organized in this regard.

The specific agenda-wise recommendations of the School Board are detailed below. The Agenda is enclosed as **Annexure "1"**.

S.B 8.1 The Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 05/02/2010 were confirmed.

S.B 8.2 The Minutes of the following JCC minutes were considered and approved by the School Board.

1. 1st JCC Meeting of the MCRG-SOITS held on 4th February, 2009.
2. JCC Meeting of the IGNOU-ICIS held on 16th June, 2009.
3. JCC Meeting of IGNOU with SACAR held on 17th June, 2009.
4. 1st JCC Meeting of the IGNOU-CIF held on 2nd June, 2009.
5. 2nd JCC Meeting of the IGNOU-CIF held on 21st May, 2010.
6. JCC Meeting of the IGNOU-BHASHA held on 16th July, 2009.

S.B 8.3 The School Board considered the minutes of the meeting of the Doctoral Committee of SOITS held on 14/05/2010 and 20/07/2010 and approved the same. Specific items considered and approved were

- I. Course in "Research Methods in Social Sciences" as part of Ph.D course work.
- II. Change of title of proposed Ph.D thesis of a) Mr. Rembemo Odyuo, RTA. The new title is 'Folklore in the lives of a tribe: A case study of Lotha Folklore' b) Ms. Irene P. Awuagashi, RTA. The new title is 'Culture, Language and Identity: A case study of the Tangkuls in Manipur.

S.B 8.4 The School Board deliberated upon the nomination of external members to the School Board and recommended the following:

1. Prof. Sudarshan, Iyengar, VC, Gujarat University.
2. Prof. Ranbir Chakraborty, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi.
3. Prof. S. Neelamegham, Founder Chairman, NIILM, Badarpur, New Delhi.
4. Prof. Siraj Hasan, Director, India Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore.
5. Prof. Sushil, IIT, Delhi

S.B 8.5 Concept notes of newly proposed academic programmes were presented and the following were recommended for initiation.

1. M.A. in Population Studies.
2. P.G. Diploma in Diaspora Studies.
3. Programme under ICIS collaboration from July, 2010.
4. Programme under BHASHA collaboration.
5. Foundation Course and Advanced Course in Vendanta (CIF-IGNOU collaboration).

S.B 8.6 The Chairperson presented the progress of the Regular classroom programmes M.A. (Social Anthropology) and M.A. (Labour and Development) and reported that a satisfactory number of applications had been received for the 2010-2011 session.

S.B 8.7 Progress report related to IGNOU-SACAR collaboration was presented by chairperson.

S.B 8.8 3 elective courses in the M.A. (Philosophy) Programme viz. Gandhian Philosophy, Philosophy of Aurobindo and Dissertation (Project work with Research Methodology) were presented by Prof Gracious Thomas, Prog. Coordinator and approved. It was reported that SOITS and Catholic Bishop's Chair would jointly host a Philosophy seminar later in the year.

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- The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**

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