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The 9th Meeting of the School Board of the SOITS was held on 28th January, 2011 at 10.30 A.M. The minutes of this meeting are enclosed.

Your kind approval is sought on the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the School Board.

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MINUTES OF THE 9th SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL OF
INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES (SOITS), IGNOU,
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The 9th Meeting of the School Board of the SOITS was held on 28th January, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Block No. 08, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi.

The Following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Director (I/c) | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, PVC, IGNOU | Internal Member |
| 3. Prof. C.K. Ghosh, Director, NCIDE | Internal Member |
| 4. Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SOA | Internal Member |
| 5. Prof. S.S. Hasan, Director, Indian Institute of
Astrophysics, Koramangala, Bangalore | External Member |
| 6. Prof. Sushil, IIT, Delhi | External Member |
| 7. Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS | Member |
| 8. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS | Member |
| 9. Dr. Ratheesh P.K., SOITS | Member |

The following Programme Coordinators attended the meeting as special invitees:

1. Prof. D. Gopal, SOSS
2. Prof. Gracious Thomas, SOSW
3. Dr. Nandini Sahu, SOSS

Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar, Prof. Ranabir Chakravorty, Prof. S. Neelamegham and Dr. Sadanand Sahoo could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson, Dr. Nandini sinha Kapur, welcomed the members and special invitees, and introduced the new external members, Prof. Sushil and Prof. Shiraj Hasan to the house.

The following decisions were taken by the members:

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 27th July, 2010.

S.B 9.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the 8th School Board of SOITS held on 27th July, 2010 were confirmed. (Annexure 9.1)

Item No. 2 To confirm the minutes of the JCC Meetings of the programmes of SOITS.

- (i) JCC Meeting of SACAR held on 27th October, 2010.
- (ii) JCC Meeting of BHASHA held on 23rd July, 2010
- (iii) JCC Meeting of BHASHA held on 18th January, 2011

S.B 9.2 The Minutes of the JCC meetings of the following were confirmed:

- ✓ JCC meeting of SACAR held on 27th October, 2010
- ✓ JCC meeting of BHASHA held on 23rd July, 2010
- ✓ JCC meeting of BHASHA held on 18th January, 2011

With regard to these collaborations of SOITS, members discussed some of the academic and operational difficulties being faced by SOITS in the smooth conduct of these problems. It was recommended that the school nominate internal faculty as coordinators of these programmes to ensure accountability. Members advised that any such collaboration in future must first be vetted and approved by the school council and the guidance of outside experts be sought if needed an updated list of collaboration and their programmes was sought from the Planning Division.

Item No. 3 To consider the minutes of the Doctoral Committee meetings held on 18th August, 2010, 22nd November, 2010 specially the following:

- (i) Admission of candidates to the Ph.D & M.Phil programmes of SOITS.
- (ii) Admission of candidates to the Ph.D & M.Phil programmes under SACAR.
- (iii) Admission of Mr. Carlos A. Yrigoyen Forno.

S.B 9.3 The minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting held on 18th August, 2010 and 22nd November, 2010 were considered and approved. (Annexure - 2 & 3)

- i. The admission of the following candidates to M.phil and Ph.D programmes of SOITS were approved: (List of candidates placed as Annexure) - 4
- ii. The admission of the following candidates to M.Phil and Ph.D under IGNOU-SACAR collaboration was approved. (List placed as Annexure) - 5
- iii. Admission of Mr. Carlos A. Yrigoyen Forno.

Item No. 4 To consider the name of Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra, Asstt. Professor, SOITS for Supervisor for the Ph.D students.

S.B 9.4 The name of Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra, Assistant Prof., SOITS was approved for supervising Ph.D. At the same time, School Board, conferred generic approval to all faculty who met the criteria specified by the University to supervise Ph.D research.

Item No. 5 To consider the change in research topic of Ms. Raunak Ahmed, RTA, as "Gandhi's Constructive Programme : A Study of Its Contemporary Relevance".

S.B 9.5 The Board approved of change in research topic of Ms. Raunak Ahmed, RTA, as "Gandhi's Constructive Programme : A Study of Its Contemporary Relevance".

Item No. 6 To consider the change in research topic of Mr. Mohmad Rafiq Sheikh, as "Kashmiri Women and the Socio-cultural Development: A Literary perspective".

S.B 9.6 Regarding change of research topic of Mr. Mohmad Rafiq Sheikh (registered for Ph.D at SOITS under Dr. Nandini Sahu, Associate Professor, SOH), the School Board advised that the matters be taken up in the Doctoral Committee and then referred back in the next School board.

But Dr. Nandini Sahu regarding change of research topic of Mohmad Rafiq Sheikh from "Women's Employment and the Changing Dynamics of Gender - Relations in Work and Family Structure : A Study of Kashmiri Society" to "Kashmiri Women and the Socio-cultural Development: A Literary Perspective" mentioned that the student was already registered with her after presenting his synopsis before the Doctoral Committee. Dr. Nandini Sahu only plans to change the topic without changing the theme, content, methodology or critical theory followed, (as the title is lengthy and sounds ambiguous) which was presented by the student in the last Doctoral Committee meeting.

The School Board noted and approved the change in the research topic.

Item No. 7 To report grant of Rs.50,000/- from ICSSR for Seminar on 'Caste and Democratic Politics in India : Historical and Contemporary India' to be held on 10-11th, March, 2011.

S.B 9.7 Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Director (I/c) reported the grant of Rs. 50,000/- by ICSSR towards conduct of a seminar "Caste and Democratic Politics in India: Historical and Contemporary India" to be held on 10th & 11th March, 2011, in IGNOU.

Philosophy Studies

Item No. 8 To consider the proposal for launching M.Phil/Ph.D in Philosophy from July, 2011 session.

S.B 9.8 The School Board approved the proposal for launching M.Phil/Ph.D in Philosophy from July, 2011 session. Phase I, II, and III forms were presented by Prof. Gracious Thomas, Programme Coordinator CBCI. List of proposed supervision was also presented and approved. Eligibility criteria for M.Phil would be M.A. in philosophy with minimum 55% marks in case of general category and 50% in case of SC/ST/PWD for Ph.D candidate, M.Phil or successfully completion of 32 credits of course work in Philosophy and Post graduate degree in Philosophy with minimum 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/PWD)/

Folklore & Cultural Studies

Item No. 9 To consider the Phase I and Phase II forms for M.A. in Folklore and Culture Studies (MFC).

S.B 9.9 Dr. Nandini Sahu presented the phase I and II form for M.A. in Folklore and Culture Studies.

However, Dr. Nandini Sahu responded that she had been engaged in a need-

assessment survey. In the light of the on-going programme PGDFCS, she has taken advice from eminent folklorists and experts in culture studies that a Master's programme will be more beneficial for the students. The existing students of PGDFCS are frequently enquiring about M.A. in Folklore and Culture Studies as they feel that a Master's Degree will be much more valuable for their career than a PG Diploma programme. Dr. Sahu also mentioned I got recommendations to launch an M.A. programme on the subject from eminent folklorists who attended the National Seminar (which I coordinated) in August, 2010 in the University. Therefore, as the Programme Coordinator of PGDFCS, she proposed the second year course of another 30 credits on Folklore and Culture Studies, and the existing PGDFCS course may be treated as the first year course of M.A. The final need assessment of a Master's programme will be done in the Experts Committee Meeting.

Re-consider the title of M.A. in Folklore and Culture Studies: Dr. Nandini Sahu mentioned that she had homework before placing this title before the School Board. The existing diploma deals with not only folklore studies but also with the theories related to culture studies. It may please be noted that the existing programme PGDFCS is PG Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (and not only folklore studies) which is going to be treated as the Part-I M.A. course. So the Part-II M.A. course cannot be different in theme and content by taking a different title. The same may be recorded as a part of the Minutes of the School Board.

The School Board advised her to conduct a need assessment survey first and deferred the matter. She was also advised to reconsider the title of the programme and possibly restrict the nomenclature to M.A. in Folklore Studies, as the discipline of Cultural studies in an extremely wide one and has she was advised to discuss this when the expert committee would be convened.

MASA & MLD

Item No. 10 To report the progress of face-to-face programmes of MASA and MLD.

- (i) MASA Dissertation Field-Work
- (ii) MLD Dissertation Field-Work

S.B 9.10 The progress of Face to Face programmes of SOITS was presented and approved sought by School Board for the Dissertation component of MASA and MLD programme School Board recommended that submission of dissertation be followed by Viva-Voce, and University norms regarding payment to evaluators be adhered to.

Diaspora Studies

Item No.11 To report the Panel Discussion on "Cultural Contributions of Indian Diaspora".

Item No.12 To consider the minutes of the Multi-Disciplinary Experts Committee Meeting, on P.D. Diploma Programme of study in "Indian Diaspora and Transnationalism" held during 17-18 September 2010.

S.B 9.11-12 Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Asst. Prof. SOITS reported that actions taken with regard to launching P.G. Diploma in Diaspora Studies, including the deliberations of the first expert committee meeting held during 17th and 18th September, 2010.

Gandhian Studies

Item No.13 To report signing of a MoU between IGNOU and NCRI.

Item No.14 To consider Phase-IV Form for M.A. (Gandhi and Peace Studies) Programme.

S.B 9.13&18 Regarding the discipline of Gandhi and Peace Studies, Programme Coordinator, Prof. D. Gopal presented the following items:

- i. MoU signed between IGNOU and NCRI was reported.
- ii. Phase 4 form of M.A.(GPS) was presented and approved by School Board.
- iii. Proposal to launch M.A.(GPS) through online mode from July, 2011 was reported.
- iv. Phase II form and syllabus for certificate programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Management was presented.
- v. List of Moderators, paper setters and evaluators for M.A. (GPS) in ODL mode were considered and approved.
- vi. Additional list of course writers for M.A.(GPS) was approved.

Members also recommended that Gandhians and field level practioners be included in the preparation and maintenance of the programme and involved as course writers, evaluators etc.

Item No.19 To consider Phase-I Form for PG Diploma in Population Studies.

S.B. 9-19 Phase I form for P.G. Diploma in Population Studies was considered and approved.

SACAR

Item No.20 To consider Additional List of Supervisors for supervising M.Phil and Ph.D candidates registered under SACAR.

Item No.21 To consider use of Teleconferencing facility for interviewing Ph.D candidates for admission under IGNOU SACAR Collaboration.

Item No.22 To consider waiving of the requirement of 55% marks at MA level for admission of Ms. Kalpana Choudhry for M.Phil under IGNOU-SACAR collaboration.

Item No.23 To consider admission of new batch of Ph.D students under IGNOU-SACAR collaboration.

S.B. 9.20 &23 Regarding the IGNOU-SACAR collaboration, the following items were approved:

- i. Additional list of supervisors for supervising M.Phil/Ph.D candidates.
- ii. Use of teleconferencing facility for interviewing candidates for admission to Ph.D.
- iii. Waiving of requirement of 55% marks at M.A. in respect of Ms. Kalpana Choudhary for admission to M.Phil.
- iv. Admission of new batch of students under IGNOU-SACAR collaboration.

(Annexure -6)

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ICIS Collaboration

Item No.24 To consider for approval list of programmes in collaboration with ICIS.

S.B. 9.24 (List of programme in collaboration with ICIS was it discussed. I do not recall other may like to point out.)

Item No.25 To report the registration to Ph.D and issues related to Course Work worth 12 (Twelve) Credits during 1st Year of Ph.D for the students of Integrated M.Sc.-Ph.D in Physics and Astrophysics.

S.B. 9.25 Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Nodal officer, IGNOU-ILA collaboration, reported the progress of integrated M.Sc, Ph.D programme in Astrophysics. The first batch of M.Sc completed the programme in June, 2010 and their results were declared in August, 2010.

It was mentioned that the M.Sc programme comprised 90 credits compared to the usual 64 credits for other Masters programmes. These included 12 credits for 'Research Project' and 3 credits for advanced level course. Approval of School Board was sought for considering these 20 credits as part of the compulsory 32 credits for pre-Ph.D coursework as it was mentioned that the would facilitate the transition from M.Sc to Ph.D. the proposal was approved by School Board.

Dr. Ghosh also reported the directions of the Research Unit to constitute a committee to frame norms for all integrated M.Sc/Ph.D programmes. The same would include a nominee from I.A.A (viz., the Dean, Academic). The committee would present it to the School Board and Research Council.

Item No.26 To consider requirement of additional faculty positions for running the existing activities of the School.

S.B. 9.26 With regard to the pressing need for additional faculty positions in SOTTS to run exiting programmes of the School, the faculty's meeting with Hon'ble VC was reported, and his verbal agreement for the need to recruit additional faculty communicated.

Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, PVC & Member, School Board raised some points regarding work load of present faculty, number of students, need of new faculty and suggested that before creating new posts, assessment of work load of the present faculty keeping in view the number of students and lectures should be done and also there should be sound reasons why the additional faculty is required. He suggested that a Committee should be made for assessment of the work load of the present faculty and requirement of new faculty and all the work should be done as per UGC guidelines.

The School Board was unanimously agreed to the suggestion and recommended the constitution of a committee to assess work load of the present faculty and make recommendations regarding additional faculty requirement.

Item No.27 To consider Teaching and Evaluation Plans of Masters Programmes.

S.B. 9.27 Teaching and Evaluation plans of MASA and MLD programmes were presented.

- Item No.28** To consider new programmes to be offered (ODL programme – MLD)
- S.B. 9.28 Phase I form of MLD (ODL mode) under the Joint coordinatorship of Dr. Babu P. Remesh (SOITS) AND Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya (SOITS) was presented and approved. An Expert committee meeting for the same would be convened in the first week of March, 2011.
- Item No.29** To report the conducting of Ph.D/M.Phil Research Methodology Exam on 21st January, 2011.
- S.B. 9.29 Successful conduct of Ph.D/M.Phil Examination on research Methodology for SOITS RTAs was reported.
- Item No.30** To report the matter relating to RTA Scheme.
- S.B. 9.30 Regarding recruitment of RTAs for assisting the School in its activities, VCs approval for extending age limit of candidates to 30 years was reported.
- Item No.31** To consider the change of admission under Category 'B' to Category 'A' in r/o Ms. Soraya C. Vargas.
- S.B. 9.31 (please confirm if Soraya C. Vargas has been accepted as Category 'A' student. I do not recall the matter being discussed).
- Item No.32** To consider the matter relating to Environment Studies.
- S.B. 9.32 It was agreed that the SOITS would partner with SOA/Swaminathan Chair for programmes in Environment and Development.
- Item No.33** To consider the proposal from National Law University to develop and offer PG Diploma in Labour Rights.
- S.B. 9.33 The proposal from National Law University to Jointly develop a P. G. Diploma in Labour Rights was approved. Dr. Babu P. Remesh was requested to present a concept note for the same in the next School Board.
- Item No.34** To consider the proposal for an ODL programme PG Certificate in Corporate Ethnicity (related to Social Anthropology) in collaboration with Centre for Corporate Education, Training and Consultancy (CCETC), IGNOU.
- S.B. 9.34 The proposal of offer P.G. Certificate in Corporate Ethnography in collaboration with CCETC, IGNOU was presented; a concept note for same would be presented in next School Board.
- Item No.35** Improvement Examination for the Students of on-campus Masters Programmes.
- S.B.9.35 Members agreed that on-campus students of MLD & MASA be permitted to write improvement examination.

Towards the conclusion of the meeting, School Board member Prof. Sushil made the important observation that the multifarious activities of the school needed to be streamlined and given a proper

direction. The Vision and Mission of the School and its future plans and direction urgently needed formulation. A handbook detailing the academic road map of SOITS was in order.

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

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