

**Indira Gandhi National Open University  
School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS)**

**Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 10:30 A.M. in Room No.2, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU Maidan Garhi. The following members were present:

1.	Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Chairperson
2.	Prof. (Mrs.) Avinash Kaur Nagpal Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Member
3.	Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU	Member
4.	Prof. Ruchika Kuba, SOHS, IGNOU	Member
5.	Prof. Anu Aneja, SOGDS, IGNOU	Member
6.	Dr. Saugato Sen, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
7.	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
8.	Dr. Shachi Shah, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
9.	Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
10.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
11.	Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
12.	Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
13.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor (SS), SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee

Prof. Deepak Pathania, Head, Department of Environmental Science, Central University of Jammu & Kashmir; Prof. R.K. Sharma, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, Delhi;



Prof. P.C. Jain, Retd. Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Prof. P.V.K. Sasidhar, SOEDS, IGNOU could not attend the School Board meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a very warm welcome to all the Members of the School Board and thanked them for their active participation, constant support and providing their expertise for improvement on the school initiatives with valuable suggestions. The Chairperson welcomed the new members (Prof. Avinash Kaur Nagpal, Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU; Prof. Deepak Pathania, Head, Department of Environmental Science, Central University of Jammu & Kashmir; Prof. R.K. Sharma, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, Delhi; Prof. P.C. Jain, Retd. Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.) to the School Board and thanked the members whose tenure was completed (Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu; Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi; Prof. Samuel Asir Raj, Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu; Prof. R. Baskar, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar, Haryana; Prof. Satyavati Sharma, Centre for Rural Technology and development, IIT, Delhi) for their active participation and constant support with constructive suggestions.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration and approval of the School Board.

<b>SB. 26.1</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 25th January 2019 and the Action Taken Report.</b>
<b>SB.26.1.1</b>	The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS were circulated to all School Board members. She informed that no comments have been received and hence the minutes of the 25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 25 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.
<b>SB.26.1.2</b>	The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 25 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report.
<b>SB. 26.2</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS.</b>
<b>SB.26.2.1</b>	The Course coordinator Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya informed the School Board about the approval of the programme proposal form for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS by the APC in its



	57 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya presented to the School Board the Programme Development Form (PDF) for the same course.
SB.26. 2.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS.
SB. 26.3	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for a 6 Credit Course titled "Introduction to Migration and Diaspora" for BAG as a Generic Elective.</b>
SB.26.3.1	The Course coordinators Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur and Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented to the School Board the importance of migration and diaspora in the contemporary world and also feasibility of "Introduction to Migration and Diaspora" as a Generic Elective in the Bachelor of Arts Programme (BAG). The School Board members suggested for conducting expert committee meeting to design the course syllabus.
SB.26.3.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for a 6 Credit Course titled "Introduction to Migration and Diaspora" for BAG as a Generic Elective.
SB. 26.4	<b>To consider and approve the Course Structure for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS prepared by the Expert Committee, and approve the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting.</b>
SB.26.4.1	The Course coordinator Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya presented to the School Board the minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting and also the course structure. The School Board perused the course structure and suggested few minor changes. The suggestions were to slightly change the titles of unit 1, 15, and 18. The revised titles would be as follows: Unit 1: Defining Disability; Unit 15: Activism, Advocacy and Movements; and Unit 18: Physical, Social and Technological Access.
SB.26.4.2	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting and Course Structure for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS.
SB. 26.5	<b>To consider and approve the proposed academic collaboration between IGNOU and National Archives, Ministry of Culture, GOI to develop and launch an ODL programme in Diploma in</b>



	<b>Archives and Records Management.</b>
<b>SB.26.5.1</b>	The designated coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the collaborative academic proposal between IGNOU and National Archives, GOI and the proposed budget for development of an ODL programme – Post Graduate Diploma in Archives and Records Management. The School Board members deliberated on the academic proposal and the proposed budget to be forwarded to the Ministry of Culture through National Archives. The members opined that fee sharing, copyright issues and future expansion of seats would be done as per the IGNOU Acts and Statutes, and all the details would be incorporated in the proposed MoU to be signed between National Archives and IGNOU.
<b>SB.26.5.2</b>	The School Board members considered and approved the proposed academic collaboration between IGNOU and National Archives, Ministry of Culture, GOI to develop and launch an ODL programme in Diploma in Archives and Records Management.
<b>SB. 26.6</b>	<b>Initiation of MoU with the Gnostic Centre and designation of Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur as Programme Coordinator.</b>
<b>SB.26.6.1</b>	The Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board the activities of Gnostic centre and also their interest in developing programmes and courses on Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers Vision of Integral Yoga, Philosophy, Veda and Upanishad.
<b>SB.26.6.2</b>	The School Board members recommended that the School carefully examine the proposal of the Gnostic Centre and the role of the School in developing the programmes, as per IGNOU's guidelines. The School Board members suggested that a Needs Assessment Survey be conducted with regard to the proposed programmes.
<b>SB. 26.7</b>	<b>To consider and approve credit transfer and re-admission of online students of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) enrolled during 2011-2013.</b>
<b>SB.26.7.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. YSC Khuman presented to the School Board the programme details of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS). Further, the programme coordinator proposed for credit transfer and readmission of online students who were enrolled during 2011-2013. The School Board members suggested to the programme coordinator to get necessary inputs in this regard from SRD, SED, and Centre for Online Education.
<b>SB.26.7.2</b>	The School Board deferred the agenda item for the next Meeting of the School Board.
<b>SB. 26.8</b>	<b>To consider and approve the exclusion of Project Work from</b>



	<b>the Appreciation Course on Population and Sustainable Development from January 2020 session.</b>
<b>SB.26.8.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented to the School Board the programme details of ACPSD. The coordinator proposed for removing the project work from ACPSD, as the programme is only an awareness programme of 3 months duration. The School Board members deliberated on this proposal and agreed for removal of project work from the programme structure.
<b>SB.26.8.2</b>	The School Board members considered and approved the exclusion of Project Work from the Appreciation Course on Population and Sustainable Development from January 2020 session.
<b>SB. 26.9</b>	<b>To consider and approve the exclusion of viva component from Project Work (MSDP-018) evaluation of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS)</b>
<b>SB.26.9.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. YSC Khuman presented to the School Board the programme structure details of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) including the project work and its evaluation methodology. The programme coordinator explained the difficulty involved in conducting viva as part of project evaluation. The School Board members suggested to use Gyan Darshan for conducting viva. Further, the members suggested to the programme coordinator to obtain inputs from SED, RSD regarding removal of viva component from the project work.
<b>SB.26.9.2</b>	The School Board advised that the item be placed afresh in the next Meeting after obtaining inputs from the Divisions concerned.
<b>SB. 26.10</b>	<b>To consider and approve the admission criteria for PGDEOH Programme.</b>
<b>SB.26.10.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. B. Rupini presented to the School Board the admission criteria for PGDEOH programme. The eligibility criteria are 10+2 with Science stream and Bachelor's degree from any discipline. The Programme Coordinator proposed to include in the eligibility criteria 10+Diploma in Engineering and other related courses + Bachelor's degree from any discipline, as many applications can be received from prospective learners with such qualifications.
<b>SB.26.10.2</b>	The School Board members considered and approved the admission criteria for PGDEOH Programme.
<b>SB. 26.11</b>	<b>To consider and approve the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDEV Programme.</b>



SB.26.11.1	The programme coordinator Dr. Boyina Rupini presented to the School Board the minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee meeting for PhD (Environmental Science) held on 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019, 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019. Further, it was reported that the PhD Scholars as per the new guidelines must present the progress report to the Doctoral Committee once in 6 months.
SB.26.11.2	The School Board members considered and approved the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDEV Programme.
SB. 26.12	<b>To consider and approve the minutes of expert committee meeting for examination of IGNOU BAG Philosophy syllabus (CBCS-UGC).</b>
SB.26.12.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board the minutes of the expert committee meeting which looked into the proposed BAG Philosophy syllabus as per the UGC-CBCS pattern. The syllabus examined by the expert committee was found in consonance with the UGC-CBCS pattern.
SB.26.12.2	The School Board members considered and approved the minutes of expert committee meeting for examination of IGNOUBAG Philosophy syllabus (CBCS-UGC).
✓ SB. 26.13	<b>To consider and approve the list of School Board Standing Committee.</b>
✓ SB.26.13.1	The Director, Dr. B. Rupini proposed for constituting the School Board Standing Committee as per the Statute 10A-(4) (xii). The School Board Standing Committee was proposed so that the emergency agenda items can be placed in the committee for speedy approval. The School Board members opined that along with faculty members of the School, two external members may be included in the committee. Further, the special invitees may be invited from time to time based on the need of the agenda items to be discussed in the Standing Committee of the School.
SB.26.13.2	The School Board members considered and approved the constitution of School Board Standing Committee.
✓ SB. 26.14	<b>To consider and approve the additional list of unit writers and Editors for BAG Philosophy and MAPY.</b>
SB.26.14.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board an additional list of unit writers and Editors for BAG Philosophy and MAPY.
✓ SB.26.14.2	The School Board members considered and approved the additional list of unit writers and Editors for BAG Philosophy and MAPY.
✓ SB. 26.15	<b>To consider and approve the additional list of Hindi</b>



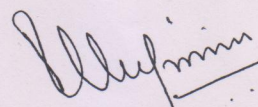
	translators for BAG Philosophy and MAPY.
SB.26.15.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board the growing demand for offering BAG and MAPY Self Learning materials in Hindi. In this regard, the Programme Coordinator presented to the School Board an additional list of Hindi translators for BAG Philosophy and MAPY.
SB.26.15.2	The School Board members considered and approved the additional list of Hindi translators for BAG Philosophy and MAPY.
✓ SB. 26.16	<b>To consider and approve the list of additional course writers and editors for the Certificate in Solid Waste Management Programme.</b>
SB.26.16.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented for the consideration and approval of the School Board the list of additional course writers and editors for the Certificate in Solid Waste Management Programme.
SB.26.16.2	The School Board members considered and approved the list of additional course writers and editors for the Certificate in Solid Waste Management Programme.
✓ SB. 26.17	<b>To consider and approve the list of Course Writers and Editors for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS.</b>
SB.26.17.1	The Course coordinator Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya presented to the School Board the names of Course Writers and Editors for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS.
SB.26.17.2	The School Board members considered and approved the list of Course Writers and Editors for the Generic Elective Course 'Disability, Society and Culture' for Bachelor of Arts Programme under CBCS.
SB. 26.18	<b>To consider and approve the academic counselors of PGDSS to conduct viva for the Project Work (MSDP-018) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS).</b>
SB.26.18.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. YSC Khuman proposed to the School Board for considering and approving the academic counselors with the qualifications (Master in Environmental Science/studies and allied disciplines including chemical and life sciences, human ecology, development studies, geography, earth sciences, Agriculture and allied disciplines, Anthropology specialization in social anthropology, economics, political science, public administration with minimum 2 years research or teaching



	experience) to conduct viva for the Project Work (MSDP-018) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS).
<b>SB.26.18.2</b>	The School Board members considered and approved counselors with approved qualifications to conduct viva for the Project Work (MSDP-018) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS).
<b>SB. 26.19</b>	<b>To consider and approve the minutes of Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS programme.</b>
<b>SB.26.19.1</b>	The programme coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented to the School Board the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS programme held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019.
<b>SB.26.19.2</b>	The School Board members considered and approved the minutes of Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS programme.

The Director thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

  
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