

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY SERVICES SECTORAL MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the School Board of School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Sectoral Management held on 21st December, 2012 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room, Block - 07, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068

The Eleventh Meeting of the School Board of School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management was held on 21st December 2012 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room, Block - 07, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110068.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Director, SOTHSSM, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Dr. Susmita Pandey, Professor & Head of Department, Department of Tourism, Vikram University, Ujjain - Member
3. Prof. Sandeep Kulshreshtha, Chairman Academics, IITTM, Gwalior (M.P.) - Member
4. Ms. Pratibha Seth, Asstt. Vice-President, Training, Oberoi Centre for Learning & Development, New Delhi - Member
5. Dr. Ashok Gaba, Associate Professor, SOVET, IGNOU - Member
6. Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU - Member
7. Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU - Member

The following members could not attend the meeting due to other commitments/vacation:

1. Prof. B.B. Parida, Deptt. of Tourism Management, University of Burdwan
2. Prof. Manoj Dixit, Director, Institute of Tourism Studies, Lucknow University
3. Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU
4. Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, Professor, STRIDE, IGNOU
5. Prof. B.B. Khanna, Professor, SOMS, IGNOU

Dr. Sonia Sharma and Ms. Tangjakhombi Akoijam, Asstt. Professors, SOTHSSM, IGNOU did not attend the meeting as they were on maternity leave.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members for making it convenient to attend the meeting. He informed the members that in the morning there was a call from Prof. B.B. Khanna informing that he had not received any information about the meeting nor received any agenda items. It was only through a last-minute phone call from the School office that he had come to know of the meeting. The Chairman regretted this lack of communication and assured the members that office would be reprimanded for this and suitable measures taken to avoid such situations in future.

The Chairman apprised the members that this meeting was essentially called for confirming the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the School Board, a decreed requirement in the wake of several court cases slapped on the School (List Appended) and the necessity of referring the resolutions of the Meeting as Minutes by the University as defendant.

The following business was transacted in the meeting:

SB. 11.1:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the School Board of School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Sectoral Management held on 31st August 2012

SB.11.1.1

The Minutes were circulated to the members and no comments were received by the School. The Chairman informed the members that Dr. Harkirat Bains, Associate Professor, SOTHSSM Training Cell, RC Bhopal had been erroneously mentioned as an absentee member, whereas in effect, she had ceased to be a member of the School Board in terms of Clause (2) of Statute 10A of the University. Thus, with consequent correction, the Minutes were confirmed.

SB. 11.2:

Consideration and ratification of the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meetings (three) held since the Tenth Meeting of the School Board

SB.11.2.1

Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, Research Programme Coordinator presented the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meetings held on 18.10.2012, 26.10.2012 and 9.11.2012. She regretted the inability to circulate the Minutes in advance. The Chairman informed the Members that Dr. Suklabaidya had passed through very trying tragic circumstances in the recent past when she lost her father on 3rd December. The members expressed sympathy. The Minutes included the list of examiners for the PhD student Toney K. Thomas and the list of selected candidates for the PhD programme in Tourism and Hospitality Studies (Minutes attached).

Prof. Sandeep Kulshreshtha, nominated as an examiner, had withdrawn from the Meeting at this juncture as did Ms. Pratibha Seth who was one of the selected candidates.

The Minutes were ratified and the Chairman was authorized to take further necessary action.

SB.11.2.2

It was reported in the meeting that the term of Ms. Rubita Irengbam and Ms. Neha Tandon, the two RTAs, had expired and their cases for extension were duly processed with the recommendation for the extension of their term for one year with the designation of Senior Research Fellow. The Board considered the matter and ratified the recommendation for extension and designation as Senior Research Fellow.

Any Other Item:

SB: 11.3.T:

Consideration and approval of Paper-Setters, Evaluators, Moderators etc.

SB: 11.3.1.T

The list of experts for paper setting, moderation, evaluation of term end exam, project evaluation, etc. was placed for the consideration and approval of the Board. It was decided to authorize the Director of the School, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Board, to approve the list/s and send them for the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

SB: 11.4.T:

It was decided that all the papers pertaining to the School Board Meeting would henceforth be communicated electronically through e-mail. At the time of the Meeting the proceedings would be presented in the power-point mode on the screen to facilitate the members. This measure would save paper and eventually be environment friendly. The Minutes of School Board Meetings would be posted on IGNOU Website as a measure of transparency and facilitation of information.

In the end, Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey informed the Board that MoU with National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT), Govt. of India, as approved in the Tenth Meeting of the School Board, was signed on 11th December 2012 for running BHM and MHA programmes.

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

Prof. Ravindra Kumar
Chairman