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### MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL, HELD ON MARCH 30, 2009 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068.

The following were present:

Prof. V. N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	-	<b>Chairman</b>
Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	-	Member
Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice Chancellor	-	Member
Prof. K.R.Srivathsan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	-	Member
Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	-	Member
Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law	-	Member
Prof. Bimala Kapoor, Director, School of Health Sciences	-	Member
Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, School of Education	-	Member
Prof. Anjila Gupta, School of Social Sciences	-	Member
Dr. Masood Parveez, Director, RSD	-	Member
Prof. Shafiq Parveen	-	Member
Prof. Vijay Kapur	-	Member
Prof. K.S.Rangappa	-	Member
Prof. S.N.Maheshwari	-	Member
Prof. Joseph Dorairaj,	-	Member
Dr. K.S.D.Nair	-	Member
Dr. Vimal Thorat	-	Member
Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Director, Research Unit	-	<b>Member-Secretary</b>

Dr. D.K.Choudhry, PVC and Sri Vijay Shankar Dubey could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He specially welcomed the new Members who are attending the Research Council for the first time i.e. Prof. K.R.Srivathsan, PVC, Sri Vijay Shankar Dubey, Prof. K.S.Rangappa, Prof. S.N.Maheshwari, Dr. K.S.D. Nair, Prof. Vimal Thorat and Prof. Bimla Kapoor. The Chairman appreciated the contributions made by the outgoing members Prof. Basir Ahman Khan, Prof. V.M.Shah, Prof. P.R.Ramanujam, Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian, Prof. S.B.Arora, Dr. C.K.Ghosh and Prof. S.K.Panda and Prof. N.V.Narasimham.

The Chairman welcomed Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy whom the University has appointed as Director, Research Unit and he also informed the Research Council that Dr. Reddy has taken over the charge of Research Unit. The Chairman further informed the Research Council that the Vice-Chancellor has approved newly appointed Director for Research as the Member-Secretary of the Research Council as Officer in charge for Research Development and Coordination shall be the Member Secretary of the Research Council and Standing Council (as per Ordinances and Regulations of the University (2.2.2 vii).

The Research Council considered and ratified the approval of the Vice-Chancellor's action.

The Chairman then requested the Member-Secretary to present the items on the Agenda of the meeting.

The following items were taken up:

**ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2008 AND NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

RC.13.1.1 It was presented that the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Research Council held on 9.7.2008 were circulated to the members. No comments have been received from the members. The action taken report on the Minutes was also annexed to the agenda and circulated to members.

RC.13.1.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on July 9, 2008 (**Annexure-1 as circulated with the agenda**) and noted the action taken thereon.

**ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2009**

RC.13.2.1 The Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RCSC held on March 5,, 2009 were circulated to the members. No comments have been received from the members. The Research Council was apprised of by the Member Secretary about the decisions taken by the RCSC.

RC.13.2.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 5, 2008 (**Annexure-2 as circulated with the agenda**).

**Item No.3 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF THE RTAs IN THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES.**

RC. 13.3.1 The research proposals of the following RTAs were approved by the Doctoral Committee of Life Sciences on 19.11.2008 and subsequently by the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of School of Sciences (**Annexure-3 as circulated with the agenda**).

S.No	Name of RTA	Title of the Proposal	(a) Supervisor (b) Co-Supervisor
.	Ms. Ripu Daman Sood	Comparative Study on the Efficacy of Different Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets Against <i>Anopheles Stephensi</i> and <i>Anopheles Culicifacies</i> .	Prof. Neera Kapoor Dr. P.K.Mittal
	Ms. Anamika Tripathi	In Vitro Plant Regeneration of Medicinally Important Plants	Dr. Amrita Nigam Dr. N.S. Abbas
	Ms. G.Lakshmi	Metagenomic Analysis For Novel Microbial Function	Prof. Pushplata Tripathi

			Prof. Sheela Srivastava
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The Vice-Chancellor had approved the above proposals of Research and Teaching Assistants for provisional registration in Ph.D. in Life Sciences.

- RC. 13.3.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the research proposals of above RTAs under the supervisor and co-supervisor mentioned above for the Ph.D. registration in Life Sciences.

#### Tabled Items

**Item No. 4 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR EVALUATING THE THESIS OF SH. P.VIJAYAKUMAR.**

- RC. 13.4.1 It was presented that Shri P.Vijayakumar (Enrol. No. 024957720) registered for Ph.D. Programme in Library & Information Sciences, in July, 2002 session. He had submitted his thesis entitled “**Web Indexing: an Analysis**” on December 26, 2008. The Vice Chancellor had appointed examiners for evaluation of his thesis from a panel recommended by his supervisor, SOSS.

- RC. 13.4.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for Evaluating the thesis of Shri P. Vijaykumar.

**Item No. 5 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATING TO THE PH.D. IN EDUCATION-REQUEST RECEIVED FROM MRS. P.P.SHARMA.**

- RC 13.5.1 It was presented that Mrs. P.P.Sharma, Regional Director, Office of the Regional Director, Dav Public Schools (Jalandhar, Patiala, J & K Zone) vide her letter no. RD/879/3099 has shown interest to do Ph.D. in Education from IGNOU. She did M.A. in English with 52.6% marks. She had worked in the area of Higher Education for more than 36 years and superannuated as Principal of Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar. She claims that “the teachers of other Universities of Colleges/Institutions affiliated to those Universities as also teachers of Foreign Universities, having a minimum of 50% marks in the Master’s Degree, and having worked for a minimum of three years by holding permanent positions may be registered for Ph.D. directly on the recommendations of the concerned Department/ Departmental Research Committee”. She has also mentioned that the University of Delhi has such provision whereby candidates having less than 55percent could get admission in to Ph. D programmes (as per the Handbook of Information for Ph.D. course under the Board of Research Studies in Humanities, University of Delhi) **(Annexure-4 as circulated with the agenda).**

Notification no. IG/ACD/Committee/ 2008/2819 dated 11. 8.2009 states as follows with regard to eligibility criteria:

**Category A:** Candidates having M.Phil. or 5 years teaching/professional experience, who can directly undertake dissertation work for Ph.D.

**Category B:** Candidates who have to undergo course work before or alongside undertaking dissertation work.

The present eligibility for admission in Ph.D. in Education is as under:

An M.Phil. degree and a Post-Graduate degree in a relevant discipline with minimum 55 percent marks (50 percent marks for SC/ST/PH candidates) or an equivalent grade from a university or a recognized institution of higher learning.

The case of Mrs. P.P.Sharma covers under the category A of the modified guidelines subject to fulfilling the other conditions as mentioned in notification of modified guidelines. However the candidate in the instant case has secured 52.6% marks in the Post-Graduation.

Mrs. P.P.Sharma's request was referred to the School of Education on 7.3.2009. Prof. C.B.Sharma vide note dated 8.3.2009 forwarded by Director, SOE informed the Research Unit that the case may be reviewed with regard to the eligibility for admission to SOE and IG-NOU both.

RC 13.5.2 After detailed deliberations it was felt that marks should not be the criteria for entry in to Ph.D programmes of the University. Rather members argued that aptitude for research, and rigorous criteria for selecting a right student for Ph.D programme are more important. It is in this context Members felt that any post graduate should be made eligible for Ph.D programme regardless of category of students (Full time/Part time) adopting a rigorous criteria while selecting a student for Ph.D. programme.

RC 13.5.3 The Research Council considered and approved the changes that any post graduate should be made eligible for Ph.D programme regardless of category of students (Full time/Part time) adopting a rigorous criteria while selecting students for Ph.D. programmes.

RC 13.5.4 The Research Council proposed an amendment (as above) to that effect changing the eligibility criteria to the Ordinances and Regulations of the University as given below :

A candidate will be eligible for admission and registration to M.Phil/Ph.D programme provided he/she qualified (**As per the earlier Clause 3.2 (a)**)

“for the award of the Master's Degree of any University or any other qualification recognized as equivalent there to in even fields of study

as notified for the purpose from time to time by the University securing atleast 55% marks (50% in the case of SC/ST candidates).

**Revised Clause proposed for amendment under 3.2.(a)** for the admission and registration to MPhil/ Ph.D Programme provided he/she qualified “for the award of Master Degree of any University or any other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto in such fields of study as notified for the purpose from time to time by the university.

It was also resolved to grant registration to the candidate Mrs. P.P.Sharma.

**Item No. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF RTAs FOR REGISTRATION IN PH.D. IN MANAGEMENT.**

RC 13.6.1 It was presented that the following research proposals have been approved by the Doctoral Committees dated 11.2.2009 and 26.2.2009 of SOMS subject to incorporation of some minor suggestions to improve their synopsis. The RTAs have submitted the modified synopsis as suggested by the Doctoral Committee:

S.No.	Name of the RTAs	Proposed Topic of Research	Proposed Internal Guide
1	Mrs. Reena	A study on Store Choice Behavior	Prof. Kamal Yadava
2	Mrs. Lishin Moothery Joshy	A Psychological Contract Perspective on Behavior and Attitudinal Outcomes of Software Professionals	Prof. Srilatha

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee are placed at **(Annexure-5 as circulated with the agenda)**. The same will be placed before the School Board of SOMS at its forthcoming meeting for ratification.

RC 13.6.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of the above RTAs under the supervisors mentioned above for provisional registration for Ph.D. in the discipline of Management.

**Item No. 7 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF THE RTAs IN THE SOTHSM.**

RC 13.7.1 It was presented that the research proposals of the following five RTAs were approved by the Doctoral Committee of the SOTHSM on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The same would be ratified in the School Board, to be held in the month of April 2009:

#	Name	Research Topic	Supervisor
1	Ms. Neha Tandon	Cruise Tourism – A Case Study of India	Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Professor of History, SOSS
2	Ms. Jyotsana Mishra	Role and Status of Guides in Tourism: A Case Study of Golden Triangle Region	Prof. Kapil Kumar, Adjunct Professor, SOTHSM
3	Ms. Irengban Rubita	Destination Promotion, Branding and Destination Choice in Tourism: A Comparative Study of Sikkim and Manipur	Prof. Kapil Kumar, Adjunct Professor, SOTHSM
4	Mr. Vikram Singh	Threats and Obstacles in Tourism Development: A Case Study of The Impact of Terrorism in J&K	Prof. A.S. Narang, Professor of Political Science, SOSS
5	Mr. Seemanta Kumar Deka	Tourism as a Tool of Income and Employment Generation: A Study of Guwahati City	Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharya, Guwahati University

The Vice Chancellor had approved the above proposals of Research and Teaching Assistants for the provisional registrations in PhD. in Tourism and Hospitality Management. The approval of the Vice Chancellor and the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated 17.2.2009 are placed at **Annexure-6 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 13.7.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of the above RTAs for the provisional registration in Ph.D. in Tourism and Hospitality Management under the above supervisors.

**Item No. 8 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF THE PART – TIME RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN THE SOTHSM.**

RC 13.8.1 It was presented that the School of Tourism & Hospitality Services management had submitted the research proposals of the following eight part – time Research Scholars for registration in PhD. in Tourism and Hospitality Studies.

#	Name	Research Topic	Supervisor
1	Ms. Rekha Maitra	Accommodation Marketing Through Internet: Study of its Relevance and Impacts for Indian Hotel Chains (with course work)	Prof. Kapil Kumar, Adjunct Professor, SOTHSM
2	Ms. Kanchan Kalia	Keoladeo National Park: A Study of Environmental Conservation Carrying Capacity Pressures and Tourists Profile (with course work)	Prof. Kapil Kumar, Adjunct Professor, SOTHSM
3	Ms. Nusrat Yasmeen	Medical Tourism in India: Perspectives and Prospects (1980-2010)	Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Professor of History, SOSS
4	Mr. Pasur Srisalem Madhavan	An Analysis of Child Sex Tourism in India	Dr. Harkirat Bains, Reader, SOTHSM
5	Ms. Rashmi Kumar Gau-	Tourism and Planning and its Socio-Economic Impact with Refer-	Prof. Kapil Kumar, Adjunct Professor,



	tam	ence to Kutch Bhuj in Gujarat(with course work)	SOTHSM
6	Mr. Jigme Wanchuk Bhutia	Sustainable Eco-Tourism in the Sikkim Himalayas: Problems and Prospects (CV of research guide to be provided. Topic approved)	Dr. Harkirat Bains, Reader, SOTHSM
7	Mr. Nim Tshering Lepcha	Role of Local Community for Promoting Village Tourism in Sikkim Himalaya (CV of research guide to be provided. Topic approved)	Dr. Harkirat Bains, Reader, SOTHSM
8	Ms. Neetu Srivastava	Marketing Strategies in Medical Tourism: A Case Study of National Capital Region (with course work)	

The research proposals of the above eight part-time Research Scholars were **approved** by the Doctoral Committee of the SOTHSM on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 (**Annexure-7 as circulated with the agenda**). The same would be ratified in the School Board, to be held in the month of April 2009. The Research Scholars at SI No. 5,6 and 7 will have to **resubmit the CV of their external guide** before they can register for the Ph.D. Programme of the School.

RC 13.8.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of above eight part-time research scholars for Ph.D. registration in Tourism and Hospitality Studies subject to that the same would be placed before the School Board to be held in the month of April 2009. Further, the Research Council also asked the Director of the School to assign a supervisor to the candidate at SI. No. 8 – Ms. Neetu Srivastava and the same may be placed before the DC and SB.

**Item No. 9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DOCTORAL COMMITTEE OF SOET IN APPROVING THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL OF MR. N.VENKATESHWARLU, LECTURER, SOET.**

RC 13.9.1 It was presented that a Doctoral Committee (SOET) meeting was conducted to assess the research proposal submitted by Mr. N. Venkateshwarlu, Lecturer, SOET. The research proposal entitled “The Study of Selected issues in TQM in Auto companies” submitted by Mr. N.Venkateshwarlu, Lecturer, SOET has been approved by the Doctoral Committee held at SOET on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.

It was stated that the Research Council’s Standing Committee at its 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 5.3.2009 (vide Resolution no. RCSC 6.11.2) approved the research proposal of Mr. N. Venkateshwarlu, Lecturer, SOET under the supervision of Dr. Ashish Agarwal and Dr. Manoj Kulshreshta, SOET for Ph.D in Engineering & Technology with the condition that the proposal be placed before the Doctoral Committee for approval and the candidate be allowed for provisional registration for Ph.D.

The research proposal has already approved by the School Board of SOET at its 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 8.9.2008. The recommendations of the Doctoral Committee dated 18.3.2009 are placed at **Annexure-8 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC. 13.9.2 Prof. S.N.Maheshwari, Member of the Council mentioned that the topic of Mr. N.Venkateshwarlu entitled "The Study of Selected issues in TQM in Auto companies" is of more management oriented rather than Engineering and hence he suggested that the candidate should have been allotted a co-supervisor from the Management discipline with a view to have better research outputs rather than living everything to Engineering discipline alone. Detailed deliberations were held with regard to the topic and its placement with the Discipline and School i.e., whether it should be under the School of Management or under Engineering or jointly as a inter-discipline study. After detailed discussion, Members felt that the matter should be left to the wisdom of the members of the Doctoral Committee of the School concerned.
- RC 13.9.3 The Research Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee of SOET in approving the research proposal of Mr. N.Venkateshwarlu, for the provisional registration in the SOET.
- Item No. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO OFFER DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMME IN LIFE SCIENCES (SOS).**
- RC 13.10.1 It was presented that the School of Sciences had submitted the Phase-3 Form for Ph.D. in Life Sciences. The Phase-3 Form along with the detailed course structure for Doctoral Programme in Life Sciences has been approved by the School Board of School of Sciences at its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 21.11.2008 and subsequently by the Academic Council at its 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 13.1.2009 vide Resolution no. AC.46.45.2 (**Annexure- 9 as circulated with the agenda**).
- RC 13.10.2 The Research Council considered and approved the proposal to offer Doctoral Degree Programme in Life Sciences (SOS).
- Item No. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN CHEMISTRY FROM THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES.**
- RC 13.11.1 It was presented that on the recommendations of the Expert Committee for M.Phil and Ph.D. programme, the School Board of the School of Sciences in its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2008 approved the proposal of offering Ph.D. programme in Chemistry for Category A and B applicants.

**Category A:** Candidates having M.Phil or 5 years teaching/professional experience, who can directly undertake thesis work for Ph.D.

worth 64 credits (they may be exempted from course work)

**Category B:** Candidates (Master degree holders) who have to undergo course work worth 32 credits before or alongside undertaking thesis work worth 64 credits.

As the School Board of the School of Sciences had already approved the proposal for the Ph.D. programme in Chemistry from July, 2009 session, the launch of Ph.D. programme in Chemistry for category A (as mentioned above) applicants may be approved from July, 2009 session. A copy of the extract of the Minutes of the School Board is placed at **Annexure- 10 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 13.11.2 The Research Council considered and approved the launch of Ph.D. programme in Chemistry for Category A (as mentioned above) applicants from July, 2009 session.

**Other Items with the permission of the Chairman.**

**Item No. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROGRAMME UNDER ADVANCED CENTRE FOR INFORMATICS AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING (ACIIL).**

RC 13.12.1 It was presented that the Advanced Centre for Informatics and Innovative Learning (ACIIL) is duly constituted by the 95<sup>th</sup> Board of Management of IGNOU as an Advanced Centre for Research and Innovative Learning in Informatics and other related areas (**Annexure-11 as circulated with the agenda**).

While presenting the case of ACIIL for offer of Ph.D. programmes under this new Centre, Member of the RC and PVC in-charge the ACIIL Prof. K.R. Srivathsan informed that the following areas could be considered for Ph.D under ACIIL;

**Informatics  
IT Management  
Knowledge Management  
Any other related areas**

The Chairman informed that the 46<sup>th</sup> Academic Council had already approved the proposal of declaring all Schools and Centers of the University having core academic staff, with Ph.D and others research qualifications as recognized centers for Ph.D. He also informed that these Schools and Centers with a minimum of three recognized research guides and faculty members with research qualifications can start Ph.D programs with the approval of the internal Schools/Centre level research/Doctoral Committees.

While deliberating research related matters with regard to maintenance of quality in conducting a research, Members of the RC felt that there should be definite requirements of presentation and skills

for a research student. Members Prof. K.R.Srivathsan, and Prof. Vijay Kapur have spelt-out certain points which would be useful for research students for conduct and organization of his/her research effectively. They are:

Bibliographic Survey and State of the Art Seminar.  
Developing an online e-learning module in a subject/course of the area.  
Conduct/coordinate a Workshop or Seminar in the topic.  
Critical review of a significant paper in the area.  
A paper in referred conference and journal.  
Proficiency in application/use of multimedia/concept map of the topic.  
Design of empirical research/survey in the field.  
Any other that would improve the quality of his/her research.

Further, the Chairman informed the Research Council that every research student commencing from the date of registration should submit progress reports periodically (once in six months) in the prescribed format to the supervisor(s) who shall forward them along with his/her remarks about assessment of the work done to the Research Council through the School Board concerned for review.

RC 13.12.2 The Research Council considered and approved proposal to offer Ph.D programmes on the areas and related fields under ACIII.

(ii) The Research Council also approved the Resolution No. AC.46.45.2 directing the Schools/Centres to start the Ph.D. programmes subject to fulfill the criteria mentioned under Resolution no. AC.46.45.2. The Research Council also emphasized that the Schools/Centres need not submit any more proposal to RC/RCSC seeking the approval for starting Ph.D. Programmes in view of the Resolution already adopted by the Academic Council at its 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting for launching Ph.D programmes by Schools/Centres.

**Item No. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF A TOKEN REMUNERATION OF RS. 500/- TO THE INTERNAL AND OUTSIDE FACULTY FOR EVALUATING RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF PH.D. CANDIDATES.**

RC 13.13.1 It was presented that the number of applicants for admission to Ph.D. Programme of IGNOU is gradually increasing. The Research Proposals submitted by the candidates along with their applications are evaluated/reviewed by academics with expertise in the relevant field. This review process, which at times requires more than one reading, requires substantial time of the faculty members. The proposals are being evaluated and feedback provided by the faculty members. As the number of applications has increased, the load is increasing day by day.

A proposal to get the proposals evaluated by academics also from outside the School and a token remuneration of Rs. 500/- be paid for

evaluating and providing inputs on the research proposals, including internal faculty was duly approved by the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOE held on 24.10.2008 vide item no. 27.6 (**Annexure-12 as circulated with the agenda**).

RC 13.13.2 After deliberations it was agreed for the following:

Transportation, sitting fee, and DA should be paid as per the University norms as and when an external examiner is called for Ph.D synopsis evaluation and to access presentations of Ph.D. synopsis in the Doctoral Committee.

External examiners could be called to IGNOU for Ph.D synopsis evaluation and accordingly they shall be paid as suggested above under point no. 1. Alternatively, Ph.D synopsis could be sent to External Examiner's residence/office when an External Examiner could express his/her inability to come to IGNOU for attending such meetings due to pre-occupied schedules. Under this situation, the External Examiners shall be paid sitting fees as well as any other incidental expenditure to be incurred relating to the Ph.D. synopsis evaluation and its receipt/dispatch for the work he/she would be accepting to do at hi/her residence/office.

Full-time/part-time Ph.D scholars should be invited for Ph.D synopsis presentation at the Doctoral Committee of the school concerned at the IGNOU Hqrs and no other place unless, otherwise specific approvals are obtained from the Vice chancellor giving specific justifications for such meetings out side the IGNOU HQs. It was felt that every prospective Ph.D scholar should be given an opportunity to visit IGNOU Hqrs. for presentation of his/her Ph.D. synopsis at the School concerned. This mechanism of inviting students to IGNOU Hqrs. for presentation of synopsis shall provide an opportunity to Ph.D. scholars to get the feel of the Open University and its setup.

RC.13.13.3 The Research Council considered and approved the above point no. (i),(ii) and (iii) under Resolution no. RC 13.3.2.

**Item No. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PART-MINUTES OF THE DOCTORAL COMMITTEE OF SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PERTAINING TO RTAS AND PART-TIME PH.D. SCHOLARS.**

RC 13.14.1 It was presented that the School of Education informed the Research Council that the following RTAs/Ph.D. Scholar's synopsis were placed before the 27<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting and subsequently to the 6<sup>th</sup> RCSC held on March 5, 2009:

Mr. B.N.Chandrashekar	-	RTA
Ms. K.Anitharaj	-	RTA
Ms. Iffat Beg	-	RTA
Ms. Kiran	-	RTA
Mr. Syed H. Basha	-	RTA
Ms. Lalita Nair	-	Part-Time Ph.D. Scholar

Ms. Udaya - Part-Time Ph.D. Scholar  
Mr. Yogesh Kumar - Part-Time Ph.D. Scholar

RC 13.14.2 The 6<sup>th</sup> RCSC approved the Minutes of the School Board of SOE with the condition that the Minutes of the School Board should be placed before the Doctoral Committee for approval.

Subsequently, the Part-Minutes of the School Board of all the above candidates were placed at the 1st Doctoral Committee of SOE held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 for ratification. The Doctoral Committee ratified the same recommending it to place the same before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 13.14.3 The Research Council considered and approved the Part-Minutes of the Doctoral Committee of School of Education pertaining to RTAs and Part-time Ph.D. Scholars **(Annexure-13 as circulated with the agenda) for provisional registration of Ph.D in education (SOE).**  
Item No. 15 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

RC. 13.15.1 It was presented that the School of Continuing Education stated offering Ph.D. Programme in Rural Development since January, 2008 on the basis of earlier guidelines which exempted those coming from M.A. in Rural Development stream, M.Phil or taking any course work unless the Doctoral Committee so desires. The School has been receiving number of proposals for Ph.D. in Rural Development both from M.A. in Rural Development stream and others. However, it has been found that these proposals leave a lot to be desire.

After getting these proposals examined by the concerned faculty, they were sent back to the applicants for revision. There was no response from most of the cases. A few received were placed before the Doctoral Committee and suggestions were passed on to the applicants for revision. Again the experience was not encouraging. In the meantime the Research Council and Academic Council revised the above guidelines and a set of new guidelines were issued on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. The faculty of the School felt that there is a need for more initial guidelines at pre-registration stage.

In the light of experience of the faculty past one year, the SOCE convened a one day meeting of entire panel of approved panel experts for Doctoral Committee for Rural Development and also selected members of the School Board to seeking their help and guidance for revising the guidelines pertaining the Ph.D. in Rural Development on 19.3.2009. Detailed deliberations were held with regard to (a) eligibility criteria for Ph.D. in Rural Development and (b) other recommendations for Ph.D. Scholars. The Minutes of the Committ