

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY SERVICES MANAGEMENT**

Minutes of the 16th School Board Meeting held on 12th October 2015 at 11:30 hrs in the Classroom, SOTHSM, Block - 15 (I) , IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068

The following members were present at the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Director, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Kamal Yadava, SOMS, IGNOU | - Member |
| 3. Dr. Vijay Kumar Baraik, Associate Professor, SOS, IGNOU | - Member |
| 4. Prof. Manjula Chaudhry, Deptt. of Tourism, Kurukshetra University | - Member |
| 5. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, STHM, Jammu University | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 7. Ms. Tangjakhombi Akoijam, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 8. Dr. Sonia Sharma, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 9. Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments:

1. Prof. S.P. Bansal, Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Agrasen University, Himachal Pradesh
2. Prof. S. K. Mishra, Former Director - IITTM
3. Mr. Lalit Nirula, Hospitality Consultant, New Delhi
4. Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava, Assistant Professor, SOFL, IGNOU

The meeting started with a welcome address by the Chairperson. It was informed to the members that the meeting was convened to deliberate two important matters. One will be the discussion and approval for the minutes of the 29th Doctoral Committee Meeting. This is of utmost importance since the Research Council meeting is scheduled to be held on 27th October'15 and the agenda items for the same cannot be sent to the Research Council without the approval of the School Board. Second will be the deliberation on the Choice Based Credit System that the School wants to introduce as per the Academic Council's Approval for adoption of the UGC's Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from 2016 academic session.

The Meeting transacted the following business:

Item No. SB: 16.1:

To confirm the minutes of the Fifteenth School Board meeting held on 07th July 2015:

The minutes of the 15th School Board meeting held on 07th July 2015 were sent to members. No comments were received; hence it was proposed to confirm the minutes.

The minutes of the 15th School Board meeting were approved.

Item No. SB: 16.2:

Action Taken Report of the 15th School Board Meeting:

The Action Taken Report of the Fifteenth School Board was discussed with the following observations:

It was noted that all the meetings and process of revision of the BTS and MTM courses are being put on hold as the School is proposing to introduce the Choice Based Credit System as per Academic Council's Approval for adoption of the UGC's Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).

The Action Taken Report was approved.

Item No. SB: 16.3:

Consideration and approval of the minutes of 29th Doctoral Committee Meetings:

The Programme Coordinator apprised the members about the 29th Doctoral Committee Minutes which allotted supervisors to the PhD Scholars registered in July 2014. She also gave a brief report on the Course Work classes held from 07th - 18th September 2015 in the School which was attended by 22 PhD Scholars.

Members appreciated the initiative of the faculty in the conduct of the Course Work classes. The Minutes of the 29th Doctoral Committee Meetings were approved. It was further observed that the next School Board should be held soon after the 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting to approve the title and synopsis of the Scholars.

Item No. SB: 16.4:

Consideration and recommendation of External Experts on the Doctoral Committee:

Director informed the members that the School has felt the need to review and change the list of External Experts of the Doctoral Committee and proposed eight (08) names for the same.

Members approved the proposed eight (08) names as the External Experts of the Doctoral Committee:

1. Prof. Manjula Choudhry, Department of Tourism, Kurukshetra University
2. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, STHM, Jammu University
3. Prof. Manohar Sajnani, Department of Tourism, Amity University, NOIDA
4. Prof. R. P. Bahuguna, HOD, Department of Tourism and Heritage Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
5. Prof. Manoj Dixit, Institute of Tourism Studies, Lucknow University
6. Prof. Inayet Zaidi, Former Head - Department of Tourism and Heritage Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
7. Mr. Lalit Nirula, Hospitality Consultant, New Delhi
8. Mr. Mukesh Goyal, STIC Travels, Tourism Consultant, New Delhi

Item No. SB: 16.5:

Consideration of the report of Academic Expert Committee for the launch of Skill Based Programmes in the North-Eastern states of India:

Director apprised the members of the decision of the School to launch Skill Based Programmes as per the "National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015". He added that the School is already in the process of offering Skill Based Programmes in Hospitality in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh through MoU with the State Government. A similar initiative is being taken up in the state of Jharkhand. In the same scheme of things Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya and Ms. Tangjakhombi Akoijam were initiating the process of launching Skill based Programmes in NE. An Exploratory Academic Expert Committee

Meeting was held on 20th August 2015 and the report is placed before the School Board for consideration.

The School Board endorsed the report and reiterated that financial viability and collaboration with the State Government is a must for these proposed programmes.

Item No. SB: 16.6:

Consideration of offering BA (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management and Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management:

Director apprised the members of the decision of School Council to offer three year BA (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management and four year Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM) programmes as proposed by UGC Scheme of CBCS.

The School Board recommended the proposal to launch both three year BA (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management and four year Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM) by the School.

Item No. SB: 16.7:

Consideration and approval of the list of paper setters, moderators and evaluators for the PhD, MTM, MBAHM, MBAIHM, BTS, BIHM Programmes:

The names of question paper-setters, moderators, and evaluators for the above programmes were placed for approval.

The School Board approved the list and authorized the Chairperson, School Board to make any additional changes in the list and report in the next School Board Meeting for ratification.

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

**Prof. Ravindra Kumar
Director, SOTHSM
&
Chairman, School Board**