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School of Social Sciences

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Minutes of the Meeting of the 35th School Board, School of Social Sciences held on 22.03.2005.

The meeting of the School Board of the School of Social Sciences was held on 22.03.2005 in the Conference Room, School of Social Sciences, Block - F, New Academic Building, IGNOU Campus, New Delhi.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Chairman
2. Prof. Kapil Kumar, SOSS
3. Prof. A.R. Khan, SOSS
4. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, SOSS
5. Prof. A.S. Narang, SOSS
6. Prof. Swaraj Basu, SOSS
7. Prof. G. Pradhan, SOSS
8. Prof. D. Gopal, SOSS
9. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS
10. Dr. Abha Singh, SOSS
11. Ms. B. Kiranmayi, SOSS
12. Dr. E. Vayunandan, SOSS
13. Dr. Kaustuva Barik, SOSS
14. Prof. Vijayshri, SOS
15. Dr. Eisha Kamadi, SOE
16. Prof. S.M. Azizuddin Hussain, JMI, New Delhi
17. Prof. M.P. Satija, GND University, Amritsar
18. Prof. Tuksi Patel, University of Delhi, Delhi
19. Dr. Srilatha, SOMS

Sppl. Invitees:

1. Prof. Shobhita Jain, SOSS
2. Prof. S.B. Ghosh, SOSS

The following could not attend the meeting

1. Prof. Pandav Nayak, SOSS
2. Dr. Neena Talwar Kanungo, SOSS
3. Dr. Jaswant Sokhi, SOS
4. Prof. B.S. Brar, Panjab University, Chandigarh
5. Prof. Bhaskara Rao (Retd.), Kakatiya University, Warangal

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members and apprised them about the new programmes launched in January 2005 and likely to be launched in July 2005. Thereafter, the following items on the agenda were deliberated:

SB 35.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 34th meeting of the School Board of SOSS held on August 26, 2004

SB 35.1.1 The Chairman informed the Board that minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members and no comments have been received. Therefore, he proposed that the minutes may be deemed to be confirmed.

SB 35.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the 34th School Board meeting as circulated. (Annexure – 1)

SB 35.2 To consider the revised proposal of Sh. Rahat Ali for registration in Ph.D. Programme

SB 35.2.1 The Chairman informed the Board that Economics Faculty in its meeting held on May 12, 2004 had considered four proposals for registration in Ph.D. programme in Economics. The Faculty recommended the proposal on "Economics of Fish Farming in Punjab: A Case Study of Sangrur Distt." Submitted by Sh. Rahat Ali. However, he was advised to improve the methodology and formulation of hypothesis. Accordingly, the candidate submitted the revised proposal as per the suggestions of the Faculty.

SB 35.2.2 The Board discussed the proposal and recommended it for approval of the Research Council. (Annexure – 2)

SB 35.3 To consider the revised research proposal submitted by Col. Rahul Keshavrao Bhonsle for Ph.D. registration in Political Science

SB 35.3.1 The Chairman informed the Board that Col. Rahul Keshavrao Bhonsle had submitted the research proposal entitled "Developing the Model for Prediction of Social and Political Strife, Divisive and Insurgent Movement in India". The said proposal was considered by the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 28th meeting held on December 13, 2001. Later on, the candidate submitted a new research proposal on the topic "Biological Weapons Control Regime: Addressing India's Security Concerns". The said proposal was considered by the School Board in its 32nd meeting held on August 19, 2003. The School Board decided to refer the matter to the Research Council for advice as to whether change of topic could be permitted or the candidate has to re-register himself.

SB 35.3.2 The Chairman further informed that Research Council discussed the proposal in its 6th meeting held on January 13, 2005 and advised that the proposal be considered afresh by the School Board and registration process should be processed accordingly.

SB.35.3.3 In the light of the advice of the Research Council, the School Board considered its proposal and approved the topic with the direction that the candidate be advised to register afresh. (Annexure - 3)

SB 35.4 To consider the modification of Course Outline of Four Elective Courses of M.A. (Sociology)

SB 35.4.1 The Chairman informed the Board that Sociology Faculty had submitted the following four courses of M.A. (Sociology) for consideration of the School Board in its 34th meeting.

1. MSOE - 001 Sociology of Education
2. MSOE - 002 Diaspora and Transnational Communities
3. MSOE - 003 Sociology of Religion
4. MSOE - 004 Urban Sociology

The Board had made valuable suggestions on the contents and directed that the Faculty should seek guidance of Prof. Tulsi Patel, Member of the School Board, to include suggested changes.

The Chairman apprised the members that the Faculty has modified the Course contents as directed by of the School Board.

35.4.2 The School Board considered the modified structure and approved with the specific direction to provide detailed syllabi to the Course Writers for a comprehensive understanding of various aspects to be covered in different units. (Annexure – 4)

SB 35.5 To consider the Ph.D. progress reports of two candidates registered in Library and Information Sciences

SB 35.5.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered progress reports of the following two candidates:

1. Mr. P. Vijayakumar
2. Mrs. Latha Manichavasangam

SB 35.5.2 While approving the reports, the Board decided that the reports be forwarded to the Director, Academic Coordination for further necessary action. (Annexure – 5)

SB 35.6 To consider and approve the recommendation of Ph.D. Screening Committee Meeting of the History Faculty held on October 12, 2004

SB 35.6.1 The Board was informed that Ph.D. Screening Committee of the History Faculty in its meeting held on October 12, 2004 considered 12 applications, submitted for Ph.D. Registration. The Committee considered and accepted the research proposals of the following seven candidates and proposed minor changes in the topics to be selected in consultation with Ph.D. Supervisors.

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	Proposed Research Topic	Recommendations of the Screening Committee
1.	P. Kannappan	A Historical Study of Villianur Thirukamisvara Temple in the Union Territory of Pondicherry	Accepted: Minor changes in the Topic may be effected in consultation with Supervisor
2.	R. Velumurugan	Freedom Struggle in French India from 1934 - 1954 with special Reference to Pondicherry	- do -
3.	Yogwati Pareek	Bhartiya Rashtriya Andolan Mein Marwari Verg Ki Bhomika	- do -
4.	Birendra Kumar Sinha	Impact of Voluntary Sector on the Household Economy of the Rural Poor in India - A Comparative Historical Study	- do -
5.	Meenakshi Sharma	Role of Arya Samaj in the Upliftment of Women	- do -
6.	Rajesh Kumar	Riot of 1957 in Hissar	- do -
7.	Vatsala Iyengar	Regionalism and Conventionalism in Erotic depictions of medieval Karnataka	- do -

The Screening Committee, however, did not approve the proposals submitted by the following five candidates on the topics mentioned against their names.

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	Proposed Research Topic	Recommendations of the Screening Committee
1.	Ishwar Singh	India's Struggle for Freedom and British Raj's Constitutional Reaction	Not accepted

2.	T.S. Bidhuri	Dadabhai Naroji Ke Vichar Evam Unke Mehatvapurna Karya	- do -
3.	Vivek Singh	- not sent -	- do -
4.	Raj Pratap Singh	Contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in Modern Indian Social History	- do -
5.	Satyavir Singh	Communalism in Haryana in Twentieth Century - A Study (1900 - 1966)	- do -

SB 35.6.2 The Board approved the action taken by the Ph.D. Screening Committee of the History Faculty and directed that as and when the proposals with suggested modifications were received should be placed before the School Board for consideration. (Annexure - 6)

SB 35.7 Approval for PGDMRR (Phase - III) Course

SB 35.7.1 The Chairman informed the Board that Phase-III form of PGDMRR was placed before the School Board in its 34th Meeting. The members had raised certain issues regarding the content structure and clientele of the programme. The Programme Coordinators were advised to modify the proposal and place it before the School Board in a subsequent meeting.

SB 35.7.2 The Board considered the modified Programme Design and Detailed Programme report and approved. (Annexure - 7)

SB 35.8 To consider and approve the Ph.D. proposals of Shri Ramesh Gandotra

SB 35.8.1 The Screening Committee Meeting for Ph.D. Programme in Public Administration held on August 6, 2004 had made suggestions on the proposal of Shri Ramesh Gandotra. The candidate had submitted revised proposal on "Administration of Health Services in Rajasthan - A Study in Jaipur & Tonk Districts".

SB 35.8.2 The proposal was considered and approved by the School Board. (Annexure - 8)

Tabled Items

Any other item with the permission of the Chairman

SB 35.9 Opening of B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration to Ex-Diploma holders of National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT)

SB 35.9.1 The Chairman informed the School Board that with the approval of Academic Council, the University, as part of MoU signed with NCHMCT and based on the recommendations of the Joint Action Committee of the programme, has admitted Ex-Diploma holders of NCHMCT to B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration programme and 855 students have sought admission in January 2005.

SB 35.9.2 The Board appreciated the decision of Academic Council for providing new opportunities in the emerging field. (Annexure - 9)

SB 35.10 Re-scheduling of Examination dates for B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration

SB 35.10.1 The Chairman informed the Board that to facilitate the timely declaration of results of B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration, it was proposed to hold the examination of IGNOU component immediately after the NCHMCT component examination scheduled in the last week of April 2005. The Vice Chancellor has accorded approval. (Annexure - 10)

SB 35.11 To consider and approve the Ph.D. progress report submitted by Mr. S. Mohapatra in Economics

SB 35.11.1 The Progress Report submitted by Mr. S. Mohapatra, registered for Ph.D. in Economics for the period July 2004 was discussed and approved. It was decided that the same be forwarded to Director, Academic Coordination for further necessary action (Annexure - 11)

SB 35.12 To consider and approve the revision of BDP Elective in Political Science (Modern Indian Political Thought: EPS-03)

SB 35.12.1 The Chairman informed the Board that in accordance with University Policy on revision, the Faculty of Political Sciences proposes to revise EPS-03 (Modern Indian Political Thought) course.

SB 35.12.2 The School Board appreciated the initiative and advised detailed course structure to be placed before the School Board in its next meeting. (Annexure – 12)

SB 35.13 To consider and approve minor changes in MHI-01 and MHI-05

SB 35.13.1 The Chairman informed the Board that M.A. Programme in History was launched in July 2004 and nearly two thousand five hundred students have enrolled. The course structures of MHI-01 and MHI-05 were approved by the School Board and Academic Council. However, while developing the course material, minor changes were suggested by the Course Writers and Editors to fill gaps. (Annexure – 13)

SB 35.14 To consider and approve the reorganisation of the Course Structure of MSO-002

SB 35.14.1 The Chairman informed the Board that in the process of development of course material, the Sociology faculty was advised by the Course Writers to reorganise the sequence of units and blocks.

SB 35.14.2 The Board approved the revised course structure with the requirement of material in Units No. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 to be made available to all students in printed form. (Annexure – 14)

SB 35.15 To consider the Supreme Court's directive on incorporation of Environmental Concerns in the course structure

SB 35.15.1 The Chairman informed the Board that the issue was discussed in length in the 34th School Board Meeting and Prof. Ravindra Kumar was requested to make a concept note for consideration of the School Board in its next meeting. The Chairman informed that in the meantime, the Academic Council has decided that modified version of Awareness Course on Environment developed by School of Sciences shall be offered as non credit course to all BDP Students. (Annexure - 15)

SB 35.16 The Chairman informed the School Board that different faculties have submitted the names of the paper setters and moderators for all Courses of the School of Social Sciences. It was decided that the Chairman of the Board should draw a panel of paper setters, moderators and evaluators Course-wise in consultation with the concerned Faculties and submit the same for the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

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


(Pardeep Sahni) 5/4/20
Director

