

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 36TH SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HELD ON 27TH MAY 2005**

The Meeting of the School Board of the School of Social Sciences was held on 27 May 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. B.S. Brar, Panjab University, Chandigarh
3. Prof. S.M. Azizuddin Hussain, JMI, New Delhi
4. Prof. M.P. Satija, GND University, Amritsar
5. Prof. Pandav Nayak, SOSS
6. Prof. Kapil Kumar, SOSS
7. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, SOSS
8. Prof. A.R. Khan, SOSS
9. Prof. Swaraj Basu, SOSS
10. Prof. G. Pradhan, SOSS
11. Prof. D. Gopal, SOSS
12. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS
13. Dr. E. Vayunandan, SOSS
14. Dr. Abha Singh, SOSS
15. Dr. Kaustuva Barik, SOSS
16. Dr. Neena Falwar Kanungo, SOSS
17. Dr. Jaswant Sokhi, SOS
18. Ms. B. Kiranmayi, SOSS
19. Dr. Eisha Kannadi, SOE

Spl. Invitees:

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

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. A.S. Narang, SOSS
2. Prof. Tulsi Patel, University of Delhi, Delhi
3. Prof. Bhaskara Rao (Retd.), Kakatiya University, Warangal
4. Prof. Vijayshri, SOS
5. Dr. Srilatha, SOMS

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 36th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Social Sciences:

The following items on the Agenda were deliberated:

SB 36.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 35th meeting of the School Board of SOSS held on March 22, 2005.

SB 36.1.1 It was informed by the Chairman that the Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members. Since no comments have been received, the Chairman proposed that the Minutes may be deemed to be confirmed.

SB 36.1.2 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 35th School Board Meeting, as circulated (Annexure-1).

SB 36.2 To seek approval of the School Board for adoption of CLD-4 as an AOC for BDP Programme.

SB 36.2.1 The Chairman informed that based on the decision of the Joint Advisory Council, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for monitoring the CLD Project, the School Board in its 33rd meeting approved the proposal for CLD-01 to be adopted as an Elective in BDP Economics (the revised course code is BLD-101), CLD-02 (the revised code is BLD-102) and CLD-04 as AOC in BDP Programme. However, in the Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the School Board, only two courses namely BLD-101 as an Elective Course and BLD-102 as an Application Oriented Course were circulated for adoption. This inadvertent omission was brought to the notice of the Chairman of the School Board vide letter dated February 3, 2004.

SB 36.2.2 On the basis of the proposal submitted by the Programme Coordinator, the Chairman informed that since Application Orientation Courses offered to the BDP students under different streams are of 8 Credits, having one course, that is, BLD-102, on offer as AOC from Labour Stream will amount to difficulties for the students for option of another 4 Credit course. The Board was further informed that BDP Coordination Committee in its meeting held on February 7, 2005 has recommended to

adopt two courses namely BLD-102 and CLD-04 from Labour Stream as AOC Courses.

- SB 36.2.3 The Board discussed the proposal and recommended for adoption of CLD-04 (four Credits) as AOC for BDP students (Annexure-2).
- SB 36.3 To consider and approve the Phase Zero Form for the revision of PSS-01 course.**
- SB 36.3.1 The Chairman informed that the study material for PSS-01, that is, Preparatory Course in Social Sciences, is quite old and a substantive content of the course material needs change due to major transformation in society, economy and polity.
- SB 36.3.2 The Board approved in principle major revision of PSS-01. It was further decided that Dr. Nita Mathur, BPP Coordinator, should be the Course Coordinator. The Board advised that the Course Coordinator should invite inputs from relevant disciplines of Social Sciences and Programme Coordinator of BSW for finalization of the contents by the Expert Committee. The detailed course structure should be presented before the School Board preferably within three months (Annexure-3).
- SB 36.4 To consider and approve the Phase-I Form for 8 Credit course entitled 'Women's and Society' in Diploma Programme in Women's Empowerment and Development scheduled to be launched in January 2006.**
- SB 36.4.1 The Chairman informed that there has been growing concern on the subjugated and disadvantaged position of Women in society both at the national and international levels. A number of developmental agencies and functionaries are working to uplift the cause of women. Still there is seemingly a gap between the social realities pertaining to Women's issues and problems and popular perception. It calls for an attempt to abridge the gap between theory and practice.
- SB 36.4.2 The Faculty of Sociology, which is engaged in developing a Diploma Programme in Women's Empowerment and Development, in collaboration with SOCE, has proposed to develop and launch a Course on Women and Society (Annexure-4).
- SB 36.4.3 The Item was taken up for discussion. The members made several useful suggestions on detailed contents of the Course. The Board authorised the Chairman to constitute a Sub-Committee of the School Board, preferably having internal members, to consider the revised course structure. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee shall be placed before the Chairman for decision and reporting to the School Board.

SB 36.5 To consider and approve Phase Zero Form for introducing two courses namely **MPSE-012: State and Society in Australia;** and **MPSE-013: Australia's Foreign Policy;** as optional courses in **M.A. (Political Science) 2nd Year.**

SB 36.5.1 The Chairman informed the Board that M.A. (Political Science) Programme launched by the University in 2004 has been very well received all over the country. In order to provide greater options to the learners to choose courses suiting their area of interest and field of specialization, the Faculty of Political Science has proposed to introduce two new courses, namely State and Society in Australia; and Australia's Foreign Policy, to be on offer from July 2006 as optional courses in M.A. Second Year.

SB 36.5.2 The Board deliberated on the course contents of both the courses on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committees and approved Phase Zero Form(Annexure-5), with the specific suggestion to include Australia's Foreign Policy vis-à-vis Commonwealth and European Union in the existing contents.

SB 36.6 To consider the **Ph.D. Progress report of Mr. Pardeep Rai of Library Sciences.**

SB 36.6.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the Progress Report of Mr. Pardeep Rai (Annexure-6) and advised that the candidate be asked to reframe the questionnaire. It was recommended that the Discipline Coordinator, Library and Information Science Faculty, should convey the observations of the School Board to the candidate and the Research Guide for the needful to be done and to resubmit the questionnaire.

SB 36.7 To consider and approve the **Post Graduate courses developed by other Disciplines to be on offer in M.A. (Economics) Programme as Elective Courses.**

SB 36.7.1 The Chairman informed that M.A. (Economics) Programme shall be put on offer from July 2005 onwards.

SB 36.7.2 In order to offer more options to the students and to bring in the advantages of inter-disciplinary learning, the Economics Faculty has proposed for including the following two courses from M.A. (Public Administration) as optional courses in M.A. (Economics)

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| (i) | MPA-015 | : | Public Policy and Analysis (8 Credits) |
| (ii) | MPA-017 | : | Electronic Governance (4 Credits) |

The Chairman further informed that the above-mentioned courses have already been approved by the Statutory Bodies of the University.

SB 36.7.3 The Board was satisfied with the rationale for adopting these Courses and recommended the proposal (Annexure-7) with the suggestion that in any Programme, Courses worth a minimum of 75% of total Credits should be offered from the main discipline.

SB 36.8 To consider and approve the Post Graduate courses developed by other Disciplines to be on offer in M.A. (Sociology) Programme as Elective Courses.

SB 36.8.1 The Chairman informed that M.A. (Sociology) Programme is to be put on offer in July 2005. The School Board was further informed that the statutory authorities of the University have approved the following courses in M.A. (Sociology).

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title of the Course	Type of course compulsory/ Optional	Credits
1	MSO-001	Sociological Theories & Concepts	Compulsory	8
2	MSO-002	Research Methodology	Compulsory	8
3	MSO-003	Sociology of Development	Compulsory	8
4	MSO-004	Sociology in India	Compulsory	8
5	MSOE-001	Sociology of Education	Optional	8
6	MSOE-002	Sociology of Religion	Optional	8
7	MSOE-003	Diaspora and Society	Optional	8
8	MSOE-004	Urban Sociology	Optional	8

SB 36.8.2 The Sociology faculty has proposed to offer the following courses developed by other faculties for different Post Graduate Programmes.

MHI-01	Ancient & Medieval Societies	8	Core
MHI-04	Political Structures in India	8	Core

MEC-005	Indian Economic Policy	6	Core
MEC-008	Economics of Social Sector & Environment	6	Core
MPS-003	India: Democracy and Development	8	Core
MPS-004	Comparative Politics: Issues & Trends	8	Core
MPSE-004	Social and Political Thoughts of Modern India	4	Core
MED-002	Sustainable Development: Issues & Challenges	4	Core
MPA-011	State, Society and Public Administration	8	Core
MPA-016	Decentralisation and Local Governance	8	Core

36.8.3 The Board deliberated the rationale of the Courses proposed by the Sociology Faculty to be on offer in M.A. (Sociology) Programme and approved the same (Annexure-8). It was recommended that in any Programme, Courses worth a minimum of 75% of total Credits should be offered from the main discipline.

SB 36.9 To consider and approve the Post Graduate courses developed by other Disciplines to be on offer in M.A. (Public Administration) Programme as Elective Courses.

SB 36.9.1 The Board was informed that M.A. (Public Administration) is being launched in July 2005. Initially, the following courses were approved:

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title	Credits
1	MPA-011	State, Society and Public Administration	8
2	MPA-012	Administrative Thoery	8
3	MPA-013	Public Systems Management	8
4	MPA-014	Human Resource Management	8
5	MPA-015	Public Policy and Analysis	8
6	MPA-016	Decentralisation and Local Governance	8
7	MPA-017	Disaster Management	4
8	MPA-018	Electronic Governance	4
9	MPAP-002	Project Work	8

SB 36.9.2 Since Public Administration is multi-disciplinary in nature and the University has developed a number of courses in different Post-Graduate Programmes, the Faculty has proposed to offer the following courses in

view of their immense relevance to prospective students of M.A. (Public Administration) as optional courses.

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title	Credits
1	MED-002	Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges	4
2	MPS-003	India: Democracy and Development	8
3	MPS-004	Comparative Politics: Issues and Trends	8
4	MPSE-003	Western Political Thought	4
5	MPSE-004	Social and Political Thought in Modern India	4
6	MPSE-008	State Politics in India	4
7	MEC-005	Indian Economic Policy	6
8	MEC-006	Public Economics	6
9	MSO-002	Research Methodology	8

The Chairman informed that all these courses have already been approved By the statutory Bodies of the University.

SB 36.9.3 There shall be 4 Core Courses (MPA-011 to MPA-014) in M.A. 1st Year and 2 Core Courses (MPA-015 and MPA-016) in M.A. 2nd Year. Any learner will have the option to choose courses worth 16 Credits in M.A. 2nd Year from the following:

MPA-017, MPA-018, MED-002, MPS-003, MPS-004, MPSE-003, MPSE-004, MPSE-008, MEC-005, MEC-006, MSO-002, and MPAP-002.

36.9.4 It was also decided that Research Methodology Course (MSO-002) shall be pre-requisite for the Project Course.

36.9.5 The Board deliberated on the proposal and approved the Optional Courses in M.A. (Public Administration) (Annexure-9). It was recommended that in any Programme, Courses worth a minimum of 75% of total Credits should be offered from the main discipline.

SB 36.10 To consider and approve the Post Graduate Diploma course developed by other Discipline to be on offer in Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management Programme as Elective Course.

SB 36.10.1 The Chairman informed that PG Diploma in Disaster Management shall be put on offer in January 2006. Initially, the following courses were approved in this Programme.

Course	Title	Credits
MPA-01	Understanding Natural Disasters	4
MPA-02	Understanding Man made Disasters	4
MPA-03	Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Analysis	4
MPA-04	Disaster Preparedness	4
MPA-05	Disaster Response	4
MPA-06	Disaster Medicine	4
MPA-07	Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Recovery	4
MPAP-001	Project Work	4

36.10.2 The Faculty has proposed to offer MED-004, Towards Participatory Management (4 Credits) as an elective course. If approved, the students will have the choice to opt either for MPAP-001, that is, Project (4 Credits) or MED-004 (4 Credits).

36.10.3 The issue was thoroughly discussed and recommended by the School Board (Annexure-10).

SB 36.11 To consider and approve the Phase-I Form for M.A. (Public Policy) exclusively for I.A.S. (Probationers) on training for two years with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.

SB 36.11.1 The Chairman informed the Board that on the initiative of LBSNAA, Mussoorie, the University has agreed to offer M.A. (Public Policy) Programme exclusively to IAS Probationers under training at LBSNAA for two years. The 64 Credit Programme will have the following seven courses of eight Credits each and two Projects of four Credit each.

1.	Public Policy Framework	8 Credits
2.	Law for Administrators	8 Credits
3.	Public Systems Management	8 Credits
4.	Human Resource Management	8 Credits
5.	Issues in Public Administration	8 Credits
6.	Decentralised Governance	8 Credits
7.	Computers and e-Governance	8 Credits
8.	Project	4 Credits
9.	Project	4 Credits

36.11.2 The Chairman informed that the detailed programme structure containing the details of syllabus for each Course shall be placed before the School Board in its next meeting.

36.11.3 The School Board was informed that LBSNAA should provide the list of sponsored students to IGNOU every year for admission in M.A. (Public Policy). It shall arrange teaching by LBSNAA Faculty as well as invite

eminent guest speakers for discussion on contemporary issues. It shall continuously assess the candidates' performance in each course and shall identify Project Guides to help students in carrying out the Projects.

36.11.4 It was brought to the notice of all members that the Term-End Exams (having 70% weightage) shall be conducted by IGNOU at LBSNAA and continuous assessment (having 30% weightage) shall be done by LBSNAA. IGNOU shall declare the result of the students and award degrees to the successful candidates.

36.11.5 The School Board appreciated the joint offering and approved the Item with the specific recommendation that depending on requirement of the Programme and IGNOU Faculty's areas of specialization, the LBSNAA should invite IGNOU Faculty for delivery of different courses. It was also suggested that the programme may be offered in Hindi medium as well (Annexure-11).

SB 36.12 To consider and approve the Phase-I Form for 4 Credit Elective course in M.A. (Political Science), IInd Year, namely Society, Politics and Media.

SB 36.12.1 The Chairman informed that the stipulated procedures for considering this Item have not been followed, and the Item stands withdrawn from the Agenda.

TABLED ITEMS

SB 36.13(1) To consider and approve the Policy document on the Projects for Professional and Skill oriented courses of the School of Social Sciences.

SB 36.13(1).1 The Chairman informed that in its meeting held on 6th August 2004, the School Board had recommended for a Policy document on the Projects to be prepared.

SB 36.13(1).2 The guidelines proposed for projects in different programmes of the School of Social Sciences were discussed and approved (Annexure- 12).

SB 36.13(2) To consider and approve the Introduction of Project work of 4 Credits for MLIS Programme.

SB 36.13(2).1 The Chairman informed that the revised MLIS Programme shall be put on offer in July 2005. Since it is a Skill Oriented Programme, there is a felt need for the students to undertake a Project. The proposal for the Project Report in MLIS was placed before the Academic Council, which

suggested that the SOSS might formulate a general guideline for the Projects in various Programmes offered by the School of Social Sciences

SB 36.13(2).2 As the general guidelines for Projects have been prepared and approved by the School Board in this Meeting under Item SB 36.13(1).2, the Board approved the proposal for Project Report in MLIS Programme and recommended it to be placed before the Academic Council for its consideration along with detailed operational modalities for carrying out the project (Annexure- 13).

SB 36.13(3) To consider the Ph.D progress report of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti of Public Administration.

SB 36.13(3).1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the Progress Report of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti.

SB 36.13(3).2 While approving the Report, the Board decided that the same be forwarded to Director, Academic Coordination for further necessary action (Annexure- 14).

SB 36.13(4) To consider the Research proposal of Mr. Rajdeep K. Manwani for registration for the Ph.D Programme in Economics on the topic "An evaluation of Effectiveness of Training and its Impact on procreativity in the Banking Sector in India.

SB 36.13(4).1 The Chairman informed that the Economics Faculty in its meeting held on May 12, 2004 considered the Ph.D proposals of the four candidates and has made the following recommendations:

Sl.No.	Name	Remarks
1	Sh. Rahat Ali	The candidate may be asked to contact the faculty and revise the proposal accordingly.
2	Sh. R. Sounderajan	The candidate has been advised to seek registration in Management Faculty.
3	Sh. R.K. Manwani	The candidate may be asked to re-submit the proposal specifying the focus on measures of efficiency of Banking branches and linking training aspect of employees with productivity of Banking Sector.
4	Sh. Manoj, P.K.	The Candidate should specify hypotheses of the study and the methodology to be followed in the study and re-submit the proposal.

SB 36.13(4).2 The Chairman informed that the Faculty has received the revised proposal submitted by Sh. Rajdeep K. Manwani.

SB 36.13(4).3 The Board deliberated on the research proposal and approved the same. It was recommended that the proposal might be submitted to Academic Coordination Division for further necessary action (Annexure- 15).

SB 36.13(5) To consider and approve changes in title of five Units of MPA-011 (a Core Course in M.A. (Public Administration) and deletion of two Units from the course structure approved earlier.

SB 36.13(5).1 The Chairman informed that the Course Coordinator of MPA-011 (State, Society and Public Administration) has been advised by the Unit Writers that five Unit Titles need to be reworded to avoid overlapping and relate these to the contextual sense:

Original Unit No.	Original Title	Revised Unit Number and Title
3	Issues and Challenges	3. Changing Role of the State : Issues and Challenges
12	Approaches to State and Administration	11. Changing Nature of the Indian State
14	Relationship between Bureaucracy and Administration	13. Contemporary Contexts of Indian Bureaucracy
17	Challenges before Bureaucratic Paradigm	15. Challenges to Traditional Bureaucratic Paradigm
20	Role of Non-Bureaucratic Actors	18. Role of Governmental Institutions


36.13(5).2 The Board was further informed that, as suggested by the Experts, the Faculty has proposed deletion of the following two Units from the initial Course Structure as these are repetitive (Annexure- 16).

Original Unit No.	Title of the Unit
4	Changing Role of the State
15	Role of Alternative Forms of Agencies in Administration

36.13(5).3 The Board considered and approved the revised Course Structure containing 21 Units now, as mentioned below, instead of 23 Units earlier (Annexure- 16):

Revised Unit No.	Title of the Unit
1	Nature of State
2.	Relationship among State, Society and Public Administration
3	Changing Role of the State : Issues and Challenges
4	Liberal and Marxist Perspectives of State
5	Neo- Liberal Perspective
6	Gandhian Perspective
7	Interface between Citizens and Administration
8	Democratic Peoples' Struggles: Case Studies
9	Changing Norms of Social Equity, Participation, Flexibility and Autonomy
10	Social Participation: Issues of Gender, Weaker Sections and Environment
11	Changing Nature of the Indian State
12	Role of Bureaucracy in Policy Formulation, Implementation and Analysis
13	Contemporary Context of Indian Bureaucracy
14	Impact of Globalisation on Administration
15	Challenges to Traditional Bureaucratic Paradigm
16	Emerging Concepts: New Public Management, Reinventing Government and Business Process Reengineering
17	Concept of Good Governance
18	Role of Governmental Institutions
19	Growing Role of Civil Society Organisations
20	Redefinition of Conflict Resolution
21	Ethical Concerns in Public Administration

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


 (Pardeep Sahni)
 Director (SOSS)