

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Social Sciences

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**MINUTES OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2007**

The 41st Meeting of the School Board of the School of Social Sciences was held on September 21, 2007 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, School of Social Sciences, Tagore Bhawan, New Academic Building, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Uma Kanjilal (In Chair)
2. Prof. Y. Vaikunthum
3. Prof. J.K. Sarkhel
4. Prof. C.V. Raghavulu
5. Dr. Kiron Bansal
6. Dr. Gurchain Singh
7. Prof. Pandav Nayak
8. Prof. Pardeep Sahni
9. Prof. G. Pradhan
10. Prof. Ravindra Kumar
11. Prof. A.S. Narang
12. Prof. A.R. Khan
13. Prof. D. Gopal
14. Prof. Debal K. Singharoy
15. Prof. Anjila Gupta
16. Prof. E. Vayunandan
17. Prof. Narayan Prasad
18. Prof. Abha Singh
19. Prof. Salil Mishra
20. Prof. Madhu Bala
21. Prof. Tribhuvan Kapur
22. Prof. Alka Dhameja
23. Prof. Uma Medury
24. Dr. Neeta Mathur
25. Dr. Dolly Mathew
26. Dr. Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay
27. Mr. R. Sevukan

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Avdhoot Nadkarni
2. Prof. Partha Nath Mukherjee
3. Prof. P.C. Basak
4. Prof. Kapil Kumar

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members of the School Board and placed on record the sincere appreciation for the contributions made by Prof. Pardeep Sahni, the outgoing Director of the School and the Chairperson of the School Board.

The Chairperson informed the members that seven faculty members of the School, namely, Dr. Narayan Prasad, Dr. Abha Singh, Dr. Salil Mishra, Dr. Madhu Bala, Dr. Tribhuvan Kapur, Dr. Alka Dhameja and Dr. Uma Medury have been promoted as Professors and welcomed them as members of the School Board. She also welcomed two new members, Dr. Dolly Mathew and Dr. Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay to the 41st Meeting of the School Board of SOSS.

The following items on the Agenda were deliberated:

- SB 41.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 40th meeting of the School Board of SOSS held on April 27, 2007**
- SB 41.1.1. The Chairperson informed the Board that the Minutes of the 40th meeting were circulated to all members. Since no comments have been received, it was proposed that the Minutes might be deemed to be confirmed, as circulated.
- SB 41.1.2 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 40th School Board Meeting, as circulated.
- SB 41.2 To consider and approve the list of Experts to be empanelled as Evaluators, Moderators and Paper Setters for MA (Economics)**
- SB 41.2.1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of the Evaluators, Moderators and Paper Setters for different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.
- SB 41.2.2 The Faculty of Economics has proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Evaluators, Moderators and Paper Setters for M.A. (Economics).
- SB 41.2.3 The Board considered and approved the names of the Evaluators, Moderators and Papers Setters for M.A. (Economics), as proposed by the

Faculty of Economics. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.

- SB 41.2.4 The Chairperson placed before the Board that at times SR&ED requests for more names of Moderators, Paper Setters and Evaluators on urgent basis. It is, therefore, proposed that the School Board may authorize the Director to draw the panel of Moderators, Paper Setters and Evaluators in consultation with the concerned faculties as and when required and submit the same for the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. The names approved by the Vice-Chancellor shall be placed before the School Board in its next meeting for information.
- SB 41.2.5 The proposal of the Chairperson, as mentioned in SB 41.2.4 was considered and approved.
- SB 41.3 To consider and approve the list of Experts to be empanelled as Evaluators, Moderators and Paper Setters for BDP (Economics)**
- SB 41.3.1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of the Evaluators, Moderators and Paper Setters for different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.
- SB 41.3.2 The Faculty of Economics has proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Evaluators, Moderators and Paper Setters for BDP (Economics).
- SB 41.3.3 The Board considered and approved the names of the Evaluators, Moderators and Papers Setters for BDP (Economics), as proposed by the Faculty of Economics. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.
- SB 41.4 To consider and approve proposal to add supplement to MEC-005 (Indian Economics Policy) in a booklet form to update the facts and figures of the Indian Economy**
- SB 41.4.1 The Chairperson placed before the Board the proposal of the Faculty of Economics to add supplement to MEC-005 Course "Indian Economic Policy", a compulsory course of M.A. (Economics) Programme.
- SB 41.4.2 The Chairperson informed the Board that MEC-005 Course was designed and developed in the year 2005 and has been on offer since 1st July 2005. The Course contains the information and data till the year 2003-04. Since 2004, a number of events and developments have taken place in the various sectors of Indian Economy besides various other policy measures having been initiated. The new data (2004-05), which have been released in April 2007 on employment and unemployment; poverty; social sector,

have been brought out by the 61st round of National Sample Survey Organisation. The Indian Economy has been emerging as one of the fast growing economies of the world and is being compared with the trends of China.

SB 41.4.3 The Chairperson further informed that, since revision of this course will be due in the year 2010, the existing course material for M.A. level students need to be updated immediately so that the students are apprised of the current issues, events and developments of the Indian Economy.

SB 41.4.4 The Board considered and approved the proposal of the Faculty of Economics and recommended that extra copies should be printed for distribution to old students as well. It was further suggested that measures should be taken up to ensure that for evaluation purposes old students are not penalized for providing old data. It was further recommended that the Faculty should ensure updating the data in time so that the material dispatch is not delayed.

SB 41.5 **To inform and ratify the two proposals, approved by the Research Council's Standing Committee of 18th May, 2007, from (i) Institute of Human Development (ii) Institute of Economics Growth for launching M.Phil/Ph.D Programme under joint collaboration with IGNOU.**

SB 41.5.1 The Chairperson informed that the Research Council's Standing Committee, held on 18th May, 2007, approved two proposals from (i) Institute of Human Development; and (ii) Institute of Economics Growth for launching M.Phil/Ph.D Programme under joint collaboration with IGNOU.

SB 41.5.2 The Item was placed before the Board for its information and ratification.

SB 41.5.3 The Board deliberated upon the item at length. The Board felt that a common framework needs to be evolved for such joint collaborations. It was proposed that a Sub-Committee be constituted for:

- developing a common framework;
- vetting of the proposals to ensure that these are in tune with the Research Ordinance; and
- suggesting amendments in MoUs/MoCs, in case of any discrepancies.

The following members were nominated in the Sub-Committee:

1. Prof. Uma Kanjilal (Chairperson)
2. Prof. C.V. Raghavulu
3. Prof. Pardeep Sahni
4. Prof. Ravindra Kumar
5. Prof. A.S. Narang
6. Prof. Debal K. Singha Roy
7. Prof. Narayan Prasad

- SB 41.6 To consider and approve the Phase-I form of M.Phil/Ph.D Programme of Economics**
- SB 41.6.1** The Chairperson informed that the Faculty of Economics has finalized the structure of M.Phil/Ph.D programme in consultation with Institute of Human Development which has been recognized as IGNOU's affiliated Institute for the purpose of offering M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme, and placed before the Board the Phase-I form, submitted by the Faculty, for its consideration. She further informed the members that the proposal from the Economics Faculty regarding Programme structure was deferred in the 40th School Board Meeting as it was decided that the Research Coordinators from all Disciplines in SOSS will work out a common framework for the course structure for M.Phil/Ph.D.
- SB 41.6.2** The Board suggested that as decided in the 40th School Board Meeting, a common framework for course-works for M.Phil/Ph.D Programme should be decided by the Research Coordinators of different Disciplines of the School. The said framework may be circulated to seek the approval of the School Board to avoid any further time lapse.
- SB 41.7 To consider and approve the proposals of faculty of Political Science, for the revision of BDP course in Political Science "Government and Politics in India (EPS-12)" and Phase Zero form for developing and designing new elective course "Contemporary Democratic Theories (MPSE-17)"**
- SB 41.7.1** The Chairperson informed the Board that the Faculty of Political Science in its meeting held on March 1, 2007, decided to revise the BDP Course in Political Science, "Government and Politics in India (EPS-12)".
- SB 41.7.2** The Chairperson further informed the Board that the course has been on offer to the students since January 2003 and is running in its fifth year now. The Board was informed that the revision of the course was also necessary in the light of the decision of the 83rd meeting of Board of Management vide VC's letter No. IG/PFU/Course Revision/2007/474 dated 27th July 2007.
- SB 41.7.3** The Board considered and approved the proposal.
- SB 41.7.4** The Chairperson also informed the Board that the Faculty of Political Science has submitted a Phase Zero Form for developing and designing a new elective course "Contemporary Democratic Theories (MPSE-17) for M.A., Political Science.
- SB 41.7.5** The Board considered and approved the proposal.

- SB 41.8 To consider and approve the name of Prof. Ghanshyam Shah, as an outside expert for the content review for the revision of the Course EPS-12 (Government and Politics in India).**
- SB 41.8.1** The Board was informed that the Faculty of Political Science has proposed the name of Prof. Ghanshyam Shah, Former Professor, Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, as an outside expert for the content review for the revision of EPS-12.
- SB 41.8.2** The Board considered and approved the name of Prof. Ghanshyam Shah as an outside expert for the content review.
- SB 41.9 To consider and approve the Ph.D Proposal of Mr. Birbal of History Discipline on "Electoral Politics in South-East Punjab"**
- SB 41.9.1** The Board considered and approved the Ph.D. Proposal of Mr. Birbal of History Discipline.
- SB 41.9.2** While approving the proposal, the Board recommended that the same be forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action.
- SB 41.10 To consider the Progress Report of Ph.D student of Political Science Mr. Mehar Singh for the period from Jan., 2007 to June, 2007.**
- SB 41.10.1** The School Board considered the Progress Report of Mr. Mehar Singh, Ph.D Scholar in Political Science for the period Jan-June, 2007.
- SB 41.10.2** While approving the Report, the Board recommended that the same be forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action.
- SB 41.11 To inform the School Board about the approved list of Veters for MA (Public Administration) Course MPA-011 (State, Society and Administration)**
- SB 41.11.1** The Chairperson informed the Board that the Faculty of Public Administration, vide its note No. F.No. IG/SOSS/2007/3549, dated 28th June, 2007, submitted to the Vice-Chancellor the names of faculty members of IGNOU as Veters for MA (Public Administration) course, namely, "State, Society and Administration (MPA-011)".
- SB 41.11.2** It was informed that the names of Veters, as proposed by the Faculty, were approved by the Vice-Chancellor on 28th June, 2007.
- SB 41.11.3** The Chairperson placed the item before the School Board for its consideration.

SB 41.11.4 This item was withdrawn as it was felt that the approval of the names of setters and translators shall be taken from the Vice-Chancellor as and when required and the same is not required to be placed in the School Board.

SB 41.12 To inform the School Board about the approved name of the Course Writer for MA, Sociology (MSOE-001)

SB 41.12.1 The Chairperson informed the Board that after the refusal by the outside expert, the faculty of Sociology submitted a proposal to the Vice-Chancellor, recommending the name of Prof. Manjulika Srivastava to write a unit for MSOE-001.

SB 41.12.2 The Board was informed that the proposal was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on 29th July, 2007

SB 41.13 To consider and approve the Minutes of Sub-Committee of the School Board on Research Programme

SB 41.13.1 The Chairperson informed the Board that a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the School Board to screen applications for Ph.D. in SOSS was held on 12th September, 2007, and placed before the Board the Minutes of the Meeting.

SB 41.3.2 The Board noted down the minutes and approved the same.

SB 41.14 To consider the Progress Report of Ph.D student of Public Administration Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti for the period July 2005 to Dec. 2005, Jan. 2006 to June 2006, July 2006 to Dec. 2006 and Jan. 2007 to June 2007 and extension of registration period

SB 41.14.1 The School Board considered the Progress Reports of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti, Ph.D Scholar in Public Administration for the period July 2005 to Dec. 2005, Jan. 2006 to June 2006, July 2006 to Dec. 2006 and Jan. 2007 to June 2007; and his request for extension of registration period.

SB 41.14.2 The Board considered and approved the Progress Reports of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti as well as his request for extension of registration period and recommended that the same be forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action.

SB 41.15 To inform the School Board about the approved list of Paper Setters for MA (Economics) second year courses

SB 41.15.1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of Paper Setters for

different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.

SB 41.15.2 The Chairperson informed the members that the Faculty of Economics had proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Paper Setters for MA (Economics) second year course.

SB 41.15.3 Due to urgency, the list was circulated to all School Board members for their approval. On receiving the approval from almost all the members, the same was submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for his consideration and approval. The Chairperson thanked all the School Board members for their cooperation.

SB 41.16 To inform the School Board about the approved list of Evaluators for MSO and BDP Programmes

SB 41.16.1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of Evaluators for different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.

SB 41.16.2 The Chairperson informed the members that the Faculty of Sociology has proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Evaluators for MSO and BDP Programmes.

SB 41.16.3 Due to urgency, the list was circulated to all School Board members for their approval. On receiving the approval from almost all the members, the same was submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for his consideration and approval. The Chairperson thanked all the School Board members for their cooperation.

TABLED ITEMS

SB 41.17 (1) To consider and approve the proposal for holding Expert Committee Meeting for the revision and updation of the Elective Courses in Political Science for the Bachelor's Degree Programme (EPS-07 and EPS-08)

SB 41.17 (1).1 The Chairperson informed the Board that the Faculty of Political Science has proposed to hold the Expert Committee Meeting to revise and update the following Elective Courses in Political Science for the Bachelor's Degree Programme:

1. International Relations (EPS-07)
2. Government and Politics in Australia (EPS-08)

SB 41.17 (1).2 The Board accorded the approval for the same.

41.17 (2) To consider and approve the additional list of Moderators, Paper Setters and Evaluators for the Bachelor's Degree Programme and M.A. (Political Science).

41.17 (2).1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of the Moderators, Paper Setters and Evaluators for different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.

B 41.17 (2).2 The Faculty of Political Science has proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Moderators, Paper Setters and Evaluators, for M.A. (Political Science).

SB 41.17 (2).3 The Board considered and approved the names of the Moderators, Papers Setters and Evaluators for M.A. (Political Science), as proposed by the Faculty of Political Science. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.

SB 41.17 (3) To consider the Progress Report of Ms. Taruna Joshi, Ph.D student of Library & Information Science, for the period from January 2007 to June 2007

SB 41.17 (3).1 The School Board considered the Progress Report of Ms. Taruna Joshi, Ph.D Scholar in Library & Information Science, for the period Jan. 2007 to June 2007.

SB 41.17 (3).2 While approving the report, the Board recommended that the same be forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action.

SB 41.17 (4) To consider and approve the list of Evaluators for TEE, Assignments Evaluation and Projects for Tourism and Hotel Administration Programmes

SB 41.17 (4).1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of the Evaluators for different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.

SB 41.17 (4).2 The concerned Programme Coordinator has proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Evaluators for TEE, Assignments Evaluation and Projects for Tourism and Hotel Administration Programmes.

SB 41.17 (4).3 The Board considered and approved the names of the Evaluators, as proposed by the Programme Coordinator. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.

SB 41.17 (5) To consider and approve the Course TS-7 (Human Resource Management) offered as an optional elective in third year of Bachelor in Tourism Studies Programme in English medium.

SB 41.17 (5).1 The Item was considered and approved.

SB 41.17 (6) To inform about creation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair on Social Change and Development in School of Social Sciences

SB 41.17 (6).1 The Chairperson informed the members that the Board of Management at its 91st Meeting held on 2nd July, 2007 had considered and approved the proposal for creation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair on Social Change and Development, initiated by the School of Social Sciences.

SB 41.17 (6).2 The Board appreciated the initiative and welcomed the idea of instituting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair on Social Change and Development in the School of Social Sciences.

SB 41.17 (6).3 The Board made the following suggestions:

- The Chair should be placed in the School. A Committee should be constituted to evolve broad guidelines for operational aspects and term of reference.
- Thrust areas for research should be identified.
- The Chair should focus on multi-disciplinary areas contributing towards social development.
- Eminent scholars working in this area should be invited for the Chair.

SB 41.17 (7) To consider and approve the list of Paper Setters and Evaluators for BLIS and MLIS

SB 41.17 (7).1 As per Clause (IV), 10A of the IGNOU Act, the School Board is to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the names of the Paper Setters and Evaluators for different courses on the proposal of the Director of the School prepared in consultation with the Professors of the Disciplines assigned to the School.

SB 41.17 (7).2 The Faculty of Library & Information Science has proposed the names of Experts to be empanelled as Paper Setters and Evaluators for BLIS and MLIS.

SB 41.17 (7).3 The Board considered and approved the names of Paper Setters and Evaluators for BLIS and MLIS, as proposed by the Faculty of Library & Information Science. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.

SB 41.17 (8) **To consider the Progress Report of Mr. Vijay Kumar, Ph.D student of Library & Information Science, for the period June 2006 to June 2007 and extension of registration period.**

SB 41.17 (8).1 The School Board considered the Progress Report of Mr. Vijay Kumar, Ph.D Scholar in Library & Information Science, for the period June 2006 to June 2007; and his request for extension of registration period.

SB 41.17 (8).2 The Board considered and approved the Progress Report of Mr. Vijay Kumar as well as his request for extension of registration period and recommended that the same be forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action.

SB 41.17 (9) **Reconstitution of the Sub-Committee for Screening of Ph.D. applications**


SB 41.17 (9).1 The Chairperson informed the members that the Sub-Committee for Screening of Ph.D. applications needs to be reconstituted as its term has expired.

SB 41.17 (9).2 The following members were nominated in the Sub-Committee for Screening of Ph.D. applications:

1. Prof. Uma Kanjilal
2. Prof. Pandav Nayak
3. Prof. A.R. Khan
4. Prof. E. Vayunandan
5. Prof. T. Kapur
6. Prof. Madhu Bala

(Chairperson)

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


(Uma Kanjilal)