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held on

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON APRIL 9, 2008 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-68.

The following were present:

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| 1. | Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 6. | Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian | - | Member |
| 7. | Prof. A.Joseph Dorairaj | - | Member |
| 8. | Prof. M.Aslam, Director, NCIDE | - | Member |
| 9. | Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, SOSS | - | Member |
| 10. | Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, ACD | - | Convenor |

Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata and Dr. D.K.Choudhry, Pro Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He informed the Standing Committee that consequent upon taking over the additional charge of Director, Academic Coordination Division, Prof. N.V.Narasimham is now the Convenor of the Research Council's Standing Committee and welcomed him. The Research Council's Standing Committee appreciated the efforts and taken on record the contributions made by Prof. B.S.Saraswat, outgoing Director, ACD as its Convenor. The Chairman then requested the Convenor to present the items on agenda of the meeting.

The following agenda items were taken up:

ITEM NO.1 To note the action taken report on the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee (RCSC) held on 30th November, 2007.

RCSC 4.1.1 It was presented that the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the RCSC held on November 30, 2007 were circulated to the members and no comments were received. The Minutes have already been approved by the Research Council at its 10th Meeting held on 31.12.2007.

The action taken reports on the Minutes is placed at Annexure-1 to the agenda.

One of the members sought clarification about the role and functions of Doctoral Committee, whether the decisions of the Doctoral Committee shall be approved by the School Board or directly submitted to the RCSC. It was informed by the Member-Secretary that the faculty in several Schools had sought clarifications on the same issues and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor had already decided to constitute a committee to examine all these issues and lay down the functions and procedures of the Doctoral Committee.

RCSC 4.1.2 The RCSC noted the action taken report on the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the RCSC held on November 30, 2007, and approved the same.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the list of candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programme in Management.

RCSC 4.2.1 It was presented that the Management Discipline received 166 applications for admission in Ph.D. Programme in Management. These applications were evaluated by the faculty of the concerned areas of specialization and subsequently by a committee of the faculty. Finally, five candidates were shortlisted by the committee. The recommendations of the Committee were approved by the School Board of SOMS in its 21st Meeting held on February 12, 2008.

RCSC 4.2.2 Prof. B.B.Khanna, clarified that the eligibility criteria adopted by the School was in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programme. It was further stated that, after approval by RCSC, these five candidates would be invited for open presentation and discussion of their research proposals.

It was pointed out by members that candidate at Sl. No. 4, Mr. Krishna Murari proposed an external joint guide, but the faculty did not recommend the same. It was clarified that the faculty examined the C.V. of the proposed joint guide and did not consider him as an external joint guide. However, the selected candidates have the option to propose the external joint guide at a later stage also. It was further pointed out that the candidates at Sl. Nos. 3, (Mr. K. Shankar) and 5, (Mr. Ramdas K.) were assigned external joint guides, but the acceptance letters from the proposed joint guides were not enclosed. RCSC opined that the faculty should obtain the acceptance letters from the proposed joint guides, if such letters were not already submitted by the candidates.

The RCSC also opined that there is a need to modify the application form to include columns to provide the particulars of the joint guide and his/her acceptance to be the joint guide.

RCSC 4.2.3 After a detailed discussion, the RCSC approved the list of five candidates for admission to the Ph.D. in Management (**Annexure-1**) subject to the condition that the consent of the proposed joint guides be obtained.

ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the external guide for Mr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan, a student of Ph.D. in Commerce.

RCSC 4.3.1 It was presented that Mr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan registered for Ph.D. in Commerce for July 2007 session. The candidate proposed Dr. S. David Amritha Rajan, Dean, College Development Council, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai as external Joint Guide, which is permissible as per the University rules. The same was approved by the School Board of School of Management Studies at its 21st Meeting held on February 12, 2008.

RCSC 4.3.2 The RCSC approved the proposal of Mr. S.C.B.Samule Anbu Selvan, a student registered for Ph.D. in Commerce that Dr. S. David Amritha Rajan would be his external guide subject to the condition that the consent of Dr. S. David Amritha Rajan, be obtained, if not submitted by the candidate already.

ITEM NO. 4 To consider and approve the proposal for admission of 4 candidates in Ph.D. Programme in Commerce.

RCSC 4.4.1 It was presented that the School received total 25 applications for admission in Ph.D. Programme in Commerce. All the applications were scrutinized and the research proposals were evaluated by the Commerce faculty, and a list of 4 candidates was finalized. The same was approved by the School Board of the School of Management Studies at its 21st Meeting held on February 12, 2008.

RCSC 4.4.2 Prof. N.V.Narasimham clarified that open presentation and discussion of the research proposals would be organized as decided by the School Board and the modified proposals, if any, would be to the RCSC for approval.

RCSC 4.4.3 The RCSC approved the proposed list of 4 candidates for admission to Ph.D. Programme in Commerce (**Annexure-2**). However, the formal acceptance from the external joint guide proposed by the candidate at Sl. No. 3, Ms. Shanthi Merlin be obtained.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider and approve the Names of Research Supervisors for the “Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension”.

RCSC 4.5.1 It was presented that the School of Agriculture is developing a course work based Ph.D. Programme in Agriculture Extension. The Research Council's Standing Committee approved the programme in its 3rd Meeting held on 30th November, 2007.

The writing of the course material is almost completed and editing is in progress. In the meantime, the School of Agriculture had invited detailed Curriculum Vitae from experts in the field and who are guiding/guided the Ph.D. scholars in Agriculture Extension at their respective institutes/universities. The School received bio-data from 8 outside experts. The School Board of School of Agriculture at its 8th Meeting held on 7th March, 2008 approved the list of all the 8 experts to act as external guides for Ph.D. Programme in Agriculture Extension.

RCSC 4.5.2 The RCSC approved the list of 8 experts to act as External Research Supervisors for Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. The Director, SOA shall obtain the acceptance of the experts, if it was not already obtained.

ITEM NO. 6 To consider and approve the name of Dr. Deepika, Lecturer (Sr. Scale) in Mathematics as Research Supervisor of the University.

RCSC 4.6.1 It was presented that the School Board of School of Sciences at its 36th Meeting held on 23.11.2007, approved the name of Dr. Deepika, Lecturer (Sr.Scale) in Mathematics as a Research Supervisor in Mathematics on fulfilling the requirement of a Ph.D. degree and with at least five years post-doctoral research and/or teaching experience as per Clause 4.3 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes of the University.

RCSC 4.6.3 The RCSC approved Dr. Deepika, Lecturer (Sr. Scale) in Mathematics as a Research Supervisor in Mathematics.

ITEM NO. 7 To consider and approve the Progress Reports of the Ph.D. students of different disciplines pertaining to the School of Social Sciences.

RCSC 4.7.1 It was presented that the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 42nd Meeting held on 19th March, .2008 recommended the Progress Reports of the following three candidates for consideration of approval by Research Council's Standing Committee:

S.No.	Name of the Student & Enrollment No.	Discipline	Progress Report for the period.
1.	Mr. Ramesh Gandotra Enrol. No. 072676175	Public Administration	January – June, 2007 and July – December, 2007
2.	Mr. Mehar Singh Enrol. No. 072676168	Political Science	July – December, 2007
3.	Mr. S.Shyam Sunder Rao Enrol. No.072676215	Library and Inf. Science	January – June-2007 and July – December, 2007

RCSC 4.7.2 It was observed that the progress reports of the student at Sl. No.1 (Mr. Ramesh Gandotra) are not in the prescribed proforma. Hence approval of the progress reports of this candidate was deferred by RCSC and the school was advised to obtain the same again in the prescribed proforma. The progress reports of the students at Sl. No. 2 (Mr. Mehar Singh) and Sl. No. 3 (Mr. S.Shyam Sunder Rao) have been approved by the RCSC.

It is decided to inform all Directors of the Schools to ensure that the progress reports of the students are submitted in the prescribed proforma.

ITEM NO. 8**To consider and approve the Research Proposals for admission to Ph.D. in Sociology.**

RCSC 4.8.1

It was presented that, on the recommendations of the Screening Committee for Sociology Discipline, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 42nd Meeting held on 19th March, 2008 approved the Research Proposals of the following four candidates for admission in Ph.D. in Sociology:

Sl.No.	Name of the candidate	Eligibility	Title	Name of the Supervisor/ Guide
1.	Ms. Laltan Puli Rokhum	M.A. with 7 years experience as Lecturer.	Change and Continuity in Mizo Family: A Sociological Study	Dr. R.Vashum
2.	Ms. Shalini Luthra	M.Phil.	A study on Socio-Economic Life of Domestic Child Labour in Cosmopolitan City of Delhi	Dr. R.Vashum
3.	Mr. Hari P. Padatte	M.Phil.	Role of Public Libraries in Rural Development: A Study Conducted in the Erstwhile Malabar Region of Kerala State	Dr. Archna Singh
4.	Ms. U.N.Nina Rani	M.Phil.	Education a Means to Improve the Status of Economically and Socially Deprived Women in Bangalore	Dr. Archna Singh

RCSC 4.8.2

During the discussion, members suggested that a research methodology course may be prescribed for the candidates who are seeking admission for Ph.D. without M.Phil. qualification.

RCSC 4.8.3

The RCSC considered and approved the research proposals of all the four candidates for admission in Ph.D. in Sociology.

It was further decided that both internal and external supervisors may be suggested to ensure that the Ph.D. students have necessary exposure in research methodology; wherever a student is found lacking in research methodology, they may suggest appropriate readings to bring them up-to-the required level of exposure in Research Methodology.

ITEM NO. 9**To consider and approve the Research Proposal of Mrs. Moumita**

Bagchi for admission in Ph.D. in Economics.

RCSC 4.9.1 It was presented that, on the recommendation of the Screening Committee for Economics discipline, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 42nd Meeting held on 19th March, 2008 considered and approved the Research Proposal of Mrs. Moumita Bagchi for admission in Ph.D. in Economics.

RCSC 4.9.2 After scrutiny of the application, the RCSC observed that the candidate is not fulfilling the eligibility condition of M.Phil. or 5 years work experience. Therefore, the item was deferred and it was suggested that the School Board of SOSS may re-examine the application.

ITEM NO. 10 To consider and approve the Research Proposals for admission in Ph.D. Programme in History.

RCSC 4.10.1 It was presented that, on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee of the History discipline, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 42nd Meeting held on 19.3.2008 considered the Research Proposals of the following seven applicants for admission in Ph.D. in History:

Sl.No.	Name of the candidate	Eligibility	Title	Name of the Supervisor/ Guide
1	Sh. P.Kannappan	M.Phil.	History and prospect of juvenile delinquency in the Union Territory of Puducherry.	Prof. Kapil Kumar
2	Sh. Syed Damsax Ali	M.Phil.	Role of Qadira Sufi order in the propagation of Islam in Kashmir Valley.	Prof. A.R.Khan
3	Sh. Ashfaq Ahmad Jagirdar	M.Phil.	Foreign Policy of Sultan Ibrahim Adil Shah II: (AD 1580-1627) A Documentary Analysis	Prof. A.R.Khan
4	Sh. R. Sathis Kumar	M.Phil.	Economic Development in Coimbatore District During 1937-57-A Historical Study	Dr. S.B.Upadhaya
5	Sh. Apam Muivah	M.Phil.	Indigenous peoples and human rights: perspective on Naga People's Movement	Dr. S.B.Upadhaya
6	Ms. Shamima Akhtar	MTA with 5 years experience.	Mediatization of Tourism Destinations and its impact on Destination Choice	Prof. Kapil Kumar and Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Darzi
7	Sh. Sanjay Kumar	M.Phil.	The Development of Shaivism as reflected in the early iconography – A Regional study of M.P. and Chhitisgarh-8 th to 12 th century A.D.	Dr. Sangeeta Pandey

RCSC 4.10.2 The RCSC observed that the applicant at Sl. No. 6 (Ms. Shamina

Akhtar) pertains to the discipline of Tourism Studies which comes under the new School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Sectoral Management. The RCSC suggested that the candidate may be registered in SOSS, and may be allotted to the new School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Sectoral Management as and when the Ph.D. programme is offered by the new school. Further, it was observed that the applicant proposed Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Darzi as external joint guide, but did not enclose either the acceptance letter or the Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Darzi.

RCSC 4.10.3 The research proposal of Ms. Shamima Akhtar was approved subject to the condition that the C.V. and acceptance letter of the proposed external joint guide be obtained.

The RCSC approved the research proposals of all the remaining six applicants for admission in Ph.D. in History.

ITEM NO. 11 To consider and approve the Research Proposal of Mr. Jnanendra Narayan Singh for admission in Ph.D. in Library & Information Sciences.

RCSC 4.11.1 It was presented that, on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee for Library & Information Sciences discipline, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 42nd Meeting held on 19th March, 2008 considered and approved the Research Proposal of Mr. Jnanendra Narayan Singh for admission in Ph.D. in Library & Information Science.

RCSC 4.11.2 The RCSC approved the research proposal of Mr. Jnanendra Narayan for admission in Ph.D. in Library & Information Sciences.

ITEM NO. 12 To consider and approve the Research Proposal of Mr. B. Govindaraja for admission in Ph.D. in Political Science.

RCSC 4.12.1 It was presented that, on the recommendations of the Faculty of Political Science, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 42nd Meeting held on 19th March, 2008 considered and approved the Research Proposal of Mr. B. Govindaraja for admission in Ph.D. in Political Science.

RCSC 4.12.2 The RCSC approved Mr. B. Govindaraja for admission in Ph.D. in Political Science.

ITEM NO. 13 To consider and approve the request of Ms. Taruna Joshi, a

student of Library Science for the extension of date for submission of Second Progress report of Ph.D.

- RCSC 4.13.1 It was presented that Ms. Taruna Joshi was admitted in Ph.D. in Library & Information Science under the supervision of Dr. Jaideep Sharma vide enrollment number 072676208 in January, 2007. She submitted her first progress report (January, 2007 to June, 2007) in July, 2007. Ms. Taruna Joshi vide her letter dated 15.1.2007 informed that due to illness she could not submit her second progress report in time and requested for extension of time for submission of the same up to July, 2008. The request of the candidate was approved by the School Board of SOSS at its 42nd Meeting held on March 19, 2008.
- RCSC 4.13.2 The RCSC considered and approved the request of Ms. Taruna Joshi, a Ph.D. student of Library and Information Science for the extension of time for submission of Second Progress report of Ph.D. up to July, 2008.

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman