

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES HELD ON 32.12.93
AT 11 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, IGNOU,
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Pandav Nayak
2. Prof. Rakesh Khurana
3. Prof. R K Grover
4. Prof. Devesh Kishore
5. Prof. K L Krishna
6. Prof. Kapil Kumar
7. Prof. S K Singh
8. Dr. Shobhita Jain
9. Dr. Pardeep Sahni

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Mohit Bhattacharya
2. Prof. M A Gopinath
3. Prof. S M Dubey
4. Dr. J M Parekh
5. Ms. Uma Kanjilal
6. Prof. Bipin Chandra

SOSS 8.1.1 At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the 8th meeting of the Board especially the new members present and in absentia.

The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of contributions services rendered by all the outgoing members whose term has expired.

SOSS.8.2.1 Minutes of the Seventh meeting of the School Board were confirmed subject to the following modifications suggested and approved by the members.

A. Ref. SOSS 7.5.1

(i) Statute 9(a) to be deleted and replaced by Statute 9(A).

(ii) The School Board noted with thanks, the interest shown and efforts made by the Disciplines of Economics, History, Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology to plan and develop post-graduate level programmes.

B. Ref. SOSS 7.8.3 (2nd para)

The Board unanimously decided to delete from record the verbal dissent of Prof. S M Dubey.

S 8.3.1 The following two general points were made:

(i) Internal notes of correspondence of the School should not form part of the agenda for the School Board.

(ii) The word 'Discipline' should be used in place of 'Faculty'.

The Board approved in principle the practice of holding workshops preparatory to finalization of Courses/Programmes to be launched (Ref. SOSS 8.3.1).

It was further pointed out that only the recommendation of the Expert Committee set up for the purpose (ordinarily after the Workshop) should come to the School Board in future.

SOSS 8.3.2 The Board approved the suggested modification in the title of the Unit 24 in ESO-06 from the existing "Land: Access, Control and Management of Land Resources".

It was however observed that change of titles of Course Units or Audio/Video programmes are matters of details and therefore should not come to the Board.

SOSS 8.3.3 The Board has directed that the guideline in vogue of producing 1 Video and 2 Audio programmes per course may strictly be followed.

The titles of the Audio/Video Programmes should be specific (rather than generic), whereas in those cases where it is felt that the title of a programme (Audio/Video) needs to be taken up to the Board for a decision, it should be reported with a brief outline on the topic.

It was desired that information relating to the Audio/Video productions from the School be shared with the Communication Division to enable their members to take advance steps.

SOSS 8.4.4 With regard to proposals from History (Ref. SOSS 8.4.1), Public Administration (Ref. SOSS 8.5.1), Political Science (Ref. SOSS 8.6.1), following observations were made:

(i) Programmes suggested need to be presented in more elaborate form with specific indication as to their status namely Certificate, Diploma, P.G. Diploma or Under-graduate Diploma. The strategy of development of such programmes may also be clearly elaborated indicating the principles, the composition, collaboration, (if any) and delivery aspects. Arguments for prioritization of the academic need and the proposals for resource tapping including sponsorship of the course packages (if any) should be reflected. Such proposals have to pass through a certain stage-by-stage procedure. After due discussions, the Board felt that it would be desirable to have the same in the following order.

Planning, Development, Approval and Launching.

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


(CHAIRMAN)