

Minutes of the 29th School Board Meeting of SOCIS

Draft minutes of proceedings of the 29th meeting of SOCIS held on 20.6.2009.

The 29th meeting of School Board of SOCIS was held on June 20, 2009. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Manohar Lal, Director SOCIS	Chairman
2. Prof. M. Aslam, Director, NCIDE, IGNOU	Member
3. Prof. Om Vikas, Ex-Director, IITM, Gwalior	Member
4. Prof. Chandan Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala	Member
5. Dr. Rajeev Katyal, Microsoft	Special Invitee
6. Sh. Shashi Bhushan, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
7. Sh. Akshay Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
8. Sh. P.V. Suresh, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
9. Sh. V.V. Subrahmanyam, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
10. Dr. Naveen Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
11. Sh. M.P. Mishra, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member

Prof. B.S. Hansra, Prof. S.K.D. Rao, Prof. Kamal Yadav, Prof. S. Arun Kumar, Mr. Karan Bajwa and Sh. V.V Subrahmanyam could not attend the meeting.

At the outset the chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. The chairman, then, briefly mentioned about the academic activities of the School and also about various academic contributions of the members of the faculty of the School.

Item No.29.1 Confirmation of the minutes of 28th School Board meeting held on December 30, 2008.

The minutes were circulated and as no comments were received, the minutes are approved.

Item No.29.2 To consider the registration to Ph.D program of Ms. Sangeeta Kakoty

The Chairman explained to the members that Ms. Sangeeta Kakoty, whose application for registration to Ph.D. programme is under consideration, is a fellow under RTA scheme of IGNOU for NE region since Dec. 2008. He also explained that as she intends to do her Ph. D in the area of Expert Systems and since Prof. Lal is the only person in SOCIS who is having expertise in that area, the proposal was examined by him and he found it satisfactory. The members requested for the research proposal and it was circulated. After examining the proposal, the members also felt that the proposal was satisfactory. The members pointed out that the above mentioned item should have been approved by DRC before its being placed before the School Board. The Chairman informed the members that

the DRC is proposed to be constituted in this meeting itself. The DRC is being constituted for the first time in SOCIS, in view of the facts that the Ph. D programme in SOCIS has been launched only since Jan 2009, and the case of Ms. Kakoty for registration to Ph. D programme is the first one, besides that of the RTAs of SOCIS, for whom Doctoral Committee was not required as each of them does not have an M. Phil degree.

The members advised that, once the DRC is constituted, the candidate should make a presentation before the DRC. All the members present decided to recommend the registration of Ms. Sangeeta Kakoty to PhD program subject to its approval by DRC. They also authorized the Chairman to directly place the item in the Research Council, if approved, in DRC. They also, advised him to report the decision of DRC to the School Board during its next meeting.

Item No. 29.3 Constitution of Doctoral Research Committee for Registration to Ph. D Programme.

The members recommended the following names as members of Doctoral Committee of SOCIS, for approval of the competent authority:

1. Prof. S. Arun Kumar, DCS&E, IIT Delhi
2. Prof. K. Mustafa, Deptt. Of Computer Science, Jamia Millia Islamia
3. Dr. S.K. Muttoo, University of Delhi, Delhi
4. Prof. C.P. Katti, School of Computer and System Sciences, JNU

It was also decided that the Committee will be further expanded to include experts from all major areas of Computer Science.

Item No. 29.4 BCA-phase I form

Members appreciated the BCA Programme Structure designed by expert committee. Members felt that business communication skill being one of the very important component for serving in the field of IT and ITES and suggested to incorporate a course on Business Communication (2 credit) in VIth Semester of the proposed structure. This course may further help learners in getting a job in IT and ITES sectors.

Dr. Rajeev Katyal, Director Public Sector, Microsoft India agreed to send some contents for Business Communication course as per need of IT industry. The contents will be placed before the expert committee at the time of syllabus design for Business Communication course.

Members considered and approved BCA phase-1 form with a change i.e. of incorporating a course (Business Communication) of 2 credits in VIth semester of proposed BCA Programme structure. In view of the above mentioned change, the proposed BCA Programme will be of 98 credits.

Item No. 29.5 Approval of list of evaluators/paper setters for courses of various programmes of SOCIS.

A list of evaluators/paper-setters was presented for recommendation of the members for approval by the competent authority. The list, as such, was recommended by the members.

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