

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the School Board of School of Computer and Information Sciences IGNOU

The 33rd meeting of the School Board of School of Computer and Information Sciences was held at 2:30 p.m. on August 23, 2011 (Tuesday), in Conference Room, SOMS, Block 'C', New Academic Complex, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.

The following members of the School Board were present:

Prof. S.B. Arora, SOHS, IGNOU	Member
Dr. Gurchain Singh, SOCE, IGNOU	Member
Prof. Kamal Yadav, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
Sh Shashi Bhuvan, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
Sh Akshay Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
Sh. P.V. Suresh, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
Sh. V.V. Subrahmanyam, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
Dr. Naveen Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
Sh M P Mishra, SOCIS, IGNOU	Special Invitee
Prof Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS, IGNOU	Chairman

However, Dr. Manish Kumar Bhardwaj, being on leave from University, could not attend the meeting.

Item No. 33.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on May 25, 2011.

Discussion:

Director (SOCIS) informed the members that the minutes of 32nd meeting were duly circulated to its members and no comments were received on the minutes.

Decision:

Since no comments were received, the School Board approved the minutes of the 32nd meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on May 25, 2011.

Item No.33.2 Proposal for PG Certificate in Website Design, Development and Management (PGWDDM), in compliance with W3C standards and proposed by NIC. (Computer Division)

Discussion:

For this item, Dr. VSP Srivastav or his representative was requested to attend the meeting and explain the proposal to the members of the School Board.

Decision:

Ms. Madhvi Sharma, Sr. Software Engineer from Computer Division attended the meeting. Phase-I form, on the basis of approval by the PVS (KRS) for considering it as item in the School Board, was taken up. She explained the background for the proposal. The Phase-I form is approved by the School Board. However, the members observed that Computer Division should route the form through D (SOCIS) to PVS (KRS).

Item No. 33.3 Consideration of the Progress Reports of Ph.D students.

Discussion:

Prof. Manohar Lal told the members that the Progress Reports of various candidates registered to Ph.D., are required to be sent periodically every six months, by their respective supervisors. The School has received Progress Reports in respect of 5 Ph.D. students. These reports are placed before School Board for approval before being sent to Research Unit for further necessary action.

Decision:

The members approved the above-mentioned Progress Reports.

Item No.33.4 Re-employment of Prof. Manohar Lal.

Discussion: Prof. Manohar Lal excused himself from the meeting during the discussion of this item and Mr. Shashi Bhushan chaired the meeting. The members discussed the issue and decided as follows:

Decision: The School Board strongly recommends that Prof. Manohar Lal **be given re-employment in the University for the maximum period allowed under U.G.C. guidelines** for re-employment. The recommendation is being made after taking into consideration the U.G.C guidelines in respect of re-employment and the facts given below

■ **Indispensability of Prof. Manohar Lal for the School**

- Besides Prof. Manohar Lal, **the School does not have any other Professor. For the other post of Professor**, out of the two sanctioned posts of Professor in the School, **no application from an eligible candidate has been received during the last 3 years.** (Also, one post of Reader and one post of Lecturer are vacant for last 3 years)
- **For the Ph.D. students, he is currently guiding, there is no other faculty member who can guide these Ph.D. students in their respective research areas.**
- **Some advanced/ specialized courses including** Data Mining, Machine Learning, Rough Set Theory, Fuzzy Logic & Fuzzy Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Theory of Computation, **have been taught/ co-ordinated by only Prof. Manohar Lal since the initiation of these courses and no other faculty member specializes in these courses.**

■ **Academic record**

- He completed his Master's (with 72.5% marks) and Ph. D. in Mathematics from **Univ. of Delhi.**
- He completed M. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering from **IIT Kanpur (G.P.A. 8.9/ 10)**
- Pursued second **Ph. D.** in Computer Science and Engineering from **IIT, Delhi (G.P.A. 9.33/ 10).**
- During 1982-83, he visited North Carolina State University for Post-Doctoral work.

■ **Teaching experience**

- More than **42 years**, out of which 13 years in IGNOU as Professor and the remaining 29 years in conventional universities.

■ **Research experience**

- He has about **40 publications** in **journals of International Repute** and in Proceedings of International/National Conferences **in the areas** of Error-Correcting Codes, Artificial Intelligence, Biometric Cryptography and e-learning (list enclosed).
- **He is currently guiding eight Ph. D. students** registered with the School, out of which one has submitted Ph. D. thesis and other two may submit their Ph. D. theses by the end of the year 2011.

■ **Administrative experience**

- **He has been Director/Head/ Chairman of University School/ Department for more than 12 years**
- Has been member of BOM of IGNOU for Two times in 2003 and 2008-2010.
- Has been member of Finance Committee and Establishment Committee of IGNOU

■ **ODL experience**

- Delivered more than **200 lectures** through **EduSat/Gyan Darshan** educational channel
- Delivered/participated in more than **50 Interactive Radio Counselling (IRC)** lectures/sessions.
- Developed/wrote more than **25 Units of Course Material for advanced topics like** Artificial Intelligence (A. I.), Theory of Computation and Design Analysis of Algorithm. **The course material was highly appreciated by the editors who are Professors from IITs.**
- Edited contents of around **50 Units of Course Material.**

■ **The following recommendation of the School Council** (Faculty of the School), made in its meeting held on 18/8/2011 (*minutes of the meeting enclosed as Annexure*):

- Keeping the above in view the above mentioned contribution of Prof Manohar Lal and other facts stated above, the members of the School Council of SOCIS request the University authorities that Prof Manohar Lal may kindly be given re-employment in the University for the maximum period allowed as per above guidelines. His presence will be an asset to the School of Computer and Information sciences.

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