
MINUTES OF THE 37TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES IGNOU, HELD ON OCTOBER 30, 2012

The 37th meeting of the School Board of School of Computer and Information Sciences was held on October 30, 2012 (Tuesday) at 11:00 a.m., in the Conference Room, SOH, Block 'F', New Academic Complex, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.

The following members were present:

1. Sh. Shashi Bhushan, Director, SOCIS, IGNOU	Chairman
2. Prof. S.K.Basu, BHU, Varanasi	External Member
3. Dr. Deo Prakash Vidyarthi, Associate Professor, JNU	External Member
4. Prof. Sonajharia Minz, JNU	External Member
5. Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
6. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
7. Dr. S.K.Yadav, SAO, IGNOU	Member
8. Dr. Manoj Kulshreshtha, SOET, IGNOU	Member
9. Sh Akshay Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
10. Dr. P.V. Suresh, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
11. Sh V.V.Subrahmanyam, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
12. Sh. M P Mishra, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member

Special Invitees

1. Prof. Manohar Lal, SOCIS, IGNOU
2. Dr. Naveen Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU
3. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, SOCIS, IGNOU

Prof. S. Arun Kumar, IIT Delhi, & Prof. M.N. Doja, Jamia Millia Islamia University could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Director welcomed all the members specially the new internal members and thanked all of them for sparing their valuable time for making it convenient to attend the meeting.

Item No. 37.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 36th meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on April 20, 2012.

Decision: The minutes of the 36th meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on July 27, 2012 were duly circulated to its members. As no comments were received the minutes were confirmed and approved by the Board members.

Item No. 37.2 To consider and approve the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting of SOCIS held on September 25, 2012

Decision: The Doctoral Committee Meeting was held on September 25, 2012 at SOCIS. The minutes were approved by the School Board Meeting of SOCIS held on 30th October, 2012 to be placed in the Research Council Meeting to be held on 2nd November, 2012.

Item No.37.3 **To consider the approve the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meetings held on 25th, 26th & 29th October, 2012.**

Decision: The Special Doctoral Committee Meeting was held on October 25th, 26th & 29th, 2012. The minutes were approved by the School Board Meeting of SOCIS held on 30th October, 2012 to be placed in the Research Council Meeting to be held on 2nd November, 2012.

Item No. 37.4 **To Consider the Clarification regarding Mathematics course at 10 + 2 level in the eligibility criteria.**

In the past MCA programme eligibility requirement is ‘Any Graduate with 10+2, Maths as a distinct subject, otherwise the students were required to do CS-60 course. There were several requests that Business Maths at 10+2 level may be accepted as Maths course.

Decision: The matter was discussed in the School Board and it was decided to accept Business Maths as Maths at 10+2.

Item No. 37.5 **To consider and approve the MCA (revised) to MCA (revised) credit transfer**
Rules & Regulations (credit transfer from MCA (revised syllabus) to MCA (revised syllabus)

- (i) Students would be allowed to **re-register simultaneously** for **left over courses**, subject to **maximum of 18 credits**, in a given semester, by remitting the **pro-rata fee** only as per details given in the Table below.
- (ii) Under no circumstances student will be allowed to opt more than **18 credits in a given semester**.
- (iii) Students are required to pay *pro-rata fee* of the **left over courses only** after confirmation of the **admission afresh** and a **new Enrol. No. is allotted** by the Regional Director, subject to the condition that the left-over courses should not exceed 36 credits in two consecutive semesters.
- (iv) Besides, students are also required to pay **credit transfer fee @ Rs.200/- per course**, by way of a separate Demand Draft drawn in favour of ‘IGNOU’ payable at New Delhi.
- (v) Demands Drafts be prepared separately for pro-rata fee and credit transfer fee.

- (vi) A student is required to complete courses worth **108 credits only**, including credit transfer allowed courses, for the award of MCA degree under new Enrol.No.
- (vii) If the dates of counselling and/or practical classes clash by way of merging the left over courses at (i) above, students are required to **apply for repeat/missed practicals** to the Regional Director, **in the next session/cycle**, as per University rules subject to remittance of fee, if applicable.
- (viii) Students are required to spend **at least a minimum of one year duration** to complete the left over courses in the new Enrol.No., provided the courses do not exceed 36 credits. If the left over courses exceed 36 credits, the duration for completion of the programme would be extended further.
- (ix) As usual, all Credit transfer cases would be directly handled by SRD along with cases for registration of left-over courses indicated at (i) above.

The matter was placed before the School Board for kind consideration and approval.

Decision: The School Board approved the items with the following changes:

- (i) A form for chance of courses should be filled up by the students who are expected to get credit transfer of all the courses of first semester.
- (ii) The clause (viii) should read:

*“Students are required to spend **at least a minimum of 6 months or one year duration** to complete the left over courses in the new Enrol.No., provided the courses do not exceed 18 credits or 36 credits respectively. If the left over courses exceed 36 credits, the duration for completion of the programme would be extended further.”*

Item No. 37.6 To consider the MCA (Old/Revised) to MCA (Revised) Credit Transfer

The School Board in its 35th School Board Meeting discussed and passed the policy from MCA (revised) to MCA (revised) . The policy covered the provision of Lateral Entry to MCA 3rd Semester for the students of IGNOU who were the part of BCA-MCA integrated. The matter was sent for Academic Council, however, it was not placed in the Academic Council and was returned with the plea for re-examination. The School Council appointed a Committee to look into and finalize the issues. On the recommendations of the School Council, the following is placed, for the consideration of School Board.

- (i) The title of the Item may be changed as follows:

Credit transfer policy for the students of BCA/BIT/ADIT who had taken admission to 3rd semester of MCA (Revised) and completed their maximum duration and re-admission period.

- (ii) This provision may be extended to MCA old students.
- (iii) Some more points for consideration were:
 - a. Acceptance of the degree should be considered as some students may be able to complete before the minimum time duration of the programme.
 - b. Reflection of the courses in the Mark sheet should be decided.

The matter was placed before the school board for kind consideration and approval.

Decision:

- Item No. 37.7** **To Consider and approve the name of Course Writers BCA & ICT Programme.**
- Discussion** The list of Course Writers for BCA/MCA/CIT and Certificate in ICT Enabled Professional Skills for Police and Security Personnel Programmes duly approved by the various disciplines was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as *Annexure-‘A’*.
- Decision** The Board considered and recommended the list of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for CIT/BCA/MCA programmes of SOCIS and it was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.
- Item No. 37.8** **To Consider and approve the names of TEE Answer Script evaluators for CIT/BCA/MCA Programmes.**
- Discussion** The list of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for CIT/BCA/MCA Programmes duly approved by the various disciplines was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as *Annexure-‘A’*.
- Decision** The Board considered and recommended the list of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for CIT/BCA/MCA programmes of SOCIS and it was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.
- Item No. 37.9** **To Consider and approve the names of Project Evaluators for BCA/MCA Projects of SOCIS**
- Discussion** The list of project evaluators for BCA/MCA was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as *Annexure-‘A’*.
- Decision** The Board considered and recommended the list of project evaluators for BCA/MCA programme of SOCIS and it was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.
- Item No.37.10** **Any other item**

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

(Shashi Bhushan)