
MINUTES OF THE 40th MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES IGNOU, HELD ON 1st MAY, 2014 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SOMS, ACADEMIC COMPLEX, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI

The 40th meeting of the School Board of School of Computer and Information Sciences was held on May 1, 2014 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m., in the Conference Room, SOMS, Block 'C', 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. Sonajharia Minz, Jawahar Lal Nehru University	External Member
3. Prof. Deo Prakash Vidyarthi, Jawahar Lal Nehru University	External Member
4. Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
5. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
6. Dr. Manoj Kulshreshtha, SOET, IGNOU	Member
7. Sh. Akshay Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
8. Dr. P.V.Suresh, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
9. Sh. V.V.Subrahmanyam, SOCIS, IGNOU	Member
10. 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. M.N. Doja, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Prof. S.K. Basu, BHU, Varanasi and Dr. S.K Yadav, SOA. could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Director welcomed the members and briefed the members about the activities of the School as follows:

- Several Expert Committee meetings were conducted to finalize the syllabus of the Revised Ph.D courses.
- One week extensive workshop/ contact programme was conducted for Ph.D students covering some of the compulsory courses and elective courses.
- Conducted semester end examination for 2013 batch Ph.D students.
- A meeting to explore the possibility of placement of MCA & BCA students was held in the School. Dr. Manoj Kulshreshtha, placement in-charge of the University was invited in the meeting. Placement's brochure is also getting finalized. The School has also received

details of the MCA & BCA students who have been awarded degree in the last two convocations from SED.

After that, the following agenda items were taken up:

Item No. 40.1 **To confirm the minutes of 39th School Board Meeting of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on 3rd September, 2013 and to note the action taken.**

Discussion The Chairman informed that the minutes of the 39th meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on September 3, 2013 were duly circulated by incorporating all the comments received from the members of the School Board. As no further comments were received, the minutes and the action taken report are placed before the School Board for confirmation.

Decision The Board noted the action taken report and confirmed the minutes of the 39th School Board Meeting of SOCIS.

Item No. 40.2 **To report about the minutes of the 6th Doctoral Committee meeting held on 4th April, 2014 at 2:30 PM**

Discussion It was reported that the 6th Doctoral committee meeting was held on 4th April 2014. Minutes are under preparation.

Decision Minutes may be placed in the next School Board.

Item No. 40.3 **To Report the status of existing Academic programmes of SOCIS**

Discussion The complete status of the programmes of which are on offer (MCA, BCA, CIT & Ph. D). The programme which is under preparation (CIPOL) and programmes which could not be launched due to some unavoidable reasons (M.Tech & B.Sc. (IT)) were reported. The details are enclosed as **Annexure 40.3.1.**

Sl. No.	Programme	Mode of Delivery	Status
1.	Ph.D (Computer Science) 9 fresh candidates for 2013 January session	Blended	On offer
2.	MCA	ODL	On offer
3.	BCA	ODL	On offer

4.	CIT	ODL	On offer
5.	B.SC (IT) for international students	Blended	(could not be launched)
6.	M. Tech	Face-to- face	(could not be launched)
7.	CIPOL	ODL	Under preparation

Decision

(I) **BCA, MCA, CIT**

The school should strengthen the programme delivery mechanism in order to maintain quality and standard. It should also strengthen the project monitoring scheme.

(II) **M. Tech (Program Coordinator: Sh. Akshay Kumar)**

The School Board noted that as per the 118th BOM resolution the face to face programmes are not a part of IGNOU's mandate. Therefore, M.Tech (computer Science) programme cannot be launched in face to face mode and it should be dropped.

(III) **B.Sc.(IT) (Program Coordinator: Sh. Shashi Bhushan)**

It was noted that the programme could not be launched due to difficulties in getting overseas partnership as well as expiry of MoU with NIIT. Therefore programme should be dropped.

(IV) **CIPOL (Program Coordinator: Dr. Naveen Kumar)**

The programme coordinator informed:

- Phase I form is approved. Program code and course code are already allotted.
- Editing of one course on Humanity is pending.
- The Programme would be ready for launch from January 2015 onwards.

The Board suggested the followings:

- The necessary Phase forms should be sent for approval to the appropriate bodies as early as possible.
- The status of the program may be placed in the next School Board.

Item No 40.4**To Report about the new initiatives of the SOCIS****Discussion**

The School has proposed to take several initiatives (as listed below in the table) to launch new programmes (Certificate and Diplomas) and conduct workshops at RCs for MCA & BCA students on Projects and Assignment preparation related activities. There is also a proposal for conducting workshops on ‘How to prepare for Assignments + Project Work’, ‘Designing of Software for University requirements’ and ‘Cloud Computing’. The School also proposes to visit programme centres of NCR to monitor the delivery of the programmes.

Sl. No.	Programme	Mode of Delivery	Programme Coordinator
1.	M. Phil (Computer Science)	Blended	Shashi Bhushan
2.	Undergraduate Diploma (after 10 + 2) (Skill based programme)	ODL	Shashi Bhushan
3.	Post-Graduate Diploma (Skill based programme)	ODL	Akshay Kumar M.P.Mishra
4.	Certificate in Wireless Networks	ODL	Dr. P.V.Suresh
5.	Launch of MCS-034(Software Engineering) of MCA in e-learning mode (Virtual Class) in addition to existing ODL mode through e-Gyankosh	ON-LINE	Dr. P.V.Suresh
6.	Conduct of MCA/BCA workshop on ‘How to prepare for Assignments + Project Work at four Regional Centres (NCR-Region only) every year.	Workshop	School Faculty
7.	Visit to Study Centres to monitor the delivery of the programmes	-----	School Faculty
8.	Conduct of Workshop on ‘Designing of Software for University requirements’	Workshop	Akshay Kumar
9.	Conduct of workshop on Cloud Computing	Workshop	Dr. Naveen Kumar
10.	Orientation to BCA and MCA Counsellors	Interactive	School Faculty

Decision

The Board appreciated the initiatives taken by the school and recommended to take further necessary actions to start the activity.

Item No. 40.5

To consider and approve Revised eligibility criteria for MCA Programme (Old students seeking fresh admission to complete the non-credit course CS-60)

Discussion

There are approximately 25 MCA students who have successfully completed all the credit requirement of MCA (31 courses of MCA) programme and also have studied Maths at Graduation level. But their MCA degree is held up due to non- successful completion of CS-60 course, as they have taken admission under the then eligibility criteria *“Graduate from a recognized University. However, the students who have not pursued Mathematics as, a distinct subject at 10 + 2 are required to pursue and pass the CS-60 course concurrently.”*

Meanwhile from July, 2013 session, eligibility criteria for MCA admission has been revised as : *“Any Bachelor’s degree of minimum 3 (three) year duration from recognized University” AND “Mathematics as one of the subject at 10 + 2 level or graduation level; else the student is required to pursue and pass the BCS-012 course concurrently with MCA”.*

These students have also completed the maximum duration and re-admission period. As per this criteria, on taking fresh admission, some of these 25 students will have the option of credit transfer for **all the 31 course** of MCA, thus, completing MCA without even appearing/passing a single examination, as they might have done mathematics in 10+2 level. Besides, as per the rules and regulations of internal credit transfer on seeking fresh admission (like any other new candidate), a student is required to remain on the rolls of the university for a minimum period of one year in order to become eligible for the award of degree under his/her Enrolment No. Thus such students are required to pay the 1st semester fee (**Rs.9000/-**) plus the credit transfer fee @Rs.400/- per course (31 X 400 = **Rs.12,400/-**). In nutshell, there is no academic activity for the award of degree under his/her new Enrolment No., hence it may attracts criticism from the general public.

SOCIS proposed that the students who have completed all the 31 courses of MCA but could not complete MCA due to non-completion of CS-60, and completed the maximum period may be allowed to take re-admission into BCS-012.

Decision

The students of MCA who have completed the maximum duration including the re-admission period and also have completed all the 31 courses of MCA(revised) may be given SPECIAL re-admission for 2 years for completing BCS-012. The reason for change from CS-60 to BCS-012 is that, CS-60 is no longer on offer and BCS-012 has been designed keeping special requirements of BCA students in Mathematics.

This provision of taking re-admission to this course may also be extended to all such students whose degrees are held up for the want of CS-60 only.

Item No. 40.6 **To reconsider the earlier action of the Recognition of B.Sc (IT) of Kuvempu University (KU) offered in collaboration with NIIT and Universal Educational Trust (UET) for MCA admission by the 39th School Board of SOCIS.**

Discussion This matter was placed in 39th School Board of SOCIS held on 4th Oct 2013. The discussion and deliberation of the 39th School Board meeting are enclosed as **Annexure 40.6.1.**

The item was re-placed for discussion on the request of SRD in the light of the following letter:

1. Letter No.UGC/KU/SHM/KTK/2013/1786 dated 16th Sept. 2013 issued to the Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Kuvempu University, by the Assistant Director Education Bureau, UGC, state that B.Sc.(IT), B.Sc.(ITIM) and M.Sc.(IT) programmes have not been approved for offering through distance mode (**Annexure-40.6.2**). Also this letter states that the erstwhile DEC has not allowed for franchising of Study Centres.

Decision School Board pointed out that the recommendation given in 39th School Board of SOCIS was generic. However, in the light of letter No.UGC/KU/SHM/KTK/2013/1786) dated 16th Sept. 2013 issued by Assistant Director Education Bureau, UGC to the Directorate of Distance Education, Kuvempu University, the school Board recommends that B.Sc.(IT) and B.Sc.(ITIM) degree of Kuvempu University in collaboration with the third party may not be considered for admission to MCA programme of IGNOU.

It was also resolved that, the matter of recognition of B.Sc.(IT) and B.Sc.(ITIM) of Kuvempu University may be placed for the consideration of Equivalence committee.

For admission to other programmes of IGNOU, recommendation of equivalence committee may be obtained.

Item No. 40.7 **To consider and approve constitution of Exploratory Expert Committee for Certificate Programme in Wireless Networks**

Discussion Dr. P.V. Suresh explained the objectives of the programme and proposed to conduct an exploratory Committee Meeting for Certificate Programme in wireless Networks which will be useful for students having BE/ B.Tech/ M.Sc./MCA/M.Tech degree holders for pursuing a research or a career in wireless networks.

Decision The school board recommended the proposal of the school to conduct the exploratory meeting and also recommended the names (Enclosed as **Annexure 40.7.1**) for the Expert committee meeting as proposed by the school.

Item No. 40.8 **To consider and recommend the names of Paper Setters/ Moderators for MCA and BCA (Revised).**

Discussion The list of Paper Setters/ Evaluators and Moderators for MCA & BCA (Revised) was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as **Annexure-40.8.1**.

Decision The Board considered and recommended the list of Paper Setters/ Evaluators and Moderators for MCA and BCA (revised) programme of SOCIS and it was decided to put the recommendation for the board to the Vice Chancellor for consideration and approval.

Item No. 40.9 **To consider and recommend the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA & CIT Programmes**

Discussion The list of Term End Examinations Answer Script Evaluators for various courses of MCA, BCA & CIT Programmes was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as **Annexure-40.9.1**

Decision The Board considered and recommended the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for various courses of MCA, BCA & CIT programmes of SOCIS and it was decided to put up the recommendation of the School Board to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for approval.

Item No. 40.10 **To consider and recommend the names of Project Evaluators for MCA & BCA Programmes**

Discussion The list of project evaluators for project courses of BCA & MCA was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as **Annexure-40.10.1.**

Decision The Board considered and recommended the names of Project evaluators for project courses of BCA & MCA programmes of SOCIS and it was decided to put up the recommendation of the School Board to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for approval.

Item No.40.11 **To consider and recommend the names of Course Writers, Language Editor(s) and Content Editors for BCA (R)**

Discussion The list of course-writers, editors and content editors for various courses of BCA (Revised) programmes was placed for consideration and approval of the School Board as **Annexure 40.11.1.**

Decision The Board considered and recommended the names of course writers, editors, and content editors for various courses of BCA (Revised) and it was decided to put up the recommendation of the School Board to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for approval.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 40.12.1 **To consider and recommend the Exploratory Expert Committee for Diploma in Information Technology.**

Discussion Sh. Shashi Bhushan explained the objectives of the programme and proposed to conduct an exploratory expert committee for proposed Diploma in Information Technology which will be useful for developing skills in using office tools and Internet Services.

Decision The school Board recommended the proposal of the school to conduct the Exploratory Expert Committee for Diploma in Information Technology and also recommended the names of the experts committee meeting. (List enclosed as **Annexure 40.12.1.1).**

Item No. 40.12.2 To consider and recommend the Exploratory Expert Committee for Post Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Application Development (PGDAD)

Discussion Sh. Akshay Kumar & Sh. M.P. Mishra explained the objectives of the programme and proposed to conduct an exploratory expert committee for Post Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Application Development (PGDAD) which will be useful for graduate students in any discipline in analyzing, designing and implementing of an enterprise application using Java Based technologies.

Decision The School Board recommended the proposal of the school to conduct the exploratory expert Committee for Post Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Application Development (PGDAD) and also recommended the names of the experts for the meeting as proposed by the school (List enclosed as **Annexure 40.12.2.1**).

Item No. 40.12.3 To consider and recommend the Orientation of BCA programme

Discussion The revised BCA programme was launched from July 2011. The revision of this programme was completed in January 2014. The orientation for the revised BCA program was conducted at Bangalore, Jabalpur, Bhubaneshwar, Noida, and Ahmedabad Regional Centres in 2011. Recently orientation programme was conducted (along with OPENMAT Feb. 2014) at Chennai and Cochin Regional Centres. However, orientation programme is yet to be conducted at remaining RCs.

Therefore it is proposed to conduct orientation program for BCA/ MCA academic counselors in left over states at the earliest.

Decision The school Board appreciated the effort made by the school in revising the BCA programme. The school board strongly recommends the conduct of orientation programme for BCA / MCA Academic counselors in the remaining states also at the earliest.

Item No. 40.12.4 To consider the BCA/ MCA Project Evaluation and Viva-Voce Examination at Rc-1, Delhi

Discussion

This is to bring to your kind attention that RC-1, Delhi is conducting project viva-voce for students of BCA/ MCA during May, 2014.

In this respect, SOCIS would like to bring the following to your kind attention:

1. RC-1, Delhi is conducting BCA/ MCA project viva-voce to students without sending project reports to evaluators in advance. The evaluators are invited to RC-1, Delhi and are being given project reports on the spot and are asked to do evaluation as well as viva-voce of the respective students.
2. RC-1, Delhi did not send letter to Dr. P.V. Suresh, Associate professor, SOCIS for conduct of Viva during last cycle as well as the current cycle. No. RC can refrain from sending project reports to any of the faculty of SOCIS without advise of Director, SOCIS as it is the only direct interaction between faculty and learners as well as facilities monitoring.
3. All the remaining RCs in the NCR region are following guidelines meticulously.

In this respect, it is to mention that Mr. Shashi Bhushan, Director, SOCIS personally called Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, RD, RC-1, Delhi on April 25th, 2014 and tried to impress upon him to send project reports to all evaluators for prior evaluation without distribution of project reports on the spot as both projects evaluation and viva- voce gets diluted. However, the response from RD, RC-1, Delhi in not satisfactory.

SOCIS strongly feels that conduct of BCA/ MCA projects evaluation and viva- voce without prior evaluation of project reports will lead to injustice to the learners as the marks secured by them to do not reflect the knowledge they possess due to the diluted from of evaluation and viva-voce which is against the guidelines issued by SOCIS to all RCs.

Decision

The School Board resolved that the matter is purely administrative in nature, which can be sorted out with the concerned departments/ authorities/ bodies.

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

(Shashi Bhushan)