

MINUTES
of the
FORTY SECOND MEETING
of
SCHOOL BOARD
of
SOCIS
Held on
4th September 2015



SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES
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SOCIS****MINUTES OF THE FORTY SECOND MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES (SOCIS) HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 11:00 AM.**

The following were present in the Meeting:

1. Dr. P. V. Suresh, Director (I/C), SOCIS - Chairperson
2. Dr. Shekhar Verma, IIT, Allahabad - Member
3. Prof. O.P. Verma, D.T.U. - Member
4. Prof. D. K. Lobiyal, J.N.U. - Member
5. Prof. P.K. Mishra, Banaras Hindu University - Member
6. Prof. Poornima Mital, SOS - Member
7. Dr. Ruchika Kuba, Assistant Professor, SOHS - Member
8. Dr. Leena Singh, Assistant Professor, SOMS - Member
9. Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor, SOITS - Member
10. Sh. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS - Member
11. Dr. Naveen Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS - Member
12. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS - Member
13. Prof. Manohar Lal, SOCIS - Special Invitee
14. Mr. Shashi Bhushan, Associate Professor, SOCIS - Special Invitee
15. Dr. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Associate Professor, SOCIS- Special Invitee

Dr. S. R. N. Reddy, Associate Professor, IGDTUW could not attend the Meeting.

Chairman welcomed the members to the 42nd meeting of School Board. He introduced the members who are attending School Board for the first time after their nomination as external experts, namely, Prof. Shekhar Verma, Prof .O.P. Verma, Prof. D.K. Lobiyal, and Prof. P.K. Mishra. Chairman explained various activities of SOCIS. It was followed by presentations by Mr. Akshay Kumar who introduced ODL to members, Dr. V.V. Subrahmanyam who gave a brief overview of PhD programme, Dr. Sudhansh Sharma who gave an introduction to MCA, Mr.Shashi Bhushan who gave an introduction to BCA and Dr.Naveen Kumar who gave an introduction to CIT programme.

ITEM NO. 1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 41st meeting of the School Board of the School of Computer & Information Sciences held on 12th January, 2015.

SB 42.1.1 Chairman informed the members that no comments were received on the minutes of 41st meeting of School Board held on 12th January, 2015. With reference to Item No.41.1 of Minutes of 41st meeting of School Board, it was noted that only those items of Minutes of 40th School Board on whom there were no comments were confirmed. So, School Board requested the Chairman to circulate the Minutes of 40th School Board so that the remaining items can also be considered for confirmation.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the Minutes of 6th Doctoral Committee Meeting held on 4th April, 2014.

SB 42.2.1 Dr. Naveen Kumar explained each item of minutes of 6th Doctoral Committee to School Board. School Board suggested that road map needs to be made SOCIS PhD programme.

SB 42.2.2 School Board approved the minutes of 6th Doctoral Committee meeting.

ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the Minutes of 7th Doctoral Committee Meeting held on 29th May, 2015

SB 42.3.1 Chairman explained each item of minutes of 7th Doctoral Committee to School Board. With reference to Item No.7.2 of minutes of 7th Doctoral Committee, it was informed that VC approved the extension of registration of 14 PhD scholars admitted in 2010 by SOCIS by one year. In this regard, communications were received from RU. SOCIS communicated to all the concerned students.

SB 42.3.2 School Board approved the minutes of 7th Doctoral Committee meeting.

ITEM NO. 4 To report about the Vertical Mobility of Associate Degree Programme in Computers to BCA under Community College Scheme.

SB 42.4.1 Mr. Shashi Bhushan explained Community College Scheme where in Vertical Mobility to BCA is provided for Associate Degree holders. It was informed that the Scheme was already approved by the Statuary bodies. The list of courses that are to be successfully completed by the Associate Degree holders for vertical mobility along with guidelines issued by SOCIS was discussed and School Board concurred with the decision of SOCIS.

SB 42.4.2 School Board noted the decision of SOCIS.

ITEM NO. 5 To Consider and Approve Phase-I Form of Certificate in ICT Enabled Professional Skills for Police and Security Personnel (Resubmitted in New Phase Form format)

SB 42.5.1 Dr.Naveen Kumar explained the Phase-1 form (New) of CIPOL. He informed the members that Phase-1 form (Old) was already approved by School Board. Course codes were assigned by P&DD. Academic Counselor eligibility conditions were approved.

SB 42.5.2 School Board approved the Phase-1 form (New) of CIPOL. School Board also changed the eligibility conditions for academic counselors of OCSI-001 and OCSI-002 to *MA(English) or above with at least 2 years of experience in teaching preferably in linguistics/ELT.*

ITEM NO. 6 To consider and recommend the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA & CIT Programmes.

SB 42.6.1 School Board suggested that SOCIS should take steps to ensure that all the Answer Script evaluators of TEE of various programmes of SOCIS fulfill eligibility conditions. Wherever the evaluator does not fulfill eligibility conditions, S/he needs to be withdrawn as evaluator of answer scripts of TEE.

SB 42.6.2 School Board considered and recommended the names of answer script evaluators for various courses of MCA, BCA & CIT programmes for approval.

ITEM NO. 7 To consider and recommend the names of Project Evaluators for MCA & BCA programmes.

SB 42.7.1 School Board observed that SOCIS should take steps to ensure that all the Project Evaluators of MCSP-060, BCSP-064, and CS-76 fulfill eligibility conditions. School Board also clarified that teaching experience as mentioned in eligibility conditions needs to be considered only for Teachers and for all the remaining, Industrial experience conditions should be considered for recommendation as Project Evaluators. Wherever the evaluator does not fulfill eligibility

conditions, S/he needs to be withdrawn as Project Evaluator of respective Project Course. It will increase the quality of evaluation thus increasing the acceptability of students of SOCIS for placement by different organizations as Project Work plays a major role in selection for jobs. School Board observed that final semester Project Works of BCA & MCA showcase the credibility of respective programmes.

SB 42.7.2 School Board considered and recommended the names of Project Evaluators for MCSP-060, BCSP-064 and CS-76 of BCA and MCA programmes for approval.

ITEM NO.8 To consider and approve list of Moderators of various courses of CIT, BCA and MCA programmes

SB 42.8.1 School Board considered and recommended the names of Moderators for approval.

ITEM NO. 9 To consider and approve revision of BCA and MCA programmes.

SB 42.9.1 Chairman informed the School Board that BCA and MCA programmes of SOCIS are among the popular programmes of IGNOU. He also informed that they are revised periodically. Admission can be taken directly to 1st semester of BCA/MCA as per given eligibility conditions. Also, there is provision for IGNOU BCA students to directly join MCA from its 3rd semester which is called BCA-MCA Integrated Mode. So, whenever BCA and MCA programmes are revised individually, there are issues such as non-inclusion of 1st and 2nd semester courses of MCA in BCA and vice-versa in the case of students of Integrated Mode. Also, recently, there was communication that programmes of University need to be in conformance with CBCS (Choice Based Credit System). In view of the above mentioned issues and developments, though School Council of SOCIS recommended that Phase-1 form for revision of MCA may be placed in School Board after its circulation among the faculty, it was not placed to seek inputs from members of School Board. It was expressed that both BCA and MCA programmes should be revised by considering them as a whole along with CBCS and other systems.

SB 42.9.2 School Board approved the proposal to revise BCA and MCA programmes. It advised School Board to call meetings of Experts to brain storm the issues related to revision.

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

Dr. P.V. Suresh
Director (SOCIS)