

MINUTES
of
44th MEETING
of
SCHOOL BOARD
of
SOCIS

Held on

17th June, 2016



SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI

IGNOU
SOCIS

MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES (SOCIS) HELD ON 17^H JUNE, 2016 AT 11:30 AM.

The following were present in the Meeting:

- | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| 1. Dr. P. V. Suresh, Director (I/C), SOCIS | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. D. K. Lobiyal, JNU | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. O.P. Verma, DTU, New Delhi | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Shekhar Verma, IIT, Allahabad | - | Member |
| 5. Dr. S.R.N. Reddy, IGDTUW, New Delhi | - | Member |
| 6. Sh. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 7. Dr. Naveen Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 9. Sh.Mangala Prasad Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOCIS | - | Special Invitee |

Prof. P.K.Mishra, BHU, Prof. Poornima Mital, Dr. Ruchika Kuba , Dr. Leena Singh and Dr.Sadanand Sahoo from IGNOU could not attend the Meeting.

Chairperson welcomed the members to the 44th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS. He informed the School Board that SOCIS along with STRIDE and RSD will organize Refresher Programme in ICT for Teachers and Academics in ODL System. He also informed that SOCIS initiated the proposal to organize Refresher in ICT to STRIDE by e-mail for which STRIDE immediately responded. He also informed that IGNOU and COL may soon sign an agreement for content development of two ICT Skills based Courses whose draft agreement is part of today's agenda of School Board for approval.

Item No. 44.1 To confirm the minutes of 43rd meeting of School Board of School of Computer & Information Sciences and to note the action taken report.

Decision Chairperson informed the members that the minutes of 43rd meeting of School Board held on 8th January, 2016 were circulated and no comments were received. The 44th meeting of School Board of SOCIS confirmed the minutes of 43rd meeting of School Board of SOCIS (Annexure-44.1.1).

Item No. 44.2 To consider and approve the Minutes of 10th meeting of Doctoral Committee of SOCIS held on 30th March, 2016.

Decision The 44th meeting of School Board approved the minutes of 10th meeting of Doctoral Committee (Annexue-44.2.1. A).

Item No. 44.3 To consider and approve draft agreement for Collaborative Open Education Resources (OER) course development for ICT Skills with COL.

Discussion Chairperson informed the members that under technology Enabled Learning Initiative of COL, COL proposed collaborative course development along with six open universities across the world. IGNOU is one among them. It was proposed that IGNOU develop the two courses namely, 1: Introduction to Mobile Architecture and 2: Introduction to WINDOWS Mobile and IOS. After development of courses by all participating universities, the participating university can launch two programmes, namely Certificate in Web Application Development and Diploma in Mobile Application Development (includes Certificate in Mobile Application Development). In total, there are a total of 12 courses in both the Programmes. The remaining 10 courses shall be developed by the remaining Five Open Universities. The copyright of content is OER based (CC-BY-SA) and will be held jointly. The development of content for both the courses is funded by COL mostly. The proposal in this regard is approved by Hon. VC. The draft agreement received from COL was placed as Annexure 44.3.1 for consideration and approval of the School Board.

The members of School Board studied the draft agreement for Collaborative OER Course Development for ICT Skills (Annexure-44.3.1) received from COL. It was noted that COL will grant CAD 13960 for content development of two courses as mentioned above. The copyright will be OER (CC-BY-SA) based. It was also noted that, by developing two courses with funds of COL, IGNOU can take steps for the launch of two programmes mentioned above. The members noted that the agreement will enable IGNOU to save huge amount of money as its getting access to 10 courses without bearing significant expenditure. School Board suggested SOCIS to adapt the programmes mentioned above and launch them under SOCIS in various academic cycles.

The members appreciated both IGNOU and COL for taking initiative forward which will equip learners across the World with the skills in the area of Mobile and Web Applications development. The initiative may lead to growth in career and placement of IGNOU students and World at large.

School Board suggested Director of SOCIS to appoint Course Coordinators for both the above mentioned courses at the earliest so that the necessary ground work can be commenced before the signing of agreement with COL.

Decision School Board approved the draft agreement (Annexure-44.3.1) for Collaborative Open Education Resources (OER) Skills with COL course development for ICT. It suggested

that target dates for Deliverables and Time Frame be changed to December 30th, 2016 from October 30th, 2016 and to September 30th, 2016 from July 30th, 2016 respectively.

Item No. 44.4 To report about Affidavit submitted by IGNOU to UGC.

Discussion It was informed to the members of School Board that IGNOU submitted Affidavit to UGC for continuation of its academic programmes for 2016-2017 (Annexure 44.4.1). It was informed to the members that the recommendations / approvals that are granted by School Board should be in conformity with the affidavit.

The members have gone through each and every term and condition mentioned in the affidavit. School Board noted that no draft of the affidavit was sent to Schools for comments before submitting affidavit to UGC. School Board also noted that the enrollment to SOCIS programmes is significantly higher and hence there is higher risk of facing problems if terms and conditions in the Affidavit that fall under the purview of SOCIS completely are not adhered to.

Decision School Board noted the affidavit submitted by IGNOU to UGC.

Item No. 44.5 To consider and suggest SOCIS regarding the National MOOC Programme of MHRD of Govt. of India.

Discussion It was informed to the School Board Members that Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a massive scheme of MOOCs to provide access to the best quality learning resources under the Project SWAYAM. IGNOU is one of the National Coordinators for the purpose of development of e-content for SWAYAM. Guidelines for Development and Implementation of MOOCs from MHRD were placed before the Board as Annexure 44.5.1 for consideration and guidance for the action to be taken by SOCIS. Chairperson informed the members that SOCIS is keen to participate in the National MOOC programme of MHRD. It was mentioned that Faculty of SOCIS had discussion with Prof. Uma Kanjilal, National Coordinator of MOOCs (IGNOU) on May 10th, 2017 on the guidelines related to MOOCs.

Decision It was noted that IGNOU was one of the nodal institutions for offering MOOCs at Certificate at National level. School Board noted that SOCIS offers CIT, BCA and MCA of which there is only one Certificate programme (CIT) which is having a practical component. The modalities for offering programmes/courses with practical component in the form of MOOCs through SWAYAM should be worked out.

(i) School Board noted that IGNOU submitted affidavit to UGC in which it was written that No online programme leading to award of Degree/Certification shall be offered by the University until a policy is framed and approved by the UGC in this regard. Hence, SOCIS was advised not to offer any MOOCs for any of its courses until such policy is framed and approved by UGC.

- (ii) Whenever MOOCs are offered by SOCIS under SWAYAM
- (a) SOCIS shall offer only courses of Certificate Programme(s) through IGNOU as IGNOU was appointed as Nodal organization for Certificate programmes only at National level.
- (b) SOCIS shall offer courses that are exclusive for BCA through concerned Nodal institution.
- (c) SOCIS shall offer courses that are exclusive for MCA through concerned Nodal institution.
- (d) SOCIS should not offer courses that are part of both BCA/MCA as MOOCs as they fall under both Bachelors and Masters programmes under entire BCA/MCA are offered as MOOCs through SWAYAM.

Item No. 44.6 To Report Pre-submission Seminar given by Mr. Vipul Vashisht, Ph.D. Scholar (Enrolment No. 100165558).

Discussion The Chairperson informed the Board that Pre-submission Seminar was conducted on 23/05/2016 at SOCIS, IGNOU for Mr. Vipul Vashisht, Ph.D. Scholar (Enrolment No. 100165558).

Decision School Board noted the Pre-submission Seminar given by Mr. Vipul Vashisht(Enrolment No. 100165558) .

Item No. 44.7 To consider and recommend the names of Term End Examination Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA and CIT programmes.

Decision The 44th meeting of School Board considered and recommended the names proposed as answer script evaluators for MCA, BCA, and CIT programmes term end examinations for approval (Annexure-44.7.1).

Item No. 44. 8 To consider and recommend the names of Project Evaluators for BCA and MCA project courses (MCSP-060, BCSP-064 and CS-17).

Decision The 44th meeting of School Board considered and recommended the names of proposed Project Evaluators of BCA and Project courses (MCSP-060, BCSP-064 and CS-17) for approval (Annexure-44.8.1).

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

(P.V.Suresh)
Chairperson