

MINUTES
of
FORTY SIXTH MEETING
of
SCHOOL BOARD
of
SOCIS
Held on
31st MAY 2017



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

MINUTES OF THE FORTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES (SOCIS) HELD ON MAY 31, 2017 AT 11:00 AM.

The following are minutes of 46th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on May 31, 2017 at 11:00AM in the Conference Room of SOCIS.

The following were present in the Meeting:

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| 1. Dr. P. V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Manoj Kulshreshtha, SOET | - | Member |
| 3. Dr. R.P. Pandey, Director, SOTST | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Shikha Rai, SOJNMS, Assistant Professor | - | Member |
| 5. Sh. Shashi Bhushan Sharma, Associate Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 6. Sh. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 7. Dr. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Associate Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 8. Mr. M.P. Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 9. Dr. Naveen Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS | - | Special Invitee |
| 10. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS | - | Special Invitee |

Prof. Kapil Kumar could not attend the Meeting.

Chairman welcomed the members to the 46th meeting of School Board. He briefed the members about various developments that took place since last School Board meeting. Then, Agenda was taken up.

Item No. 46.1 To confirm the minutes of 44th meeting of the School Board of the School of Computer and Information Sciences held on June 17th, 2016.

Decision The minutes of 44th meeting of School Board of SOCIS were circulated and no comments were received. The 46th meeting of School Board of SOCIS confirmed the minutes(Annexure-46.1.1) of 44th meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on 17th June, 2016.

Item No.46. 2 To confirm the minutes of 45th meeting of the School Board of the School of Computer and Information Sciences held on March 14th , 2017.

Decision The minutes of 45th meeting of School Board of SOCIS were circulated and no comments were received. The 46th meeting of School Board of SOCIS confirmed the minutes(Annexure-46.2.1)of 45th meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on March 14, 2017.

Item No.46.3 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 44th and 45th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS.

- In the case of Item No. 44.3, Agreement was signed between IGNOU and COL and the work is in progress.
- In the case of Item No. 45.11, the workshop was held on 27/4/2017.
- In the case of Item No. 45.12, the workshop was held on 12/4/2017.

Item No. 46.4 To confirm the minutes of 18th Meeting of Doctoral Committee of School of Computer and Information Sciences.

Decision: The minutes of 18th meeting of Doctoral Committee were circulated and no comments were received. The 46th Meeting of School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-46.4.1) of 18th Meeting of Doctoral Committee of SOCIS held on 28th April, 2017.

Item No.46.5 To consider and approve the names of Examiners for Theses submitted by following Ph.D students of 2010 batch of SOCIS

- **Vipul Vashisht (En No. :100165558)**
- **Deepti Sharma (En. No. 100165562)**
- **Sanjay Pahuja (En. No. 100165565)**
- **Ruchika Asija (En. No. 100165559)**
- **Rucche Sharma (En. No. 100165569)**

Discussion: Chairman informed School Board that SOCIS received names of examiners from respective Research Supervisors of the above mentioned Ph.D students. The names of Examiners were submitted to School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: Except for Ms. Rucche Sharma (En. No. 100165569), all the remaining lists of Examiners were updated partially and approved. In the case of Ms. Rucche Sharma (En. No. 100165569), School Board found that most of the Examiners do not belong to concerned discipline and hence advised SOCIS to request for fresh list of Examiners from her Research Supervisor and resubmit to School Board for consideration and approval.

Item No.46.6 To consider and approve 40% as passing percentage for learners of BCA (Pre-revised) students of 2005-2007 batches.

Discussion: Chairman informed members that School has received various communications from students. After discussion on these representations and available facts School Council noted that in the case of BCA (Pre-Revised) students of 2006-2007 batches, the passing marks are 50% in some semesters in most of the courses while 40% in other

semesters in most of the courses. Also, it was noted that for students of 2005 batch, the pass percentage was 50% across all semesters in most of the courses. It was decided that there should be uniform pass percentage for all the batches. School Council recommended that in the case of BCA (Pre-Revised), for all students of 2006-2007 batches, the passing marks should be 40 % in each component of continuous evaluation (Assignment), 40% in each component of TEE and aggregate of 40 % in each course for all those courses where it was 50 %. The recommendation needs to be implemented retrospectively. The recommendations are applicable to those students of BCA (Pre-Revised) also who took admission to MCA 3rd Semester.

Decision: School Board of SOCIS in its 46th Meeting considered and approved that in the case of BCA (Pre-Revised), for all students who took admission in 2005, 2006 and 2007, the passing marks should be 40% in each component of continuous evaluation (Assignment), 40 % in each component of TEE and aggregate of 40 % in each courses for all those course where it was 50 %. The recommendation needs to be implemented retrospectively. The recommendations are applicable to those students of BCA (Pre-Revised) also who took admission to MCA 3rd Semester.

Item No. 46.7 Permission for allowing the students of BCA (Pre-Revised)/ BCA (Pre-Revised)-MCA students for appearing in TEE until December, 2020 who exhausted re-admission period.

Discussion: chairman informed members that School has received various communications from students regarding permission for some more attempts to clear the left out courses in BCA (Pre-Revised)/BCA (Pre-Revised)-MCA. After discussion on these representations and available facts, school council noted that Term End Examinations are conducted for BCA (Pre-Revised)/BCA (Pre-Revised)-MCA students until December 2020. Hence, School Council recommended that, all students of BCA (Pre-Revised) and BCA (Pre-Revised)-MCA (Integrated Mode), who exhausted re-admission period of 2 years should be permitted to appear in term end examinations of those courses in whom they are unsuccessful in BCA (Pre-Revised), until December, 2020 TEE. However, among the above mentioned category, in the case of those students who took fresh admission, no fee refund is recommended and they are also eligible to appear in term end examination until December, 2020 TEE as mentioned above in the unsuccessful courses of BCA (Pre-Revised).

Decision School Board of SOCIS in its 46th Meeting held on May 31, 2017 considered and approved that all students of BCA (Pre-Revised) and BCA (Pre-Revised)-MCA (Integrated Mode) who failed in not more than ten courses as well as exhausted re-admission period of two years should be permitted to appear in term end examinations of those courses in whom they are unsuccessful in BCA (Pre-Revised), until December, 2020 TEE. However, among the above mentioned category, in the case of those students who took fresh admission, no fee refund is recommended and they are also eligible to appear in term end examinations until December, 2020 TEE as mentioned above in the unsuccessful courses of BCA (Pre-Revised).

Item No.46.8 To consider and recommend action on the file received from SED, IGNOU relating to BCA student, Ms. Monika Arora (Enrolment No. 021367175).

Discussion: Chairman informed members that SOCIS has received a file from SED relating to legal case filed by Mr. Devinder Kumar Arora father of Ms. Monika Arora (Enrolment No. 021367175), learner of BCA-MCA Integrated programme (with 80 % speech and hearing impairment) against IGNOU in Court of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. She had requested the court that she should be given special chance to appear in exam to clear pending courses because she has exhausted the maximum duration to clear the courses.

IGNOU responded to the court that she had already availed 16 attempts to clear CS-72 but could not clear. Further court gave judgment that IGNOU has not violated any rule related to persons with disability and it is up to IGNOU to place the matter before the Competent Authority i.e. Academic Council for making provision for giving unlimited chances to students with disabilities and considering the complainant's request. It shall not be treated as a precedent for future examinations.

Accordingly, the matter has been examined by SED. The University has recently notified the extension of validity period for two years beyond the re-admission period without any further re-admission fee for the disabled. In the instant case the extended period is also over. However, the question is whether the student can appear for the courses under revised syllabus (2005) against the courses already registered by the student under pre-revised syllabus (2004). SED, through the file has asked SOCIS if the student can appear for the courses in MCA (Revised) in lieu of courses in MCA(Pre-Revised) as shown in the following table:

SL. No.	MCA Pre-revised Course Code	MCA Revised Course Code
1	CS-07	MCS-013
2	CS-08	MCSE-004
3	CS-14	MCSE-003
4	CS-54	MCS-035

The members have gone through the file received from SED. They noted that the student attempted large number of times already and remained unsuccessful.

Decision: School Board decided that student cannot appear in MCS-013, MCSE-004, MCSE-003, MCS-035 in lieu of CS-07, CS-08, CS-14, CS-54 respectively.

ITEM NO. 46.9 To consider Admission to MCA with BDP after completing BPP.

Discussion: Chairman informed members that School has received a request from student who has completed Graduation (BDP) from IGNOU after BPP. As per existing eligibility criteria, "Any Bachelor's degree of minimum 3(three) year duration from a 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 IGNOU MCA”. Any student who has done graduation can get admission in MCA programme.

However, in case of BDP, students are not permitted to take admission into MCA programme. School Council deliberated on this issue. Hence, it was placed as an item in the School Board for guidance so that necessary changes may be made in the eligibility criteria for MCA Programme.

Decision: School Board decided that Graduates who did not pursue 10+2 should not be permitted for admission to MCA though they have done BPP.

Item No. 46.10 To consider and provide Guidance of CBCS committee CBCS implementation of BCA.

Discussion: Dr. Naveen kumar informed the members that SOCIS has not received model syllabi for BCA courses. These syllabi are still not available in University. Matter related to implementation of CBCS for BCA was discussed in a Faculty Meeting held on 8th February, 2017 (minutes of the meeting attached as Annexure 46.10.1) and it was decided to seek guidance of CBCS committee for further action by SOCIS regarding CBCS implementation for BCA. SOCIS had requested for guidance from CBCS committee as decided. A reply (Annexure 46.10.2) from chairman CBCS was received on 3rd April, 2017. It is suggested to School to seek guidance from School Board of SOCIS as template from UGC is not available for BCA.

Decision: School Board decided that SOCIS should implement CBCS for BCA after model syllabi is made available by UGC. Also, it was decided to communicate the list of courses to CBCS Committee that are developed by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) along with its partner institutions as part of their ICT Skills Project. School Board noted that IGNOU is one of the partner institutions apart from other Universities and SOCIS is developing two courses for COL as part of their ICT Skills Project.

Item No. 46.11 To co-opt 5 persons to the School Board of SOCIS under Clause (2)(e) of Statute 10A of IGNOU.

Decision: Under Statute 10A, Clause (2)(e), School Board has co-opted following five persons.

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1.	Prof. R.K. Agrawal	School of Computer & System Sciences Jawahar Lal Nehru University New Delhi-110067 Mobile- 9810115033 Email- rkajnu@gmail.com
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4.	Prof. Ujjwal Maulik	HOD, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Jadavpur University, Regent Park Rahara, 24 Parganas (North) West Bengal Email: umaulik@cse.jdvu.ac.in / ujjwal_maulik@yahoo.com PH:91-033-24572802
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Item No. 46.12 Admission of shortlisted candidates for admission to Ph.D Programme in Computer Science.

Discussion: Chairman informed members that 17th Meeting of Doctoral Committee had shortlisted eight candidates for admission to Ph.D.(Computer Science) programme (PHDCS) of SOCIS. But, many a times, faculty found it difficult to take decision where issues related to territorial jurisdiction aroused, i.e. cases where degrees were awarded by state universities through distance mode. At that time school has decided to send only five names out of these eight shortlisted candidates for admission in January 2017 cycle. Later on, the remaining three students were communicated to provide some more supporting documents to clarify the issue related to territorial jurisdiction and the

validity of their M.Phil./Master's degree as per UGC norms. The documents received from following applicants are examined. Along with the supporting documents, School has also taken an undertaking from these students regarding the authenticity of submitted information. The names of these three shortlisted candidates may be recommended for admission to Ph.D.(Computer Science) programme (PHDCS) of SOCIS.

S.No.	FORM NO.	CANDIDATE	CATEGORY	RESEARCH SUPERVISOR	FULLTIME/PART TIME	REMARKS (After Document Verification)
1	171E16987	Dharmendra Kumar	SC	Dr. Sudhansh Sharma	Part Time	As per the documents received, the clause of state jurisdiction is not applicable
2	171E17191	Sofia Goyal	GEN	Dr. Sudhansh Sharma	Part Time	As per the documents received, the clause of state jurisdiction is not applicable
3	171E7959	Sarita Bansal	GEN	Dr. VV Subrahmanyam	Part Time	As per the documents received, the clause of state jurisdiction is not applicable

Decision : School Board considered and recommended the candidates mentioned in the above table for admission to PhD(Computer Science) in SOCIS for January 2017 cycle.

Item No. 46.13 Regarding Admissions in M. Phil.(Computer Science) Programme in January 2018 Cycle.

Discussion: Dr. Sudhansh Sharma informed members that School has decided to take admissions in M.Phil. (Computer Science) from January 2018 admission cycle and in this context all the necessary approvals from all statutory bodies including School Board &

Academic Council were already taken. Further, concurrence from Research Unit was also taken and Faculty of SOCIS also has opinion to start M.Phil.(Computer Science), at the earliest.

Decision: School Board noted the approvals of various phase forms. However, it was decided to take guidance from P&DD as lot of time had elapsed after obtaining approvals.

Item No. 46.14 To consider and recommend the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA & CIT Programmes.

Decision: The 46th meeting of School Board considered and recommended the names proposed as answer script evaluators for TEE in courses of MCA, BCA, and CIT Programmes for approval (Annexure-46.14.1).

Item No. 46.15 To consider and recommend the names of Project Evaluators for BCA/MCA project courses.

Decision: The 46th meeting of School Board considered and recommended the names of proposed project evaluators of BCA and MCA project courses, namely, MCSP-060, BCSP-064 and CS-17 for approval (Annexure-46.15.1).

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

(P.V. Suresh)

Chairman