

MINUTES
of the
FORTY NINTH MEETING
of

SCHOOL BOARD
of

SOCIS

Held on

March 15, 2019



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

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The 49th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS was held on March 15, 2019 at 11.00 a.m.in the Conference Room of SOET, C-Block, Academic Complex, IGNOU, New Delhi.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Dr. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Director, SOCIS - Chairperson
2. Dr. Ujjwal Maulik, Jadavpur University, W.B. - Member
3. Dr. Suman Bhattacharya, TCS, Bhubaneswar - Member
4. Prof. S.R. Jha, SOS - Member
5. Dr. Parmod Kumar, Associate Professor, SOH - Member
6. Dr. Shashi Bhushan Sharma, Associate Professor, SOCIS - Member
7. Sh. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS - Member
8. Dr. P. V. Suresh, Associate Professor, SOCIS - Member
9. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS - Member
10. Mr. M.P. Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOCIS - Special Invitee

Prof. R.K. Agrawal, Prof. Sukumar Nandi, Prof. C. Pandurangan, Prof. Nawal Kishor and Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra could not attend the Meeting.

At the outset, Chairperson welcomed and thanked all the members of the Board for sparing their valuable time for making it convenient to attend the meeting. He informed about the newly constituted members of the School Board under clause 2(d) of the Statute 10 (A) and welcomed the new internal members viz., Prof S.R. Jha, Prof Nawal Kishor, Dr.Parmod Kumar and Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra and under Clause 2 (c) of the statute 10 (A) Dr. Shashi Bhushan, Sh. Akshay Kumar, Dr.P.V. Suresh and Dr.Sudhansh Sharma. The School Board put on records its appreciation and gratitude towards Prof Kapil Kumar, Prof Manoj Kulshreshtha, Dr. R.P. Pandey and Dr.Shika Rai, who completed their tenure as member of the School Board of SOCIS, for the valuable contributions made by each of them in smooth and meaningful conduct of the School Board. Following this, he briefed about various developments that took place since last meeting of School Board. Then, the agenda was taken up.

Item No. 49.1 To confirm the Minutes of the 48th Meeting of School Board of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on July 20, 2018.

Decision The Minutes of the 48th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on July 20, 2018 were circulated to all the members for their comments/observations. No comments have been received on the Minutes. The School Board confirmed the Minutes (Annexure-49.1.1) of 48th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on July 20, 2018.

Item No. 49.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 48th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS.

Action taken report as mentioned below was presented before the Board for information.

Item No	Details	Action Taken
48.7	To identify PGDCA as an individual programme of SOCIS and to be made available in the list of IGNOU Academic Programmes & to consider and approve Phase – I form of PGDCA.	It was forwarded to APC and subsequently approved.
48.9	To consider and approve the offer of B.Sc (Computer Science) programme in CBCS mode.	Meeting was held with Coordinator, CBCS, IGNOU.
48.10	To consider and recommend the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA & CIT Programmes.	The approved list has been sent to SED.

Item No. 49.3 To consider and approve the Minutes of 24th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences.

Discussion: Minutes of 24th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on September 7, 2018 were circulated and confirmed. Copy of the Minutes was placed as Annexure-49.3.1 before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-49.3.1) of 24th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on September 7, 2018.

Item No. 49.4 To consider and approve the Minutes of 25th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences.

Discussion: Minutes of 25th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on September 28, 2018 were circulated and confirmed. Copy of the Minutes was placed as Annexure-49.4.1 before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-49.4.1) of 25th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on September 28, 2018.

Item No. 49.5 **To consider and approve the Minutes of 26th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences.**

Discussion: Minutes of 26th meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on January 7, 2019 were circulated and confirmed. Copy of the Minutes was placed as Annexure-49.5.1 before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-49.5.1) of 26th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on January 7, 2019.

Item No. 49.6 **To consider and approve the Minutes of 27th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences.**

Discussion: Minutes of 27th meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on February 18, 2019 were circulated and confirmed. Copy of the Minutes was placed as Annexure-49.6.1 before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-49.6.1) of 27th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on February 18, 2019.

Item No. 49.7 **To consider and approve the Minutes of 28th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences.**

Discussion: Minutes of 28th meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on February 20, 2019 were circulated and confirmed. Copy of the Minutes was placed as Annexure-49.7.1 before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-49.7.1) of 28th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on February 20, 2019.

Item No. 49.8 **To consider and approve the Minutes of 29th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences.**

Discussion: Minutes of 29th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on February 25, 2019 were circulated and confirmed. Copy of the Minutes was placed as Annexure-49.8.1 before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-49.8.1) of 29th Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS held on February 25, 2019.

Item No. 49.9 **To report Ph.D Viva -voce of Mr. Vipul Vashisht, Enrollment No. 100165558, Ph.D student of SOCIS held on July 23, 2018.**

Decision: Chairperson reported to the members that the Viva -voce of Mr. Vipul Vashisht, Enrollment No. 100165558, Ph.D student of SOCIS was held on July 23, 2018.

Item No. 49.10 To report Ph.D Viva -voce of Ms. Deepti Sharma, Enrollment No. 100165562, Ph.D student of SOCIS held on August 2, 2018.

Decision: Chairperson reported to the members that the Viva -voce of Ms. Deepti Sharma, Enrollment No. 100165562, Ph.D student of SOCIS was held on August 2, 2018.

Item No. 49.11 To report Ph.D Viva -voce of Mr. Shailesh Kumar Shivakumar, Enrollment No. 131636820, Ph.D student of SOCIS held on November 29, 2018.

Decision: Chairperson reported to the members that the Viva –voce of Mr. Shailesh Kumar Shivakumar, Enrollment No. 131636820, Ph.D student of SOCIS was held on November 29, 2018.

Item No. 49.12 To consider and approve the additional names of Examiners for Thesis submitted by Ms. Renuka S. Mathapati (En.No.100165571) Ph.D student, 2010 batch of SOCIS.

Discussion: A list of examiners was forwarded to the Research Unit after getting it approved in the 48th Meeting of School Board. However, as directed by the Competent Authority to get more names from other regions, SOCIS received the list of additional examiners from the Research Supervisor of the above mentioned student and was placed before the Board for approval.

Decision: School Board approved the list of additional examiners for thesis submitted by Ms. Renuka S. Mathapati (En.No.100165571) Ph.D student, 2010 batch of SOCIS.

Item No. 49.13 To consider and approve the names of Examiners for Thesis submitted by Mr. Rakesh Kumar (En.No.100165566) Ph.D student, 2010 batch of SOCIS.

Discussion: Chairperson informed the members that SOCIS has received the list of examiners from Research Supervisor of the above mentioned student.

Decision: School Board approved the list of examiners for Thesis submitted by Mr. Rakesh Kumar (En.No.100165566), Ph.D student, 2010 batch of SOCIS.

Item No. 49.14 To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form of Master of Computer Applications (MCA).

Discussion: The Programme coordinator presented the PRF for MCA revision explaining the need of the revision for the Programme. The School Board suggested the following points with respect to MCA programme revision:

- The eligibility criteria need not be changed for MCA.
- Data structures/ course may be considered along with Programming course.
- Communications skills course may include Business communications.
- Software Testing may be made part of practical components of related course.

- AI and Machine Learning can be planned as one course and the other course may be on Business Analytics.

Decision: School Board approved the PRF form for MCA and suggested that an Expert Committee for Programme design may be organized for finalizing the MCA (Revised) Programme structure. Syllabus of different courses may then be finalized in subsequent Course Expert Committee meetings.

Item No. 49.15 To consider and approve the names of the Experts for revision of Master of Computer Applications (MCA).

Discussion: The list of experts (Annexure-49.15.1) for revision of Master of Computer Applications (MCA) was placed for consideration and approval of School Board.

Decision: School Board approved the names of the Experts (Annexure-49.15.1) for revision of Master of Computer Applications (MCA).

Item No. 49.16 To approve the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for the revision of course MCSL- 016 of Master of Computer Applications (MCA).

Discussion: It was informed to the members that a Course revision Expert Committee meeting held for major revision of MCSL-016: Internet Concepts and Web Design on 15th October, 2018. The following observations were also made about the revised course:

- There will not be any change in the credits. The course remains of 2 credits only.
- There is no change in the number of practical sessions in the revised course. There will be 20 practical sessions as earlier.
- There is change in the software (Net beans) which needs to be communicated to all the Regional Centers once the revised course is made available.
- Evaluation scheme remains the same.

The Minutes of the above meeting were placed as Annexure 49.16.1 for consideration and approval of the School Board.

Decision: School Board approved the Minutes (Annexure 49.16.1) of the Expert Committee Meeting for the revision of course MCSL- 016 of Master of Computer Applications (MCA). In view of the revision of MCA programme, this course will be considered while revising the MCA programme as a whole. No course development actually needs to be initiated as of now.

Item No. 49.17 To consider and approve the Programme Development Form and Programme Project Report of Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA).

Discussion: Chairman informed that Phase-1 Form of PGDCA was placed and approved in the 48th School Board of SOCIS held on 20th July, 2018. Subsequently the Phase-I

form has been transformed to Programme Proposal Form (PPF) upon the request of Planning Division and was placed in the 56th meeting of APC held on 30th October, 2018. The approved minutes were circulated vide its notification dated 26th November, 2018.

The Programme Development Form (PDF) (Annexure 49.17.3) and Programme Project Report (PPR) (Annexure 49.17.4) were placed before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (Annexure 49.17.3) and Programme Project Report (PPR) (Annexure 49.17.4) of Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA).

Item No. 49.18 **To consider and approve the Minutes of Programme Expert Committee meeting held for Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD).**

Discussion: Dr. P.V. Suresh, Programme Coordinator of DMAD informed that Phase-1 form for DMAD was approved by School Board and APC. The minutes (Annexure 49.18.1) of Programme Expert Committee meeting held on 22/11/2018 were submitted for approval of School Board.

Decision: School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure 49.18.1) of Programme Expert Committee meeting held for Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD).

Item No. 49.19 **‘To consider inclusion of Rights of Persons with Disabilities in various course curricula of IGNOU, as per the direction of UGC vide letter F.No. 6-5/2017 (SCT) dated 19th January 2018’ - placed as an item in 70th Academic Council held on Sept 25, 2018.**

Discussion: Chairman informed that the above mentioned matter was placed as Item No. 17 before the 70th Meeting of Academic Council held on September 25, 2018. After deliberations, the Academic Council on item no. 17 i.e. *“inclusion of Rights of Persons with Disabilities in various course curricula of IGNOU, as per the direction of UGC vide letter F.No. 6-5/2017 (SCT) dated 19th January 2018”* directed the Schools of Studies to place the same before their respective School Boards for their consideration.

Decision: School Board considered and suggested that necessary action may be taken as and when further communications in this regard are addressed to School.

Item No. 49.20 **To report the withdrawal of BCA-MCA Integrated Scheme.**

Discussion: Chairman informed that a request had been sent to Registrar, SRD on November 1, 2018 to withdraw BCA-MCA Integrated Scheme from January, 2019 cycle. Consequent upon the concurrence received from SRD, the same was forwarded to the Vice Chancellor for approval. The Vice Chancellor approved the withdrawal of BCA-MCA Integrated Scheme.

Decision: School Board noted the withdrawal of BCA-MCA Integrated Scheme approved by Vice Chancellor.

Item No. 49.21 To co-opt the external members for the School Board.

Discussion: Chairman informed that the external members under provision of Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10 A of the Statutes of the University of School Board of SOCIS is expiring on July 26, 2019 and the same is to be co-opted by the School Board. The list of suggested/recommended experts to be co-opted as external members was attached as Annexure 49.21.1.

Decision: School Board recommended the names of experts to be co-opted as external members for the School Board of SOCIS (Annexure 49.21.1).

Item No. 49.22 To consider and recommend the panel for Doctoral Research Committee.

Discussion: Chairman informed that as per the regulations for conducting Research Degree programmes approved by Research Council in its 127th Meeting held on 13th February, 2017 and notified by Research Unit dated 27th March 2017, under clause 3.1.3(iii), the list of suggested/recommended experts for the panel for Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS was placed as Annexure 49.22.2.

Decision: School Board considered and recommended the list of experts placed in the panel of Doctoral Research Committee of SOCIS (Annexure 49.22.2).

Item No. 49.23 ‘To consider the letter received from University Grants Commission (UGC) for making Hindi, as a Compulsory subject in all Universities’ – placed as an item in 71st Academic Council Meeting held on 22nd January, 2019.

Discussion: Chairman informed that the above mentioned matter was placed as Item No. 14 “To consider the letter received from University Grants Commission (UGC) for making Hindi as a Compulsory subject in all Universities” before the 71st Meeting of Academic Council held on 22 January, 2019. After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council noted the contents of the letter and directed to the Schools to comply with the same, if already not done, for making the National Language, Hindi, a Compulsory subject in all Universities.

Decision: School Board considered and suggested to take necessary action as per IGNOU norms.

Item No. 49.24 **To consider and recommend the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA & CIT courses.**

Discussion: The list of TEE Evaluators recommended by the faculty of SOCIS was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board (Annexure-49.24.1).

Decision: School Board considered and recommended the names proposed as answer script evaluators for TEE in courses of MCA, BCA, and CIT Programmes for approval.

Item No. 49.25 **To consider and recommend the names of Moderators and Paper Setters for MCA and BCA Programmes.**

Discussion The list of Moderators/ Paper Setters recommended by the faculty of SOCIS was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board. (Annexure- 49.25.1).

Decision: School Board considered and recommended the names proposed as Moderators/ Paper Setters for MCA and BCA programmes.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

(Dr. V.V. Subrahmanyam)
Chairperson