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Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the School Board of School of Computer & Information Sciences

The 51st Meeting of the School Board of SOCIS was held on July 13, 2020 at 11.30 a.m. through online mode on Google Meet.

The following members were present in the virtual meeting:

1.	Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Director, SOCIS	-	Chairperson
2.	Prof. T.V. Vijay Kumar, JNU, New Delhi	-	Member
3.	Prof. Ela Kumar, IGDTUW, New Delhi	-	Member
4.	Prof. Manoj Kumar, AIACTR, New Delhi	-	Member
5.	Mr. Milind Mahajani, Impressico Businees, New Delhi	-	Member
6.	Prof. S.R. Jha, SOS, IGNOU	-	Member
7.	Prof. Nawal Kishore, SOMS, IGNOU	-	Member
8.	Prof. Parmod Kumar, SOH, IGNOU	-	Member
9.	Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, SOA, IGNOU	-	Member
10.	Prof. P. V. Suresh, Associate Professor, SOCIS	-	Member
11.	Dr. Shashi Bhushan Sharma, Associate Professor, SOCIS	-	Member
12.	Sh. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS	-	Member
13.	Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS	-	Member
14.	Mr. M.P. Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOCIS	-	Special Invitee

Prof. S.K.Gupta 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. Following this, he briefed about various developments that took place since last meeting of the School Board. Then, the agenda was taken up.

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received. The minutes were placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-51.3.1) of the 33rd Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 18, 2020.

Item No. 51.4 **To consider and approve the Minutes of 34th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 20, 2020.**

Discussion The Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 20, 2020 among members/participants for their comments/suggestions. No comment/suggestion was received. The minutes were placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure 51.4.1) of the 34th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 20, 2020.

Item No.51.5 **To consider and approve the Minutes of 35th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 25, 2020.**

Discussion The Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 25, 2020 among members/participants for their comments/suggestions. No comment/suggestion was received. The minutes were placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure-51.5.1) of 35th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of School of Computer & Information Sciences held on Feb 25, 2020.

Item No.51.6 **To consider and recommend change in duration of MCA Programme from 3 years to 2 years w.e.f 2020-21 as per AICTE Notification dated: 3rd July, 2020 for the MCA programme to be offered from July-2020 session onwards.**

Discussion It was informed by the Chairperson that as per the Notification (Annexure 51.6.1) of AICTE dated: 3rd July, 2020, the duration of MCA Programme is changed from 3 years to 2 years from 2020-21 onwards along with the change in the eligibility qualifications. Hence, the matter was placed before the School Board for consideration and recommendation for change in duration from 2020-21 onwards.

Decision The School Board considered and recommended the changes in the duration of MCA Programme from 3 years to 2 years from July 2020 session onwards along with the change in the eligibility qualifications as per the Notification of AICTE (annexure 51.6.1).

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Item No. 51.7 To consider and approve the matters relating to MCA revision:

51.7.1 To consider and recommend the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of Master of Computer Applications (MCA).

Discussion The Chairperson informed the members that the PRF (Annexure 51.7.1) of Master of Computer Applications (MCA) was placed before the 49th Meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on March 15, 2019 and got approved. Now, as per AICTE Notification dated: 3rd July, 2020, MCA programme's duration is to be changed from 3 years to 2 years. Hence, the revised PRF along with Annexures was placed before the School Board for consideration and recommendation.

Decision The School Board discussed thoroughly and suggested changes to the structure. The updated 2-year MCA structure is attached herewith as Annexure – 51.7.1 and the same was approved by School Board.

51.7.2 To consider and recommend the eligibility criteria and modalities of MCA Programme.

Discussion The Chairperson briefed about the eligibility criteria and modalities of MCA Programme that were attached as Annexure 51.7.2 for consideration and approval of the School Board.

Decision The School Board considered and recommended the eligibility criteria and modalities of MCA Programme (Annexure 51.7.2).

Item No. 51.8 To consider and approve the matters relating to Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) revision:

51.8.1 To consider and recommend the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA)

Discussion The PRF of Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) was placed along with Annexure 51.8.1 for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

Decision The School Board considered and recommended the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) (Annexure 51.8.1).

51.8.2 To consider and recommend the eligibility criteria and modalities of PGDCA Programme / Additional Bridge courses.

Discussion The eligibility criteria and modalities of PGDCA Programme were placed as Annexure 51.8.2 for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

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Decision The School Board considered and recommended the eligibility criteria and modalities of PGDCA Programme (Annexure 51.8.2).

Item No. 51.9 **To consider and recommend the Course Writers, Content Editors and Language-Editors for Master of Computer Applications (MCA) revised programme.**

Discussion The list of the Course Writers for Master of Computer Applications (MCA) suggested by the faculty of SOCIS was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board as Annexure 51.9.1.

Decision After deliberations, the School Board considered and recommended the list of the Course Writers for Master of Computer Applications (MCA) suggested by the faculty of SOCIS (Annexure 51.9.1).

Item No. 51.10 **To consider and recommend the Course Writers, Content Editors and Language Editors for the revised Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) / Additional Bridge Courses.**

Discussion The list of the Course Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) suggested by the faculty of SOCIS was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board as Annexure 51.10.1.

Decision After deliberations, the School Board considered and recommended the list of the Course Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) suggested by the faculty of SOCIS (Annexure 51.10.1).

Item No. 51.11 **To re-consider and recommend the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD).**

Discussion The Programme Coordinator Prof. P.V. Suresh brought to the information of members about the decision of Government of India to ban 59 Mobile APPs recently and also launch of AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT APP INNOVATION CHALLENGE by Hon. Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi on July 3rd, 2020 as well as initiative of Government of India regarding Make In India. In this respect, He informed that SOCIS already initiated the process to offer a One Year Modular Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD) with a provision to award Certificate in Mobile Application Development (CMAD) after successful completion of First semester.

Further, he informed that Phase-1 form (PPF) for DMAD has already been approved by the School Board at its 47th Meeting and the Academic Programme Committee (APC) at its 54th Meeting. Subsequently, the Programme Expert Committee meeting was held on 22/11/2018 whose minutes had been approved by the School Board of SOCIS at its 49th Meeting.

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The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Diploma in Mobile Application Development were approved by the School Board in its 50th meeting. Subsequently, both PDF and PPR were placed before 73rd meeting of Academic Council. However, Academic Council referred the proposal back to School Board for reconsideration (AC 73.20.3 of Annexure- J) after making certain observations (AC 73.20.2 of Annexure-J).

The following are the responses to the observations of the Academic Council:

Observation-1: The Council opined that since the Programme involved a number of Countries , it may be required to seek clearance from Ministry of External Affairs before proceeding further.

Response: (1) Since the content of DMAD was developed in collaboration with COL, SOCIS sought inputs from COL on the above mentioned observation. The following is the response of COL (Annexure-K):

All the learning materials developed with COL support are available as open educational resources with CC BY-SA license, which allows anyone to reuse, revise, remix, adapt/adopt, and redistribute derivative works with attribution to the original without any permission of the copyright holder.

(2) All the courses developed as part of DMAD are Open Education Resources (OERs) and are CC-BY-SA. Hence, the content can be shared in any medium or format. Also, the content can be adapted (ie. Remixed, transformed and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially). Only appropriate attribution needs to be given and shared alike. Hence, no permission needs to be obtained from anywhere.

(3) SOCIS did not come across any such notification where in it was mentioned that clearance from Ministry of External Affairs needs to be taken for the offering of a programme which includes some OER based courses developed by Open Universities outside the Country.

Observation-2 : The cost involved in Programme Development was also too high.

Response : There are a total of 8 Courses in DMAD. No cost was incurred by IGNOU for development of 5 courses. Out of the 3 remaining courses, one of the courses is Project Course which will have only Project Guidelines and will be developed by the Programme Coordinator. So, no cost needs to be incurred for development of the Project courses. Now, there are 2 courses left in the second semester of proposed DMAD programme. The expected cost to be incurred for development of 2 courses may be Rs.5 Lakhs appr. So, the cost that may be incurred

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by IGNOU for development of a 32 Credit programme with 8 Courses may be Rs.5 lakhs appr. The cost will include expenditure incurred towards Course Writing, Content Editing and Language Editing that are part of Course development.

School Board thoroughly discussed the observations and noted the responses.

Decision School Board reconsidered and recommended Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD) with a provision to award Certificate in Mobile Application Development (CMAD) after successful completion of first semester of DMAD(Annexure 51.11.1) for approval. School Board also felt that there is need to launch the Programme at the earliest underlining its need.

Item No. 51.12 To inform the School Board regarding the launch of Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) through online in addition to ODL mode for ratification.

The Chairperson informed the members that SOCIS has started one of its programmes *"Certificate in Information Technology (CIT")* offering through online in addition to ODL mode with the approval of the Competent Authority from July, 2020 Session onwards as per Annexure-51.12.1.

Item No. 51.13 To consider and recommend the names of TEE Answer Script Evaluators for MCA, BCA & CIT Programmes.

Decision: The School Board considered and recommended the names proposed as answer script evaluators for TEE for the courses of MCA, BCA, and CIT Programmes (Annexure 51.13.1).

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

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