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**Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Computer & Information Sciences (SOCIS)**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of SOCIS was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room, SOMS.

The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. P. V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS, IGNOU                      | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Zahid Raza, School of Computer and System Sciences, JNU   | - External    |
| Member                                                             |               |
| 3. Sh. Kapil Pandey, SAP Solution Architect, HCL Technologies Ltd. | - External    |
| Member                                                             |               |
| 4. Dr. H. Ravi Sankar, Principal Scientist & OIC, ICAR-CTRI        | - External    |
| Member                                                             |               |
| 5. Prof. A. K. Mohaptra, Professor & Head, Dept. of IT, IGDTUW     | - External    |
| Member                                                             |               |
| 6. Prof. Amit Prakash Singh, USICT, GGSIPU                         | - External    |
| Member                                                             |               |
| 7. Prof. Narayan Prasad, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU                    | - Member      |
| 8. Dr. Vibhuti Gaur, Associate Professor, SOH, IGNOU               | - Member      |
| 9. Dr. Ramesh Yadav, Associate Professor SOJNMS, IGNOU             | - Member      |
| 10. Dr. Namrata Singh, Assistant Professor, SOS, IGNOU             | - Member      |
| 11. Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU               | - Member      |
| 12. Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat, Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU             | - Member      |
| 13. Prof. Divakar Yadav, Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU                   | - Member      |
| 14. Dr. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU            | - Member      |
| 15. Dr. M.P. Mishra, Associate Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU             | - Member      |
| 16. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU         | - Member      |

At the outset, the Chairperson expressed his gratitude to all outgoing members, namely, Prof. Vishal Bhatnagar, Prof. D.S. Kushwaha, Sh. Venugopal, Prof. Alok Singh and Prof. D. K. Tayal. Then, Chairperson welcomed Prof. Zahid Raza, Sh. Kapil Pandey, Dr. H. Ravi Sankar, Prof. A. K. Mohaptra and Prof. Amit Prakash Singh who were attending the meeting of School Board of SOCIS for the first time after their nomination as per last notification. He also thanked all the other School Board members for sparing their valuable time for making it convenient to attend the meeting. Chairperson briefed about various developments that took place since last meeting of School Board.

**Item No. 57.1 To confirm the Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

**Discussion** The Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 were circulated among members/participants for their comments/suggestions. No comments/suggestions were received after the last circulation. The Minutes were placed before the Board for confirmation.

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**Decision** The School Board confirmed the Minutes (Annexure - 57.1.1) of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of SOCIS held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

**Item No. 57.2** To confirm the Minutes of Meetings of School Board (By Circulation) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 respectively.

**Discussion:** The Minutes of the Meetings of School Board (By Circulation) of SOCIS held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 respectively were circulated among members for their comments/suggestions. No comments/suggestions were received. The Minutes were placed before the Board for confirmation.

**Decision:** The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the Meetings of School Board (By Circulation) held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 (Annexure-57.2.1) and 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 (Annexure-57.2.2) of SOCIS respectively.

**Item No. 57.3** Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board and on the Minutes of the Meetings of School Board (by Circulation) held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 respectively of SOCIS.

Action Taken Report as given below was submitted for consideration of School Board.

Item No.	Details	Action Taken
<b>Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of SOCIS.</b>		
Item No. 56.1	To confirm the Minutes of the 55 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Computer & Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022.	Minutes confirmed. Necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 56.2	Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 55 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of SOCIS.	School Board noted the Action Taken Report.
Item No. 56.3	To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Science (MSc) in Data Science and Analytics	PPF approved by APC.
Item No. 56.4	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on April 24, 2023.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 56.5	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on April 26, 2023.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 56.6	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 44 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.

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	April 28, 2023.	
Item No. 56.7	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on May 26, 2023.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 56.8	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 46 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on June 19, 2023.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 56.9	To consider and approve the Proposed list of evaluators for PhD Thesis evaluation of Ms. Sweety Kataria, Enrollment No. 173102469, PHDCS student.	Approved by the School Board. Viva-Voce held. Degree awarded.
Item No. 56.10	To consider and approve the Proposed list of evaluators for PhD Thesis evaluation of Ms. Sofia Goel, Enrollment No. 173103407, PHDCS student.	Approved by the School Board. Viva-Voce held. Degree awarded.
Item No. 56.11	To consider and approve the Proposed list of evaluators for PhD Thesis evaluation of Ms. Jyoti Bisht, Enrollment No. 173102451, PHDCS student.	Approved by the School Board. Viva-Voce held. Degree awarded.
Item No. 56.12	To consider TEE answer sheet Evaluators for various courses of SOCIS programmes for approval.	Approved by the School Board. Sent to Competent Authority for approval.
<b>Action Taken on Minutes of Meeting of School Board (by Circulation) held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024</b>		
Item No. 1	To co-opt the external members for the School Board of SOCIS under clause (2) (e) of Statute 10 A.	Approved by the School Board (By circulation). Notification issued by ACD.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve Change in Eligibility Criteria of 2 years Master of Computer Applications (Programme Code ODL: MCA_New, Programme Code Online mode: MCAOL) from July 2024 admission cycle and onwards.	Approved by the School Board (By circulation). Submitted for further approvals.
<b>Action Taken on Minutes of Meeting of School Board (by Circulation) held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024</b>		
Item No. 1	To consider and approve the minutes of the admission committee meetings and the list of shortlisted candidates for admission to PHDCS for the July 2023 admission cycle.	Approved by the School Board (By circulation). Sent to Research Unit for RC/RCSC approval.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve the PRF (Programme Revision Form) of BCA (Revised) and BCAOL.	Approved by the School Board (By circulation). Submitted for further approval.

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**Item No. 57.4** To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of Expert Committee for M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics along with course structure of various courses.

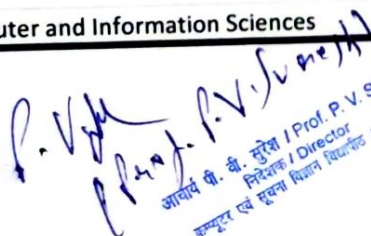
**Discussion** The Minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee of M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics along with course structure of various courses of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 were circulated among members for their comments/suggestions. No comments/suggestions were received. The Minutes were placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

**Decision** The School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure – 57.4.1) of the Expert Committee for M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics and Syllabus /course structure (Annexure– 57.4.1) for the various courses of M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 with the following suggestions: (1) Orientation Programmes for Academic Counselors need to be conducted (2) Reference books are to be given for every course (3) Links to video lectures may be included at the end of each unit of every course (4) For every course, references to corresponding suitable online courses may be given (5) Learning outcomes need to be included (6) Since there are large number of courses and it's a 4 semester programme, to facilitate the inclusion of latest content into the units, Course coordinators are herewith authorized to review syllabus and course structures. After review, they may reduce / increase syllabus, make appropriate changes in course structures, if needed.

**Item No.57.5** To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for "M.Sc in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning" (2 years).

**Discussion** Prof. Divakar Yadav and Prof.Sandeep Singh Rawat, Programme Coordinators of Master of Science (M.Sc) in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Need Analysis for the proposed programme.

**Decision** The School Board approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) (Annexure- 57.5.1) and Need Analysis (Annexure- 57.5.2) for M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (M.Sc. in AI & ML) with the following suggestions: (a) Reference books are to be given for every course (b) In the programme information, it needs to be included that prior knowledge of Mathematics, Statistics is desirable (c) After the programme launch, SOCIS may explore the possibility of offering electives (d) Members pointed out that, as per AICTE APH, the nomenclature for ODL/Online learning in the area of AI and ML was mentioned as Post Graduate Diploma / Post Graduate Certificate. Compliance (as applicable) needs to be ensured (e) Wherever suitable NPTEL courses are found,

  
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possibility of offering credit transfer needs to be explored. (f) The proposed launch cycle and year may be updated to "July, 2025 or January, 2026 onwards".

**Item No.57.6** To consider and approve the Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

**Discussion** The Minutes (Annexure -57.6.1) of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on December 21, 2023 were circulated among members for comments. Subsequently, the Minutes were confirmed in the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) held on February 26, 2024. The Minutes are placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

**Decision** The School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure – 57.6.1) of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

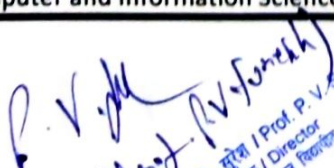
**Item No.57.7** To consider and approve the Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**Discussion** The Minutes (Annexure 57.7.1) of the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on February 26, 2024, were circulated among members for comments. Subsequently, the Minutes were confirmed in the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) held on March 6, 2024. The Minutes are placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

**Decision** The School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure – 57.7.1) of the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**Item No.57.8** To consider and approve the Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**Discussion** The Minutes (Annexure -57.8.1) of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on March 6, 2024, were circulated among members for comments. Subsequently, the minutes were confirmed in the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) held on April 3, 2024. The Minutes are placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.

  
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- Decision** The School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure – 57.8.1) of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.
- Item No.57.9** **To consider and approve the Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024.**
- Discussion** The Minutes (Annexure -57.9.1) of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on April 3, 2024, were circulated among members for comments. The Minutes are placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.
- Decision** The School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure – 57.9.1) of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024.
- Item No.57.10** **To consider and approve the proposed list of evaluators for PhD Thesis of Mr. Dharmendra Kumar, Enrollment No. 173103421, PHDCS student.**
- Discussion** School Board noted that the pre-submission seminar of Mr. Dharmendra Kumar, Enrol. No. 173103421, PHDCS student was approved.
- Decision** The list of evaluators for PhD Thesis evaluation of Mr. Dharmendra Kumar, Enrollment No. 173103421, PHDCS student was considered and approved by the School Board.
- Item No.57.11** **To consider and approve the proposed list of evaluators for PhD Thesis of Ms. Sarita Bansal, Enrollment No. 173103414, PHDCS student.**
- Discussion** School Board noted that the pre-submission seminar of Ms. Sarita Bansal, Enrol. No. 173103414, PHDCS student was approved.
- Decision** The list of evaluators for PhD Thesis evaluation of Ms. Sarita Bansal, Enrollment No. 173103414, PHDCS student was considered and approved by the School Board.
- Item No.57.12** **To consider and approve Question Paper Setters, TEE answer sheet Evaluators and Project Evaluator for various courses of SOCIS programmes.**
- Discussion** The list of TEE answer sheet Evaluators and Question Paper Setters for various courses of SOCIS programmes (Annexure 57.12.1) was placed before School Board for consideration and approval. Some faculty members in School Board mentioned that they would like to include additional names to the lists. School Board authorized Chairperson to include the additional names received from the Faculty into the Minutes of the meeting of School Board and treat them as approved by School Board

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**Decision** After deliberations, the School Board considered and approved the list of TEE answer sheet Evaluators and Question Paper Setters for various courses of SOCIS programmes (Annexure 57.12.1). It also suggested that the list should include the fields such as Designation, Institution where the Expert is currently working, Educational Qualifications etc.

**Item No.57.13 To consider and approve the withdrawal of Dr. Kanhaiya Sharma from the panel of Question Paper Setters of SOCIS.**

**Discussion** It was explained that the question paper set by Dr.Kanhaiya Sharma diverged from the pattern completely. Also, the questions included were not suitable to be considered in the question paper due to which the question papers were cancelled and withdrawal recommended by the moderation committee.

**Decision** School Board considered and approved the withdrawal of Dr. Kanhaiya Sharma from the panel of Question Paper Setters of SOCIS.

**Item No. 57.14 To consider and approve the list of Course Writers, Content Editors and Language editors for various courses of M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics.**

**Decision** School Board considered and approved the list of Course Writers, Content Editors and Language Editors (Annexure-57.14.1 : [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j-u\\_XGw3wuiUPjgIZsm5fs0BYxZ6u8Qx](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j-u_XGw3wuiUPjgIZsm5fs0BYxZ6u8Qx)) for various courses of M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics given by different faculty members of SOCIS.

**Item No. 57.15 To consider and approve the Experts for Expert committee Meeting to Start a new programme on M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning by the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS)**

**Decision** School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for Expert Committee Meeting (Annexure-57.15.1) for a new programme on M.S. in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning of SOCIS.

**Item No.57.16 To report the approval of Vice Chancellor for updated eligibility conditions for BCA (BCA\_NEW and BCA\_NEWOL)**

**Discussion** BCA programme coordinators informed the School Board that revised eligibility conditions were published by AICTE in its Approval Process Handbook (2024-27). Accordingly, SOCIS sought approval of competent authority for updating the eligibility conditions for BCA (ODL and OL) (3 years duration) from July,

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2024 session onwards and Vice Chancellor approved the proposal of the SOCIS (Annexure-57.16.1)

**Decision**

The School Board noted the approval granted by VC (Annexure-57.16.1). The following are the revised eligibility conditions for BCA\_NEW and BCA\_NEWOL:

10+2 or its equivalent

OR

A pass in Diploma in Commercial Practice or equivalent

**Item No.57.17** To report the approval of Vice Chancellor for withdrawal and resumption of PGDCA\_NEW programme from July, 2024 session onwards

**Decision**

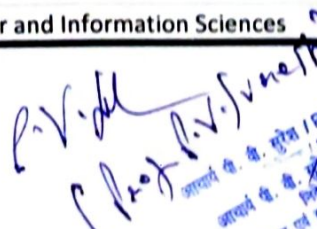
School Board noted the approval of Vice Chancellor dated March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for request of SOCIS for withdrawal of PGDCA\_NEW from July, 2024 session onwards as the programme duration was mentioned as 2 years in AICTE APH (2024-27). School Board also noted the approval of Vice Chancellor dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the request of SOCIS for continuing the PGDCA\_NEW from July, 2024 session onwards keeping in view of the public notice issued by UGC dated April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Annexure-57.17.1)



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Chairperson

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