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Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Computer & Information Sciences (SOCIS)

The 59th Meeting of the School Board of SOCIS was held on 20th March, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of SOMS.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat, Director, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Chairperson
2. Prof. Zahid Raza, School of Computer and System Sciences, JNU	–	External Member
3. Prof. Narayan Prasad, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU	-	Member
4. Dr. Ramesh Yadav, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU	-	Member
5. Dr. Namrata Singh, Assistant Professor, SOCE, IGNOU	-	Member
6. Prof. P.V. Suresh, Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Member
7. Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Member
8. Prof. Divakar Yadav, Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Member
9. Dr. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Member
10. Dr. M.P. Mishra, Associate Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Member
11. Dr. Sudhansh Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU	-	Member

Dr. H. Ravi Sankar, Sh. Kapil Pandey, Prof. A.K. Mohaptra, Prof. Amit Prakash Singh and Dr. Vibhuti Gaur could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members of the School Board. He also thanked all the School Board members for sparing their valuable time for making it convenient to attend the meeting.

Item No. 59.1	**To confirm the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of School Board held on 27th September, 2024 (online mode).**
Discussion:	The Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the School Board of SOCIS held on 27th September, 2024 (online mode) 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.
Decision:	The School Board confirmed the Minutes (Annexure - 59.1.1) of the 58th Meeting of the School Board of SOCIS held on 27th September, 2024.
Item No. 59.2	**To report the Minutes of Meetings of School Board (By Circulation) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) by the School Board members by circulation through e-mail on 11th November, 2024, 01st January, 2025 and 31st January, 2025.**
Discussion:	The Minutes of the Meetings of the School Board (By Circulation) of SOCIS held on 11th November, 2024, 01st January, 2025 and 31st January, 2025 were circulated among members for their comments/suggestions. No comments/suggestions were received. The Minutes were placed before the School Board for confirmation.

Decision: The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the Meetings of the School Board (By Circulation) held on 11th November, 2024 (Annexure-59.2.1), 01st January, 2025 (Annexure-59.2.2) and 31st January, 2025 (Annexure-59.2.3) respectively.

Item No. 59.3   **Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the School Board held on 27th September, 2024 and on the Minutes of the Meetings of School Board (by Circulation) held on 11th November, 2024, 01st January, 2025 and 31st January, 2025 of SOCIS.**

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

Item No.	Details	Action Taken
Item No. 58.1	To confirm the Minutes of the 57th Meeting of School Board of School of Computer & Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 3rd May, 2024.	Minutes confirmed. Necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 58.2	To confirm the Minutes of Meeting of School Board (By Circulation) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 19th June, 2024.	Minutes confirmed. Necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 58.3	Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 57th Meeting of School Board and on the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board (by Circulation) held on 3rd May, 2024 and 19th June, 2024 respectively of SOCIS.	School Board noted the Action Taken Report.
Item No. 58.4	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Expert Committee for the Finalization of Programme Structure for M.Sc in AI & ML.	School Board deferred the item.
Item No. 58.5	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 3rd June, 2024.	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 58.6	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 30th August, 2024.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 58.7	To consider and approve the Question Paper Setters, TEE Answer Sheet Evaluators and Project Evaluators for various courses of SOCIS programmes for approval.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.
Item No. 58.8	To consider and approve the withdrawal of Prof. Pankaj Aggarwal and Dr. Arun Kumar Yadav from the panel of Question Paper Setters of SOCIS.	Approved by the School Board and necessary actions initiated.

Item No. 58.9	To consider and approve the credit transfer scheme from MCA_NEW/MCAOL to MCA_NEW/MCAOL.	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 58.10	To consider and approve credit transfer policy from BCA(Revised)/BCAOL to BCA_NEW/BCA_NEWOL	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 58.11	To consider and approve eligibility conditions of Academic Counselors of courses of BCA_NEW and BCA_NEWOL	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 58.12	To consider and approve the eligibility conditions for Project Evaluators of BCSP-165	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 58.13	To consider and approve the evaluation methodology of courses of BCA_NEW and BCA_NEWOL	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No.58.14	To consider and approve the number of academic counselling sessions of courses of BCA_NEW and BCA_NEWOL	Approved by School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No.58.15	Renaming of two courses of M.Sc in Data Science and Analytics (MSCDSA): (1) Mathematical Foundation for Data Science –I as "Mathematical Foundations –I" (2) Mathematical Foundation for Data Science –II as "Mathematical Foundations – II"	School Board noted and necessary action initiated.
Item No.58.16	To Consider and approve the Course/Unit Writer for the course Big Data Analytics (MCS-071) of M.Sc in Data Science and Analytics (MSCDSA).	School Board noted and necessary action initiated.
Item No.58.17	SWAYAM MOOCS Courses: MCS-211: Design and Analysis of Algorithms, MCS-226: Data Science and Big Data, BCS-12: Basic Mathematics, BCS-042: Introduction to Algorithm Design to be offered from January, 2025 session.	School Board noted the action taken by the School.
Agenda Item of Meeting of the School Board (by Circulation) held on 11th November, 2024		
Item No. 1	To consider and approve the Minutes of Expert Committee Meetings held on 10th September 2024 and 23rd September 2024 to finalize the Programme Structure and syllabus of different courses of M.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) respectively.	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Agenda Item of Meeting of the School Board (by Circulation) held on 01st January, 2025		
Item No. 1	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of M.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) (MSCAIML).	Approved by the School Board and subsequently by the Academic Council.

Item No. 2	To consider and approve the Credit transfer of SWAYAM Courses to SOCIS Programmes.	Approved by the School Board and subsequently by the Academic Council.
Item No. 3	To consider and approve the list of Course Writers, Content Editors and Language editors for various courses of M.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning).	Approved by the School Board and by the Competent Authority.
Item No. 4	To consider and approval the change of programme fee for M.Sc in Data Science and Analytics (MSCDSA)	Approved by the School Board and subsequently by the Academic Council.
Item No. 5	To Report the approval of Vice-Chancellor for the additional list of course writer for MCS-063 (Data Structures Using Python) of M.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics (MSCDSA).	School Board noted the list of course writers for MCS-063 (Data Structures Using Pythons) of MSCDSA.

Agenda Item of Meeting of the School Board (by Circulation) held on 31st January, 2025

Item No. 1	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 14th November, 2024.	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 2	To consider and approve the Minutes of 54th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 29th January, 2025.	Approved by the School Board and necessary action initiated.
Item No. 3	To consider and approve the list of Experts/Content Editors for Mathematical Foundations-1 (MCS-061) and Data Science Lab (MCSL-065) courses of M.Sc in Data Science and Analytics (MSCDSA) programme.	Approved by the School Board and by the Competent Authority. Necessary action initiated.

School Board noted the Action Taken Report.

Item No. 59.4   **To consider and approve the implementation of plagiarism checks for MCA project synopsis submission and project report submission.**

Discussion: The following points were discussed in the meeting:

     o The members unanimously expressed that there is a strong need for implementing plagiarism checks for MCA project report submissions to uphold academic integrity and ensure the originality of student work.

     o It was agreed that the University administration will explore and procure appropriate plagiarism detection software.

     o The financial expenses for conducting plagiarism checks should not be passed on to the students. Instead, the University should look into.

o Since many University programmes include a project component, the members emphasized the necessity of framing a comprehensive policy on plagiarism applicable to all Schools.

o The committee recommended preparing detailed modalities for implementing the plagiarism check, including submission protocols, plagiarism thresholds, and consequences for violations.

o These modalities should be integrated into the broader policy framework.

o The members highlighted the growing use of AI-generated content in academic work.

o It was proposed that the policy should define clear guidelines on the acceptable extent of AI-generated content in project reports.

o The framework should specify the permissible percentage or nature of AI-assisted content, ensuring it does not undermine academic integrity.

Decision: The item was principally agreed, however, will be placed in the consecutive School Board Meeting with modalities which will be integrated into the broader policy framework of the University.

Item No.59.5 **To consider and approve the exemption of BCS-012 for the students who completed all the courses of MCA (Revised) except BCS-012, subject to completion of maximum duration.**

Discussion: The matter was placed before the members of School Board by the Coordinator of the course BCS-012, and the same was discussed in detail in the meeting.

The members of the board understood the purpose of the course of BCS-012 is to form firm footing of mathematics (which was required to successfully complete the courses of MCA(Revised)), the course of BCS-012 was recommended to the students "*who took admission into MCA(Revised) - from July 2013 Onwards, and did not have mathematics at 10+2 level or at graduate level*".

The members of the School Board considered that, if the student has already cleared all the courses of MCA(Revised) including project work, except BCS-012 (a bridge course of Basic Mathematics for MCA(Revised)), then it justifies that the student has sufficient understanding of the concepts of mathematics required for the completion of MCA (revised).

Hence, the members of the School Board of SOCIS felt that exemption from BCS-012 may be granted to all the students of MCA (Revised), who completed all the courses of MCA (Revised) except BCS-012, subject to completion of maximum duration.

Decision: The members of the School Board of SOCIS felt that exemption from BCS-012 may be granted to all the students of MCA (Revised), who completed all the courses of MCA (Revised) except BCS-012, subject to completion of maximum duration.

Item No. 59.6	**To consider and approve the credit transfer policy from PGDCA_NEW to PGDCA_NEW**

Discussion: The coordinator of PGDCA_NEW programme placed the credit transfer policy from PGDCA_NEW to PGDCA_NEW. The coordinator of PGDCA_NEW informed the members of the school board that PGDCA programme was revised and the code of the new PGDCA programme is PGDCA_NEW, which is on offer since January, 2021 cycle. The maximum duration for the completion of the PGDCA_NEW programme is 36 Months i.e. three years, which is attained in January 2024. Now, The Students of PGDCA_NEW who are not successful in all courses in the prescribed period, needs to apply for credit transfer from PGDCA_NEW to PGDCA_NEW after applying for admission to first semester of PGDCA_NEW programme.

The proposed Credit Transfer Policy from PGDCA_NEW to PGDCA_NEW programme of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) is herewith attached in Annexure-59.6.1, and placed before the members of School Board for approval.

Decision: The members of the School Board of SOCIS considered and approved the proposed Credit Transfer Policy from PGDCA_NEW to PGDCA_NEW programme (Annexure-59.6.1) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS).

Item No.59.7 **To consider and approve the Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 24th February, 2025.**

Discussion: One of the School Board members mentioned that as per the Research Guidelines the 55th Doctoral Research Committee (Item No. 55.5 – To consider and approve the Pre-PhD Seminar of Ms. Nisha Rani, Enrollment No. 173102444 PHDCS student) item should not be brought to the School Board rather the DRC recommendations should be directly sent to Research Unit.

Decision: The School Board considered and approved the Minutes (Annexure – 59.7.1) of the 55nd Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) held on 24th February, 2025.

Item No.59.8 **To consider and approve the TEE Answer Sheet Evaluators and Project Evaluators for various courses of SOCIS programmes.**

Discussion: The list of TEE Answer Sheet Evaluators and Project Evaluators for various courses of SOCIS programmes (Annexure 59.8.1) was placed before School Board for consideration and approval.

Decision: The School Board considered and approved the list of TEE Answer Sheet Evaluators and Project Evaluators for various courses of SOCIS programmes (Annexure 59.8.1).

Item No.59.9	**To consider and approve the Proposed list of evaluators for PhD Thesis of Ms. Nisha Rani, Enrollment No. 173102444, PHDCS student**
Decision:	The School Board noted that the pre-submission seminar of Ms. Nisha Rani, Enrollment. No. 173102444, PHDCS student was approved.
Decision .	The list of evaluators for PhD Thesis evaluation of Ms. Nisha Rani, Enrollment No. 173102444, PHDCS student was considered and approved by the School Board.
Item No.59.10	**To consider and approve the Credit transfer of SWAYAM Courses to Online SOCIS Programme.**
Discussion:	Credit transfer of SWAYAM courses to ODL programmes of SOCIS was already approved by the School Board and subsequently by the Academic Council. Credit Transfer of Online programmes of SOCIS was placed before the School Board for approval.
Decision:	The School Board considered and approved the Credit transfer of SWAYAM courses to Online Programmes of SOCIS (Annnexure-59.10.1 to 59.10.4).
Item No.59.11	**To consider and approve the additional list of Course/Unit Writers, Content Editors and Language Editors of M.Sc (Data Science and Analytics) – MSCDSA Programme**
Discussion:	The additional list of Course/Unit Writers, Content Editors and Language Editors of M.Sc (Data Science and Analytics)- MSCDSA 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.
Decision:	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Course/Unit Writers, Content Editors and Language Editors of M.Sc (Data Science and Analytics)- MSCDSA (Annexure-59.11.1).
Item No.59.12	**To consider and approve the additional list of names of Course/Unit Writers of M.Sc (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) – MSCAIML Programme.**
Discussion:	The proposed list of names of Course/Unit Writers for the courses of M.Sc (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) – MSCAIML placed before the School Board for approval.
Decision:	The School Board considered and approved the proposed name of Course/Unit Writers for courses of MSc. (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) -MSCAIML (Annexure-59.12.1)

Item No. 59.13	**To consider and approve the number of academic counselling sessions of courses of M.Sc (Data Science and Analytics) -MSCDSA Programme.**
Discussion:	The number of academic Counselling sessions (theory and practical) of different courses of M.Sc (Data Science and Analytics) – MSCDSA as decided by the faculty as per University norms.
Decision:	The School Board considered and approved the number of academic Counselling sessions (theory and practical) of different courses of M.Sc (Data Science and Analytics) – MSCDSA (Annexure-59.13.1).
Item No.58.14	**To consider and approve the Analysis Report based on the Subject Experts' Feedback forms for AY 2024-25 to be forwarded to CIQA working group.**
Discussion:	Based on the feedback received from 23 Subject Experts via Google Forms, a detailed analysis report was prepared and submitted for approval to the School Board.
Decision:	The School Board considered and approved the Analysis Report (Annexure-59.14.1).
Item No.59.15	**To consider and approve the withdrawal of the name of Sh. S. Chandran from the panel of TEE Answer Sheet Evaluators for all programmes of SOCIS.**
Discussion:	During the School Board Meeting, it was explained that the answer sheets for the TEE December 2024, evaluated by Sh. S. Chandran, had several deviations.
Decision:	The School Board considered and approved the removal of the name of Sh. S Chandran from the panel of Answer Sheet Evaluator for all SOCIS programmes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members of the School Board.

(Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat)
Chairperson

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