

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Minutes of the First School Board Meeting held on December 07, 2007 at 11.30 a.m. in the Board Room, Block No. 8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee
3. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Professor, STRIDE - Member
4. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Professor, SOH - Member
5. Prof. Anju Seghal Gupta, Professor, SOH - Member
6. Shri P.V. Suresh, Lecturer, SOCIS - Member

The following could not attend:

1. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee
2. Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee
3. Prof. Basir Ahmed Khan, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee
4. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools was present to assist the Chairman of the School Board.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the School Board. He briefed the members about the Expert Committee recommendations on establishing the new school and the approval process involving the Planning Board, Academic Council Standing Committee, Academic Council, Board of Management and the Visitor. The University has already initiated the process of appointing the regular faculty in the new School.

The following are the Agenda items for discussion and consideration of the School Board:

1. Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.
2. Programmes being developed for the School.
3. Phase-3 Form (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) on Certificate in French Language.
4. To consider 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.

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5 Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

SOFL 1.1: Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.

SOFL 1.1.1: The School Board took note of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School of Foreign Languages. There is a need for the preparation of Vision Document to decide on the programmes & activities and draw a roadmap for the new School. We may engage outside experts also to coordinate this activity. Prof. Parvin Sinclair has suggested that a Workshop/ Brainstorming Session may also be conducted to make recommendations and for giving directions to the new School that could help the preparation of the Vision Document.

SOFL 1.1.2: The School Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate steps for this purpose.

SOFL 1.2: Programmes being developed for the School.

SOFL 1.2.1: The School Board took note of the following programmes being developed and proposed in the School:

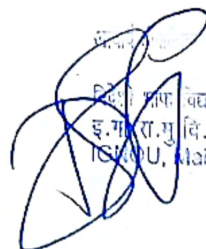
Programme	Programme Coordinator
1. Certificate in German Language (already launched)	Prof. Renu Bharadwaj, Director, SOH
2. Certificate in Japanese Language	
3. Certificate in French Language	
4. Certificate Spanish Language	

SOFL 1.2.2 The members suggested that the methodology for instruction of these languages should be through the learners mother tongue or English. Films, Audio Programmes and Video Programmes can be made use of as supplementary material.

SOFL 1.2.3 The members suggested that the guidelines for setting the standards need to be obtained from that language speaking people.

SOFL 1.2.4 The members are of the opinion that the School can reach more students through MOUs for establishing Programme Centres and using the experts from institutes like JNU, Delhi University, The EFL University, etc. The programme launch in the foreign languages has to be a national activity.

SOFL 1.2.5 Prof. Parvin Sinclair said that the School can design and offer similar programmes in Russian, Italian, Chinese, Arabic, and Korean languages.


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SOFL 1.2.6 The Chairman suggested that Prof. Renu Bhardwaj may develop a Teacher Training Programme for Teaching Foreign Language. For this, the University could consider establishing a Centre for Training of Foreign Languages. An Expert Committee will be constituted to develop a Diploma programme in Teaching of Foreign Languages.

SOFL 1.3 Phase-3 Form (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) on Certificate in French Language.

SOFL 1.3.1 The School Board Considered the Phase-3 Form (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) on Certificate in French Language. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj said that the programme is developed in association of SCAC French Embassy. The medium of instruction is through English, Hindi, and/or French. It contains 4 courses (12 credits). The theory and practical components will be 50% each. There will be 72 hours of counseling. The programme will be launched from July 2008. Prof Parvin Sinclair suggested that the course should contain a note about the pronunciation of French language.

SOFL 1.3.2 The School Board discussed the details of the programme and approved the Phase-3 Form (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) on Certificate in French Language.

SOFL 1.4: To co-opt "Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge." Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.

SOFL 1.4.1: The Vice-Chancellor said that according to the Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University, not more than five experts, who are not the employees of the University, are to be co-opted by the School Board. The members discussed the names of a number of people for the co-option to the School Board.

SOFL 1.4.2: The School Board decided to co-opt following five experts under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University:

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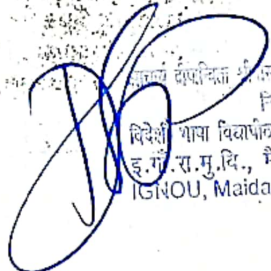
5. To be nominated by the Chairman

SOFL 1.4.2: The Chairman said that there will be a sub-committee for each language under the School Board. The Sub-committee shall consist one member from the School Board and one language expert.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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