

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Minutes of the Second School Board Meeting held on November 07, 2008 at 11.30 a.m. in the Board Room, Block-8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Prof. Anil K. Dhingra - Member
3. Dr. V. Ramalakshmi - Member
4. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam - Member
5. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj - Member
6. Shri P.V. Suresh - Member

The following could not attend:

1. Prof. Ram Das Akella - Member
2. Mrs. Malabika Bhattacharya - Member
3. Prof. Anil Bhatti - Member
4. Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta - Member

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 new members co-opted by the School Board. The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

SOFL 2.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the first School Board meeting.

SOFL 2.1.1: With reference to the Item 4 of the first School Board, there is a typographical error on the clause under which the 5 experts from outside IGNOU are co-opted. It should be read as "Clause 2(e)" in place of "Clause (3)". Dr Naidu said that no comments were received on the Minutes of the first School Board meeting held on March 04, 2008. The Minutes could be confirmed.

SOFL 2.1.2: The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the first School Board.

SOFL 2.2 and 2.4: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) and Phase-3 (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) terms for "Certificate of Proficiency in Arabic Language".

SOFL 2.2.1, & 2.4.1: Mr. Tauquir Alam, Programme Coordinator explained the rational and detailed structure of the programme. The programme aims at building skills in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic Language. Large number of Indians are working in Middle east countries. They could be the target population for this programme. An expert Committee appointed by the Vice

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Chancellor designed the structure of the programme.

SOFL 2.2.2,
& 2.4.2

The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) and Phase-3 (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) forms for "Certificate of Proficiency in Arabic Language",

SOFL 2.3
and 2.5:

To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) and Phase-3 (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) forms for "Diploma in Standard Arabic Language",

SOFL 2.3.1,
& 2.5.1:

Mr. Tauquir Alam, Programme Coordinator said that after successfully completing the Certificate of Proficiency in Arabic Language one can continue by joining the Diploma. The programme aims at further developing the skills in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic Language. An expert Committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor designed the structure of the programme. The members suggested that the title of the programme may be changed as "Diploma in Arabic Language".

SOFL 2.3.2,
& 2.5.2

The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) and Phase-3 (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) forms for "Diploma in Arabic Language",

SOFL 2.6:

To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "B.A. in Arabic",

SOFL 2.6.1:

Mr. Tauquir Alam, Programme Coordinator apprised the members on the rationale of the programme. The University is offering Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP) with majors in different subjects. It is proposed that the Arabic Language may also be added to the list of BDP. The Foundation courses and Application Oriented courses will remain the same as in other BDP subjects. Elective courses worth 64 credits will be developed in Arabic and those wish to do B.A. in Arabic will have to take courses worth 48 credits.

SOFL 2.6.2:

The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "B.A. in Arabic",

SOFL 2.7:

To consider the recommendation of the Committee that reviewed the Ph.D. synopsis "Teaching Arabic with Modern Technology and the Role of Open and Distance Learning Institutions for its Promotion: An Analytical Study" submitted by Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTS.


SOFL 2.7.1:

Prof. Renu Bhardwaj said that a Committee has reviewed the synopsis submitted by Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA and recommended for further action on the synopsis.

SOFL 2.7.2:

The School Board approved the Ph.D. synopsis of Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA.

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SOFL 2.8: To consider and approve the name of Prof. M.A. Islahi as supervisor for Ph.D. in Arabic.

SOFL 2.8.1: The School Board approved the name of Prof. M.A. Islahi as supervisor for Ph.D. in Arabic. His name will be sent to the Research Council for approval. The School Board has approved the name of Prof. M.A. Islahi as Ph.D. supervisor to Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA.

SOFL 2.9: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Teaching of German Language",

SOFL 2.9.1: Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Programme Coordinator said that the University is currently offering Certificate in German Language on a pilot basis in Tamilnadu, Kerala and Bangalore. There is a shortage of Councillors for this programme. The present programme aims at increasing the number of German Language teachers/counselors and set international standards of German Language learning and teaching in India. This programme will be a model for other foreign languages. The School Board observed that those who have B1 qualification can be exempted from the entrance test.

SOFL 2.9.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Teaching of German Language",

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


(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman

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