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Minutes of the 8th School Board meeting which was held on 25th October 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in the Committee room, Block F, Room no. 048. The following members were present:

1. Prof. G. Chaudhuri, Director, SOFL	Chairman
2. Prof. SP Ganguly, JNU	Member
3. Prof. Mohd. Islahi, JNU	Member
4. Prof. Amar Basu, JNU	Member
5. Prof. DK Singh, BHU	Member
6. Dr. Deo Shankar Navin, Reader, IGNOU	Member
7. Dr. SK Mishra, Reader, SOFL, IGNOU	Member
8. Sh. Vikas Kumar Singh, Asst. Prof. SOFL	Member
9. Dr. Md. Saleem, Asst. Prof. SOFL	Member
10. Sh. Shivaji Bhaskar, Asst. Prof. SOFL	Member
11. Sh. Sarwarul Haque, Consultant, SOFL	Consultant, Full time
12. Sh. Tauqir Alam, RTA, SOFL	RTA

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. KamalSheel, BHU	Member
2. Prof. Satyakam, IGNOU	Member
3. Sh. PV Subramaniam, IGNOU	Member
4. Dr. Deepanvita Srivastava, Asst. Prof. SOFL	Member

At the outset the chairman welcomed all the members of School Board Members and faculties of School of Foreign Languages for the school board meeting and briefly elaborated the recent activities of the school and placed before the agenda points for discussion and requested the faculty members to brief the activities in respect of each discipline.

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The item wise discussion and recommendations of the school board are as follows:

S.B. 8.1 Confirmation of 7th School Board Minutes

The School Board Members confirmed the minutes of 7th School Board Meeting.
(Annexure 1)

S.B 8.2 Approval of Action Taken Report on 7th School Board Items

The school Board Members approved the Action Taken report of 7th School Board with the following observations:

- (a) Regarding justification for creating the posts in each language / discipline the board members discussed in length about the anticipated work load, existing strength of units, budget provision for the posts, financial implications, revenue generation, corporate consultancy, sponsorship and sustainability of the programme. The experts opined about the establishment of Korean language department by the government of Korea itself.
- (b) School Board Members showed their reservations about over dependency on consultants, there should be minimum core faculties in each discipline for smooth conduct of the programme(s). the expansion and consolidation, both should be in equal proportion

S.B 8.3 A report on the recent development of Chinese online Programme where 2 MOUs with Indian Institution have been done. The school board members were happy to know the above said MOUs but they bit doubtful about the technical aspects of signing MOUs between the private institution and public one, later on the issue was resolved since the higher authority was the nodal agency.

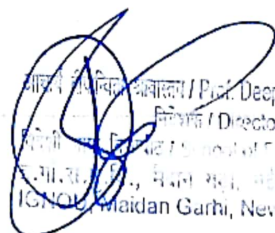
S.B 8.4 One MOU has been signed with one Chinese university

The Board Members were pleased to know about the signing of MOU. Director elaborated to the board members about the MOU signed.

S.B. 8.5 A Chinese expert committee was held on 18th October 2011 where M.Phil/Ph.D on China was discussed and the report of the same will be placed before the Board Members for discussion and approval.

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- (a) The Board Members discussed and debated on the said item at length about running "M.Phil. and Ph.D Programme on China", it was suggested that it should be termed as "China Studies" and not just on China as suggested by the Programme Coordinator in the areas, such as, water sharing problems, conversion of saline water into drinkable water, construction of dams, hydel electricity, energy technology, (R&D) for common people in border region, border trade at different points between India and China, and other related issues. Some Board Members expressed their concern about successful execution of research programme on those upcoming issues which are very much challenging in today's world. However, the Board Members also discussed about the availability of a Supervisor on the issues/subjects which are very important for economic growth of both the countries in general and directly related to the livelihood of the border adjoining areas inhabited by local people, in particular. The Board Members while elaborating the social impact it generates out of these research programmes is huge. The Programme Coordinator informed the Board Members that for supervising such research programme what is needed is how researchers place rational arguments and nature of supporting source materials (Primary / Secondary) etc. accommodated and thereby it is not necessary that a Supervisor has to be an expert on any particular aspect of research subject. If needed, it is Supervisor's responsibility to contact other experts in the field of studies and get researchers in touch with them for adding further inputs into research.
- (b) The Board Members emphasized to workout on M.Phil. and Phd programme separately under the banner of China Studies programme with a reiteration to have an unbiased research to shun "narrow nationalism". While discussing the issue, the Programme Coordinator/ Director of the School further elaborated and said how important for a researcher to be above "judgmental" and avoid narrow nationalist interest pervading the research. This can perhaps be ensured by involving experts and researchers from both India and China. All the members unanimously admitted the importance of those areas of research provided sufficient manpower and fund to carry out such research projects are available. The Research Coordinator informed the Board Members that SOFL will contact various corporate sectors and industries which are interested to engage into such research programmes and urge them to fund the research project, if possible.
- (c) All the Board Members appreciated for taking unconventional topics and areas of research which are very important not only to India -China relations but also bear wider implication on South Asian region. The Board Members opined to refer the matter once again to the Chinese experts for further


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clarification and prepare compulsory one year course work for M.Phil. / Ph.D
researchers as per IGNOU norms.

S.B 8.6, S.B. 8.7, S.B. 8.8 AND S.B. 8.9 WERE CONSIDERED AS REPORTING ITEM

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