

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**(School of Foreign Languages)**

**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> (SEVENTEENTH) SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SOFL HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 11:00 A.M. IN CLASSROOM NO. 2, SOFL,  
BLOCK 15/D, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI- 110068**

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Anju Sahgal Gupta, Director i/c	Chairperson
2. Mr. Vikash Kr. Singh	Member
3. Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava	Member
4. Dr. Mohammad Saleem	Member
5. Mr. Shivaji Bhaskar	Member
6. Dr. Shubha M. Gokhale	Member
7. Dr. Indranil Sanyal	Member
8. Prof. S. P. Ganguly	Member
9. Prof. M. Aslam Islahi	Member
10. Dr. A. K. Lal	Member

Prof. B. B. Khanna, Dr. Shyama Joshi and Dr. G. Mahesh could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the chairperson welcomed the members to the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board. Before the Items on the Agenda were taken for consideration, the Chairperson presented before the School Board a brief account of the important activities undertaken by the SOFL since the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of SOFL's School Board which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. Thereafter, the members discussed the agenda items one by one and resolved the following:

**ITEM No.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting of SOFL held on (Annexure - 1)**

S.B.17.1 The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting (Annexure - 1).

**ITEM No.2: ACTION TAKEN REPORTS (ATRs) on the 16<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting. (Annexure-2)**

S.B.17.2: The School Board took note of the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on the recommendations of the 16<sup>th</sup> School Board.

S.B.17.2.1: With reference to the ATR S.B.16.12, the School Board expressed concern regarding continued lack of clarity for the payment norms to course writers/editors

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residing/placed abroad. The Chairperson informed the members that based on the recommendations of the 16<sup>th</sup> School Board, this issue was taken up with the Finance & Accounts Division. However, the School has so far not received a satisfactory reply from the said Division on which to proceed with payments. This has resulted in further delay in getting the course materials prepared for the programmes under development.

S.B.17.2.2: The Chairperson reiterated that engaging course writers/editors residing abroad is necessary, especially in case of SOFL. The School Board expressed concern and suggested that, if necessary, the School may seek guidance of the competent authorities in this matter.

**ITEM No.3: To Consider and approve the proposal to identify disciplines in the School of Foreign Languages (Annexure - 3)**

S.B.17.3: The proposal to identify disciplines in the School was presented. The Chairperson apprised the members that since the establishment of the School towards the end of 2007 several programmes were started and then subsequently 'put on hold' (e.g. Chinese, Persian, German, Japanese) due to temporary appointments of consultants. Therefore, in response to the academic/pedagogical considerations and in order to streamline the academic work of the school, a need is felt to identify disciplines at this stage.

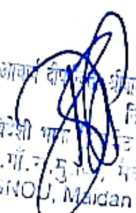
S.B.17.3.1: The School Board discussed the proposal in detail and considering the in-house availability of faculty members and with a view to strengthen the existing faculty and the concerned language programmes on offer / under development, the Board recommended the creation of the following disciplines/area of studies in a phased manner, as per the details below:

**Phase-I:** a) Arabic Studies, b) French Studies, c) Hispanic Studies and d) Russian Studies

**Phase -II:** Chinese Studies, German Studies, Japanese Studies and Persian Studies

S.B.17.3.2: The School Board was of the view that teaching-learning of foreign languages in India must not replicate the existing European/American models. Instead, foreign language teaching in India must be situated in the multilingual and multicultural ethos of the country. This must be along the lines of the Government of India emphasis of skill development, concept of 'Make in India', GIAN (Global Initiative for Academic Networks) project and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses).

S.B.17.3.3: The School Board strongly recommended and approved the proposal to identify disciplines in the School of Foreign Languages, as per details given in Annexure - 3.

  
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**ITEM No.4: To Consider and approve the list of External Experts for the Doctoral Committee. (Annexure -4)**

S.B.17.4: The School Board considered and approved the list of External Experts for the Doctoral Committee, as per the details below:

S.B.17.4.1: For French

S. No.	Name of Expert	Department/University
1.	Prof. R. Borges (Retd.)	CFPS, SLL&CS JNU New Delhi
2.	Prof. Kiran Chowdhary	CFPS, SLL&CS JNU New Delhi
3.	Prof. C. Krishnamurthy (Retd.)	CFPS, SLL&CS JNU New Delhi
4.	Prof. Shantha Ramakrishna (Retd.)	CFPS, SLL&CS JNU New Delhi
5.	Prof. Abhijit Karkun	CFPS, SLL&CS JNU New Delhi
6.	Prof. Kusum Agarwal	GRS, Delhi University, New Delhi

S.B.17.4.2: For Arabic

S. No.	Name of Expert	Department/University
1.	Prof. M. Aslam Islahi	CAAS SLL&CS JNU New Delhi
2.	Prof Nooman Ahmad Khan	Dept. of Arabic, Delhi University
3.	Prof. Zubair Ahmad Farooqui	Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Habibullah Khan	Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
5.	Dr. Mujeebur Rahman	CAAS, JNU, New Delhi

**ITEM No.5: To Consider and approve Phase-III (Pre-launch) form for Certificate in French Language (CFL) (Annexure - 5)**

S.B.17.5: The School Board considered and approved Phase-III (Pre-launch) form for Certificate in French Language (CFL) as per Annexure-5.

**ITEM No.6: To Consider and approve the concept proposal to start Diploma in Arabic Programme. (Annexure -6)**

S.B.17.6: The School Board considered and approved the concept proposal to start Diploma in Arabic Programme.

S.B.17.6.1: School Board suggested holding an Expert Committee Meeting at the earliest. Names for the Expert Committee were discussed and the following names were proposed & approved, as per details below:

S. No.	Name of Expert	Department/University
1.	Prof. Zubair Ahamad Farooqi	Department of Arabic, Jamia Milia

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2.	Prof. M. Aslam Islahi	Centre of Arabic & African Studies, JNU
3.	Prof. Nooman Ahmad Khan	Department of Arabic, Delhi University
4.	Prof. Habibullah Khan	Department of Arabic, Jamia Milia Islamia
5.	Prof. Mujeebur Rahman	Centre of Arabic & African Studies, JNU
6.	Professor Sanaullah	AMU Aligarh
7.	Prof. Ashfaq Ahmad	Department of Arabic, Assam University
8.	Prof. Wali Akhtar	Department of Arabic, Delhi University
9.	Dr. Muzaffar Alam	Associate Professor, Department of Arabic, EFLU Hyderabad
10.	Dr. Rizwan ur Rahman	Centre of Arabic & African Studies, JNU
11.	Dr. Obaidur Rahman	Centre of Arabic & African Studies, JNU
12.	Dr. Nasim Akhtar	Department of Arabic, Jamia Milia Islamia
13.	Mr. Inayat Rasool Rather	Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic, Islamic University of Science & Technology, Srinagar
14.	Dr. Mohammad Qutbuddin	Assistant Professor, Centre of Arabic & African Studies, JNU

S.B.17.6.2: School Board further suggested that while preparing the syllabus for the proposed programme, the issue of credit and minimum duration as proposed by UGC Curriculum Framework for Diploma level programmes should be kept in mind.

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

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Chairperson

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