

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Gender and Development Studies

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies.

The tenth meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies was held on 27th April, 2011 at 2.30 pm in the Conference Room of NCIDE, Block G, Academic Complex, IGNOU. The following members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. Savita Singh, Chairperson
2. Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Member
3. Prof. Kamlesh Mohan, Member
4. Dr. Sarala Gopalan, Member
5. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Member
6. Prof. Anu Aneja, Member
7. Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Member

Special Invitees

1. Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Reader
2. Dr. Himadri Roy, Reader
3. Dr. Smita M. Patil, Assistant Professor
4. Dr. J. Vanishree, Assistant Professor
5. Dr. Sunita Dhal, Assistant Professor
6. Dr. G. Uma, Assistant Professor

Dr. B. K. Anita, Member and Dr. Reicha Tanwar, Member could not attend the meeting.

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the 10th meeting of the School Board of SOGDS. She introduced the new School Board Member Dr. Sarala Gopalan to all and welcomed her. A brief introduction of School of Gender and Development Studies was given to Dr. Sarala Gopalan.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 9th School Board Meeting of SOGDS and Action Taken.

Item No. 1: The minutes of the 9th School Board meeting held on 11th February, 2011 at 2.00 pm were confirmed. Members requested SOGDS to submit Action Taken Report on the 9th School Board Meeting Minutes.

The Chairperson reported action taken on each item of the 9th School Board meeting as follows:

Item No. 3: The cost analysis of the MA in Gender and Development terms of fee proposed to be charged will be sent to Academic Council for approval

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Item No. 4: The cost analysis of the MA in Women's and Gender Studies programme will be sent to the next Academic Council Meeting for approval

Item No. 5: The Grade Card has been sent to SED.

Item No. 7: Based on the CVs names of the Block Editors for Course 1 and Course 2, first year Curriculum of MA(WGS) were approved and they have been intimated also.

Item No. 8: Based on the CVs names of the Course Writers for Gender Sensitive Planning and Policy Making (MGS 004) and Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies (MGS 005) Courses in MA(GD) were approved. The following course writers have been assigned Units:

1. Ms.Ranjani K. Murthy- MGS005- Research Methodology

Block1 Introduction To Research With Special Reference To Gender And Development Studies

Unit 1- Definition, Meaning, Objectives And Uses Of Social Science And Interdisciplinary Research, Problem Identification, Review Of Research Studies: Gaps And Thrust Areas.

Unit 2- Scope And Significance Of Research In Gender And Development Studies

Unit 3- Research Design, Exploratory, Surveys, Historical, Experimental Ethnographic And Case Studies

Unit 4-Types Of Research –Fundamental, Applied Research, Action Research, Experimental, Ex-Post Facto Research, Descriptive, Correlational Research, Participatory Research

Unit 5- Special Approaches For Studying Gender-Sensitive Problem-Centred Policy-Relevant, And Action Oriented Research

Unit 6- Linking Policy And Research As Strategies For Advocacy.

2. Mercy Kappen

She will be a coauthor with Ms.Ranjani K.Murthy

3. Dr.G.Palanithurai

MGS 002- Impact of Globalisation

4. Prof.B.S.Baviskar

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MGS 002 - Impact of Civil Society

5. Mr.B.Senthil Nathan- MGS 004

Unit Title- Development Of Plans (Micro Planning, Project Planning And Various Steps Planning)

6. Ms.Poornima

MGS 004

1. Sources of Gender-Sensitive Policy Planning
2. Policy Formulation and Development
3. Policy Implementation and Monitoring
4. Policy Analysis
5. Optimum Utilization of Resources
6. Review, Feedback and Future Directions

7. Mr.Senthamizh Kanal- Administrative Support Systems

MGS 004 Analysis, Review and Action

8. Ms.Rajini Menon

MGS 004

1. Rationale for Gender Awareness of Policy Processes
2. Existing Policies, Plans and Programmes
3. Review of Practices: Gender-blind Programmes
4. Gender-aware Policies
5. Cost-Benefit Analysis
6. Gender-Blind and Gender-Aware Programmes

9. Ms. Sathiabama

MGS004

1. Leadership System and Organizational Structures

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2. Inter-and Intra-sectoral Coordination
 3. Participatory Processes in Planning, Implementation and Monitoring
 4. Implementing Plans at Centre, State, Institutional and Local Levels Networking and Convergence, role of national/ international bodies, and NGOs.
 5. Convergence New Initiatives and Best Practices (Case Studies)

Item No. 9: Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting of the P.G. Certificate / Diploma Programme in Gender in Law were confirmed. The need assessment form for the Gender in Law Programme was sent to STRIDE. The suggestions given by them regarding the need assessment of the Programme have been incorporated.

Item No.10: Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting of the P.G. Certificate/Diploma Programme in Gender and Science were confirmed. Further, the need assessment form for the Gender and Science Programme was sent to STRIDE and suggestions made by them have been incorporated in the form.

Item No.12: Dr. Sarala Gopalan was invited to the 10th School Board Meeting to be held on 27th April, 2011 and she attended the Meeting.

Item No.13: The external members of the School Board suggested few Institutions. The final decision of the names of Organisations rest with the Programme Coordinators.

Item No.14: The names of the evaluators of MA in Gender and Development Studies (ODL and On-Campus Mode) M.A. Women's and Gender Studies (On-Campus Mode) and Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (ODL mode) were approved.

Prof. Savita Singh, Prof. Anu Aneja, Prof. Annu J.Thomas, Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Dr. Himadri Roy, Dr. Smita M. Patil, Dr. J.Vanishree, Dr. Sunita Dhal, and Dr. G.Uma.

Item No.15: Based on the CVs the names of Unit Writers for MA Women's and Gender Studies second year courses were approved and Units have been assigned to several of them.

Item No 18: The VI School Council held on 30th March, 2011 decided that Dr. Vanishree, (Coordinator) and Prof. Annu J.Thomas, (Co- Coordinator) should coordinate the Programme on "Gender and Nutrition Security".

Item 20: The SED has been intimated regarding the reduction of the number of optional courses from 20 to 10 for AM Gender and Development Studies for the first batch only.

Agenda Item No.2: Confirmation of Minutes of the Screening Committee Meeting for the Ph.D Programme in (Women's Studies) held on 6th April, 2011.

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The minutes of the screening committee were approved. Based on the recommendations of the screening committee, two candidates may be invited to make presentations before the Doctoral Committee.

It was informed that one candidate had applied again for re-consideration of her application and that another screening committee meeting would be held for this purpose. The minutes will be placed in the next school board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3: Confirmation of Minutes of the Ph.D in (Gender and Development Studies) Applications Screening Committee Meeting held on 6th April, 2011.

The minutes were confirmed. Two candidates will be invited for Doctoral Committee Meeting on 29th April, 2011.

A suggestion came from Dr. Gopalan that for those candidates who are applying to SOGDS for Ph.D. and who have not got an M.Phil Degree, may be asked to do a bridge Course.

Agenda Item No.4 : Approval of names of Course Writers for MA in Gender and Development Studies (Second Year Courses).

The School Board approved the names of course writers for second year courses: Dr. Kiran Prasad, Dr. Jayshree Shinde, Dr. Mira K. Desai, Prof. Anurekha Chari Wagh, Prof. Usa Iyer, Dr. Namrata Gannei, Rajini R. Menon, Padma Prakash, Dr. Madhura K. Kesarkar, Dr. Sathiabama, Dr. Ranjani K Murthy, Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Dr. R Ramash, Dr. K Despanda, Dr. S. Senthil Kumaran, Dr. Celine Sunny, Sanil M., Neelkandan, S. Susila.

Agenda Item No. 5: Approval of names of Editors for MA in Gender and Development Studies (Second Year Courses).

The School Board approved the names of Prof. Asha Kapur Mehta as the editor for the Courses on "Gender Audit and Gender Budgeting" and "Gender Mainstreaming"; Dr. Ranjini K. Murthi for "Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies."

Prof. Vibhuti Patel for "Gender and Financial Inclusion; Gender Resources and Entitlements; Gender Issues in Work Employment and Productivity". Dr. Sarala Gopalan for the Course on "Gender Planning and Development Policies."

Agenda Item No.6 : Approval of Criteria for evaluation of Internship Component of MA in Gender and Development Studies (Full Time On -Campus mode).

It was discussed with PVC(PS) that internship for MA in Gender and Development Studies (Full Time On -Campus mode) should be in second and fourth Semester. The Internship Evaluation Criteria were approved.

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Agenda Item No.7: Approval of Phase 1,2,3 and 4 forms for MA in Gender and Development Studies (Full-Time On Campus mode).

The Agenda Item was approved. As the PG Diploma is being launched as an independent Programme, a note to that effect is appended in the Phase Forms.

Agenda Item No.8 : Approval of Phase 2 and 3 Forms for MA WGS and PGD WGS (ODL Mode).

The Phase 2 and Phase 3 Forms for PGD and MA in Women's & Gender Studies were approved.

It was suggested that as the PG Diploma in WGS will be offered independently, the same is to be reflected in the Phase forms. The School Board authorized the programme coordinators to make necessary changes in the forms accordingly. The agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No.9 : Approval of Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4 Forms for MA WGSF (with exit option at PGD WGSF) (Full-Time On Campus mode).

The Agenda Item was approved.

Agenda Item No.10 : Approval of Programme Codes and Course Codes for 2nd Year curriculum of MA WGS (ODL Mode and Full-Time On Campus Mode).

The Agenda Item was approved.

Agenda Item No.11 : Confirmation of Minutes of Expert Committee Meetings held for Women's Studies Specialization, MA in Women's & Gender Studies, 2nd Year curriculum.

Minutes of three meetings held on 24th, 25th and 28th February, 2011 for the courses "Women & Social Structure," "Women & Economy" and "Women & Political Processes" respectively. (Annexure-11) were placed before School Board.

Minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item No.12 : Approval of names of Course Coordinators for M.A in Gender and Development Studies (ODL Mode).

The Agenda Item was approved. Regarding Coordinatorship of the elective course on Gender, Literature and Culture, the matter would be brought for approval later.

Agenda Item No.13: Development of M.Phil in Gender and Development Studies (32 Credits) Methodology Core Courses.

The Agenda Item was approved in VI School Council Meeting.

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It is not approved and deferred for discussion in the next School Board.

Agenda Item No.14: Approval of names of Dr. G.Uma and Dr. Vanishree J. as Programme Coordinators for the Programme M.A in Gender and Development Studies (Full-time/On-Campus Mode).

The Agenda Item was approved.

Agenda Item No.15: Approval of Need Assessment form for PG Certificate/Diploma in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development.

The Agenda Item was approved.

Agenda Item No.16 Approval of two additional internal members for our School Board, Prof. B.K. Pattanaik (SOEDS) and Prof. Debal K. Singharoy (SOSS)

The names were approved by the School Board. The agenda item would be sent for the approval of the VC.

Agenda Item No.17 : Assignment of Dr. Vanishree J. as Coordinator and Prof. Annu J. Thomas as Co-Coordinator for PG Certificate level Programme "Gender and Nutrition Security.

The Agenda Item was approved in VI School Council Meeting.

The Agenda Item was approved.

Agenda Item No.18 : Three stand alone Courses will be offered by the School in January 2012 Cycle.

(The three courses (i) Gender Law in Human Rights, (ii) Gender Science and Society and (iii) Gender Agriculture and Rural Livelihood will be offered in January 2012 Cycle and will be coordinated respectively by Dr. Smita M. Patil, Dr. Sunita Dhal, and Dr. G.Uma. Another course in Gender Budgeting & Gender Mainstreaming will be offered in July 2011 Cycle (on-line) and will be coordinated by Dr. Vanishree J. The Agenda Item was approved in VI School Council Meeting.)

Modality will be worked out as per University Guidelines and reported to the School Board.

Agenda Item No.19: Approval of Phase 2 form for the P.G. Diploma/ Certificate programme in Gender in Law.

The Agenda Item was approved.

Agenda Item No.20: Approval of offer of PG Diploma in Gender and Development Studies (ODL mode) from July 2011/January 2012 Session as an independent

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programme in addition to the exit option after completion of first year courses of MA in Gender and Development Studies.

The School Board approved the launch of the PG Diploma (ODL mode) in July 2011 contingent upon approval for separate advertisement, printing and distribution of Handbook to Regional Centres before admissions. This has become necessary since the Common Prospectus has already been prepared and uploaded / dispatched.

Agenda Item No.21: Approval of modular approach to offer programmes in Gender and Development Studies as Postgraduate Certificate in Gender and Development Studies, Postgraduate Diploma in Gender and Development Studies and MA in Gender and Development Studies

The School Board made the following observations:

1. The modular approach should be clearly specified as multiple entry.
2. Credits earned as a part of the Certificate or Diploma could be transferred to the Master's Programme. However, they will have to complete the minimum duration of each programme before being eligible for the degree.

The agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No.22 : Approval of name of the Course Writer as co-author for the Unit – 'Racialised Body' in MA Programme in Women's and Gender Studies (First Year Course on 'Gender Bodies and Sexualities').

The Agenda Item was approved. The other name of the Co-author for the Unit-Racialised Body in the Block – I, Course, entitled, 'Gendered Bodies and Sexualities' is Dr. Shilpaa Anand, University of Hyderabad.

Agenda Item No. 23: Approval for names of Resource Persons for Moderation Committee of all Courses for the MA Programme in Women's and Gender Studies in Fulltime/On-campus Mode.

The Agenda Item was approved.

Reporting Item:-

The School Board noted the following 7 reporting items:

1. Additional Names of Course Writers for the Courses of the first year curriculum of MA WGS already approved by Circulation.(CVs enclosed)
2. Additional Names of Editors for two blocks of "Theories of Women's & Gender Studies" Course (First Year curriculum) already approved by Circulation.(CVs enclosed).
3. The School is planning to launch a course on Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting in online mode. To make the course financially viable, we are

requesting the Ministry of Women and Child Development to offer sponsorship to the learners. The School is exploring other possibilities of working with the Ministry to offer the Course to train resource persons for the Ministry.

4. The PG Diploma/Certificate Programme (Modular) in Gender in Law is in the process of assessing the need of the programme. The need assessment form is developed under the guidance of Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE). It is approved by STRIDE. The questionnaire of the need assessment is developed at two levels. Firstly, for the students to get the need of the programme and secondly for the experts and faculties to get their opinions. The need assessment is carried out in the East, West, North and South region of country. The sample size is 400 for the students and 100 for the faculties/ experts.
5. The programme coordinators, Dr. Smita M. Patil (SOGDS) and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur (SOL) will be sending the format to get the programme code for the P.G. Diploma/Certificate Programme (modular) in Gender in Law to the Planning and Development Division, IGNOU through proper channels.
6. The notional transfer of CWED programme from SOSS was discussed in the VI School Council meeting as P&DD had made an enquiry about its status. Upon enquiry, the School found no formal letter having been received by the School suggesting that such a transfer. The School will, however, request SOSS where its coordinators are located, to revise the programme.

7. **Report on current status of need assessment for PG Certificate/Diploma Programme**

The minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for PG Certificate/Diploma Programme in Gender and Science, and the need assessment form were approved in the 9th School Board meeting. Further, the need assessment form was approved by STRIDE. The total sample size is 500 to carry out the need assessment survey. The sample is divided into two groups such as students and experts to get a representative response. The sample is drawn from various places representing the North, South, East and West regions of India. The questionnaire was sent to the chosen sampled institutes to collect data on need of the programme in Gender and Science.

The Meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

18/5/2011
(Prof. Savita Singh)
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