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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Gender and Development Studies

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies.

The eleventh meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies was held on 25th August, 2011 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference Room of Academic Complex, IGNOU. The following members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. Savita Singh, Chairperson
2. Dr. Sarala Gopalan, Member
3. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Member
4. Prof. Geeta Kaicker, Member
5. Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Member
6. Prof. Anu Aneja, Member
7. Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Member
8. Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Member
9. Dr. Himadri Roy, Member
10. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Member
11. Dr. J. Vanishree, Member

Special Invitees

1. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC
2. Dr. Sunita Dhal, Assistant Professor
3. Dr. G. Uma, Assistant Professor

Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Prof. Reicha Tanwar, Prof. Kamlesh Mohan, Dr. B.K. Anitha, and Dr. Smita M. Patil, could not attend the meeting.

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the 11th meeting of the School Board of SOGDS and briefed about the status of the various Programmes of the School. She also briefed about the MWCD's Project Working Women's Hostel and Diploma in Malnutrition.

PVC Parvin Sinclair thanked for inviting in the meeting and given following suggestions:

1. Place more names of Editors of the concerned areas of study for approval.
2. Ask for more suggestions to increase the enrolment of students.
3. Get approval of names from the panel of names approved by the School Board and subsequently of the VC, to replace those members of the School Board who are not attending the meetings on a continuous basis..
4. **Item No. 1:** Confirmation of Minutes of the 10th School Board Meeting of SOGDS and Action Taken.

The Chairperson reported Action Taken on each Agenda Item of 10th School Board with following corrections:

Action Taken on Item No. 4 of 9th School Board Meeting. The Item was discussed in 8th School Board Meeting.

Cost analysis for MAGD has been sent to Academic Council.

Phase 3 form or MAWGS has already been approved by Academic Council. Planning Division has informed that School Board is authorized to approve Phase 2 form until such time as new Phase Forms are introduced.

The Action Taken noted by the School Board.

Minutes:

Agenda Item No. 2 Approval of language editor(s) for PGD/MA WGS. (Annexure-2)

The name of Shveta Uppal was approved as a language editor for all courses of PGD/MAWGS

The names of Dr. Vinita Chandra, Prof. Tutun Mukherjee, Dr. Vidu Khare and Dr. Kiron Bansal, Prof. Ragina Papa, Dr. Renu Addlakha, and Dr. N.B. Sarojini were approved as language editors of MWG-003 and MWG-004.

Agenda Item No.3 Approval of content editors for PGD WGS: MWG 003; MWG 004

The names of Dr. Vinita Chandra, Prof. Tutun Mukherjee, Dr. Vidu Khare and Dr. Kiron Bansal, Prof. Ragina Papa, Dr. Renu Addlakha, Dr. N.B. Sarojini, and Dr. Rachna Johri were approved as content editors.

Agenda Item No.4: Approval of names of course writers and editor for 2nd year MA WGS curriculum (Annexure-4)

The School Board approved the names of Course Writers and authorized the Programme Coordinators to have the remaining names approved by Circulation. Alternatively, in case course writers' meetings for any course need to be convened before the next SB meeting, approvals for remaining authors/editors may be obtained from the Vice Chancellor and subsequently reported to the School Board at the next meeting.

Agenda Item No.5: Approval of developing an appreciation course in Gender Agriculture and Sustainable Development before PG Diploma/Certificate Programme in Gender Agriculture and Sustainable Development. (Annexure -5)

The Chairperson described the history of the course to the Members. Prof. Pattanaik suggested that the programme at appreciation level should not deal with sustainability. It should stick to Rural livelihood. Only at the PG Certificate/ Diploma level could it be dealing with Sustainable development as it is multi dimensional. Prof. Geeta Kaiker too

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agreed. Prof. Anu Aneja suggested that some relevant material may be available in SOCE as they have similar programmes, and this could be looked into for adaptation.

Agenda Item No. 6 :Approval of Content Editors for MA in Gender and Development Studies. (MGS 004 and MGSE 001- Dr.Sarala Gopalan; MGS 005 and MGSE 006 – Ms.Ranjani K Murthy; MGSE 002 and MGSE 003 – Dr.Vibhut Patel; MGSE 020 – Ms.Ranjani K Murthy/Dr.Vibhuti Patel) (Annexure-6)

The members approved the names of Content Editors.

Agenda Item No. 7: Approval of Course Writers for MA in Gender and Development Studies (Dr.Arun Kumar Malik, Ms.Aruna, Ms.Aarti, Dr.Swati S Nanda, Ms.Sathia Bama, Ms.K.Chandra) (Annexure-7).

The members approved the names of Course Writers.

Agenda Item No.8 : Approval of MGS-005 “Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies” for students of Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies as recommended by Doctoral Committee.

The School Board recommended that the course on research methodology approved by the School Board earlier for the Ph.D. programme may be undertaken by the students enrolled for the Ph.D. programme and not the course forming part of the MA course work (MGS-005). Codes for the courses forming part of M.Phil/Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies would be sought from Planning and Development Division.

Reporting Item:

1. Finding of Need Assessment Study of P.G.Diploma in Gender in Law.

It has to be reported in the next School Board Meeting.

2. The Findings of the need assessment survey for PG Certificate/Diploma Programme in Gender and Science. With reference to the programme, a meeting was held with SEED, Department of Science and Technology and Raman Chair for Science and Education in the School on 15th June, 2011. Minutes of the meeting was attached.

It was proposed that the Programme could be offered with single entry and multiple exit points. The need assessment report should be send to STRIDE for wider circulation and dissemination.

3. Minutes of 7th and 8th School Council Meetings.

The School Council meetings and their minutes are not brought to School Board. However, on the issue of having more than one discipline within the School it was suggested that the School should go for organizing a Workshop to discuss issues

of disciplinary, inter-disciplinary, and the possibility of creating formal disciplines such as Gender & Development Studies, Women's Studies, and Gender Studies within the school.

4. **Approval of Phase 3 form of PGD WGS and current status of printing of course material.** The programme Coordinators reported that the Phase 3 form for the PG Diploma in Women's and Gender Studies was placed before the Academic Council at its meeting held on May 27th 2011. The Academic Council approved the Phase 3 form for PGD WGS. The programme is slated for launch in January 2012. (Annexure- Minutes of Programme Coordinators Meeting)

Programme Coordinators reported the status of development and printing of course material. Use of in-house font and printing format for MAWGS course material, had been discussed with STRIDE faculty previously. School Board noted and approved the reported items.

Phase 3 form was approved by the Academic Council in its 57th Meeting on 24th August, 2011.

5. The School proposes to have a two day workshop on "Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development" in the month of September to discuss the structure of the proposed programme on "Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development. The School Board approved of the idea as suggested that the School should first develop an appreciation course in 'Gender, Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods' only after that it should take up to the PG Certificate/Diploma Programme in 'Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development.

6. **The programme name P.G Certificate in Gender and Nutrition security has been changed to Gender, Technology and Malnutrition Alleviation.**

In this regard Dr. Manju Sharma was invited by the School on 5th July, 2011 and had a detailed discussion on the development of this programme. It was suggested that another title such as, "Gender and Nutritional Empowerment" may be considered.

7. **The development of online course on Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting is in progress.** Expert committee meeting was held on 16th June, 2011 in the Ministry of Women and Child Development and syllabus was framed.

The members took note of it and appreciated this endeavor of the School.

8. **The School has conducted interview for the project staffs to work in the project Evaluation of Working Women's Hostel 20th July, 2011.**

Members hoped that the project will bring immense benefit to the working women all over the country.

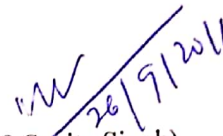
9. **To enhance the enrolment of Programmes running in both ODL and On Campus mode following measures were adopted by the School:**

- i) All the Regional Centres of IGNOU were sent details of the Programmes MA in Gender Development Studies (ODL), P.G. Certificate/Diploma in Gender and Development Studies and DWED in the form of Flyers and posters etc.
- ii) For MA in Women's and Gender Studies and Gender and Developments Studies On Campus Mode, flyers and posters were sent to all the Colleges of Delhi University, JNU, Jamia Milia Islamia University and all the Women Studies Centres in the country. Posters were individually placed in various colleges in DU. Advertisements in various national dailies and local newspapers were placed. Director of the School also personally gave interviews in the Indian Education Review, The Times of India and The Hindu, where all the programmes of the School were discussed.
- iii) The School is under the process of setting up Study Centres with the help of RSD from where the list of Counsellors have also been received by the School and School is in the process of screening the received applications.
- iv) We have received Activation proposal for setting up Study Centres under Dehradun and Jabalpur Regional Centres.
- v) A video conference was organized by the School with the help of EMPC to interact with all the Regional Directors of IGNOU in which apart from Faculty Members, PVC Prof. Parvin Sinclair and Joint Director, RSD Dr. T.R. Srinivasan were also present.
- vi) The School also held a Press Conference at IGNOU City Centre and interacted with prospective students as well as media persons.
- vii) The School has been doing Gyan Vani Programmes keeping the enrolment of learners in mind and has been basing its programmes in the areas in which it is developing Diploma and Certificate Courses like Gender in Law, Gender and Science, Gender and Health, Domestic violence etc.

Members suggested following suggestions for Increasing the Enrolment:

1. Online MA Courses may be started and School will interact with the Students Face to Face. Prof. Uma Kanjilal offered to conduct a workshop regarding launching of online courses in the near future. The possibility for offering MA Courses in online mode, may be looked into after the workshop.
10. Ms. Chavali Padmasri, a student of Ph.D. registered in the year 2010 has written to Director, SOGDS that she wished to withdraw from the Programme on personal grounds.
11. RTAs Monika Neeta Laloo was suggested to do the Diploma Course, DWED, but she has not been able to complete it so far .
12. Ms. Pragya Dubey, RTA, got provisional admission to Ph.D. and was suggested to do the Course Work consisting of first semester courses of both M.A in GD and WGS. She is not attending the course regularly. The Board Member decided to cancel her RTAship.
13. Some of our External Board Members who have not been able to attend the meetings on a number of occasions due to various reasons, the School Board suggested following additional names for inclusion in the School Board from the panel:
 1. Prof. Shireen Moosvi – Centre for Women's Studies & Development, Aligarh Muslim University (Gender and Medieval History)
 2. Ms Vrinda Grover (Advocate), New Delhi (Gender & Law)
 2. Dr. Brinda Bose (English Dept.) Delhi University, (Gender and Literature).

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


 (Prof. Savita Singh)
 Chairperson
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