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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Gender and Development Studies

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies.

The 12th meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies was held on 25th January, 2012 at 2.30 p.m. in the Conference Room of SOCE, Academic Complex, IGNOU.

The following members attended the meeting.

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

Special Invitees

1. Dr. Sunita Dhal, Assistant Professor
2. Dr. G. Uma, Assistant Professor
3. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, SOL

Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Prof. Reicha Tanwar, , Dr. B.K. Anitha, and Dr. Vanishree J., could not attend the meeting.

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the 12th meeting of the School Board of SOGDS

The Chairperson reported the following Action Taken Reports from 11th School Board.

Action Taken Report on 11th School Board Meeting

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

The remaining names got approved by circulation. (Reporting Item No.2 of 12th School Board)

Agenda Item No.5: Approval of developing an appreciation course in Gender, Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods before developing a PG Diploma/Certificate Programme in Gender, Agriculture & Sustainable Development.

The need assessment survey of the Programme entitled, "Gender, Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods" and for the programme Gender, Agriculture, & sustainable development is under process.

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 002 – Ms.Ranjani K Murthy/Dr.Vibhuti Patel)

The content editors have already been assigned their jobs.

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).

All the assigned units have been received and in the process of editing.

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 were recommended by Doctoral Committee. In case where students of Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies are recommended course work, it is proposed that they undergo MGS-005 "Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies" and complete the stipulated requirements for each candidate laid down by the 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.

The Course is under development and codes for the courses forming part of M.Phil / Ph.D. in Gender and Development will be sent to P&DD soon. New course code will be applied for M.Phil/Ph.D in Gender and Development.

Reporting Item:

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

The need assessment is being placed in the 12th 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 Education, IGNOU in the School on 15th June, 2011. Minutes of the meeting was attached.

The result of the need assessment survey for PG Certificate/Diploma Programme in Gender and Science was sent to STRIDE. The Programme is now jointly coordinated by Dr. Sunita Dhal and Prof. Savita Singh. Prof. P. T. Manoharan, who was co-coordinating the programme, currently in Raman Chair, will be retiring from the position by 31st January 2012. He suggested that he will be supporting the Programme now in an Advisory capacity only. Prof. Savita Singh expressed her appreciation for Prof. Manoharan who supported the programme with his exceptional expertise and was extremely helpful in its development. The School Board in response suggested that Prof. Manoharan may be associated with the programme in the advisory capacity and a letter of recommendation of this intent may be sent to the Vice-chancellor.

The second expert committee meeting of the programme is called on 10th of Feb, 2012.

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

No workshop was held to discuss issues of disciplinarity, inter-disciplinarity and possibility of creating formal disciplines within the school due to the process of development and printing of study materials for both MA programmes.

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 slotted for launch in January, 2012.

The PGD WGS could not be launched in Jan2012 in the light of the requisite percentage of material having been not ready. It is proposed to be launched in July, 2012.

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 Workshop was postponed for mid 2012.

6. The programme name P.G Certificate in Gender and Nutrition security has been changed into 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.

The name of the programme was changed and it is in the process of development. The School looked at the material developed by the Sustainability Chair, SOA. It found that more than 60% material can be used by the School through adaptation and transformation. Dr. Manju Sharma was sent the material for a review and she held the same view. The next meeting of this programme is scheduled towards the end of Feb.2012.

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 School is waiting for the course material to be printed, which will be utilized for the online course on Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting. The School has kept in touch with the MCWD on this issue. The Ministry has conveyed its desire to sign an MOU with the School which is also in the process. The Director moved a letter with the content of the MOU material to the VC.

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

The School has appointed project staff and the project is in progress.

9. **To enhance the enrolment of Programmes running in both ODL and On Campus modes 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.**

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- 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.

In the light of all the measures taken by the School to advertise its Academic Programmes, there is a marked enhancement in the enrolment for MA (GD) compared to the previous cycle, 2010. The School is in the process of setting up its Study Centres all over the country. It has already established its Study Centers in Kolkata, Dehradun and Jabalpur are being established.

The School is committed to do 15 Gyan Vani Programmes in a month and is in the process of stabilizing/formalizing the actual recordings. The School is planning to sustain the development of all its programmes through A/V medium, EDUSAT.

Minutes

Agenda Item No. 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of the 11th School Board Meeting of SOGDS and Action Taken. (Annexure-1)

The agenda item was confirmed.

Agenda Item No.2 : Approval of four new names of School Board Members in place of old members approved in 11th School Council Meeting.(Annexure-2)

The agenda item is approved.

Agenda Item No.3: Approval of name of Experts for the Expert Committee Meeting. PG Certificate/ Diploma Programme in Gender and Science is scheduled to be held on 10th Feb.,2012. (Annexure-3)

The members approved the names of the experts to hold the expert committee meeting scheduled to be held on 10th Feb, 2012.

Agenda Item No.4: Approval of Phase-I form of PG Certificate/ Diploma Programme in Gender and Science. (Annexure-4)

The agenda item is approved.

Agenda Item No.5: Approval of Minutes of Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Gender & Development Studies. (Annexure-5)

Agenda item is approved, and candidates will be informed about the decision taken by the Doctoral Committee.

Agenda Item No.6: Approval of Minutes of Course Writers' Meeting for Literature Courses held on Oct. 14, 2011 ("Postmodernism & Gender"; "Gender & Life Narratives"). (Annexure-6)

Members approved the names of the course writers. The agenda item is approved.

Agenda Item No.7: Approval of Minutes of Course Writers' Meeting for Literature Course held on Nov. 25, 2011 ("Gendered Nation"). (Annexure-7)

The agenda item is approved.

Agenda Item No.8: Approval of Minutes of Course Writers' Meeting for three Courses in Women's Studies specialization, 2nd year curriculum of MA Programme in Women's and Gender Studies. (Nov. 4, 2011). (Annexure-8)

The agenda item is approved.

Agenda Item No.9: Approval of names of two Experts Prof. Bina Agarwal and Prof. Kumkum Sangari to serve on the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D. programme in Gender and Development Studies. The names of two external experts Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty and Dr. Mondira Dutta had already been approved by the Vice Chancellor. Their names may also be approved by the School Board Members. (Annexure-9)

The members approved names of all the four experts to serve on the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D programme in Gender & Development Studies.

Agenda Item No.10 Approval of Minutes of Screening Committee for Ph.D in Women's Studies. (Annexure-10)

The minutes were approved.

Agenda Item No.11: Approval of names of course writers for the Course, **Women and Social Structure**, MA (WGS). The names are as follows; (Dr. Pushpesh Kumar, Dr. Grace Don Nemching, Ms. Anita Ratnam and Prof. Namrata R. Ganneri. (Annexure-11)

The members approved the names of the course writers for the course, Women and Social Structure.

Agenda Item No.12. : Approval of names of translators for the Study Material of

MA(GD) already approved by VC (Sh. Neelabh and Sh. Ashok Pandey). (Annexure-12)

Agenda item is approved.

Agenda Item No.13: MOU between SOGDS, IGNOU, and Swedish Universities Network. (Annexure-13)

The School Board had no objection to the proposal but suggested that it should be discussed among the faculty members and circulated to School Board members for final approval. The School Board also recommended that MOU should be examined in details according to the norms of the university before signing the MOU. The final outcome may be reported in the next School Board.

Reporting Items:

1. Findings of Need assessment study of P.G. Diploma/ Certificate in Gender in Law programme. (Annexure-14)

The need assessment report was presented by Dr. Smita Patil (SOGDS) and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur (SOL). The report has shown positive results; hence the School Board recommended that programme coordinators should start the development of the programme.

During the presentation, the concern about contacting Regional Centres and activating the Study Centres were raised. The School Board suggested that School should contact the Regional Directors of RCs before initiating the launch of any programme. The School Board recommended that access to RCs should be financially made viable for Directors and Programme Coordinators by the university to enhance the enrollment. Further, it recommends that previous practices of faculty travelling to RCs at the inception of the programme and to counsel the counselor may be revived.

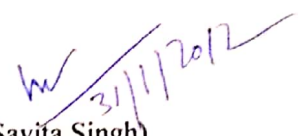
2. The names of course writers and editor for 2nd year MA WGS curriculum were approved by circulation. (Annexure-15)

3. Prof. Savita Singh, Director, SOGDS has been offered a research project "Global Negotiation and Non-violent Transformations: Contemporary Experiences and Lessons for the Future" funded by SSHRC partnership grant, (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) by Prof. Ramin Jahanbegloo, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, Canada, which she has accepted and has move the file for formal affiliation of the University to this Project.

Any other items:

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1. This is in response to detailed discussion on minimum enrollment in M.A.WGS (Full time On-campus/F2F), the School Board suggested that the MA WGS programme (on-campus) should be kept in abeyance for the time being and re-examined at the later stage. The School Board suggested that the school may continue to offer the programme at PG Diploma level.
2. The School Board also suggested that in future the School will launch any programme only after phase 4 is approved and 60 percent material is ready. It advised that all the programmes which are launched by the School without the Phase 4 approval, should complete the procedural formalities at the earliest.


(Prof. Savita Singh)
Chairperson