

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies held on 15th May, 2015 at 2.30 p.m. in the Conference Room of SOTST, Block No. 15, IGNOU Maidan Garhi, New Delhi- 110068.

The following members were present:

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| 1. | Prof. Anu Aneja | Director, SOGDS & Chairperson,
School Board |
| 2. | Prof. Annu J. Thomas, SOGDS | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Nilima Srivastava, SOGDS | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Himadri Roy, SOGDS | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Sunita Dhal, SOGDS | Member |
| 7. | Dr. G. Uma, SOGDS | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Smita M. Patil, SOGDS | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Prof. Srilatha, SOMS | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Rekha S. Sen, SOCE | Member |
| 11. | Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS | Member |
| 12. | Prof. Kumkum Roy, JNU | Member |
| 13. | Prof. Renu Addlakha, CWDS | Member |
| 14. | Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, DU | Member |
| 15. | Dr. Anuradha Marwah, DU | Member |

Prof. Sunil Kumar, Professor, SOPVA and Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, JNU, members could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members. She welcomed especially the following new members of the School Board of SOGDS:

1. Prof. Kumkum Roy, JNU
2. Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, JNU
3. Prof. Renu Addlakha, CWDS
4. Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, DU
5. Dr. Anuradha Marwah, DU
6. Prof. Srilatha, SOMS
7. Prof. Sunil Kumar, SOPVA
8. Dr. Rekha S. Sen, SOCE
9. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS

She placed on record her sincere appreciation for the unstinting support, advice and encouragement of the following outgoing external members of the School Board:

1. Dr. Krishna Srinath
2. Dr. Gita Chadha
3. Prof. Rajni Palriwala
4. Prof. Parul Dave Mukherjee
5. Prof. Manjula Batra

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Anu Aneja

She also thanked the former Chairperson, Prof. Annu J. Thomas for her valuable contributions and leadership as Director of the School from 2012 to 2015.

Deliberations were conducted on the following Items during the meeting:

Agenda Item No. : 19.1

To Confirm the Minutes of the 18th School Board Meeting of SOGDS held on 11th September, 2014

The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the School Board of SOGDS, as circulated earlier.

Agenda Item No. : 19.2

To Note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 18th School Board Meeting

The Chairperson reported the Action Taken on several Items of the 18th Meeting of the School Board. The Action Taken Report was noted by the School Board members.

Agenda Item No. : 19.3

To Approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting for Ph.D in Women's Studies held on April 15th, 2015

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting for Ph.D in Women's Studies held on April 15th, 2015 were approved by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 19.4

To Approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies held on April 21st April, 2015

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies held on April 21st April, 2015 were approved by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 19.5

To ratify corrections in the previously approved names of the Course Writers for MWG-006 : 'Gendered Nation', and MWG-010 : 'Political Process' of MA in Womens and Gender Studies

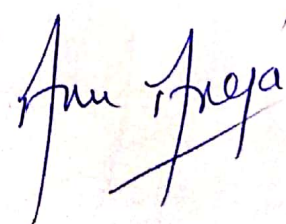
The corrected name of Course Writer (MWG-006 , Gendered Nation, MAWGS) Prof. Anuradha Mitra Chenoy was approved by the VC on 16/03/2015. The corrected name of Course Writer (MWG-010, Women and Political Process, MAWGS) Sanil M.N. was approved by the VC on 16/03/2015. The School Board ratified the corrections in the names, as previously approved by the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda Item No. : 19.6

To recommend corrections in the name of Course Writer for MWG-006: 'Gendered Nation' of MA in Womens and Gender Studies

The name of course writer, **K.Suneetha Rani** of 'Gendered Nation' (MWG-006) of MAWGS was approved by the School Board at its 14th meeting held on 26/02/2013 . The name given in PAN card

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is **Suneetharani Karamsi** which is the correct name as informed by the course writer. The School Board recommended the correction in the name (**Suneetharani Karamsi**) for approval of the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda Item No. : 19.7

To Ratify/ Recommend the work assignment to the editors of MAGD Courses MGSE-004 : 'Gender Issues in Agriculture, Rural Livelihoods and Natural Resource Management'; MGSE-007 : 'Gender, Organization and Leadership'; MGSE-010: 'Gender and Entrepreneurship Development' and MGSE-020 : 'Gender Issues in Financial Inclusion'

The School Board of SOGDS recommended assignment of content editing for courses of MA in Gender and Development Studies as per the following details:

Course Code and Title	Content Editors Recommended by the School Board	Details of School Board Meeting
MGSE-004: Gender Issues in Agriculture, Rural Livelihoods and Natural Resource Management	Prof. Krishna Srinath	16 th School Board meeting held on November 27, 2013 (Corrected text of minutes in 18 th School Board Meeting held on September 11, 2014)
MGSE-007: Gender, Organization and Leadership	Dr. Sarala Gopalan	13 th School Board Meeting held on August 31, 2012
MGSE-010: Gender and Entrepreneurship Development	Dr. Sarala Gopalan	13 th School Board Meeting held on August 31, 2012
MGSE-020: Gender Issues in Financial Inclusion	Dr. Sarala Gopalan	13 th School Board Meeting held on August 31, 2012

The Programme Coordinators (MAGD) informed that in view of the urgency, editing work was assigned to the editors as recommended by the School Board. The School Board recommended/ ratified the work assignment for approval by the competent authority.

Agenda Item No. : 19.8

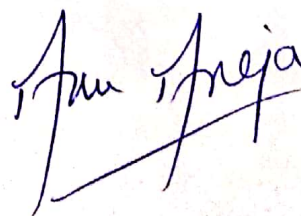
To consider and approve a brief Concept Note for establishment of proposed Women's and Gender Resource Centre in SOGDS

The Chairperson informed the members about the School's initiative to establish a Women's and Gender Resource Centre (WGRC) in the School. The initiative is being coordinated by School Faculty, Dr. Sunita Dhal and Dr. G. Uma. Dr. G. Uma presented a brief regarding the purpose, functions and activities of the proposed Women's and Gender Resource Centre in SOGDS.

After a detailed discussion the School Board made the following recommendations:

1. The Scope and functions of the WGRC could be more broad based and may include documentation of gender related research across ODL System.
2. A suitable space in the proximity of SOGDS may be requested for establishing the WGRC and for its smooth functioning under the direct supervision of the School.
3. School may request one staff member for WGRC (either consultant or daily wage staff with suitable qualifications) for routine maintenance tasks such as record keeping, filing, documentation and security.

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The initiative taken by the School was highly appreciated. The School Board considered the Concept Note and approved the item for forwarding to the Competent Authority.

Agenda Item No. : 19.9

To Consider and Approve the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting for designing of Gender Sensitization Course for BDP held on 13th May, 2015

The Course Coordinators (Dr. Nilima Srivastava and Dr. G. Uma) explained the need for developing a course on Gender Sensitization for inclusion as an elective in the BDP Programme. The School Board in its 14th meeting held on 26th February, 2013 recommended in principle to offer 'Gender Sensitization' Courses in BDP. The first Expert Committee Meeting for designing and developing Gender Sensitization Courses/Modules (for 2 & 4 Credits) at UG and PG level was held on 28th February, 2014. In a Faculty Meeting held on 16th April, 2015 as per the recommendation of the 14th School Board it was agreed to convene an Expert Committee Meeting for designing of Gender Sensitization Course for BDP. Consequently, another Expert Committee Meeting was held on 13th May, 2015 to develop the course outline of the 8 credit Elective course as required for Elective Courses for BDP.

The School Board made the following suggestions regarding the course structure/ syllabus:

Block 2: Unit on 'Family' may include the following aspects: Childhood, adolescence and old age
Unit on 'Motherhood' may also include a discussion on 'Roles of Fathers and Fatherhood'.

Block 5: Unit on 'Gendered Nature of Law' could include discussion on 'Polity'

It was also suggested that the Course Coordinators may provide a suitable sample Unit to prospective writers/ editors so that the material may be written in a clear and appropriate style for undergraduate learners of the BDP programme.

The School Board authorized the course coordinators to identify relevant sections from SOGDS SLM and other available resources for adopting/ adapting for the Under graduate level BDP elective course. After the approval of Competent Authority, and in order to expedite the process of course development, the school board also authorized the course coordinators to seek the approval of the School Board for proposed names of Unit writers/ editors/ translators/ vettors by circulation. The same will be ratified by the school board in its next meeting.

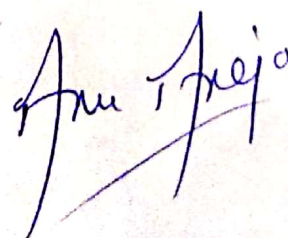
The Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting for designing of Gender Sensitization Course for BDP held on 13th May, 2015 alongwith the finalized course structure/ syllabus were approved by the School Board for forwarding to the competent authority.

Agenda Item No. : 19.10

To Consider and approve the Phase 0 (Zero) form for new 8 credit Course on Gender Sensitization as a Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP) Elective Course

The Phase 0 (Zero) form for a new 8 credit Course on Gender Sensitization as an Elective Course for the Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP) was placed for approval of the School Board. The School Board approved the Phase Zero form and recommended that the Minutes of 2nd Expert Committee meeting held on 13th May, 2015 and the course structure/ syllabus may be forwarded to the Competent Authority for inclusion as an 8 credit Elective Course in the BDP offered by IGNOU.

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Agenda Item No. : 19.11

To consider and approve the name of Dr. G. Uma as Co-Coordinator for 'Gender Sensitization' Course/s

The name of Dr. G. Uma, Asst. Prof., SOGDS was proposed as Co-Coordinator along with the Coordinator Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Associate Professor, SOGDS for the Gender Sensitization Course/s under development. The item was approved by the School Board

Agenda Item No. : 19.12

To consider and approve additional name of evaluator for assignments and exams, for all PGD/MAWGS courses

The name of Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS as additional name of evaluator for assignments and exams, for all PGD/MAWGS courses was placed for approval of the School Board. The item was approved by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 19.13

To consider and approve modification in MAWGS Re-Registration procedures for added flexibility

The Programme Coordinators for MAWGS (Prof. Anu Aneja and Dr. Nilima Srivastava) explained that MAWGS follows a semester pattern (Semester 1 and 3 in July cycle; Semester 2 and 4 in January cycle). Currently, MAWGS learners who miss the Re-Registration deadline for any given semester have to wait for one year to re-register for the missed semester as there is no provision for taking Re-Registration in consecutive semester cycle. Regional Centers have requested that the Re-Registration procedures may be made more flexible in order to facilitate students of MAWGS. Thus, it is proposed to allow learners who miss Re-Registration in any semester to Re-Register for the missed semester in the subsequent (consecutive) semester. Re-Registration may be done one semester at a time as per laid university norms.

The School Board recommended that the item may be further discussed with SRD and RSD to ensure that the modifications do not pose any administrative difficulties in terms of semester-wise registration and counselling. The Programme Coordinators would seek further guidance from the relevant administrative divisions regarding the same.

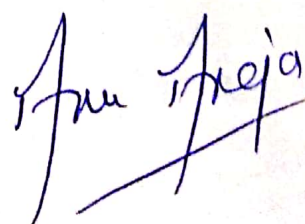
The School Board approved the item in principle as long as the relevant administrative divisions do not raise any operational difficulties in implementing the modifications.

Agenda Item No. : 19.14

To Consider and approve correction in the name of Prof. Vidhu Verma, External Member, Doctoral Committee, Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies

The name of Prof. Vidhu Verma, External Member, Doctoral Committee, Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies was inadvertently misspelled as Vidhu Varma and approved in the 13th School Board Meeting held on 31/08/12, her correct name is **Prof. Vidhu Verma**. The correction in the name was approved by the School Board.

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Agenda Item No. : 19.15**To approve correction in 17th School Board Minutes (Item No. 17.16.2)**

The Chairperson informed the school board that the text of Item 17.16.2 mentions correction in the name of course writer of MWG-005 from "Jeevan Mohanty" to "Jeevan Prakash Mohanty" on the request of the concerned faculty. However, scrutiny of the approvals indicated that the course writer's name was approved as Jeevan P. Mohanty in the 13th School Board held on August 31, 2012 and subsequently on this basis, approval of Hon'ble VC was obtained. Therefore, no correction was necessitated. The text of the Minutes may be corrected to read only "Dr. Meera Desai" to "Dr. Mira Kapil Desai" (with deletion of "Jeevan Mohanty" to "Jeevan Prakash Mohanty")

The School Board approved the correction in the Minutes of the 17th School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 19.16**To consider and recommend re-assignment of translation work (English to Hindi) of MGSE-013 (Block 1 and 2) to Mr. Pranjal Dhar**

Prof. Savita Singh (Programme Coordinator, MAGD) informed that the translation of Blocks 1,2 and 3 of MGSE-013 of MAGD was earlier assigned to Mr. Ashok Pandey. As the translator has expressed inability to complete the work, the translation work of Blocks 1 & 2 may be re-assigned to Mr. Pranjal Dhar.

The School Board recommended the re-assignment of translation work (English to Hindi) of Blocks 1 and 2 of MGSE-013 to Mr. Pranjal Dhar.

Agenda Item No. : 19.17**To Report on Progress on decision of School Board taken in its 14th meeting held on 26th February, 2013 regarding Proposed Disciplines in SOGDS**

The Chairperson provided a brief background regarding the proposal to establish two disciplines in SOGDS and the earlier approval of the School Board for establishing two disciplines.

The School Board in its 14th meeting held on 26/2/2013, had made the following recommendations:

"The School Board recommended the two disciplines proposed within the School : (i) Women's and Gender Studies; and (ii) Gender and Development Studies for the consideration of the competent authority."

The School Board, in its 14th meeting had further made some suggestions regarding the Concept Notes for the two disciplines. SOGDS faculty in a faculty meeting held on 1/4/2015, discussed further action to be taken in this regard. Suggestions of the School Board in regard to the concept notes for the two disciplines have been Incorporated. The Chairperson explained that it is proposed to forward the recommendations of the 14th School Board and the 19th School Board alongwith the revised concept notes to the Competent Authorities for consideration and approval of the proposed disciplines.

The School Board noted the progress and recommended that a consolidated document regarding the establishment of two disciplines in SOGDS may be forwarded to the Competent Authority, along with the previous approval of the School Board.

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Agenda Item No. : 19.18**To report on status of proposed programme 'PG Diploma in Gender and Science'**

Dr. Sunita Dhal and Prof. Savita Singh reported on the progress regarding proposed programme PG Diploma/Certificate Programme in Gender and Science. The Phase I form was approved by the Academic Programme Committee (APC) / Planning Board. The Phase II form was submitted for approval to the Academic Council's Standing Committee which was held on 8th Aug 2014. The committee advised to resubmit the phase II form (proposal) with emphasis on modular approach and with appropriate credit requirements in line with the IGNOU norms for the consideration of the Standing Committee / Academic Council of IGNOU as per due procedure. Currently, the Programme Coordinators are carrying out the modifications in the Phase II form, which would be resubmitted as per due procedures.

The School Board noted the progress and current status of the Programme and made the following observations/ recommendations:

- (i) Based on deliberations, the School Board noted that procedures related to the Need Assessment survey were conducted in consultation with STRIDE and therefore were broadly in accordance with IGNOU norms. The members noted that the need assessment survey had been published in the special issue of IJOL (Sept. 2014 issue). It was suggested that the views of the School Board may be presented again before the ACSC.

- (ii) Any other suggestions made by the ACSC would be incorporated by the Programme Coordinators for further action as per due procedures.

Agenda Item No. : 19.19**To report on status of proposed programme 'PG Diploma in Gender in Law'**

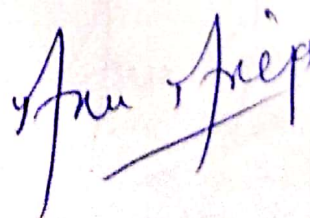
Dr. Smita M. Patil, Programme Coordinator explained that the School of Gender and Development Studies in collaboration with School of Law, IGNOU (Co-Coordinator: Dr. Gurmeet Kaur) is developing Post-Graduate Diploma Programme in Gender in Law (Modular Approach) (PGDGLAW). The new Phase I form was approved by the Academic Programme Committee (APC)/ Planning Board in its 43rd meeting held on 18th October, 2013. The Phase II form was submitted for the approval to the Academic Council Standing Committee which was held on 8th August and extended on 25th August 2014. As per the suggestions of Academic Council's Standing Committee (Minutes: extended 38th meeting, 25th August, 2014) the duly modified Phase II (New) form would be resubmitted as per due procedures.

The School Board noted the progress and current status of the Programme and made the following recommendations/ observations:

- (i) Based on deliberations, the School Board noted that procedures related to the Need Assessment survey were conducted in consultation with STRIDE and therefore were broadly in accordance with IGNOU norms. The members noted that the need assessment survey had been published in the special issue of IJOL (Sept. 2014 issue). It was suggested that the views of the School Board may be presented again before the ACSC.

- (ii) Any other suggestions made by the ACSC would be incorporated by the Programme Coordinators for further action as per due procedures.

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Agenda Item No. : 19.20**To report on status of proposed programme 'PG Diploma in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development' with exit point for Certificate in Gender Agriculture and Sustainable Development**

Dr. G. Uma, Programme Coordinator reported on the status of 'PG Diploma in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development' with exit point for Certificate in Gender Agriculture and Sustainable Development. As per the suggestions of the 38th Academic Council Standing Committee meeting, the Programme Coordinators will make necessary changes in the Phase 2 form after discussing with directors of SOGDS and SOA and the same will be submitted in the ACSC meeting. The programme coordinators will convene a meeting alongwith Directors of SOGDS and SOA to discuss the duration, exit point and modular format.

The School Board noted the progress and current status of the Programme.

Agenda Item No. : 19.21**To report on design of MAGD elective course MGSE-015 : 'Gender and Labour'**

Prof. Savita Singh presented a brief report on the progress of MAGD elective course MGSE-015 : 'Gender and Labour'. She reported that the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for MGSE-015 : Gender and Labour, Elective in MA in Gender and Development Studies (MAGD) were approved in 18th School Board Meeting held on 11th Sept., 2014 and have been submitted for placing before the ACSC.

The progress was noted by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 19.22**To report on status of M.Phil/Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies**

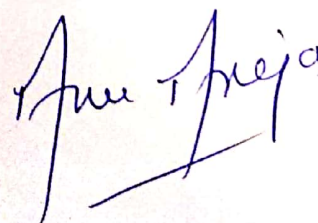
Prof. Savita Singh and Prof. Annu J. Thomas (Programme Coordinators) reported on the status of M.Phil/Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies. They informed that the Phase-3 form for M.Phil/Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies was approved by the 5th School Board. In consultation with concerned Divisions further necessary action is being initiated for approval of the Competent Authorities.

The School Board noted the developments and recommended that further development of the programme may be undertaken as per the Research Ordinance of the University, once it is notified.

Agenda Item No. : 19.23**To report on Seminar on Lacan and Feminism held on 31st October, 2014**

Prof. Anu Aneja, Chairperson reported that a day-long lecture, discussion and open session of question answer on "Lacan and Feminine sexuality: A Clinical Approach". was organized by the School under the Directorship of Prof. Annu J. Thomas and coordinated by Prof. Savita Singh and Prof. Anu Aneja. Dr. Frank Rollier, who is a well-known psychoanalyst, member of World association of Psychoanalysis as well as New Lacanian School, who teaches at Section Clinique, Department of Psychoanalysis, was the main speaker. Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, from Department of English, Hansraj College, Delhi University,

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alongwith Prof. Anu Aneja and Prof. Savita Singh participated as panelists in the programme. The entire programme was recorded in EMPC, IGNOU.

The School Board appreciated the initiative taken by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 19.24

To report on celebration of International Womens' Day held on 9th March, 2015

Prof. Anu Aneja, Chairperson reported that the School of Gender and Development celebrated International Women's Day on 9th March, 2015, by organizing a Roundtable Discussion on the topic, "Women's Freedom and Changing Masculinity in India". It was an open forum for discussion and a large number of participants contributed to its success. Prof. Sushma Yadav, PVC, IGNOU was the guest of honour. It was coordinated by Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS. All faculty of SOGDS gave brief presentations on various themes related to the topic of the roundtable discussion.

The School Board appreciated the initiative taken by the School Board.

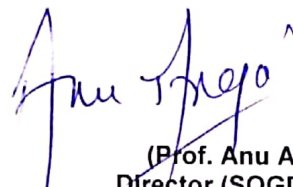
Agenda Item No. : 19.25

To report on change in contact details of one of the External Members of School Board

The Chairperson informed the members regarding the updated contact details for Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, External School Board Member. Res. Address : Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, 156, Regency Park-II, DLF-4, Gurgaon, Haryana Office address: Room 19, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi-110067 Ph: 011-26704430; email sanjays3050@gmail.com

The School Board took note of the update.

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


(Prof. Anu Aneja)
Director (SOGDS) &
Chairperson, School Board