

**MINUTES OF THE 38TH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
HELD ON MARCH 05, 2024**

The 38th School Board Meeting of the School of Gender and Development Studies was held on March 05, 2024 at 11 am in virtual mode. The following School Board members attended:

Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Director, SOGDS
Prof. Manimekalai, Director, CWDS, Delhi
Prof. Urmimala Sarkar Munsri, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU
Prof. Rashmi Attri, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University
Dr. Vijeta Banwari, SOSS, IGNOU
Dr. Balkar Singh, SOCE, IGNOU
Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS
Prof. Nilima Srivastava, SOGDS
Prof. Himadri Roy, SOGDS
Dr. Smita M. Patil, SOGDS
Dr. Sunita Dhal, SOGDS
Dr. G. Uma, SOGDS

The School Board took the following decisions/ made the following recommendations.

Agenda Item 38.1 To Confirm the Minutes of the 37th School Board Meeting

The 37th School Board Meeting was held on October 17, 2023. The Minutes were circulated to the School Board members. No comments were received.

The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 37th School Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 38.2 To Consider and Approve the Programme Revision Form for Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (DWED)

The Diploma programme in Women's Empowerment and Development is being coordinated by Prof. Annu J. Thomas (Course Coordinators: Prof. Annu J. Thomas BWEE-002, BWEE-006, BWEE-007, BWEE-008 and BWEE-012; Prof. Savita Singh BWEE-004, Dr. G. Uma BWEE-005). Prof. Thomas presented the salient features of the Programme Revision Form.

The School Board approved the Programme Revision Form for Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development for consideration by Academic Council Standing Committee/ Academic Council.

Agenda Item 38.3 To Consider and Approve the Programme Revision Form for MA (Gender and Development Studies)

The MA in Gender and Development Studies is being coordinated by Prof. Savita Singh and Dr. G. Uma. Prof. Singh and Dr. G. Uma presented the salient features of the Programme Revision Form.

The School Board approved the Programme Revision Form for MA (Gender and Development Studies) being coordinated by Prof. Savita Singh and Dr. G. Uma for consideration by Academic Council Standing Committee/ Academic Council.

Agenda Item 38.4 To Consider and Recommend the Co-option of External Members to School Board of SOGDS under Clause 2(e) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University

The School Board recommended the following experts for consideration for co-option:

1. Prof. Anita Singh, Professor and Head, Department of English, BHU, Varanasi, (Specialization: Language/Literature)
2. Prof. Kalpana Purohit, Former Prof. & Head, Department of English, Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur (Specialization: Language/Literature)
3. Prof. Seema Malik, Former Dean of Research and Professor, Department of English M.L. Sukhadia University, Udaipur (Specialization: Language/Literature)
4. Prof. Sawmya Ray, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Guwahati (Specialization: Social Sciences)
5. Prof. Nagaraju Gundemeda, Central University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (Specialization: Social Sciences)

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4.	Prof. Sawmya Ray	Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati, Assam	sawmyaray@iitg.ac.in	91-361-2582557
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Agenda Item 38.5 To Consider and Approve a New Initiative: "eGender Research Initiative" on eGyan Kosh

The School proposes to launch an eGender Research Initiative consisting of open access monographs on a series of themes featuring contributions from scholars, faculty and Ph.D. students. The series can be hosted on eGyan Kosh and/or other modalities as may be approved. Key themes would be identified for the monographs in the series.

All the external School Board members expressed an interest in contributing to this initiative. Prof. Urmimala Sarkar Munsri proposed a mentoring process for Ph.D. research scholars. The scholars and faculty would, of course, contribute in the process of monograph design and development.

The School Board approved the new initiative "eGender Research Initiative" for consideration by the University authorities.

Agenda Item 38.6 To Re-Consider and Approve a New Initiative: eJournal "Purple Ink"

The School had earlier proposed the publication of a Journal. It is proposed that an eJournal "Purple Ink" may be considered for publication by the School/ University. Constitution of the Editorial Board and delineation of scope of the Journal, its periodicity and other details would be proposed in consultation with leading scholars.

The Journal may be modeled along the lines of Indian Journal of Open Learning published by STRIDE and hosted on the IGNOU website.

All the external School Board members expressed an interest in contributing to this initiative. CWDS already publishes the Indian Journal of Gender Studies.

The School Board approved the new initiative "eJournal: Purple Ink" for consideration by the University authorities.

Agenda Item 38.7 Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

38.7.1 To Consider and Approve In Principle Offer of an Undergraduate Certificate Programme in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development

The School Board approved in principle the offer of an Undergraduate Certificate Programme in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development. The School Board desired that the proposal may be developed by Dr. G. Uma and Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra (School of Agriculture) after consultation with the concerned Divisions on the appropriate modalities.

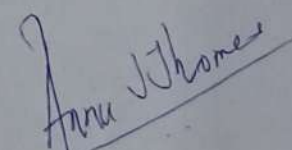
38.7.2 To Report on Collaborative Initiatives

The School Board was apprised of the collaborative initiatives launched by the School such as Certificate in Gender and Law in collaboration with School of Law (Programme Coordinators: Dr. Smita M. Patil and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur) and other initiatives such as Certificate in Gender and Science (Prof. Savita Singh and Dr. Sunita Dhal).

The School has also initiated a concept note/ proposal for a collaborative IGNOU Project on the "Cascade Training Model for Training of Trainers in Cooperative Management and Self-Help Group Management". The Project Concept Note/ Proposal would be shared with all proposed project partners. When the full fledged proposal is developed, the locus of the present project would be decided by the University authorities. Representatives of external agencies such as Prof. Manimekalai, Director, CWDS expressed an interest in contributing to the project.

The School Board expressed gratitude to the former Director, Prof. Himadri Roy for his guidance and vision. The School Board also expressed gratitude to the external School Board members for their extensive contributions to the deliberations of the School Board.

The School Board meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Annu J. Thomas)
Director