MINUTES OF THE 43RD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 29, 2025

The 43rd School Board Meeting of the School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS) was held on April 29, 2025 at 11 a.m. in Virtual Mode. The following School Board members attended:

Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Director, SOGDS

Prof. Sawmya Ray, External Member

Prof. Alka Dhameja, SOSS, IGNOU

Dr. Balkar Singh, SOCE, IGNOU

Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS

Prof. Himadri Roy, SOGDS

Dr. Smita M. Patil, SOGDS

Dr. Sunita Dhal, SOGDS

Dr. G. Uma, SOGDS

Dr. Usha Rana, SOGDS

The meeting commenced with Director SOGDS extending a warm welcome to all the School Board members.

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

AGENDA ITEM 43.1: To Confirm the Minutes of the 42nd School Board Meeting held on January 24, 2025

The 42nd Meeting of the School Board of Gender and Development Studies was held on January 24, 2025 in the Virtual Mode. After due deliberation, the School Board confirmed the minutes of the 42nd School Board Meeting held on January 24, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM 43.2: To Consider and Recommend the Panel for Internal School Board Members (other than SOGDS) under clause (2) (d) of Statute 10 A of IGNOU Statute

The list of names of Professors/ Associate Professors/ Assistant Professors proposed by faculty members were recommended by the School Board. The names of Prof. Alka Dhameja and Prof. B. Kiranmayi were added to the list of recommended names. The term of the present members under Clause (2) (d) of Statute 10 A of IGNOU Statute will expire in August 2025. The recommended list would be sent to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor for kind approval at that time.

Professors:

- Prof. Alka Dhameja, SOSS
- 2. Prof. B. Kiranmayi, SOSS
- 3. Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar, SOSS
- 4. Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS
- 5. Prof. Nehal Farouquee, SOEDS
- 6. Prof. Pema E Samdup, SOH
- 7. Prof. Jyoti Chawla, SOTST

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Associate Professors:

- 1. Dr. Mitoo Das, SOSS
- 2. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, SOL
- 3. Dr. Kakoli Gogoi, SOS
- 4. Dr. Shashank Yadav, SOSS
- 5. Dr. Anamika Shukla, SOH

Assistant Professors:

- 1. Dr. Chitresh Soni, SOTST
- 2. Dr. Vikash Singh, SOFL

AGENDA ITEM 43.3: To Consider and Recommend the Panel for External Members of the Doctoral Research Committee for Ph.D. (Gender and Development Studies)

The proposed panel of external members of the Doctoral Research Committee for Ph.D. (Gender and Development Studies) was recommended by the School Board for approval of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The term of the present panel will expire in November, 2025. The recommended list would be sent to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor for kind approval at that time.

- 1. Prof. Madhulika Banerjee, DU, Delhi
- 2. Prof. Shefali Jha, JNU, Delhi
- 3. Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari, JMI, Delhi
- 4. Prof. Saumya Uma, Jindal Global University, Sonepat
- 5. Prof. Anupama Roy, JNU, Delhi
- 6. Prof. Rekha Saxena, DU, Delhi
- 7. Prof. Krishna Menon, AUD, Delhi
- 8. Prof. Neetha N., CWDS, Delhi

AGENDA ITEM 43.4: To Consider and Recommend the Panel for External Members of the Doctoral Research Committee for Ph.D. (Women's Studies)

The proposed panel of external members of the Doctoral Research Committee for Ph.D. (Women's Studies) was recommended by the School Board for approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor. The term of the present panel will expire in November, 2025. The recommended list would be sent to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor for kind approval at that time.

- 1. Prof. Simi Malhotra, JMI, Delhi
- 2. Prof. Renu Addlakha, CWDS, Delhi
- 3. Prof. Nishat Zaidi, JMI, Delhi
- 4. Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, JNU, Delhi
- 5. Prof. Shefali Shah, DU, Delhi
- 6. Prof. Nasreen Chowdhory, DU, Delhi
- 7. Prof. Vigneshwara P., IIT, Delhi
- 8. Prof. Karen Gabriel, DU, Delhi

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AGENDA ITEM 43.5: To Consider and Approve the Minutes of the DRC Meeting for Ph.D. (Gender and Development Studies) held on March 26, 2025

After due deliberation, the Minutes of the DRC Meeting for Ph.D. (Gender and Development Studies) held on March 26, 2025 were approved by the School Board

AGENDA ITEM 43.6: To Consider and Approve the Minutes of the DRC Meeting for Ph.D. (Women's Studies) held on March 27, 2025

After due deliberation, the Minutes of the DRC Meeting for Ph.D. (Women's Studies) held on March 27, 2025 were approved by the School Board

AGENDA ITEM 43.7: To Consider and Approve/Recommend Substitution of Course Editor for BWEE-107: Mobilizing and Managing Credit and Finance of the Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development Revised (DWEDR)

In view of the sad demise of Dr. Sarala Gopalan, Prof. Anupriya Pandey, SOMS, IGNOU was recommended by the School Board as the Course Editor for BWEE-107: Mobilizing and Managing Credit and Finance of the Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development Revised (DWEDR) for kind approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 43.8: To Consider and Approve/Recommend the Consolidated Lists of Translators and Vetters for DWEDR (Hindi Version)

The Consolidated lists of Translators and Vetters proposed were approved by the School Board for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor with the addition of Ms. Kanwaljeet Kaur as retired from IGNOU w.e.f. from May 01, 2025. Director SOGDS was authorized to seek approval for additional names in consultation with faculty. Approval of the School Board will be sought through circulation in view of the urgency.

TRANSLATORS (Hindi Version)

Shri. Pranjal Dhar

Shri. Amiya Bindu

Smt. Anita

Shri. Deepak Kumar

Shri. Vijay Kumar

Smt. Swati Kumar

Dr. Satpal

Smt. Vandana Sharma

Shri. Narinder Singh

Dr. Rajni Bala

Dr. Asha Singh

Dr. Varsha Singh

Dr. Jyoti Shukla

Dr. Afreen Khan

Shri. Abhishek Srivastava

Shri. Nikhil Chauhan

Ms. Khusbhu

Smt. Kanwaljeet Kaur (Retired w.e.f. May 01, 2025)

VETTERS (Hindi Version)

Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS

Prof. Nilima Srivastava (Retd.)

Dr. Usha Rana, SOGDS

Dr. Deepak Paliwal, SOSS

Dr. Jyoti Chawla, SOTST

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AGENDA ITEM 43.9: To Consider and Approve/Recommend the Consolidated Lists/Panel for Word Processing of DWEDR/DWED

The panel of names for word processing including additional names was approved by the School Board for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor for approval. Director SOGDS was authorized to seek approval for additional names in consultation with faculty. Approval of the School Board will be sought through circulation in view of the urgency.

- 1. Mrs. Kamlesh Punyani (English & Hindi)
- 2. Mr. Kartikay Verma (English & Hindi)
- 3. Mr. Neelaksh Bhan (English & Hindi)
- 4. Mrs. Rashmita (Hindi)
- 5. Mrs. Savita (Hindi)
- 6. Ms. Shelja Verma (English)
- 7. Mr. Vinesh Kumar (English)
- 8. Mr. Shreyansh Maurya (English & Hindi)

AGENDA ITEM 43.10: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Change in the Pattern of Question Papers for DWED/ DWEDR from MCQs to Descriptive Pattern (GOAL Guyana, e-Vidya Bharati)

The School Board recommended the change in DWED/ DWEDR question papers from MCQs to descriptive pattern of question papers (17 total questions in short, medium and long/essay type as stipulated/adopted for other programmes) for GOAL Guyana and e-Vidya Bharati learners for approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 43.11: To Consider and Approve/Recommend Evaluators and Moderators for SOGDS Courses/ Programmes

The School Board recommended Prof. Nilima Srivastava, Retired from SOGDS, IGNOU for approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor for empanelment by SED as evaluator for the following courses of MAWGSR/PGDWGSR/MAWGS/CGSCI (Course Coordinator: Dr. Sunita Dhal)/BAGS as indicated in the following table.

Drogramma	Course Codes & Name	Name & Contact Details
MA in Women's and Gender Studies Revised (MAWGSR) and	MWG 104: Gendered Bodies & Sexualities	Prof. Nilima Srivastava Retired Professor, SOGDS IGNOU, New Delhi- 110068
PG Diploma in Women's and Gender Studies Revised (PGDWGSR) MA in Women's and Gender Studies Revised (MAWGSR)/	MWG 109: Women and Social	Ph: 9891024788

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MA in Women's and Gender Studies (MAWGS)	MWG 005: Research Methods	
Certificate Programme in Gender and Science (CGSCI)/ B.A. (Gender Studies) (BAGS)	BGS 002: Gender, Science, Technology and Society BGS 003: Socio-Political Dimensions of Gender and Science BGS 004: Gender Perspective on Health	

Prof. Nilima Srivastava was also recommended as Moderator for approval of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for the courses of MAWGSR/PGDWGSR/MAWGSR/CGSCI/BAGS as mentioned below.

Dr. Reeta Pandey, referred to SOGDS by SED for empanelment as evaluator was recommended by the School Board as evaluator for the following courses with substantial components on Law/Labour Laws/Social Security.

Programme	Course Codes & Name
Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (DWED/DWEDR)	course code by EE-012)
	BGS-011: Understanding Gender and Law
Certificate in Gender in Law (CGSL)/	BGS-012: Gender Based Violence
B.A. (Gender Studies) (BAGS)	BGS-013: Gender and Governance

The School Board recommended empanelment of Dr. Reeta Pandy referred by SED as evaluator for the above mentioned courses for approval by Hon'ble VC.

AGENDA ITEM 43.12: To Consider and Recommend the List/Panel of Evaluators (External Examiners) for Ph.D. Thesis of Ms. Durga K., Enrolment Number: 179342334 (in sealed envelope)

The School Board recommended the panel/list of evaluators (external examiners) for the Ph.D. thesis of Ms. Durga K., Enrolment Number: 179342334 (in sealed envelope) for approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 43.13: To Consider and Recommend the Revised List/ Panel of Evaluators (External Examiners) for Ph.D. Thesis of Km. Manju Arya, Enrolment Number: 179342373 (in sealed envelope)

The School Board recommended the revised panel/list of evaluators (external examiners) for the Ph.D. thesis of Km. Manju Arya, Enrolment Number: 179342373 (in sealed envelope) for approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 43.14: To Consider and Recommend the Panel/List of Evaluators (External Examiners) for Ph.D. Thesis of Ms. Anupreeta Chatterjee, Enrolment Number: 198570746 (in sealed envelope)

The School Board recommended the panel/list of evaluators (external examiners) for the Ph.D. thesis of Ms. Anupreeta Chatterjee, Enrolment Number: 198570746 (in sealed envelope) for approval of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 43.15: Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

REPORTING AGENDA ITEM 43.15.1: The School Board noted the six events organized by the School from 29.01.2025 to 28.03.2025 to celebrate National Day for the Girl Child (one event), International Day for Women and Girls in Science (one event); International Women's Month (three events) as also the event (webinar) organized on Gender Based Violence.

REPORTING AGENDA ITEM 43.15.2: To Report on Assigning of Coordinatorship of Hindi Version of DWEDR

The School Board noted the assigning of coordinatorship of the Hindi Version of DWEDR to Dr. Usha Rana. The DWEDR Programme is being coordinated by Prof. Annu J. Thomas and Dr. Usha Rana.

REPORTING AGENDA ITEM 43.15.3: To Report on Re-assignment of Programme Coordinatorship of MAWGSR

The School Board noted the reassignment of Programme coordinatorship of MA in Women's and Gender Studies Revised (MAWGSR) to Dr. Smita M. Patil and Dr. Sunita Dhal following the superannuation of Prof. Nilima Srivastava.

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

Prof. Annu J. Thomas