Minutes of the 45th School Board Meeting of School Board of School of Gender and Development Studies Held on October 06, 2025

The 45th School Board Meeting of the School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS) was held on October 06, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in Hybrid Mode at WiNGS, SOGDS, Swami Vivekananda Bhawan, Block- 15 B, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi- 110068.

The following School Board members attended:

Prof. Annu J. Thomas Director, SOGDS and Chairperson

Prof. Seema Malik External Member (Online)

Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya Internal Member, SOITS, IGNOU Prof. Nehal A. Farooquee Internal Member, SOEDS, IGNOU

Dr. Kakoli Gogoi Internal Member (Online), SOS, IGNOU

Dr. Chitresh Soni Internal Member, SOTST, IGNOU

Prof. Savita Singh
Prof. Himadri Roy
Dr. Smita M. Patil
Dr. Sunita Dhal
Dr. G. Uma
Member, SOGDS
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Dr. Usha Rana Member, SOGDS

The Meeting commenced with Director, SOGDS extending a warm welcome to all the School Board Members. The following new School Board Members were welcomed [as per Clause 2(d) of Statute 10(A) of IGNOU]: Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, Prof. Nehal A. Farooquee, SOEDS, Dr. Kakoli Gogoi, SOS and Dr. Chitresh Soni, SOTST.

The School Board look the following decisions/ made the following recommendations:

Agenda item no.: 45.1

To Confirm the Minutes of the 44th School Board Meeting held on August 26, 2025

The 44th Meeting of the School Board of School of Gender and Development Studies was held on August 06, 2025 in the Hybrid Mode. After due deliberation, the School Board confirmed the Minutes of the 44th School Board Meeting held on August 26, 2025.

Agenda Item No.: 45.2

To Consider and Approve the Merit List of Selected Candidates for Admission to Ph.D. (Women's Studies) on the Recommendation of the Doctoral Research Committee for the July 2025 cycle

The School Board considered the recommendations of the Doctoral Research Committee for Ph.D. in Women's Studies in its meeting held on October 06, 2025 for the Merit List of Selected Candidates for admission to Ph.D. in Women's Studies in the July, 2025 cycle proposed in the Discipline Specific Admission Committee Meeting held on September 25th & 26th, 2025.

The School Board approved the Merit List of Selected Candidates for Admission to Ph.D. in Women's Studies, July 2025 cycle for recommendation of the Merit List for the consideration of Research Council/Research Council Standing Committee.

Agenda Item No.: 45.3

To Consider and Approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. (Women's Studies) held on October 06, 2025

The Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. (Women's Studies) was held on October 06, 2025. The School Board approved the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. (Women's Studies) held on October 06, 2025.

Agenda Item No.: 45.4

Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

Item No.: 45.4.1

To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Substitution of Content Editor for BWEE-106: Work and Entrepreneurship, Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (Revised) (DWEDR)

The content editor earlier approved, Prof. Vibhuti Patel has declined to accept the assignment. The panel of experts proposed for substitution was as follows:

- Dr. Samapti Guha, Professor, Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, School of Management and Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
- Faculty of School of Management Studies, (as suggested by SOMS)

If required, work assignment may be Block-wise.

The School Board approved the panel for substitution of Content Editor for BWEE-106 for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Item No.: 45.4.2

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To Consider and Approve the Pre- Submission Seminar and Submission of Thesis of Ms. Anika Singh, Enrolment No. 179342120, Research Scholar, Ph.D. (Women's Studies)

With reference to the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting held on October 6, 2025 (Reference Item 45.3 of the present 45th School Board Meeting), the School Board approved the Pre- Submission Seminar and Submission of Thesis of Ms. Anika Singh, Enrolment No. 179342120, Research Scholar, Ph.D. (Women's Studies) with incorporation of suggestions within the stipulated period.

Item No.: 45.4.3

To Report on the Approval by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for Change of Supervisor of Ms. Anika Singh, Enrolment No. 179342120, Research Scholar, Ph.D. (Women's Studies)

Following superannuation of Prof. Nilima Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved Change in Supervisor of Ms. Anika Singh, Enrolment No. 179342120, Research Scholar, Ph.D. (Women's Studies). Prof. Savita Singh has been approved as the Supervisor of Ms. Anika Singh.

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

Prof. Annu J. Thomas Director, SOGDS and Chairperson