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Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies.

The ninth meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies was held on 11th February, 2011 at 2.00 pm in the Conference Room of SOCE, Block G, Academic Complex, IGNOU. The following members attended the meeting.

- 1. Prof.Savita Singh, Chairperson
- 2. Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Member
- 3. Prof.Kamlesh Mohan, Member
- 4. Dr.B.K.Anita, Member
- 5. Dr.Reicha Tanwar, Member
- 6. Prof. Anu Aneja, Member
- 7. Dr.Nilima Srivastava, Member
- 8. Dr.Himadri Roy, Member

Special Invitees

- 9. Dr.Smita M.Patil, Assistant Professor
- 10. Dr.J. Vanishree, Assistant Professor
- 11. Dr.Sunita Dhal, Assistant Professor
- 12. Dr.G.Uma, Assistant Professor

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the 9th meeting of the School Board of SOGDS.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 8th School Board Meeting of SOGDS and Action Taken.

1. The minutes of the 8th School Board meeting held on 16th September, 2010 were confirmed. Members requested SOGDS to submit Action Taken Report on the 8th School Board Meeting Minutes.

The Chairperson reported action taken on each item of the 8th School Board meeting as follows:

Item No.2: Internship component was included as part of M.A Gender and Development Studies programme without any credits. The degree will be awarded only after the completion of the internship tenure of one month. The students will have to undergo internship after completing their final semester examinations. Institutions have been identified and placed in the 9th School Board for approval.



Item No. 3: The school is in the process of developing stand alone modules in M.A in Gender and Development Studies.

Item No. 4: The approved Course Writers for M.A. in Gender and Development Studies were allotted Units.

from No. 5: The school has done cost-benefit analysis to include counseling scheme for M.A in Gender and Development Studies. Regional Centres are identified. The study materials are uploaded in e-Gyankosh.

Item No. 6: The School is in the process of developing options for transferring credits between two M.A programmes of the School. The School is also in the process of finalizing course wise registration options for On-campus students of M.A in Women's and Gender Studies.

Item No. 7: The minutes of the expert committee meeting for M.A (WGS) were approved in the 8th school board meeting.

Item No. 8: Curriculum Vitae of the course writers for M.A (WGS) was submitted and units were allotted to the approved course writes.

Item No. 9: All the Faculty members of the School of Gender and Development Studies are teaching the students of M.A programme in Women's and Gender Studies (on-campus mode).

Item No.10: The feedback form submitted for the approval of ninth School Board meeting.

Item No 11: The School undertook cost-benefit analysis for M.A in Gender and Development Studies and Women's and Gender Studies for ODL and finalized the fee structure in ODL Mode.

Item No 12: The first expert committee meeting for the PG Diploma/Certificate Programme in Gender and Science was conducted on 7th January, 2011. Need assessment form is also developed and will be sent. to Regional Centres and other Institutions to carry out the survey.

Item No 13: SOGDS in collaboration with the School of Agriculture will undertake a need assessment study for the PG Diploma/Certificate Programme in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development. Based on the results of the need assessment survey, School will develop and introduce the programme.

Item No 14: The phase 1 form is approved with the adequate suggestions. Annexure '14'.

Item No: 15 All the faculty members of the School of Gender and Development Studies

The Agenda item was approved in principle.

Agenda Item No. 5: Discussion and Approval of Grade Cards for the MA (WGS) and MA (GD) learners.

The Grade Card designed by the School was submitted to the School Board.

The Agenda item was approved in principle.

Agenda Item No.6: Approval of revised unit titles in Course 1 and Course 4, MA (WGS). The titles of the units were rephrased based on the content.

In the course I, the following units were revised:

The revised title of the Unit 2 of the Block V is "Feminism and Psychoanalysis:

The revised title of the Unit 1 of the Block -VI is "Philosophical and Psychoanalytical Perspectives", Unit 2 is "Literary and Cultural Perspectives" and Unit 3 is "Indian Perspectives". With regard to Course 4 the revised title of the Unit 3 in the Block-IV is "The Body in Feminist Theory and Psychoanalysis"

The Agenda item was approved in principle.

Agenda Item No. 7: Approval of the names of Block Editors for Course 1 and Course 2, first year curriculum of MA (WGS)

Based on the CV following Block Editors were approved:

Dr.Samita Sen, Dr.Gail Omvedt. Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, Dr.Regina Pappa, Dr.Mala shri lal, Dr.Susheela Kaushik ,Dr. Pam Rajput and Dr.Tulasi Patel will serve as block editors for course 1 and course 2 of M.A(WGS).

Course 1: Theories of Women and Gender studies

Block I: History of Movements

Samita Sen

Block II: Women and/in Movements

Gail Omvedt

Block III: Queer Liberation Chayanika Shah

Block IV: Feminist Critiques of Knowledge Meenakshi Malhotra

Block V: Feminist Theories



Regina Pappa

Block VI: Queer Theory Shalini Mahajan

Course 2: Gender and Power

Block I: Concpets Malashri Lal

Block II: Gender and other Structural Inequalities Susheela Kaushik

Block III: Gender, State and Community Pam Rajput

Block IV: Gender and Institutions Tulsi Patel

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No. 8: Approval of Names of the Course Writers for Gender Sentive Planning and Policy Making (MGS004) and Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies (MGS005) Courses in MA (GD).

Based on the CV the following Unit Writers were approved as the Course Writers for M.A.(GD) Programme for the Course Research Methodology in Gender and Development-Studies and Gender Sensitive Planning and Policy Making:

Dr.Elizabeth Negi, Ms.RanjaniK.Murthy, Ms.Mercy Kappen, Dr.Padma Prakash, Dr.Regina papa, Dr.Gita Chadha, Dr. Madhura Kesarkar, Dr.V.Raghupathy, Nathan, Mr.B.Senthil Prof.B.S.Baviskar, Dr.G.Palanithurai, Mr.Senthamizh Kanal, Ms.Rajini Menon, Ms.Sathya Bama.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No. 9: Approval of Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting for PG Diploma/Certificate in Gender in Law Programme (PGDGL). The need assessment format approved by Director SOGDS and SOL.

It was decided by the School Board that the need assessment format would be sent to the STRIDE for further suggestions.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No. 10: Approval of Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting for the programme "Gender and Science" with the need assessment format attached to be sent to STRIDE for further suggestions.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No.11 Approval of Course-wise student's Feedback questionnaire forms with modification for two MA Programmes.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 12: Approval of new name of the External Expert of School Board replacing Dr.Sara Ahmed who has chosen to step down from the School Board.

Dr.Sarala Gopalan's curriculum vitae was placed before the School Board for approval as an External Expert of School Board replacing Dr. Sara Ahmed who has chosen to step down from the School Board.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 13: Approval of the Institutions for the student's internship programme.

The external members of the School Board suggested few Institutions. The final decision of the names of Organisations rest with the Programme Coordinators.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 14: Approval of the name of the evaluators of M.A in Gender and Development Studies (ODL and On-campus mode), M.A women's and Gender Studies (on-campus mode) and Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (ODL mode).

The following names were approved:

Prof. Savita Singh, Prof. Anu Aneja, Prof. Annu J.Thomas, Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Dr. Himadri Roy, Dr. Smita M. Patil, Dr. J.Vanishree, Dr. Sunita Dhal, and Dr. G.Uma.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 15: Approval of the names of the Course writers for M.A (WGS) Second year courses.

Course Title: Postmodernism & Gender

Block 2. Ideology, Discourse & Gender

Unit Titles with names of course writers are given below.



Unit 1 :Bakhtin's carnivalesque : Taisha Abraham

Unit 2 Althusser : Taisha Abraham

Unit 3 Derrida: Sharon Pillai

Unit 4 Foucault : Sharon Pillai

Unit 5 Resisting theory a feminist critique of the above theorists using some of the names of the critics have suggested: Taisha Abraham

Dr. Taisha Abraham and Ms. Sharon Pillai were approved as Unit Writers for the Course Post Modernism in M.A (WGS).

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item NO 16: Approval of the minutes of Expert Committee Meeting for Literature, Culture specialization, second year curriculum, M.A WGS held on September 24, 2010.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 17: Approval of the minutes of Course Writer's meeting for Research Methods Course M.A (WGS second year).

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 18: Proposal for PG Certificate Programme or a Research Project on Gender and Nutritional Security proposed to the School by Mrs. Manju Sharma, Ex Principal Secretary, Ministry of Science & Technology to be taken up in July, 2011.

The experts suggested the School to undertake research project in the beginning, and based on the result of the project the School in collaboration / consultation with SOCE can develop a programme.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item No 19: The provision for improvement in Examination, to improve the scores for both programmes.

The school board suggested that the students who have cleared the examination and secured 55% marks or below, can appear for improvement examination to improve their score.

The Agenda item was approved.

Agenda Item 20: Approval to reduce the number of optional courses from 20 to 10 for M.A Gender and Development Studies for the first batch only.

It was decided that the following ten Courses will be offered. The Agenda item was approved. The School will inform SED regarding the decision taken.

Reporting items-

- 1. Programme Centres/Study Centres/Regional Centres chosen by the School for the First Batch.
- 2. The School Council decided to go for a need assessment for its Diploma/PG Certificate Programme in Gender Agriculture and Sustainable Development. If results not found satisfactory the School would like to assess the need for the development of the same programme with changed perspective, Gender Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods.
- 3. School has been awarded research project by Ministry of Women and Child Development on Working Women's Hostel.
- 4. School is favored by the Ministry by way of agreement to entrust the School with conducting its Workshops on Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting. The First Workshop to be held in the first week of March, 2011.
- 5. School proposed to UNESCO to hold joint International Workshop on Gender and Climate Change. A meeting was held in Nov. 2010.
- 6. It has to be informed that Dr. Smita M. Patil will be the Course Coordinators for the couple of Courses entitled 'Nation and Gender' (Compulsory, Literature and Culture) and 'Women and Political Process' for MA in Women's and Gender Studies, ODL mode for Women's Studies Specialization.
- 7. It has to be informed that Dr. Sunita Dhal will be the Course coordinators for two courses 'Gendered Bodies' (Compulsory) and 'Women and Social Sector' (Specialization) MA in Women's and Gender Studies, ODL mode for Women's Studies Specialization.
- 8. Report on current status of the development of course material for the MA(WGS) programme (distance mode).
- For MGS-005 (Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies)
 of M.A Gender Development Studies will be adapted from MSO-002
 (Sociology), School of Social Sciences.

- Discussion on nature of material to be delivered to MA (GD) students for first batch.
- The Programme coordinators submitted budget for the need assessment for conducting the need assessment for the PG Diploma/ Certificate Programme in Gender in law (PGDGL) and (PGCGL) ODL mode.
- Preparation of Prospectus and the Programme Guide for the M.A (GD Programme).Dr.Himadri Roy will coordinate the process with the assistance of Programme Coordinators.
- It has to be informed that Dr.G.Uma will be the Course Coordinators for the Course entitled 'Gender and Development: Concepts, Approaches and Strategies (6 Credits) MGS001 and Dr.Vanishree J. will be the Course Coordinators for the Course entitled 'Gender, Development Goals and Praxis (6 credits) MGS002 in the M.A Gender and Development Studies.

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

(Prof. Savita Singh)