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The 11th Meeting of the School Board of the SOITS was held on 30th April, 2012 at 10.30 A.M. The minutes of this meeting are placed at Flag 'A'.

Your kind approval is sought on the minutes of the 11th Meeting of the School Board.

(Velayutham Saravanan)
Director

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**MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL OF
INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES HELD ON 30TH APRIL, 2012 AT
11.00 A.M. IN THE ROOM NO. 5, CONVENTION CENTRE, IGNOU CAMPUS**

The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Velayutham Saravanan | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. A.R. Khan | - | Member |
| 3. Dr.O.P. Dewal | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur | - | Member |
| 5. Dr. Babu P. Remesh | - | Member |
| 6. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya | - | Member |
| 7. Dr. Sadananda Sahoo | - | Member |

Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar, Prof. Ranbir Chakraborty, Prof. S. Neelamegham, Prof. S. Hasan, Prof. Sushil, Prof. B.S. Saraswat and Prof. C.R.K. Murthy could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson, Prof. Velayutham Saravanan, welcomed the members and introduced the following new members' viz., Prof. A.R. Khan, Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, Dr.O.P. Dewal to the house. Chairperson also expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members, Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Prof. M.K. Salooja, Prof. B.K. Pattanaik and Dr. C.K. Ghosh for their contribution.

The enlisted agenda items were discussed in the School Board and the decisions are as follows:

ITEM NO. 1	To confirm the minutes of the 10th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 17th August, 2011
SB 11.1.1	The School Board considered the minutes of the 10 th Meeting of the School Board held on 17 th August, 2011. While confirming the minutes, it was suggested that in future, Action Taken Report (ATR) should also be presented. Members were also advised to prepare a brief report on the school activities including the list of programmes and detail it to the members of School Board.
SB 11.1.2	The School Board noted the suggestion made by the members and confirmed the minutes of the 10 th School Board meeting (Appendix-1).
ITEM NO. 2	To consider the minutes of the 8th and 9th meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 30th January, 2012 and 2nd March, 2012 respectively
SB 11.2.1	The 8 th and 9 th meeting of the Doctoral Committee of the SOITS was held on 30 th January, 2012 and 2 nd March, 2012 respectively. The decisions of the Doctoral Committees were placed before the School Board for approval on the following items:

	<u>8th Meeting held on 30th January, 2012</u> (i) Decisions on the admission of candidates to the Ph.D & M.Phil programmes under SOITS. The following six candidates are recommended for admission to Ph.D programme: (i) Thokchom Victoria (ii) Indrani Mazumdar (iii) Milita Haldar (iv) Abhay-Kumar Chawla (v) Subha Banerji (vi) Mehendra Sethi <u>9th Meeting held on 2nd March, 2012</u> (i) Approval of a panel of Experts for nomination on the Doctoral Committee of the School. (ii) Approval of the name of Supervisor of Ms. Shruti Saxena Tyagi, Ph.D candidate. (iii) Approval of the request of Mohammad Rafiq Sheikh regarding change in title of research. (iv) Decision on the request of Dr. Hrishikesh Baruah, Associate Professor, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati for empanelment as a Research Supervisor in the discipline of Environmental Science. (v) Decisions on the Progress Reports of RTAs for extension. (vi) Decisions on the Progress Reports of Ph.D candidates. SB 11.2.2 The School Board considered the minutes of the Doctoral Committee meetings held on 30th January, 2012 and 2nd March, 2012 respectively and approved the same. A copy each of the minute of these committees is place at Appendix-2.
ITEM NO. 3	To consider the nomination of the External Members on the School Board of SOITS
SB 11.3.1	The Chairperson informed the members that the term of the five External Members of the School Board of SOITS, nominated under "Clause 10A (2)(e) – <i>Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge</i> ", is going to expire on 26 th July, 2012. In this context, the School Council has recommended a panel for nomination of the External Members on the School Board of SOITS.
SB 11.3.2	The School Board approved the following five persons as external members on the School Board under the above clause after 26 th July

	2012: 1. Prof. Upinder Singh, Dept. of History, Delhi University. 2. Prof Satish Deshpande, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi 3. Prof. K. S. James, ISEC, Bangalore 4. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. 5. Prof. Ajeet N. Mathur, Strategic Management and International Business in the Business Policy Area, IIM Ahmedabad.
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Sanskrit

ITEM NO. 4	To consider Phase 0-4 forms for launching Certificate Programme in Sanskrit through postal mode under IGNOU-CIF collaboration
SB 11.4.1	The Chairperson informed the members that the Chinmaya International Foundation is successfully running Certificate Programme in Sanskrit through online mode under IGNOU-CIF collaboration. Now, the Chinmaya International Foundation has requested to launch this programme through postal mode and submitted Phase 0-4 forms for this programme.
SB 11.4.2	The School Board noted that the proposal is one of the components of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode which does not required a separate phase form. However, the Board suggested to form a Committee to review the contents of the materials, until the Board advised to hold the proposal.

MASA & MLD

ITEM NO. 5	To report the progress of face-to-face and ODL programmes of MASA and MLD
SB 11.5.1	The Chairperson reported that the first batch of face-to-face MLD and MASA students completed their course. Some of them got admission in the premier institutions like, Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Hyderabad and IIT Mumbai for their higher studies. Further, the chairperson also detailed about the status of the ODL programmes. As far as M.A. in Social Anthropology (ODL) concerns, two expert committee meetings were held and course writers have been identified and writing units are in progress. As far as M.A in Labour and Development is concerned, two expert committee meetings were organised in the past, and appropriate modifications in the programme outline were made to offer the same programme both in ODL and on-campus mode. Further, it was mentioned that the development of ODL programmes was rather slow due to attrition of faculties.
SB 11.5.2	The School Board noted the progress report. While appreciating the School activities in terms of both face-to-face and ODL, it sought a

	detailed report. Further, it envisaged to initiate the appropriate measures to implement the Sub-Committee reports to increase the faculty members and also recommended for the consultant positions.
ITEM NO. 6 SB 11.6.1 SB 11.6.2	To consider the title of M.A. Social Anthropology: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (through ODL mode), the later portion of the title was inadvertently missed out in last School Board agenda, Concept Note & Phase-1 form The Chairperson explained that the School proposed to offer M.A. in Social Anthropology through ODL mode. The Expert Committee suggested that the title of ODL programme as "M.A. in Social Anthropology: Interdisciplinary Perspectives". While placing it in the last School Board (10th) the later portion of the title, viz., 'Interdisciplinary Perspectives' was inadvertently left out in the agenda, Concept Note and Phase-1 form. So, the Concept Note, Phase-1 Form with the title "M.A. in Social Anthropology: Interdisciplinary Perspectives" are again placed before the School Board for approval. The School Board suggested keeping 'Interdisciplinary Perspectives' in parenthesis. In other words, the title of the programme is "M.A. in Social Anthropology (Interdisciplinary Perspectives)". Further, Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur is advised to discuss the programme contents with the faculties of Sociology and Anthropology and was asked to make an effort to collaborate with them. Further, she was advised to develop elective courses of a interdisciplinary nature. Precisely, the board members advised that duplication of efforts should be avoided.

Integrated M.Sc.-Ph.D in Physics and Astrophysics

ITEM NO. 7 SB 11.7.1 SB 11.7.2	To consider the admission of Shri Manpreet Singh to the Ph.D programme under IGNOU-IIA collaboration The School Board considered the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee (IGNOU-IIA) held on 4th November 2011 and approved the admission of Shri Manpreet Singh to the Ph.D programme under IGNOU-IIA collaboration. The title of his Ph.D thesis is "Theoretical study of ultracold atomic mixtures in optical lattice and optical super lattice using mean-field and DMRG". The School Board also approved the name of Prof. Bhanu Pratap Das, IIA, Bangaluru, as his Supervisor.
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ICIS

ITEM NO. 8 SB 11.8.1	To consider Internal Credit Transfer Norms for ICIS-SOITS online PG level programmes in Applied Integral Studies The Chairperson detailed about the proposal of ICIS Internal Credit Transfer Norms for Post-Graduate Diploma in Applied Integral Studies to Post-Graduate in Applied Integral Studies. They have submitted a common proposal for the approval of School Board.
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SB 11.8.2	The School Board noted the point and felt that the details of the course structure, methodology and other details were not provided. Hence, the proposal was deferred.
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BHASHA

ITEM NO. 9	To consider the admission of Shri Vijay Mayass in Ph.D Programme under IGNOU-BHASHA collaboration
SB 11.9.1	The Bhasha has proposed Shri Vijay Mayass for admission to Ph.D programme under IGNOU-BHASHA collaboration.
SB 11.9.2	The School Board considered the proposal and observed that there is a discrepancy in the title of the proposal and its content. Further, the Board suggested reviewing the proposal by Dr.Nandini Sinha Kapur. The Board also felt that the required details of the student were not given. Hence the proposal was deferred.

Others

ITEM NO. 10	To report the projects, seminars and other academic activities of the School
SB 11.10.1	The Chairperson detailed about the projects, seminar and other academic activities of the faculties. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Associate Professor has been awarded a Project entitled 'Participation of Saharia Tribes in Development Activities for Sustainable Livelihood' by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. Dr. Babu P. Remesh, Associate Professor has completed a research project on 'Migration from North-Eastern States of India to Delhi Region'. This research was sponsored by VV Giri National Labour Institute, Noida. Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor has jointly organized an International Conference on 'Diaspora and Development' in collaboration with the School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS). The Seminar was sponsored by ICSSR, ICCR, RBI and Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.
SB 11.10.2	The School Board noted the above activities of the School faculties.
ITEM NO. 11	To consider the request of Mr. Krishna Sankar Ganguly, Ph.D Scholar under SOITS to approve the name of Prof. Asis Kumar Chattopadhyay of Calcutta University as his Co-Supervisor
SB 11.11.1	The Chairperson informed the members that Mr. Krishna Sankar Ganguly has been registered as Ph.D. Scholar with SOITS for July, 2010 under Category 'A' – Part Time. The Doctoral Committee in its meeting held on 18 th August, 2010 vide Item No. 4 approved the name of Prof. Atanu Biswas, A.S.U., Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, as Supervisor and Dr. S.B. Arora, SOHS, IGNOU as Co-supervisor for his research work. Mr. Ganguly has now requested to approve the name of Prof. Asis Kumar Chattopadhyay of Calcutta University as his Co-Supervisor.

SB 11.11.2	The School Board considered and approved the name of Prof. Asis Kumar Chattopadhyay as Co-supervisor of Mr. Krishna Sankar Ganguly for his research work.
ITEM NO. 12	To consider the minutes of the meeting of the CIF Doctoral Committee held on 16 th October, 2011 and consider the admission of candidates to the Ph.D programme under IGNOU-CIF collaboration
SB 11.12.1	The Chairperson explained, as per the IGNOU norms Doctoral Committee was duly approved by the competent authority. As a Chairperson, the Director of the School conducted the Doctoral Committee meeting held on 16th October, 2011 and recommended the admission of the following candidates to the Ph.D programme: 1. Biju K 2. Shailaja Rao S 3. Sarala Kumari N.D 4. Aiswarya G. Nath Then, the Chinmaya International Foundation has sent the applications and other required details directly to the Research Unit, IGNOU. The matter is placed before the School Board for consideration.
SB 11.12.2	The School Board considered the Doctoral Committee minutes and sought for details about the candidates.. Due to this lacuna, the proposal was deferred by the School Board.

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

(Prof. Velayutham Saravanan)
Chairperson

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