

Indira Gandhi National Open University
School of Journalism & New Media Studies

Minutes of Eighth School Board Meeting held on 5th July, 2012 in the Director's Office, Block 15-A, SOJNMS, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110068.

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Subhash Dhuliya, Director, SOJNMS,	Chairperson
2. Prof. Santosh Panda, Professor, STRIDE	Member
3. Prof. S.R. Jha, Professor, SOS	Member
4. Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas, Associate Professor, SOET,	Member
5. Shri Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, SOL	Member
6. Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan, Associate Professor, SOJNMS	Member
7. Dr. O.P. Dewal, Associate Professor, SOJNMS	Member
8. Dr. Ramesh Yadav, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS,	Member
9. Shri Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS	Member
10. Ms. Shikha Rai, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS	Member

Dr. Kiron Bansal, Associate Professor, SOJNMS could not attend the meeting as she was on leave.

The Director welcomed the members of the School Board and placed on record his appreciation for the contribution made by the outgoing members of the Board. Subsequently the agenda set for the School Board meeting was taken up.

Agenda Item No. 8.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7th School Board Meeting held on 14th October, 2011

The Minutes of the 7th School Board Meeting held on 14th October, 2011 were discussed. The Vision Paper of the School outlining the expansion and activities of the School for next five years (which was discussed and approved in the previous meeting of the Board) was further discussed. The Vision Paper was circulated among the new members of the Board to solicit their inputs to further enrich the same specifically in context of the disciplines proposed. It was suggested that the School may revisit some of the proposed new disciplines and nomenclature of the same.

The chairperson informed the Board that the Minutes were circulated among the Board members and no comments were received so it may be considered and approved.

The School Board approved the syllabus of Ph.D. Course Work.

The Board approved the Minutes of the 7th School Board.

Agenda Item No. 8.2 With the above observations at 8.1, the Board considered and approved the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 7th School Board Meeting held on 14th October, 2011.

Items were taken up for discussion and the Board approved the ATR on the 7th School Board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8.3 To consider and approve the Progress Reports of the Ph.D. Scholars reviewed and approved by the Doctoral Committee in its meeting held on 22nd May and its extended meeting held on 24th May, 2012.

The Progress Report of five scholars of July 2010 cycle and seventeen scholars of July, 2011 cycles were discussed and approved by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 8.4 To consider and approve the revised synopsis submitted by the Ph.D. Scholars considered and approved by the Doctoral Committee in its meeting held on 22nd May and its extended meeting held on 24th May 2012.

The synopsis were discussed and approved by the Board

Agenda Item No. 8.5 To consider and approve the revised syllabus of the coursework for Ph.D. programme recommended and approved by the Doctoral Committee in its meeting held on 22nd May and its extended meeting held on 24th May 2012.

The syllabus of the Ph.D. coursework was discussed. It was pointed out that there is a need to develop various components in relation to delivery of the course work taking into consideration the credits of each of the course. It was suggested that to meet the credit requirements, a combination of class room teaching, tutorials, study material, recommended text books, notes and assignments could be introduced. In this context, the guidelines of the UGC and Research Unit of IGNOU and some other institutions, such as IIT, were mentioned. It was stressed upon that the Ph.D. programme through distance mode needs to take into consideration the UGC norms. In the context of communication theory course, it was pointed out those specific books to be recommended to develop in-depth knowledge of theories related to his/her discipline/study area. It was further pointed out that for every component specific books needs to be recommended by supervisors concern.

The School Board approved the syllabus of Ph.D. Course Work.

Agenda Item No. 8.6 To consider and approve the list of revised supervisors for Ph.D. Coursework for the Ph.D. Scholars of SOJNMS

The Director informed the Board members that the list of supervisors of the scholars has already been approved by the previous Board and there is only one change Ms. Yuki Azad Tomar has been assigned to Dr. Kiron Bansal in place of Prof. S.N. Singh. Hence the agenda item has been once again placed before the Board. The Board members were informed that Prof. S.N. Singh is on EOL but he has expressed his consent to continue to supervise the scholars assigned to him and the same has been concurred.

In the course of discussion, it was observed that while allocating scholars under a Ph.D. Supervisor, the workload of the faculty and their area of interest/expertise should be taken into consideration so that the faculty is not over burdened.

The Board approved revised list of the supervisors.

Agenda Item No. 8.7 To consider and approve the list of paper setters, evaluators and moderators for Ph.D. Coursework

The Board considered and approved the list of paper setters, evaluators and moderators.

Agenda Item No. 8.8 To consider and approve the list of candidates recommended by the Doctoral Committee for registration of Students to the Ph.D. programme of SOJNMS for July 2012 cycle

The sealed cover containing the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee held on 28th & 29th May and 2nd & 3rd June 2012 was opened and presented before the Board. The Doctoral Committee interviewed a total of 76 candidates and recommend admissions of seven candidates under category 'A' and three candidates under category 'B'.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee.

Agenda Item No. 8.9 To consider and approve the proposal for co-option of members to the School Board under Clause (2)(e) of the Statute 10A

The Director proposed co-option of the following members under Clause (2)(e) of the Statute 10A:

1. Dr. Iftekhhar Ahmed, Dean, Film and Television Institution of India, Law College Road, Pune- 411 004
2. Prof. Ramsharan Joshi, Senior Journalist and former Head of Makhanlal Chaturvedi Patrakarita Mahavidayala, Bhopal
3. Prof. G. Ravindran, Professor and Head, Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Madras, Chepauk Campus, Chennai – 600005
4. Sh. Ashok Ogra, Director, Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication, Apeejay Campus, Sector 8, Institutional Area, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075
5. Prof. Kiran Thakur, (Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Communication & Journalism, Pune University), 3, Indrayani, Patrakarnagar, Pune - 110016

The Board approved the co-option of the five external experts as Board Members.

Agenda Item No. 8.10 To consider and approve the proposal for the practical training component of PGDRP, PGDAPP and CCR of SOJNMS at Gyan Vani.

The programme Coordinator, Dr. O.P. Dewal presented the agenda item and explained to utilize the Gyan Vani network of IGNOU which has been developed in past few years and there are 37 independent full-fledged stations broadcasting programmes.

Dr. Dewal proposed that to facilitate the practicals of PGDAPP & PGDRP, the Gyan Vani stations may be used. He further informed the Board that IGNOU signed an MoU with All India Radio which came into effect from August 2009. According to the MoU All India Radio is responsible to conduct the practical training of these courses at select stations of AIR throughout the country. They charge half of the fees of each student as per the agreement.

He further informed the Board that MoU was valid for a period of three years and is going to come to an end in August 2012. It has been observed that this arrangement worked smoothly for first few years of its inception but of late several problems have cropped up in conduct of practical as per the existing arrangement.

In the light of above, it is propose to utilise the Gyan Vani network of IGNOU which has been developed in past few years and now 37 independent full-fledged stations are broadcasting programmes. Dr. Dewal suggested to utilise a few of the stations where the facilities for production are in place. The proposal has been discussed with the Director EMPC, E-in-C looking after Gyan Vani and Consultant, Gyan Vani. After the discussions following stations of Gyan Vani are proposed to be considered as practical training centres for PGDAPP, PGDRP and CCR (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Lucknow, Kochi, Guwahati, Vishakapatnam, Indore, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Madurai, Mysore, Chhatisgarh, Patna and Rajkot) If need arise, the School may take

care of the payment for the external resources (like resource person/trainer, examiner etc.) as per the norms of SOJNMS, for smooth conduct of practical for a duration of 15 days.

The Board while approving the item observed that the proposal needs some fine tuning and may be finalised in consultations with EMPC and subsequently be placed for necessary approval of the competent authority.

Agenda Item No. 8.11 To consider and approve the proposal to grant a grace period of two year to complete PGDRP to students enrolled in 2005 & 2006

The programme Coordinator Dr. O.P. Dewal while presenting the proposal explained that the P.G. Diploma in Radio Programme was originally launched and co-ordinated by SOH which came to SOJNMS in April 2009 when it was handed over to the school. The programme has a compulsory component of practical which is being handled by All India Radio (AIR) through a memorandum of understanding. The first MOU with A.I.R. came to an end in August 2008 and it was renewed in August 2009. During this period (more than a year) no practical could be conducted for PGDRP & PGDAPP as there was no MOU with A.I.R. in operation. Even after signing of MOU the practical could take place only in September 2010. In the meantime, the PGDRP course was discontinued by the university from 2009, but already registered candidates had an option to finish it within a period of 4 years.

He clarified that since we could not offer any opportunity for practical from August 2008 to September 2010 a proposal was put up before the competent authority to grant a grace period of two years to the students who got enrolled in 2005 and 2006, to complete the programme. It was suggested by ACD to move the proposal thorough School Board and Academic Council.

The Board observed that this proposal needs to be drafted carefully so that the students do not suffer because we are not able to conduct practical training on time. It was pointed out that an opportunity should be given to the students to complete the programme.

The Board considered the proposal and discussed it form all possible angles. It was suggested to the programme coordinator to move individual cases for one time approval of the competent authority where students have suffered because of non availability of the facility to complete the programme. The Board recommended that since there is a clear cut gap of more than two years where IGNOU could not provide any opportunity to individuals to complete the practical component of their programme, therefore the students enrolled in these two years i.e. 2005 and 2006 were most affected and should be allowed two more years in addition to regular

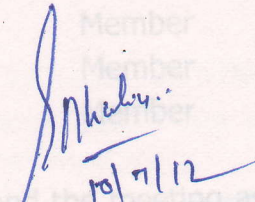
period to complete the programme. Any other student enrolled in these two years, if represents in future his/her case may be dealt on the same lines.

With these observations and recommendations, the Board approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 8.12 To consider and approve the list of Paper Setters/Evaluators/ Moderators for MA in Journalism and Mass Communication (full time F2F) and list of External Experts for MA(JMC) and MA (EMPM)

The Board members observed that relevant guidelines/manual may be consulted while recommending the names of paper setters/evaluators/moderators. It was further pointed out that designation and the organisation also need to reflect in the proposal. The Board considered and approved the proposal.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.


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