

Minutes of the Fourth School Board Meeting held on 14th December, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. Conference Room, Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068

The following members were present:

1.	Prof. O.P. Mishra	PVC (I/c of SOL)
2.	Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao	Chairman (Director, SOL)
3.	Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon	Member
4.	Dr. Zakir Thomas	Member
5.	Dr. S. Sivakumar	Member
6.	Prof. Pandav Nayak	Member
7.	Dr. Shubha Gokhale	Member
8.	Shri. M.P. Mishra	Member
9.	Ms. Suneet Kashyap	Member
10.	Ms. Gurmeet Kaur	Member
11.	Mr. Anand Gupta	Member
12.	Ms. Jaishree	Special Invitee
13.	Ms. Manju Chellani	Special Invitee

Prof. B.C. Nirmal and Dr. Sanjaya Mishra could not attend the meeting. Prof. O.P. Mishra, PVC in charge of School of Law welcomed the School Board Members and kindly agreed to spare his valuable time with his presence during initial discussions.

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the School Board. He introduced Prof. S. Sivakumar the new member of the School Board. Chairman also placed on record the activities of School of Law such as visit of Chinese Delegation on 5th November, 2007, organizing the Panel Discussion on "Sustainable Development and Citizens Engagement" with Prof. Harold McDougall, Howard University on 7th November, 2007 and hosting of TOT Workshops for Law Teachers in Clinical Legal Education for Northern Region from 15-17 December, 2007 and Eastern and North Eastern Region from 18-20th December, 2007 to orient law teachers in teaching of four practical subjects prescribed by Bar Council of India.

The Agenda Items were taken up for discussion and the following actions were taken:

Item No. 1 Confirmation of the minutes of the Third School Board Meeting

SB 4.1 The Board confirmed the minutes.

The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the third Meeting was discussed.

Item No. 2 To approve Phase 3 form of the Diploma in Legal Literacy

SB 4.2 The School Board of School of Law in its Second Meeting held on 6th October, 2006 approved the Phase one form of Certificate Programme in Legal Literacy. The Brainstorming Session of School of Law held on 4th

June, 2007 and Third School Board Meeting of 5th June, 2007 further reiterated the need for the Programmes in Legal Literacy. School of Law has submitted Phase II form to the Academic Programme Committee of Planning and Development Division on 12th December, 2007 with a request to upgrade the Certificate Programme to Diploma Programme that has been approved. School of Law also organized two meetings of the Expert Committee on 28th November, 2007 and in the morning of 14th December, 2007 respectively to finalize the curriculum.

Prof. Menon initiated the discussion by highlighting the need of the course in the light of proposed Gram Nyayalayas in India. Prof. Menon suggested that the Diploma Programme be called as **Diploma in Para-legal Education**. He also made several suggestions on the curriculum to provide functional knowledge of the law and to prepare a cadre of bare-foot lawyers for India. Prof. Menon suggested that the duration of the course be of 18 months with 3-5 months of field experience and review thereafter to evaluate the learning outcome. The detailed suggestions on curriculum by Prof. Menon are at **Annexure 1**.

The School Board approved the Phase 3 form for Diploma in Legal Literacy with the above suggestions.

Item No. 3 **To consider and approve Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Criminal Justice**

SB 4.3 The School Board approved the Phase 1 form of PG PG Diploma in Criminal Justice.

Item No 4: **To consider and approve Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Agricultural Law**

SB 4.4 The School Board approved the Phase 1 Form of PG Diploma in Agricultural Law.

Item No 5: **To consider and approve Phase 1 form of Master's Programme in Intellectual Property Rights proposed to be offered in collaboration with Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Australia.**

SB 4.5 The School Board appreciated the proposal to start Masters Programme in Intellectual Property Rights in collaboration with Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia. School Board while approving, advised to work out detailed modalities of joint degree and not to be subservient to QUT.

Item No.6: **To consider and approve Phase 1 form of Master's Programme in Information Technology Law**

SB 4.6 The School Board approved the Phase 1 form of Master's Programme in Information Technology Law.

Item No.7: To consider and approve Rules and Regulations of Ph.D.

SB 4.7 The School Board approved the rules and regulations of Ph.D with the suggestion to incorporate 5 years of experience after LL.M. for Practitioners in Law and others seeking direct admission for Ph.D. Programme.

Item No 8: To suggest assignment of disciplines for future faculty requirements

SB 4.8 The School Board suggested to create disciplines in Criminal Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Procedural Laws and Practice and Clinical Legal Education as per the needs of development of academic programmes.

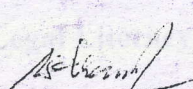
Item No 9: Matters relating to Research collaborations

SB 4.9 The School Board suggested to develop research and other collaborations with National Judicial Academy, Bhopal and Bar Council of India. IGNOU can collaborate with National Judicial Academy in development of audio/video materials and use of teleconferencing for training of Judiciary in India. The School Board also suggested to develop training programme for young lawyers in lawyering skills in association with Bar Council of India

Item No. 10: Professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting of COL, Canada ✓

SB 4.10 The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) developed professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting. It serves as an introduction to drafting as well as an upgrade for practicing professionals to develop skills in drafting. COL invited School of Law, IGNOU to become licensee to offer this programme. This has been approved by the School Board with a suggestion to explore the possibilities of offering this programme in association with the Ministry of Law and Justice and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Srikrishna Deva Rao)
Director (SOL)