

IGNOU
SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

MINUTES OF THE 15TH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON
10TH JULY, 2002 (WEDNESDAY) IN ROOM NO. 19, BLOCK 1,
IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Chairman
2. Prof. Pradeep Sahni, SOSS, IGNOU
3. Prof. S.V. S. Chaudhary, SOE, IGNOU
4. Dr. C.R.K. Murthy, STRIDE, IGNOU
5. Dr. Geeta Kaicker, SOS, IGNOU
6. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, SOMS, IGNOU
7. Prof. B.B. Khanna, SOMS, IGNOU
8. Dr. Ravi Shankar, SOMS, IGNOU
9. Dr. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU
10. Dr. Vazith Hussain, SOMS, IGNOU
11. Dr. Himanshu Kumar Shee, SOMS, IGNOU
12. Prof. R.K. Grover, Special Invitee, SOMS, IGNOU
13. Dr. Madhu Tyagi, Special Invitee, SOMS, IGNOU

At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members of the School Board for the meeting. Before taking up the agenda, the chairman welcomed the following new members:

1. Prof. S.V. S. Choudhry, Director, SOE, IGNOU
2. Dr. Vazith Hussain, SOMS, IGNOU
3. Dr. Himanshu Kumar Shee, SOMS, IGNOU

The Chairman also placed on record his appreciation for the services rendered by the following retiring members:

1. Prof. R.P. Hooda, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra,
2. Prof. B.R. Ananathan, University of Mysore, Mysore
3. Mr. M.R. Mayya, Iner-connected Stock Exchange of India, Mumbai
4. Prof. D.M. Pestonjee, IIM, Ahmedabad
5. Prof. Sushil, IIT, New Delhi
6. Dr. G. Subbayamma, Reader, SCMS, IGNOU
7. Mr. R. Panchalan, SOMS, IGNOU

The following agenda items were taken up for discussion and necessary decisions were taken.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 14th Meeting of the School Board held on 24th August, 2001.

15.1 Comments were received from Mr. M.R. Mayya and the same were discussed and decided as follows:

- (i) In para 14.5 (i), the sentence "It was felt that there may not be much demand in terms of number of students expected to join" may be substituted by the sentence "It was felt by some Members that since CEMBA programme may be considered to be more prestigious than the MBA programme of IGNOU, the latter may affect adversely the former in the course of time".

The students finally registered for CEMBA/CEMPA in response to the first advertisement is around 100. This is vindication of the statement recorded in the minutes. Therefore, resolved not to incorporate the suggestion.

- (ii.) In para 14.5(iii) in line 4, the word "to" may be inserted between the word "lead" and the word "confusion".

This typographical mistake is corrected in the minutes.

- (iii.) In the last but one para, after the second sentence, the following sentence may be inserted, viz., "It was, however, felt that the concerns of the School Board may be sent to the authorities concerned.

The Chairman informed that the extracts of the minutes of the 14th School Board Meeting relating to CEMBA/CEMPA had already been sent to the Vice Chancellor. Hence, it was not considered necessary to include the sentence in the minutes.

With the above modifications, the minutes of the 14th School Board meeting were confirmed.

Item No. 2: To consider the approval of the Programme Proposal Form (Phase I) for Master of Commerce (M.Com.).

15.2 Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Coordinator, M.Com. Programme presented the details of the proposal and the same was approved.

Item No.3: To consider the approval of the Detailed Programme Report (DPR) Form (Phase 3) relating to M.Com. Programme as finalised by the Expert Panel in the meeting held on May 24, 2002.

- 15.3 Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Coordinator, M.Com Programme presented the details of the proposal. It was explained that the UGC Model Curriculum 2001 was also consulted while developing the programme structure, and so also the proposed curriculum of the UGC NET and UPSC Civil Services syllabus. It was stated that the Commerce Faculty was planning to offer M. Com. program for the January 2004 academic session. Programme code and course codes are yet to be presented and approved by the appropriate committee in the University.

After detailed discussion, the School Board noted the following points:

- i. In order to launch M. Com. programme for January 2004 academic session, first year course materials shall be ready by May 2003. It was felt that, normally it takes more than six months for getting necessary approvals from various bodies of the University and around two years for preparing course materials. Therefore, it is necessary to quickly expedite the approvals and adopt flexible approaches like adoption of books and project/workshop mode for developing the course material, in order to meet the proposed targets.
- ii. MCO-8 E-Commerce is proposed as a compulsory course for all students in the first year. This course may require prior knowledge and experience in using computers, which many students might not be having. Therefore, at the time of developing the course, enough care should be taken to ensure basic information about computers in the first block and also few practical sessions in the work centres.
- iii. The students who have partly or fully completed PGDIBO and join M. Com. specialization in International Business Operations shall be eligible for credit transfer for the courses they have completed in PGDIBO.
- iv. The M.Com. degree certificate may clearly mention the specialization.

Item No.4: To consider the approval of the proposal to restructure the BBA Programme for 3 years duration as against 4 years duration as decided earlier.

- 15.4 Drs. Madhu Tyagi, Coordinator, BBA Programme explained the reasons for restructuring BBA Programme for 3 years duration as against 4 years duration approved earlier. She presented the revised course structure for

We may drop this programme as its demand has declined.

the 3 years programme. After detailed discussions, the proposal was approved. However, in view of the limited faculty resources and better demand for M.Com., the Board decided to keep the BBA Programme in abeyance and give priority to the development of M.Com. Programme.

Item No. 5: To consider the approval of the proposal for switch over from grading scheme of evaluation to marking scheme of evaluation for PGDIBO.

15.5

Dr. Nawal Kishor, Coordinator, PGDIBO Programme explained the rationality for switch over from grading scheme to marking scheme. The proposal was approved.

Item No. 6: Co-option of members under Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10A.

15.6


It is resolved to co-opt the following five persons as members of the School Board under Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10A:

- (i) Prof. R.M. Srivastava, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Banaras Hindu University, BANARAS.
- (ii) Prof. V. Venkaiah, Exec. Director, GRADE, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Road No. 46, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500 033.
- (iii) Prof. M. Thirupal Raju, Economic Advisor, Securities Exchange Board of India, Earnest House, 194, Nariman Point, Bombay 400 021.
- (iv) Prof. A.P. Arora, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon.
- (v) Prof. I.V. Trivedi, Dean, College of Commerce and Management Studies, M.L. Sukhadia University, Udaipur 313 002

Prof. N.V. Narasimham, informed the Board that he would be completing his tenure as Director of SOMS on August 8, 2002 and that 15th meeting was his last meeting as Chairman. He thanked the members for their cooperation and active participation in the School Board meetings.

On behalf of the members, Prof. Madhulika Kaushik congratulated the Chairman for deft handling of the meetings and ensuring free and fair discussion on all issues.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.


(N.V. Narasimham)
Chairman