

**MINUTES OF THE 22ND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL
OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES HELD ON JULY 04, 2008 IN THE CONFERENCE
ROOM OF SOMS, BLOCK – C, NEW ACADEMIC COMPLEX,
IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI.**

The following members were present:

1. Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Chairperson
2. Prof. L.Venugopal Reddy, Former Vice Chancellor, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam
3. Prof. M.B. Shukla, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi
4. Prof. Badar Alam Iqbal, Dean, Deptt. of Commerce, AMU, Aligarh
5. Prof. B.S. Hansara, Director, SOA, IGNOU
6. Dr. Jagpal Singh, SOSS, IGNOU
7. Dr. Sutapa Bose, SOE, IGNOU
8. Dr. Santosh Tanwar, SOCE, IGNOU
9. Prof. B.B. Khanna, SOMS, IGNOU
10. Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU
11. Prof. S.Srilatha, SOMS, IGNOU
12. Prof. Madhu Tyagi, SOMS, IGNOU
13. Prof. K.Ravi Shankar, SOMS, IGNOU
14. Prof. Kamal Yadava, SOMS, IGNOU
15. Prof. P.C. Basak, SOMS, IGNOU
16. Prof. Anurag Saxena, SOMS, IGNOU
17. Prof. M.S.S.Raju, SOMS, IGNOU
18. Prof. T.U. Fulzele, SOMS, IGNOU
19. Sh. T.V. Vijay Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU
20. Ms. Anjali Ramtane, SOMS, IGNOU
21. Ms. Madhulika, SOMS, IGNOU
22. Dr. Sunil Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU

Prof. N.S.Narasimhan, Professor of Finance and Control, IIM, Bangalore, Prof. S.K.Kalra, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon and Prof. G. Subbayamma, SOMS, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all the members for the 22nd Meeting of the School Board of SOMS. He introduced the following new members to the Board and solicited their cooperation and active participation in the meetings of the School Board:

1. Prof. B.S. Hansara, Director, SOA, IGNOU
2. Dr. Jagpal Singh, SOSS, IGNOU
3. Dr. Sutapa Bose, SOE, IGNOU
4. Dr. Santosh Tanwar, SOCE, IGNOU
5. Sh. T.V. Vijay Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU
6. Ms. Anjali Ramtane, SOMS, IGNOU
7. Ms. Madhulika, SOMS, IGNOU
8. Dr. Sunil Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU

The Chairman placed on record the valuable contributions made by the following outgoing members of the School Board and thanked them:

1. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS, IGNOU
2. Dr. Pushplata Tripathi, SOS, IGNOU
3. Sh. Shashi Bhushan, SOCIS, IGNOU
4. Dr. Ajit Kumar, SOET, IGNOU
5. Dr. Kamal Vagreacha, SOMS, IGNOU
6. Dr. Subodh Kesharwani, SOMS, IGNOU
7. Dr. Rashmi Bansal, SOMS, IGNOU

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

Item No.1 : To confirm the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the School Board held on 12.2.2008 and to note the action taken thereon.

SOMS 22.1 The Chairman informed that the minutes of the 21st meeting of the School Board of School of Management Studies held on February 12, 2008 were circulated to members and there were no comments received from any member. The Chairman also informed the action taken on each item. Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Programme Coordinator of Diploma in Retailing briefed the Board about the launching and the status of the Programme.

The School Board approved the minutes and the action taken thereof.

Item No.2 : To consider and approve Phase I Form and Phase III Form of B.Com with Major in Corporate Affairs and Administration, a joint programme with The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as per the MoU.

SOMS 22.2 The Chairman informed that the University has entered into an MoU with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) to grant exemption to the Company Secretaryship students for undergoing B.Com. programme of IGNOU on qualifying the Company Secretaryship Executive course. This is on the same lines of collaborative programme being offered to the students of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to offer B.Com. with Major in Accounting and Finance and M.Com in Finance and Taxation which are on offer.

Prof. M.S.S. Raju and Dr. Nishi Sharma are the Coordinators of this Programme. Prof. M.S.S. Raju explained the details of the proposed programme structure and clarified all the issues raised by the members. The members appreciated the initiative taken by the School.

The School Board approved the Phase I and Phase III Forms of B.Com. with Major in Corporate Affairs and Administration, a joint programme with ICSI as per the MoU.

Item No.3 : To consider and approve Phase I Form and Phase III Form of M.Com. in Business Policy and Corporate Governance, a joint programme with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as per the MoU.

SOMS 22.3 Prof. Madhu Tyagi and Dr. Rashmi Bansal are the Coordinators of this Programme. Prof. Madhu Tyagi explained the details of the proposed M.Com. in Business Policy and Corporate Governance for the students of the ICSI with exemption on qualifying the Company Secretaryship Professional Courses, and clarified all the issues raised by the members.

The members appreciated the initiative taken by the School and approved the Phase I and Phase III Forms of M.Com. with Major in Business Policy and Corporate Governance, a joint programme with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as per the MoU.

Item No.4 : To consider and approve Phase I Form and Phase III Form of B.Com with Major in Financial and Cost Accounting, a joint Programme with the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).

SOMS 22.4 The Chairman informed that ICWAI approached the University for the development of joint B.Com. and M.Com. programmes exclusively for the ICWAI students. The expert group constituted for the purpose examined the proposal and prepared a new scheme of B.Com. with Major in Financial and Cost Accounting exclusively for the ICWAI Foundation/Intermediate Course students.

Prof. Nawal Kishor and Dr. Subodh Kesharwani are the Coordinators of this Programme. Prof. Nawal Kishor explained the details of the proposed B.Com. with Major in Financial and Cost Accounting and clarified all the issues raised by the members.

The members appreciated the initiative taken by the School and approved the Phase I and Phase III Forms of B.Com. with Major in Financial and Cost Accounting, a joint programme with the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).

Item No.5 : To consider and approve Phase I Form and Phase III Form of M.Com in Management Accounting and Financial Strategies, a joint programme with the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).

SOMS 22.5 The Chairman informed that ICWAI approached the University for the development of joint B.Com. and M.Com. programmes exclusively for the ICWAI students. The expert group constituted for the purpose examined the proposal and prepared a new scheme of M.Com. in Management Accounting and Financial Strategies exclusively for the ICWAI Final Course students.

Prof. N.V. Narasimham and Dr. Sunil Kumar are the Coordinators of this Programme. Prof. N.V. Narasimham explained the details of the proposed M.Com. in Management Accounting and Financial Strategies and clarified all the issues raised by the members.

The members appreciated the initiative taken by the School and approved the Phase I and Phase III Forms of M.Com. in Management Accounting and Financial Strategies, a joint programme with the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).

Item No.6 : To consider and approve Phase I Form of M.Com. in Indirect Taxes, a collaborative programme with the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN), Faridabad.

SOMS 22.6 The Chairman informed the members that the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN), Faridabad approached the University three years back to develop a Master Level programme for the Probationers of the IRS (C&CE) Group 'A' Officers who undergo two years probationary training in the Institute. However, much progress could not take place. After Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai joined IGNOU as Vice-Chancellor, he initiated the discussions with NACEN and the Faculty of the SOMS and constituted an expert committee to work out the modalities.

Prof. N.V. Narasimham and Prof. M.S.S. Raju are the Coordinators of the programme. Prof. M.S.S. Raju presented the details of the scheme of collaboration and roles of IGNOU and NACEN in the development and delivery of the proposed M.Com in Indirect Taxes.

The School Board appreciated the initiative taken by the School and approved the Phase I Form of M.Com in Indirect Taxes, a joint programme with the NACEN, Faridabad.

Item No. 7 To consider and approve the Academies of the University working in Divisions/Units/Centres as Research Supervisors for Ph.D./M.Phil Programme in Management and Commerce Disciplines.

SOMS 22.7 The Chairman explained the need to decide the criteria for recognizing Academies of the University working in Divisions/Units/Centres, as there were enquiries from Academies who are interested to guide research students. Further, RCSC and AC, as explained in the Agenda, also communicated to the School regarding requests of Academies to be Research Supervisors for Ph.D./M.Phil Programme in Management/Commerce Disciplines.

The Members raised the issue whether Research Supervisors from Academies shall be restricted to specific discipline or area of specialization. To encourage inter-disciplinary research, the Members expressed the view

that there should not be any such restrictions. However, each Research Supervisor can guide a limited number of students as per the IGNOU Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes.

After elaborate discussions, the School Board decided the following:

- i) To recognize the Academics of the University working in Divisions/ Units/Centres as research supervisors, they should fulfill the following conditions:
 - a) Ph.D. degree with Masters in Commerce and /or Management
 - b) Academics with designations equivalent to Professor and Reader such as Director, Deputy Director, etc. Assistant Directors or equivalent designation with five years Post Doctoral research and/or teaching experience, or any equivalent cadres.
- ii) Approved the following three Academics, subject to the conditions that they fulfill the criteria recommended above. The Chairman is authorized to verify their bio-data and recommend to the RCSC.

- (a) Dr. Abdul Gani, Regional Director, IGNOU RC-Srinagar;
- (b) Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director, RC-Lucknow;
- (c) Dr. K.S. Chakraborty, Regional Director, RC-Agartala

Item No. 8 : Approval of additional list of Evaluators and Paper setters for various courses in Management and Commerce.

SOMS 22.8 The Chairman informed that three new Faculty members joined the School and their names should be included in the list of evaluators for selected courses in their respective disciplines. Further, SR&E Division requested the Faculty to recommend additional evaluators for few courses. Hence, a supplementary list of evaluators is presented for the approval of the School Board.

The School Board approved the proposed additional list of Paper Setters and Evaluators for various courses of Management and Commerce.

Item No. 9 : Any Other Item

Prof. B. B. Khanna proposed to consider 50% minimum cut off percentage in the OPENMAT to raise the level of quality of intake for Management Programmes.

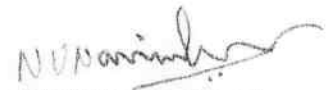
SOMS 22.9 Prof. B.B. Khanna, Coordinator, Management Programme informed the members that in a meeting held with the Vice-Chancellor on 24th April, 2008, the Vice-Chancellor agreed to review the minimum cut off percentage in the OPENMAT if the Faculty concerned has any specific recommendation. The matter was discussed in the Management Faculty Meeting held on 21.5.2008 and it was decided that the minimum cut off percentage in the OPENMAT should be raised to at least 50% for the

general category (for other categories as per Constitutional Provisions), in order to improve the quality of input so as to ensure the credibility of the Programme in the market. When the decision was communicated to the Vice-Chancellor, it was suggested to discuss the matter in the School Board Meeting and then place it before the Academic Council Standing Committee (ACSC).

The Members opined that a high percentage of cut off in the OPENMAT may be disadvantageous to the students from weaker sections and from remote and rural areas.

After elaborate discussions, the School Board decided 40% minimum cut off percentage for general category students (for other categories as per Constitutional Provisions) in the OPENMAT for admission to the Management Programme.

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


(N.V.Narasimham)
Director