

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068**

School of Management Studies

**MINUTES OF THE 55th MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF
MANAGEMENT STUDIES, IGNOU, HELD ON 25th October, 2024 AT 11.00 AM IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM, SOMS, VISVESWARAYYA BHAWAN, NEW ACADEMIC
COMPLEX, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.**

The 55th meeting of the School Board of School of Management Studies (SOMS), IGNOU, was held on 25th October, 2024, at 11.00 am in the Conference Room, SOMS, Visveswarayya Bhawan, New Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068. The following were present:

1. Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, Director, SOMS, IGNOU	Chairman
2. Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
3. Prof. Neeti Agrawal, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
4. Prof. Sunil Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
5. Prof. Anjali C. Ramteke, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
6. Prof. Kamal Vagrecha, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
7. Prof. Nayantara Padhi, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
8. Prof. Subodh Kesharwani, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
9. Prof. Rashmi Bansal, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
10. Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
11. Prof. Leena Singh, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
12. Dr. Anupriya Pandey, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
13. Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
14. Prof. Dhanesh Khatri, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
15. Dr. Venkataiah Chittipakka, Associate Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
16. Dr. Neha Seth, Associate Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
17. Dr. N. Rajendra Parasad, Assistant Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
18. Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
19. Dr. Richa Prakash, Assistant Professor, SOCE, IGNOU	Member
20. Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU	Member
21. Prof. M. B. Shukla, Professor (Retd.) MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Member
22. Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Vice Chancellor, RGUKT Basra, Telangana	Member
23. Prof. D. D. Bedia, Professor and Former Dean, Pt. JLN Instt. of Business Management, Vikram University, Ujjain, M.P.	Member

Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU; Prof. Anurag Saxena, SOMS, IGNOU; Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar, SOMS, IGNOU; Prof. Pavnesh Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU; Prof. Amitav Mishra, SOE, IGNOU; Dr. Anamika Shukla, Associate Professor, SOH, IGNOU; Prof. O. P. Wali, Professor & Head (Research), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, IIFT Bhawan, New Delhi; and, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principle, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, Delhi could not attend the meeting.

Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, Director and Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members of the 54th Meeting of School Board and informed the members that following Five New Faculty

Members (Three Professors, One Associate Professor and One Assistant Professor) joined in the Discipline of Management, SOMS.

1. Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath Kumar
2. Prof. Dhanesh Katri
3. Prof. Pavnesh Kumar
4. Dr. Neha Seth, Associate Professor
5. Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor

He further, informed that two faculty members i.e. Dr. Anupriya Pandey, Commerce Discipline and Dr. Leena Singh, Management Discipline both have promoted from Associate Professor to Professor under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS). In view of the New joining of three professor and promotion of two faculty members, the School Board now have following five new members as Ex-Officio Members of the School Board under Clause (2) (b) of Statute 10(A):

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| 1. Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath Kumar | - New Joining |
| 2. Prof. Dhanesh Katri | - New Joining |
| 3. Prof. Pavnesh Kumar | - New Joining |
| 4. Prof. Anupriya Pandey | - Promoted |
| 5. Prof. Leena Singh | - Promoted |


The Director & Chairman, further informed that one faculty member i.e. Mr. T.V.Vijay Kumar, Associate Professor from Management Discipline got superannuated in June, 2024. He was also School Board Member under Clause (2) (c) of the Statute 10(A). Director, SOMS and Chairman put on records his contributions and valuable inputs as a faculty in the School and as School Board Member on the resolutions of the School Board.

The Director & Chairman, further informed that consequent upon the promotions of two faculty member and superannuation of one faculty members, as all these three faculty were School Board Members under Clause (2) (c) of the Statute 10(A), three new members have been nominated by the Vice Chancellor under Clause 2(c) "**At least four Readers/ Lecturers assigned to the school**" for a residual period (up to 5th April 2026):

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| 1. Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka, Associate Professor | Re-nominated |
| 2. Dr. Neha Setha, Associate Professor | New Joining |
| 3. Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor | New Joining |
| 4. Dr. Rajendra Parasad, Assistant Professor | Existing |

The School Board congratulated the new members for their joining the SOMS and welcomed them as School Board Members and also appreciated the outgoing member i.e. Mr. T.V.Vijay Kumar for his contributions and valuable inputs on the resolutions of the School Board.


Prior to presenting the School Board's agenda items, the Director and Chairman provided an update on the initiatives that the school had taken up. He informed that the school has taken/started further initiatives/ actions on all the items approved by the School Board in its 54th Meeting, on some items related to DRC recommendations actions will be taken at the time the student submits her/his final thesis.


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He further informed that the proposal in respect of the OPA form for Four Year's BCOM Programme (BCOMFOL) was approved by the School Board as Item No. 54.3. However, due to other activities the same could not be sent to the Registrar, SRD for launching from July 2024 session and the same will be sent soon for Launching from January 2025 admission cycle onwards. Courses Mapping between IGNOU Courses and ICAI courses approved by the School Board as Item No. 54.5 have been approved by the Joint Coordination Committee in its meeting held on 12th June 2024. During the discussion in the JCC the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stressed upon the adherence of UGC curriculum and credit framework and the norms of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) including the maximum capping of credit transfer, time limit etc. Accordingly, on maximum period of the time limit, the 10 clause was added in the Rules and Regulations (R&R) for Credit transfer/exemption scheme which is as follows: *'Online credits earned in the period of seven year prior to the date of application for transfer shall be eligible for the inward transfer of credit in consonance with UGC regulations on the Academic Bank of Credits'*. The same will further be placed before the AC/ACSC in its ensuing meeting. If approved, after obtaining the administrative approval of the competent authority the same will be sent to Registrar SRD for its implementation.

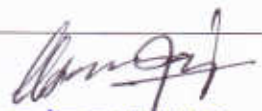
Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up:

Item No.	Subject
55.1	To confirm the Minutes of 54th meeting of the School Board held on 16th April, 2024.
55.1.1	Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, Director and Chairman of the School Board informed the members that the minutes of 54 th meeting of the School Board held on 16th April, 2024 were circulated to the Members for their comments. He further informed that no comments have been received from the Members of the School Board in the stipulated time. Therefore, presented the minutes of 54 th meeting of the School Board held on 16th April, 2024 for confirmation.
55.1.2	<i>The School Board confirmed the Minutes of 54th meeting of the School Board held on 16th April, 2024 (Annexure 55.1).</i>
55.2	To report Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 54th meeting of the School Board held on 16th April, 2024.
55.2.1	Director and Chairman informed that the school has taken/started further initiatives/ actions on all the items approved by the School Board in its 54 th Meeting. On some of the items related to DRC recommendations actions will be taken at the time the student submits her/his final thesis. He further informed that the proposal of regarding OPA form for Four Year's BCOM Programme (BCOMFOL) was approved by the School Board as Item No. 54.3 however due to other activities the same could not be sent to the Registrar, SRD for launching from July 2024 session and the same will be sent soon for Launching from January 2025 admission cycle onwards. Courses Mapping between IGNOU Courses and ICAI Papers approved by the School Board as Item No. 54.5 have been approved by the Joint

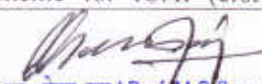

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	<p>Coordination Committee in its meeting held on 12th June 2024. During the discussion in the JCC, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stressed upon the adherence of UGC curriculum and credit framework and the norms of Academic Credit Bank including the maximum capping of credit transfer, time limit etc. so that the CA students may get the degrees equivalent to other BCOM and MCOM Degrees offered under conventional mode. Accordingly, regarding the time limit, the 10 clause was added in the Rules and Regulations (R&R) for Credit transfer/exemption scheme which is as follows: '<i>Online credits earned in the period of seven year prior to the date of application for transfer shall be eligible for the inward transfer of credit in consonance with UGC regulations on the Academic Bank of Credits</i>'. The same will further be placed before the AC/ACSC in its ensuing meeting. If approved, after obtaining the administrative approval of the competent authority the same will be sent to Registrar SRD for its implementation.</p> <p>The members of the School Board appreciated the prompt actions on the resolutions of the School Board.</p>
55.2.2	<p>School Board noted the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 54th meeting of the School Board held on 16th April, 2024 (Annexure-55.2).</p>
55.3	<p>To consider and approve the minutes of the Course Design and Development Committee Meeting for the Course BMP-001: Business Research (4 credits) the BBA General Programme.</p>
55.3.1	<p>Prof. Subodh Kesharwani, Programme Coordinator, presented the item and informed the members of School Board that the university has launched the Bachelor of Business Administration (General) Programme (BBA) from the admission cycle July, 2023 onwards. The Lists of Experts for Course Design and Development Committees for BMP-001: Business Research (4 credits) to be offered in the IV Semester of BBA (General) Programme was considered and approved by the School Board in its 52nd Meeting (item no: 52.24) held on 20th April, 2023.</p> <p>He further informed that accordingly, with the approval of competent authority, the expert committee meeting for Course Design and Development was held on July 25, 2024. The Minutes of Meeting alongwith the detailed course structure is placed for consideration and approval of the School Board.</p> <p>School Board deliberated upon the minutes of Course Design and Development Committee and the proposed course curriculum of 'BMP-001: Business Research' and appreciated the detailed course structure done by the committee.</p> <p>Few members expressed that the detailed unitization may face the hardship for changes, if any, suggested by the unit writer while writing. After discussion, it was resolved that if any such changes will be reported to the School Board.</p>
55.3.2	<p>School Board approved the minutes of the Course Design and Development Committee Meeting for the Course BMP-001: Business Research (4 credits) the BBA General Programme (Annexure-55.3).</p>

55.4	To consider and approve the change of the title of the course Business Research in the programme of Four Years' BCOM Programme (ODL and Online) (BCOMF and BCOMFOL).
55.4.1	<p>Prof. Rashmi Bansal, Programme Coordinator of BCOMF Programme presented the item and informed the members of School Board that the Four Year' Bachelor of Commerce Programme (BCOMF) in ODL mode has been launched from Admission Cycle January 2024 onwards. Prior to BCOMF, the BCOMG under the CBCS scheme was offered. Consequent upon offering the BCOMF, the BCOMG programme was discontinued. Further, the Four Year's BCOM Programme (BCOMFOL) is proposed to be launched through online from the admission cycle January 2025.</p> <p>She informed that at the time of Programme Development Form, in programme design, the course titled "Business Research" (8 credits) was proposed to be offered in the 8th Semester of the programme. The PDF Form has duly approved by the ACSC in its 62nd Meeting held on 28th November, 2023.</p> <p>She also informed that on the other hand, the commerce discipline, SOMS also launched the BBA (General) Programme from the admission cycle July 2023, in which a 4 credits course with same title i.e "BMP-001: Business Research" was proposed and approved by 52nd School Board (Item no. 52.4) meeting held on 20th April, 2023. This 4 credits course with same title i.e "BMP-001: Business Research" in BBA (General) Programme is going to be offered from January 2025 and the course design and development committee meeting has already been conducted and the course curriculum has already been finalised. The minutes of the committee meeting were placed as Item No. 55.3 and it was approved.</p> <p>She further informed that as a result, both the course's titles are same in two different programmes with different credit weightage (i.e. 4 credits in BBA Programme and 8 credits BCOMF Programme). Therefore, the commerce discipline, proposes to change the course title of 'Business Research' (8 Credits) as "Advanced Business Research" (8 Credits) in 8th semester of BCOMF and BCOMFOL Programmes.</p> <p>School Board deliberated upon the item. The members suggested that the word Advanced in the proposed course title seems confusing as there is no other course on elements of Business Research in BCOMF Programme. Therefore, suggested a few more titles like "Research Methodology and Analysis"/ "Business Research Methodology" alongwith the proposed title "Advanced Business Research" It was also suggested to deliberate in the meeting of Course Design and Development Committee for finalizing the appropriate title and the matter may be reported in the School Board.</p>
55.4.2	<p>School Board approved the change of the title of the course "Business Research" (8 Credits) in Four Years' BCOM Programme (ODL and Online) (BCOMF and BCOMFOL) in principle and resolved that the new titles of the course may be finalized in the Expert Committee for Course Design and Development. The same is to be ratified in the next school Board.</p>


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55.5	To consider and approve adding clause regarding time validity for credit transfer/exemption to the student of ICAI (erstwhile ICWAI) who are registered in BCOM Programmes of the university.
55.5.1	<p>Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Programme Coordinator of BCOMFCA and MCOMAFS Programme presented the item and informed the members of school board that earlier IGNOU has entered into an MoU with Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) the erstwhile ICWAI on July 11, 2008 for offering collaborative B.Com.(F&CA) /M.Com.(MA&FS) Programmes. Further, IGNOU entered into a new MoU with ICAI on May 27, 2022. As per clause 8 (xv) of the new MoU, once the new MOU is signed the old MoU ceases to exist and admissions to BCOMFCA and MCOMMAFS programmes be put on hold and new mapping of courses has to be developed. Accordingly, with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the admission for BCOMFCA and MCOMMAFS Programmes were kept in abeyance.</p> <p>He further informed that the clause 8 (xi), (xii) and (xvi) of the MoU are regarding the credit transfer facility for the student of ICAI, who have successfully completed courses/papers from ICAI to the extent of 50% of total credits of IGNOU programme. In consultation with ICAI authorities, the Faculty of School of Management Studies prepared the courses' mapping between the courses of B.Com., M.Com., MBF & all MBA programmes of IGNOU (ODL and online) and the papers offered by ICAI. Accordingly, the Courses' Mapping for Credit Transfer/ Exemption in B.Com., M.Com., MBF & all MBA programmes of IGNOU alongwith the procedure for credit transfer/ exemption scheme were placed for consideration and approval of the JCC.</p> <p>He further informed that accordingly, subsequent to the approval of IGNOU-ICAI (erstwhile ICWAI) Joint Coordination Committee and competent authority Registrar SRD issued the notification regarding credit transfer/exemption scheme for ICAI (erstwhile ICWAI) students.</p> <p>Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, Director and Chairman informed the members of the School Board that recently, in the IGNOU-ICAI (chartered Accountants) JCC meeting Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU has stressed upon the adherence of UGC curriculum and credit framework and the norms of Academic Credit Bank including the maximum capping of the time frame of the courses for credit transfer.</p> <p>In view of the above, Commerce Discipline, proposes that a clause need to be added that <i>'Online credits earned in the period of seven year prior to the date of application for credit transfer shall be eligible for the inward transfer of credit in consonance with UGC regulations on the Academic Bank of Credits'.</i></p> <p>He also informed that if approved, the same shall be placed in the ensuing IGNOU-ICAI (erstwhile ICWAI) Joint Coordination Committee and other university statutory bodies for approval to incorporate the condition as an amendment.</p> <p>He also brought to the notice of School Board that the courses mapping and the credit transfer/exemption scheme for ICAI (erstwhile ICWAI) students was approved for</p>

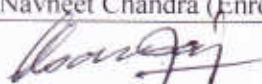

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	<p>B.Com., M.Com., MBF & all MBA programmes of IGNOU. Thought it is mentioned in the agenda body however the same was inadvertently left out to be mentioned in the agenda title.</p> <p>He further informed that the Academic Council in its 79th Meeting held on 20th December, 2022 as 79.13.2: "...the Academic Council noted that there was already a policy approved by the statutory authority for mapping of pre-revised and revised courses of a programme for the purpose of internal credit transfer and as such matters may be dealt with as per the said policy. Also as opined by the Standing Committee the approval of the School Board is sufficient for mapping of pre-revised and revised courses".</p> <p>School Board deliberated on the item at length and appreciated the initiative of the commerce discipline for the benefit of CMA students and the reputation of the university. School Board also considered that this clause will be applicable for all the programmes B.Com., M.Com., MBF & all MBA programmes of IGNOU (ODL and Online) for which the courses mapping and credit transfer/exemption scheme for ICAI (earstwhile ICWAI) students is notified by the SRD.</p>
55.5.2	<p>School Board approved the proposal for adding the following clause regarding time validity for credit transfer/exemption to the student of ICAI (erstwhile ICWAI) who are registered in B.Com.; M.Com.; MBF & all MBA programmes of IGNOU (ODL and Online) Programmes of the university at appropriate place in the Rule and Regulations with the approval of JCC and other statutory authorities of the university:</p> <p><i>'Online credits earned in the period of seven year prior to the date of application for credit transfer shall be eligible for the inward transfer of credit in consonance with UGC regulations on the Academic Bank of Credits'.</i></p>
55.6	<p>To consider and approve the Minutes of Meetings of the Doctoral Research Committee in Commerce Discipline held on 10th September, 2024, 26th September, 2024 and 1st October, 2024.</p>
55.6.1	<p>Prof. Sunil Kumar, Programme Coordinator of Ph.D. in Commerce Programme presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that three meetings of Doctoral Research Committee were conducted on 1st/ 2nd Seminar, Progress Reports and Pre-Submission Seminar. The details are given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Doctoral Research Committee in Commerce Discipline was held on 10th September 2024 at 11.30 AM. The following items were considered and recommended by the DRC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) DRC considered and recommended the 1st / 2nd Seminar Presentation of following three students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ms. Sangeeta Tewatia, Enrol. No. 198570570 (ii) Ms. Shalu, Enrol. No. 202494110 (iii) Ms. Havisha Gupta, Enrol. No. 202494103

	<p>b) Progress reports of the following students:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Ms. Charu Sarin, Enrol.No. 202494174</td><td>January – June 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Havisha Gupta, Enrol. No. 202494103</td><td>January – June 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Shalu, Enrol. No. 202494110</td><td>January – June 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Kajal Mittal, Enrol.No. 202494142</td><td>January – June 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Kanishk Koushik, Enrol. No. 210271325</td><td>January – June 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Sakshi, Enrol. No. 210271350</td><td>January – June 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Sangeeta Tewatia, Enrol. No. 198570570</td><td>July-December 2023 January – June 2024</td></tr> </table> <p>2. The Doctoral Research Committee in Commerce Discipline was held on 26th September 2024 at 2.30 PM. The following items were considered and recommended by the DRC:</p> <p>a) Pre-submission seminar of Ms. Syeda Zehra (173101450) under the supervision of Prof. Subodh Kesharwani</p> <p>b) following two progress reports in respect of Ms. Syeda Zehra (173101450):</p> <p>(i) January to June 2024</p> <p>(ii) July to September 25, 2024</p> <p>3. The Doctoral Research Committee in Commerce Discipline was held on 1st October, 2024 at 3.30 PM. The following items were considered and recommended by the DRC:</p> <p>a) Pre-submission seminar of Ms. Shailza (202494150) under the supervision of Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar</p> <p>b) following two progress reports in respect of Ms. Shailza (202494150):</p> <p>(i) January to June 2024</p> <p>(ii) July to September, 2024</p> <p>School Board deliberated upon the item. Members suggested that before finalizing and issuance of Minutes of present meeting of the School Board, the Programme Coordinator, Ph.D. in Commerce Programme may revisit all the three DRC minutes and ensure that there is no typological error in name, enrolment number, research topics and other details of the research scholars.</p>	Ms. Charu Sarin, Enrol.No. 202494174	January – June 2024	Ms. Havisha Gupta, Enrol. No. 202494103	January – June 2024	Ms. Shalu, Enrol. No. 202494110	January – June 2024	Ms. Kajal Mittal, Enrol.No. 202494142	January – June 2024	Mr. Kanishk Koushik, Enrol. No. 210271325	January – June 2024	Ms. Sakshi, Enrol. No. 210271350	January – June 2024	Ms. Sangeeta Tewatia, Enrol. No. 198570570	July-December 2023 January – June 2024
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55.6.2	School Board approved the Minutes of Meetings of the Doctoral Research Committee in Commerce Discipline held on 10th September, 2024, 26th September, 2024 and 1st October, 2024 (Annexure-55.3 to 55.5).														
55.7	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meetings in Management Discipline held on 25th September 2024 and September 27th, 2024 respectively.														
55.7.1	Dr. Venkataiah Chittipakka, Programme Coordinator of Ph.D. in Management Programme, presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that two meetings of Doctoral Research Committee were conducted for considering and giving its recommendations on Pre-Submission Seminar, Progress Reports, Seminar Presentations, Recommendation of Newly recruited faculty members as Research Supervisors and cancellation of admission. The details are given below:														

1. The Doctoral Research Committee in Management Discipline was held on **25th September 2024 at 11.30 AM**. The following items were considered and recommended by the DRC:
 - a) Pre-submission seminar of Ms. Anchal Gulia (198570588) under the supervision of Prof. Leena Singh,
 - b) following two progress reports in respect of Ms. Anchal Gulia (198570588):
 - (iii) January to June 2024
 - (iv) July to September 25, 2024
2. The Doctoral Research Committee in Management Discipline was held on **September 27th, 2024, at 2:30 PM**. The following items were considered and recommended.
 - a) Progress Reports of the PhD July 2017 batch research scholar Ms. Inderjit Kaur with Enrolment No. 173101055 for the following periods:
 - (i) January to June 2021
 - (ii) July to December 2021
 - (iii) January to June 2022
 - (iv) July to December 2022
 - (v) January to June 2023
 - (vi) July to December 2023
 - (vii) January to June 2024

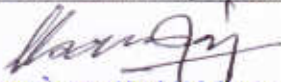
The DRC decided to refer this case to RU for further guidance and necessary action as she has not submitted her progress reports regularly. The DRC is not satisfied with the work presented by the scholar
 - b) Progress Reports of the PhD July 2018 batch for the period January-June 2024:
 - (i) Ms. Smiti (Enrolment No. 188501247)
 - (ii) Ms. Anu Malhotra Sharma (Enrolment No. 188501182)
 - c) 2nd Seminar Presentation of the following PhD 2018 batch Scholars:
 - (i) Ms. Smiti (Enrolment No. 188501247) **Minutes (DRC Approved & Recommended)**
 - (ii) Ms. Anu Malhotra Sharma (Enrolment No. 188501182) **(DRC asked to repeat 2nd seminar again)**
 - d) Progress Reports of the PhD July 2020 batch for the period January-June 2024
 - (i) Ms. Srishti Arora (Enrolment No. 202494214)
 - e) Progress Reports of the PhD July 2021 batch for the period January-June 2024
 - (i) Mr. Prabhakara S (Enrolment No. 210271263)
 - (ii) Mr. Prabhjinder Singh Aulakh (Enrolment No. 210271596)
 - (iii) Ms. Akshita Garg (Enrolment No. 210271288)
 - f) Progress Reports of the PhD July 2022 batch for the period January-June 2024
 - (i) Mr. Nikhil Shukla (Enrolment No. 225034827)
 - (ii) Mr. Bimal Kumar Gupta (Enrolment No. 225034873)
 - (iii) Ms. Neetu Sharma (Enrolment No. 225034311)
 - (iv) Mr. Navneet Chandra (Enrolment No. 225035005)



	<p>(v) Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bhanwara (Enrolment No. 225034716)</p> <p>(vi) Mr. Manoj NA Sarkar (Enrolment No. 225034859)</p> <p>g) Recommendation of the following newly recruited faculty members as research supervisors:</p> <p>(i) Prof. R. Sampath Kumar</p> <p>(ii) Prof. Dhanesh Khatri</p> <p>(iii) Prof. Pavnesh Kumar</p> <p>(iv) Dr. Neha Seth</p> <p>(v) Dr. Priyanka Yadav</p> <p>h) Cancellation of admission of Ms. Archana Nagar with Enroll. No. 225034408.</p> <p>School Board deliberated upon the item. Members noted that one Research Scholar i.e Ms. Inderjit Kaur with Enrolment No. 173101055 submitted/presented her 7 six monthly progress reports from January 2021 to June 2024 in one go, suggested that the concerned supervisors has to issue notice to the research scholars who are not submitting the Progress Report in time in compliance with the ordinance and the guidelines of the Research Programmes of the university. School Board also noted the case of cancellation of admission of Ms. Archana Nagar with Enroll. No. 225034408 and recommended that DRC must ensure that all due procedures have been followed prior to the recommendation of Cancellation of Ph.D. Admissions.</p> <p>Members also suggested that before finalizing and issuance of Minutes of present meeting of School Board, the Programme Coordinator for Ph.D. in Management Programme may revisit all the DRC minutes and ensure that there is no typological error in name, enrolment number and research topics of the research scholars.</p>										
55.7.2	<p>School Board approved the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meetings in Management Discipline held on 25th September 2024 and September 27th, 2024 respectively (<u>Annexure-55.6 to 55.7</u>).</p>										
55.8	<p>To consider and approve the panel of Experts for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation from Management Discipline.</p>										
55.8.1	<p>The Director, SOMS and the Chairman of School Board informed the Members of School Board that the envelope containing the seven names of examiners for evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis and to conduct the Viva Voce of the research scholar, as per details given below, is placed before the School Board for consideration.</p> <table><tr><td>Sl. No.</td><td>Name of the Research Scholar</td><td>Programme</td><td>Enrol. No.</td><td>Name of the Research Supervisor</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Ms. Anchal Gulia</td><td>PHDMGMT</td><td>198570588</td><td>Prof. Leena Singh</td></tr></table> <p>Members deliberated upon the agenda.</p>	Sl. No.	Name of the Research Scholar	Programme	Enrol. No.	Name of the Research Supervisor	1.	Ms. Anchal Gulia	PHDMGMT	198570588	Prof. Leena Singh
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55.8.2	<p>School Board approved the panel of Expert for Ph.D. Thesis evaluation in respect of Ms. Anchal Gulia, Enrolment No. 198570588.</p>										

55.9	To consider and approve the panel(s) of Experts for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation from Commerce Discipline.				
55.9.1	The Director, SOMS and the Chairman of School Board informed the Members of School Board that the envelope containing the seven names of examiners for evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis and to conduct the Viva Voce of the research scholar, as per details given below, is placed before the School Board for consideration.				
	Sl. No.	Name of the Research Scholar	Programme	Enrol. No.	Name of the Research Supervisor
	1.	Ms. Shailza	PHDCOM	202494150	Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar
	Members deliberated upon the agenda.				
55.9.2	School Board approved the panel of Expert for Ph.D. Thesis evaluation in respect of Ms. Shailza, Enrolment No. 202494150.				
55.10	To consider and approve the additional list of Experts for Course Design and Development Committee for the Course BMP-003: Management of International Business a course of BBA (General) Programme.				
55.10.1	Prof. Rashmi Bansal, Programme Coordinator, presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that the university has launched the Bachelor of Business Administration (General) Programme (BBA) from the admission cycle July, 2023 onwards. BMP-003: Management of International Business (4 credits) to be offered in the IV Semester of BBA (General) Programme.				
	She further informed that a list of seven experts for this course was considered and approved by the School Board in its 52 nd Meeting (item no: 52.24). Commerce discipline now proposing an additional list of four Experts for the Course Design and Development Committee of this course for consideration and approval by the School Board.				
	School Board perused the additional list.				
55.10.2	School Board approved the additional list of Four Experts for Course Design and Development Committee for the Course BMP-003: Management of International Business a course of BBA (General) Programme (Annexure-55.8).				
55.11	To consider and approve the list of experts for Evaluators, Paper-Setters and Moderators for the various courses of the programmes of Management Discipline.				
55.11.1	Prof. Rajeev Shukla, Management Discipline Coordinator, presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that the School of Management Studies, IGNOU, from time to time revises the panel of Evaluators, Paper-Setters and Moderators in order to incorporate the new names and remove the non-functional names. As a				

	<p>continuation of this process, additional list of experts for the different programmes/ courses of the Management Discipline are placed for consideration of the School Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional List of Experts as Evaluators for MMPP-001/MS-100. 2. Additional List of experts as Evaluators for various courses of Different MBA and PG Diploma in Management Programme. 3. Additional List of experts as Paper-Setters for various courses of Different MBA and PG Diploma in Management Programme. 4. Additional name of Expert as Moderator for all courses of Operations Management of Different MBA and PG Diploma in Management Programme. <p>Members deliberated upon the agenda and authorized the Director, SOMS to incorporate some more names, if available, in the final panel.</p>
55.11.2	<p>School Board approved the additional lists of Experts as Evaluators, Paper-Setters and Moderators for the various courses of the programmes of Management Discipline (Annexures-54.9-54.12).</p>
55.12	<p>To consider and approve in principle the 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) for offering BBA (Services Management) Programme.</p>
55.12.1	<p>Prof. Anjali C. Ramteke, Programme Coordinator, presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that the University has entered into an MOU with the Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) on 17.10.2019 to offer work based Bachelor of Business Administration (Services Management) Programme for young aspiring professionals who want to pursue a bright career in Services Industry. The term of the MOU has expired on 16.10.2024. The MKCL has proposed some modifications which were discussed and agreed by the faculty of management to incorporate in the draft 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' accordingly. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has kindly accorded in principle approval for Renewal of the MOU.</p> <p>She also informed that the draft 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' has been submitted to the Competent Authority with a request for legal and financial vetting. After the legal and financial vetting is done the 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' will be signed. Once the MOU is signed the matter will be reported to the School Board.</p> <p>Members deliberated upon the agenda and appreciated the initiative and negotiations well with MKCL in raising its fee share from 40:60 (IGNOU: MKCL) to 45:55. However, some members expressed their doubt regarding replacement of clause 9 (ix) as in earlier MoU there was provision of providing laptop which is suggested to be replaced with "substantial part of the learning and assessment takes place through online mode".</p> <p>Dr. Anjali C. Ramteke, clarified that by deleting the clause regarding providing laptop.</p>



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	<p>the fee is also being revised from 20,000/- per semester to 18,000/- per semester. Nowadays the students are having their own laptop/smart phone and will also get the benefit of revision of fee. Further, the MoU will be signed only after getting the same duly vetted 'legally' and 'financially' by the concerned divisions and the administrative approval of the competent authority for renewal and amendment to the MoU. Presently item is being placed to apprise the School Board. Once the MoU is signed, the same will be reported to the School Board.</p>
55.12.2	<p>School Board noted the action taken and approved in principle the 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) for offering BBA (Services Management) Programme (Annexure-54.13).</p>
55.13	<p>Proposed Guidelines for offering/housing MBA Programmes collaboratively with more than one Schools/Disciplines.</p>
55.13.1	<p>Prof. Rajeev Shukla, Management Discipline Coordinator, presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that in the recent past the University has started offering multi-disciplinary MBA specializations from the July 2024 admission cycle. The multi-disciplinary MBA programmes are offered by other Schools of Studies by adopting around more than 50% of the courses from the MBA programme of SOMS. This practice of housing these programmes in school with minor contribution is not as per the set academic practice of defining the domain of the particular academic discipline. This results in diluting the efforts of the parent Discipline which had originally developed these courses and are maintaining these courses. This has become a matter of concern for the faculty of Management discipline.</p> <p>He also informed that in order to tackle this issue and at the same time to encourage the multi-disciplinary approach in MBA Programmes with sectoral specializations in collaboration with other schools, the Management Discipline proposes the following guidelines/scheme to provide ease to the students and avoid confusion and duplication of efforts.</p> <p>He further informed that the MBA programmes offered/ proposed to be offer by the schools, other than School of Management Studies, the following guidelines may be taken in to considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May be housed in the school from where the majority of the credits figure in the Programme Structure. 2. In case if the School/Discipline borrows less than 50% of credits of the programme, then the programme could be housed in the school which proposes it. However, the nomenclature of "MBA" cannot be used by the school other than the School of Management Studies. <p>He further informed that with the compliance of the above two norms the confusion and complications to any School/Discipline/Divisions can be avoided.</p>

Members expressed to know that what are the justifications to consider the present proposal as the proposals of offering MBA Programmes by other schools have already been approved by the higher authorities of the university. Whether the School Board is appropriate body to discuss this issue?


Prof. Nayantara Padhi, Programme Coordinator, MBA Programme informed to the members of School Board as below:

- (i) The MBA programmes offered by other schools were launched without discussing the same with school.
- (ii) In most of the MBA Programmes offered by other Schools, they have adopted all the core courses developed by SOMS and just offering 7-8 specialized courses. Hence, more than 70-75 per cent courses belong to SOMS, therefore, such programmes should be morally housed in SOMS.
- (iii) MBA programmes offered by the SOMS are duly approved by AICTE whereas MBA programmes offered by other school are not approved by AICTE and hence deteriorating the value of MBA Programmes of SOMS.
- (iv) Some schools are adapting their degree or diploma level courses and trying to develop MBA Programmes. This is further diluting the sanctity and set standards/bench mark of MBA Programmes of SOMS.
- (v) Admission to the MBA Programmes of SOMS are also getting affected as these schools are offering lateral entry and trying to approach the students enrolled in the MBA Programmes of SOMS and luring them to shift the programmes offered by other schools after completing the first year of SOMS, MBA.
- (vi) Students might get confused and the MBA Degrees offered by other Schools which are not AICTE approved may also affect their future career opportunities adversely and will bring bad image to SOMS AICTE approved degrees also, ultimately to the university.
- (vii) Moreover, if, every discipline/school will start offering MBA Programmes in every discipline the basic purpose of maintain the discipline/school/department (which is meant for a particular domain of expertise) in the university will be forfeited.

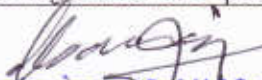
Prof. Kamal Vagrecha apprised the members that there is always a scope to consider/ modify/ recommend corrective measures about any decisions approved by the higher authorities.

Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, informed that on the one hand other schools have offered their MBA programmes with 7-8 specialized courses simply adopting 70-75 per cent SOMS courses which is increasing the workload on SOMS faculty like moderation, evaluations etc. as other schools don't have specialization in those courses/ areas. On the other hand they are diluting the image of SOMS MBA Programmes and trying to attract the existing students enrolled in MBA Programmes of SOMS.

Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, further apprised that by discussing this proposal in School Board is not disrespect to the higher authorities. The motive of the discussion is to give a concrete proposal to the concerned higher authorities of the university for their consideration and


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	<p>setting some norms/guidelines to control these practices/confusions.</p> <p>The members observed that the points of justification expressed during discussion have not been referred in the agenda. Further, the matter needs to be looked into whole perspective of the university. The Members also noted that the decisions on the MBA Programmes being offered by other schools of studies were taken by the authorities higher than the School Board.</p> <p>The matter should be referred to the Planning and Development Division (P&DD) and Academic Coordination Division (ACD).</p>
55.13.2	<p>School Board resolved to refer the proposal of Management Discipline (Annexure-55.14) to the P&DD and ACD. Accordingly the Discipline Coordinator (Management Discipline) may prepare a comprehensive representation by covering all the academic justification as expressed/ discussed in the meeting and submit alongwith the extracts minutes of the School Board to the P&DD and ACD for perusal and necessary action.</p>
55.14	<p>To consider and approve the co-option of Members of School Board under Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10(A).</p>
55.14.1	<p>Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, Director and Chairman of the School Board informed that as per Statute 10A (2) every School Board of Studies shall have the following as its members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Director of the School – Chairman (b) All Professors of the disciplines assigned to the School of Studies, as may be determined by the Academic Council, from time to time; (c) At least four Readers / Lecturers assigned to the School, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; (d) Not more than four Professors / Readers / Lecturers from disciplines not assigned to the School, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; and (e) Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialised knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge. <p>He also informed that the term of the members who are co-opted earlier by the School Board, School of Management Studies under Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10(A) of IGNOU, is coming to an end on 30th October 2024. Hence, there is a need for co-option of the 5 new members, who are not employees of the University.</p> <p>The school Board expressed heartfelt thanks and put on records the contributions and valuable inputs of the outgoing five members of School Board on the resolutions of the School Board like launching of BBARIL/DIRIL/ BCOMF/PGDISM/MoUs with ICAI, Offering of BBARIL/DIRIL in Hindi Medium, Offering of BBARIL/DIRIL in both admission cycles etc.</p> <p>He proposed the following names of experts for co-option as Members of the School</p>


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	<p>Board of SOMS under Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10(A):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Ashish Bajpai, Director, Institute of Management, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005, Mobile: 9889006722, Email: ashishbajpai@fmsbhu.ac.in 2. Prof. W. K. Sarwade, Dean, Department of Commerce, Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, Mobile: 9423780549, Email: chetanpublications@yahoo.com; Maharashtra.commerce@gmail.com 3. Prof. D. Suryachandra Rao, Department of Commerce and Business Management, Krishna University, Machilipatnam – 521004, Krishna District, Mobile: 9440149149, Email: profdsrao@gmail.com 4. Prof. H. K. Dangi, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Mobile: 9968316938, Email: hkdangi@yahoo.com 5. Dr. Banothu Dharma, Joint Director (Professor Cader), Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad. Res.: H. No. 12-13-1244/2, Street No.8, Tarnaka, Secunderabad - 500 017, Mobile: 9246153893, Email: drdharmab@gmail.com <p>School Board deliberated upon the agenda item.</p>
55.15.2	School Board approved the names of above five experts as Members of School Board under Clause (2) (e) of Statute 10(A).
55.16	Any other item(s) with the approval of the Chair.
	No other Item was taken up.

The meeting ended with the Members thanking the Chair.



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