

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY SERVICES MANAGEMENT**

**Minutes of the 17th School Board Meeting held on 20th January at 11:30 hrs in the Classroom,
SOTHSM, Block - 15 (I), IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068**

The following members were present at the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Director, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. Lalit Nirula, Hospitality Consultant, New Delhi,
External Expert | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, STHM, Jammu University,
External Expert | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Vijay Kumar Baraik, Associate Professor, SOS, IGNOU | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava, Assistant Professor, SOFL, IGNOU | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Harkirat Bains, Associate Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Spl. Invitee |
| 7. Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 8. Ms. Tangjakhombi Akoijam, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 9. Dr. Sonia Sharma, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 10. Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU | - Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments:

1. Prof. S.P. Bansal, Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Agrasen University, Himachal Pradesh
2. Prof. S. K. Mishra, Former Director - IITTM
3. Prof. Manjula Chaudhry, Deptt. of Tourism, Kurukshetra University
4. Prof. Kamal Yadava, SOMS, IGNOU

The meeting started with a welcome address by the Chairperson. It was informed to the members that the meeting was convened to deliberate upon matters related to the Doctoral Programme of the School. Discussion and approval of the minutes of the 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting and other PhD Programme related matters were important since the Research Council Standing Committee (RCSC) meeting was scheduled shortly.

The Meeting transacted the following business:

Item No. SB: 17.1:

To confirm the minutes of the Sixteenth School Board meeting held on 12th October 2015:

The minutes of the 16th School Board meeting held on 12th October 2015 were sent to members. No comments were communicated. It was therefore proposed to confirm the minutes.

The minutes of the 16th School Board meeting were confirmed.

Item No. SB: 17.2:

Action Taken Report of the 16th School Board Meeting:

The Action Taken Report of the Sixteenth School Board was discussed with the following observations from the Director:

1. Director, Prof. Ravindra Kumar, informed the members that a National Seminar for the Research Scholars of the School was proposed in March 2016. This seminar was being held to facilitate the Research Scholars in making presentation of papers.
2. It was noted that as per the approval given by 16th School Board, the School was in the process of launching BA (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management. A meeting of experts was scheduled in the month of February 2016.

The Action Taken Report was approved.

Item No. SB: 17.3:

Consideration and approval of the minutes of 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting:

The Programme Coordinator apprised the members about the 30th Doctoral Committee Minutes which allotted PhD topics and titles to the PhD Scholars registered in July 2014 in addition to the consideration and approval of their progress reports and some other matters (*Annexure-I*).

Members ratified the minutes of the 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting.

Item No. SB: 17.4:

Consideration and approval of Synopsis of PhD students:

Director informed the members that as per the Research Ordinance of the University, a PhD Scholar registered in IGNOU needs to submit and get the synopsis and title of Research approved within one and half (1½) years of registration. Therefore, the synopsis and title of the Research Scholars registered in July 2014 cycle were placed and approved in the 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting. The same is being placed in the School Board for ratification and thereafter it will be forwarded to the RCSC for approval (*Annexure-I*).

Members appreciated the urgency of the agenda item and ratified the approval of synopsis and title of PhD Research of students vide 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting.

Item No. SB: 17.5:

Consideration of the requests of PhD students for extension of registration period/change of supervisor:

Director apprised the members of the decision of the Doctoral Committee to forward the request of Research Scholars for extension of registration Period to RCSC for consideration with a status report on these Scholars (*Annexure-I*).

The School Board endorsed the requests of PhD students for extension of registration period/change of supervisor as decided by the Doctoral Committee.

Item No. SB: 17.6:

Consideration and approval of the Evaluator lists of PhD students:

Director apprised the members of the procedure of approving the confidential PhD Thesis Evaluator list submitted by supervisors of PhD Scholars by the Doctoral Committee and School Board, before the same can be forwarded to Research Unit. The Evaluator list of 08

Scholars were submitted by their respective supervisors and placed before the School Board for approval (*Annexure-I*).

The School Board approved the PhD Thesis Evaluator list of the following PhD Candidates, as submitted by their respective supervisors:

- i) Mr. Amitabh Dey (Supervisor - Dr. S. Babu, IITTM, Goa)
- ii) Mr. Amitabh Telang (Supervisor - Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, SOTHSM)
- iii) Mr. Bhupesh Kumar (Supervisor - Prof. Manhar Sajjmani, Amity, NOIDA)
- iv) Mr. Pralay Ganguli (Supervisor - Dr. Sonia Sharma, SOTHSM)
- v) Mr. Sandeep Walia (Supervisor - Prof. S. P. Bansal, VC, Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi)
- vi) Mr. Sandilyan (Supervisor - Dr. S. Babu, IITTM, Goa)
- vii) Ms. Seema Paul (Supervisor - Prof. Manoj Dixit, Lucknow University)
- viii) Mr. Sumit Kumar Biswakarma (Supervisor - Dr. Sonia Sharma, SOTHSM)

Item No. SB: 17.7:

Consideration of the revised course structure of PhD programme Course Work:

Director informed the members that the course structure of the PhD Course Work was reviewed in the light of the suggestions made during the course of the operation of this programme. Few minor changes were incorporated in the course structure (*Annexure-I*).

School Board approved the revised course structure of PhD programme Course Work.

Item No. SB: 17.8:

Consideration of the Evaluation Scheme of the Course Work:

Director informed the members that the evaluation methodology of the course work of the PhD programme for the revised Course Work was being proposed keeping in mind the feedback received from SED regarding the same. This revision had been discussed and approved by the 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting (*Annexure-I*).

The Evaluation Scheme for the Revised Course Work as approved by the 30th Doctoral Committee Meeting was ratified by the School Board.

Item No. SB: 17.9:

Consideration and approval of the list of paper setters, moderators and evaluators of various programmes offered from the School:

Director informed members that the School was reviewing the names of all the evaluators of the School as the list of the evaluators over a period of time had become dated and one comprehensive list for each of the programme was proposed to be sent to SED. The names of question paper-setters, moderators, and evaluators for the above programmes were placed for approval.

The School Board approved the list. Further, School Board authorized the Chairperson, School Board, to make any additional changes in the list. The changes may be reported in the next School Board Meeting for ratification.

Item No. SB: 17.10:

Consideration of orientation programme of Tourism Programmes:

Director informed the members about the successful conduct of orientation programme by the School for the academic counsellors of the BHM and MHA programmes of the School. Three such sessions had been successfully concluded till date and three more were in the offing. Considering the response of these orientation programmes, School now proposed to launch orientation programme of the academic counsellors of BTS and MTM programme at the earliest.

All the members appreciated the proposal and approved the same.

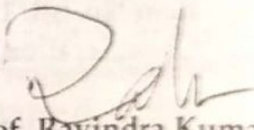
Item No. SB: 17.11:

Any other item:

Director, Prof. Ravindra Kumar, informed the members that the Rajasthan Tourism had also expressed a desire to collaborate with the School in developing programmes on the same pattern as had been done for MP State Tourism.

Members endorsed the collaboration and authorized the Director to work out the details and bring that for discussion and approval before the School Board.

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


Prof. Ravindra Kumar
Director, SOTHSM
&
Chairman, School Board