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of the

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of the

RESEARCH COUNCIL

held on

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL, HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2009 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V. N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, SOE | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. Anjila Gupta, School of Social Sciences | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. Vimal Thorat, SOH | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. Masood Parveez, Director, RSD | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. P.Purushotam Rao | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. K.S.Rangappa | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. Joseph Dorairaj, | - | Member |
| 12. Dr. K.S.D.Nair, Regional Director, Cochin | - | Member |
| 13. Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Director, Research Unit | - | Member-Secretary |

Prof. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE and Shri U.S.Tolia, Registrar, Administration attended the meeting as special invitees.

Dr. D.K.Choudhry, PVC, Prof. K.R.Srivathsan, PVC, Prof. Shafiq Parveen, Prof. Vijay Kapur, Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Prof. Bimla Kapoor could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He specially welcomed the new Member Prof. P.Purushotam Rao who is attending the Research Council for the first time as one of its member. He also appreciated the contributions made by Prof. Vijay Shankar Dubey, (outgoing member) in deliberations of the Research Council's meetings. He then requested the Member-Secretary to present the items on the agenda of the meeting.

The following items were taken up:

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Research Council held on 23rd June, 2009 and note the action taken thereon.

RC.15.1.1 It was presented that the Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Research Council held on 23rd June, 2009 were circulated to the members. Comments have been received from Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC one of the member of the Research Council which are re-produced as under:

“Regarding RC 14.28.1, these candidates have not presented any research proposal. They have merely applied for the Ph.D programme, and based on their CSIR-UGC NET qualification, they have been admitted to the programme. Their research proposal will only come later, and would be placed before the Doctoral Committee concerned”.

The names of these candidates are placed below:

1. Ms. Vandana Bansal
2. Ms. Roosel Jain
3. Mr. Joseph Mathew
4. Ms. Namita

The earlier recorded Minutes in this regard are placed in the Minutes of the 14th Research Council (Resolution No. 14.28.2 Annexure-1). The Action Taken Report on the Minutes was also annexed to the agenda and circulated to members.

RC.15.1.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 14th Meeting held on 23rd June, 2009 alongwith the above comments (**Annexure-1 to item no. 1 as circulated with the agenda**) and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO.2 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Course Work Component of Research Degree Programme in Distance Education leading to launch of M.Phil in Distance Education from January, 2010.

RC.15.2.1 It was presented that based on the advise of the Area Committee on its meeting dated 14th May, 2007 and the subsequent Expert Committee meeting of M.Phil Course Work held on 4th January, 2008, the STRIDE faculty has developed the detailed M.Phil Programme course structure.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the launch of the M.Phil in Distance Education programme from January, 2010 alongwith the course contents and strategies recommended by the Expert Committee.

RC.15.2.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Course Work Component of M.Phil Degree Programme in Distance Education (**Annexure-1 to item no. 2 as circulated with the agenda**).

ITEM NO.3 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the provisional registration of Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA, SOFL.

RC. 15.3.1 It was presented that Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA was provisionally registered in Ph.D even though no Ph.D programme in Arabic by the School of Foreign Language was launched nor any faculty member was appointed at the time of his registration. The case of Mr. Tauquir Alam has been approved by the Doctoral Committee held on 12-9-2008 and subsequently by the 2nd School Board of SOFL held on 7-11-2008. The School Board of SOFL dated 23.6.2009 has also approved the M.Phil/Ph.D programmes in Arabic Language (**Annexure-1 to item no 3 as circulated with the agenda**). Mr. Tauquir Alam has already done his M.Phil and hence he comes under the **Category "A"** and he has also been exempted from the course work.

Based on the recommendations made by the Doctoral Committee and School Board, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the provisional registration of Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA, SOFL.

RC. 15.3.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the provisional registration of Mr. Tauquir Alam, RTA, SOFL.

ITEM NO. 4 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Integrated Research Degree Programme for Category “B” candidates.

RC. 15.4.1 It was presented that Hon'ble Vice Chancellor had a meeting on 19.8.2009 with RTAs to review the research and teaching activities undertaken in their respective discipline. Each RTA attended the meeting was asked to present a brief on research and teaching they have undertaken so far. While presenting the facts of the work done, RTAs expressed that they are in the process of completing the Course Work. However, they will not be eligible for M.Phil degree as they have registered for Ph.D directly. RTAs also expressed that they would like to work additionally for M.Phil dissertation simultaneously while pursuing Ph.D.

Having listen to RTAs regarding the issue (as specified above), Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has agreed to allow RTAs to work for M.Phil dissertation additionally. Further, the Vice Chancellor had also directed the Director, Research Unit to work-out on the modalities. Accordingly, modalities are worked-out as given below:

Integrated Ph.D Programme

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Total Credits	Credits for Course Work	Credit for Thesis	Duration	Prog. Fee Rs
1.	M.Phil	48	32-36	16-12	18 months to 4 years	10500/-
2.	Ph.D (with Course Work) (Category “B”)	96-100	32-36	64-68	3 to 5 years	7000/- per annum for 3 years
3.	Ph.D. (without Course Work) (Category “A”)	64-68	Nil	64-68	2 to 5 years	7000/- per year
4.	Ph.D under Integrated mode	112-116	32-36	16-12 (M.Phil) 64-68 (Ph.D)	3 to 5 years	7000/- Ist year, or 7000/ + 3500/- (for integrated Ph.D) and 7000/- each in 2 nd and 3 rd year respectively.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Optional for those who desire to work additionally for M.Phil dissertation for 12-16 credits.
2. Candidates are required to submit M.Phil dissertation between 6 months to 12 months after completing the Course Work successfully.
3. Rs. 3500/- will be charged additionally towards M.Phil Programme fee beside Programme fee Rs. 7000/- for the first year for Ph.D.
4. Evaluation of Course Work and Thesis of M.Phil and Viva-Voce will be done as per University Ordinances & Regulations, 2008 and subsequent notifications issued by the University.

Ph.D candidates registered under RTA scheme or others under Category 'B' with or without M.Phil after completing the Course Work will be allowed to pursue their research for thesis. The extra/additional work done for M.Phil dissertation will be counted only for M.Phil as he/she is opting additionally for M.Phil dissertation.

Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees

1. After completing successfully 32 to 36 Credits Course Work and 12 to 16 credits Dissertation, an M.Phil degree will be awarded.
2. After completing successfully 32-36 credits Course Work and 64 to 68 credits Thesis work, a Ph.D degree will be awarded (Category "B").
3. After completing successfully 64-68 credits thesis work for Ph.D, a Ph.D Degree will be awarded (Category "A").
4. After completing successfully 32-36 credits Course Work, 12-16 credits Thesis for M.Phil and 64-68 credits for Ph.D, an M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees will be awarded under the Integrated Research Degree Programme.

RC. 15.4.2 During the discussion, Prof. O.M. Mishra, PVC, Member suggested that the term "Category A or B" should not be used. Instead he suggested to identify suitable terminology for this purpose.

RC. 15.4.3 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Integrated Research Degree Programme for Category "B" candidates.

ITEM NO. 5 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Eligibility criteria for Research Supervisor – an amendment to the Ordinance and Regulations of the University.

RC 15.5.1 It was presented that as per the Ordinances and Regulations of the University, 2008 "All the Professors/Readers of IGNOU shall be eligible for the Research Supervisor-ship of the University" (Section 4 of 13 at page no. 59).

However, as per **clause 4.3** with regard to teachers and other academic staff, who are other than Professors and Readers (Lecturers/Assistant Directors and others), the eligibility criteria for the Research Supervisor is as follows:

“An academic (includes teachers and other academic staff) with a Ph.D degree and with at least five years post-doctoral research and/or teaching experience shall be eligible to be recognized as a Research Supervisor” (Annexure-1).

It is in this context, some of the faculties from different Schools have represented the matter in written and oral requesting the authorities to remove the condition of 5 years post-doctoral research/teaching experience. However, their contention is that Lecturers/Assistant Directors and other academics with a Ph.D degree alongwith 5 years teaching/research experience be allowed to be Research Supervisors.

Infact, many of the faculties who are in the category of Lecturer and Lecturer with Selection Grade and other Academics did their Ph.D while in service and got Ph.D degree. However, as per the present Ordinances and Regulations of the University they will not be eligible because of the condition that they should have 5 years teaching/post-doctoral research experience after getting Ph.D degree. Some of the Members of the Research Council even mentioned that some of the Lecturers/Sr. Lecturers have become Readers after completing successfully Ph.D while they were in service and they become straight-away eligible for research.

This amendment will facilitate number of faculties who have 5 years teaching/research experience with Ph.D are equally competent and enthusiastic to guide Ph.D/M.Phil candidates.

RC 15.5.2 After detailed deliberations, the Research Council agreed to offer research supervisorship to Lecturer, Sr. Lecturer, Assistant Directors and other academics those who have five years teaching experience with a Ph.D Degree.

A table showing the existing clause, proposed clause and clause after amendment is placed below:

Existing Clause	Proposed Clause	Clause after amendment
4.3 An academic (includes teachers and other academic staff) with a Ph.D degree and with at least five years post-doctoral research and/or teaching experience shall be eligible to be recognized as a Research Supervisor.	4.3 An academic (includes teachers and other academic staff) with a Ph.D degree with five years teaching / professional experience shall be eligible to be recognized as a Research Supervisor.	4.3 An academic (includes teachers and other academic staff) with a Ph.D degree with five years teaching / professional experience shall be eligible to be recognized as a Research Supervisor.

RC 15.5.3 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Eligibility criteria for Research Supervisorship – an amendment to the Ordinance and Regulations of the University.

ITEM NO. 6 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recognition of Dr. A. Murli Rao, Joint Director as Research Supervisor for Doctoral Programmes of IGNOU.

RC 15.6.1 It was presented that Dr. A.Murali M.Rao, Joint Director, Computer Division has requested that his name may be considered for recognition as Research Supervisor for Doctoral Programmes of IGNOU in the area of Computer Science/Informatics/Information & Communication Technologies (ICT). Dr. A. Murli Rao has done Ph.D., M.Tech and B.Tech in pure Computer Science and having over 10 years of professional experience in Industry and University. His research area is System and Network Security. His brief bio-data was also annexed with the agenda.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the name of Dr. A. Murli Rao, Joint Director as Research Supervisor for Ph.D programmes offered under ACIIL in the area of Computer Science/Informatics/Information & Communication Technology (ICT).

RC 15.6.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recognition of Dr. A. Murli Rao, Joint Director as Research Supervisor under ACIIL in the area of Computer Science/Informatics/Information & Communication Technology (ICT).

ITEM NO. 7 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Internal Supervisor of Ms. Rekha Yadav and Mr. K.K.Soman, part-time Ph.D candidates seeking admission to Ph.D in Education.

RC 15.7.1 It was presented that the research proposals of the following part-time Ph.D candidates seeking admission to Ph.D in Education were duly approved by the Ist Doctoral Committee dated 27.3.2009 and subsequently by the 28th School Board of School of Education held on 6.5.2009:

Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Ms. Rekha Yadav (Part-time)	A study of the relationship among personality dimension, occupational stress, burnout and effectiveness of high school teachers	Prof. D.S. Yadav, Director Principal, Lord Krishna College of Education, Adhoya (Barara), Dist. Ambala
2.	Mr. K.K. Soman (Part-time)	A study of the relationship between leadership styles of teacher educators and teacher competence of the teacher trainees in DIETs of Kerala	Prof. P. Kelu, Director University Teacher Education Centre, Deptt. of Education, University of Calicut, Calicut University, Mallappuram – 673635, Kerala.

The School Board of SOE has also approved the names of the supervisors (external) mentioned above. Based on the recommendations made by the Doctoral Committee and School Board of SOE, the 14th Research Council held on 23.6.2009 vide Resolution no. RC.14.11.2 approved the research proposals alongwith the supervisor mentioned above (**Annexure-1 to item no. 7 as circulated with the agenda**).

Prof. C.B.Sharma, SOE vide his letter dated 24th August, 2009 informed that Doctoral Committee of School of Education at its 2nd meeting held on 12.8.2009 has appointed Prof. N.K.Dash, SOE as internal supervisor for Ms. Rekha Yadav and Dr. Sutapa Bose as internal supervisor for Mr. K.K.Soman (**Annexure-2 to item no. 7 as circulated with the agenda**) and the same was approved by the Vice Chancellor.

RC 15.7.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Internal Supervisor of Ms. Rekha Yadav and Mr. K.K.Soman, part-time Ph.D candidates seeking admission to Ph.D in Education.

ITEM NO. 8 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the panel of examiners for the evaluation of the Ph.D thesis of Ms. Deepanwita Srivastava, SOSS, Enrolment No. 072676190.

RC 15.8.1 It was presented that the School of Social Sciences through the Registrar, SED had submitted a panel of examiners for the evaluation of the Ph.D thesis entitled **“France as a Tourist Generating Market for India: A Case Study of Tourist Profiles and Promotional Strategies (1987-2007)** of Ms. Deepanwita Srivastava, Enrolment No. 072676190 (**Anneuxre-1 to item no. 8 as circulated with the agenda**). The Vice Chancellor approved the panel of Examiners for evaluation of thesis.

RC 15.8.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the panel of examiners for the evaluation of the Ph.D thesis of Ms. Deepanwita Srivastava, SOSS, Enrolment No. 072676190.

ITEM NO. 9 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the admission to M.Phil programme in Economics.

RC 15.9.1 It was presented that in accordance with the criteria for admission to M.Phil programme in Economics duly approved by the Vice Chancellor, an Entrance Test (of 100 marks) was conducted followed by an interview (of 100 marks) on 28th August, 2009.

On the basis of the performance of the candidates in the written test and in interview, 10 candidates whose names are mentioned in the list placed below have been selected for admission to M.Phil programme in Economics. Further, 2 (two) candidates have also been offered direct admission into M.Phil as they have been qualified NET/JRF conducted by UGC. The list has been duly approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (**Annexure-1 to item no. 9 as circulated with the agenda**).

Merit list of candidates finalized for admission to M.Phil programme in Economics

Category I : NET/JRF Qualified Candidates

1. Vijeta Banwari
2. Vijeta Gupta

Category II : Entrance Test based candidates

1. Nidhi Tewathia
2. Nizami Nausheen
3. Mahesh Kumar
4. Ritu Kataria
5. Gurpreet Kaur
6. Urvashi Gill Dhingra
7. Hareram Sinha
8. Neelam Garg

RC 15.9.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the above candidates for admission to M.Phil programme in Economics.

ITEM NO. 10 To consider and approve the Evaluation Methodology for TEE for Ph.D in History (Course Work)

RC 15.10.1 It was presented that the Evaluation Methodology for Ph.D History courses were approved by the School Board of School of Social Sciences vide Resolution no. SB 44.15(9) and SB 44.15(9) 2 dated November 17, 2008. Subsequently Academic Council approved the same vide its Resolution no. AC 46.27.1 dated January 13, 2009 (**Annexure-1 to item no. 10 as circulated with the agenda**). The details of the same are given below:

COURSES:

i) RESHIST-1: Historical Method and Historiographical Issues

- One term paper having 30% weightage to be done by each student.
- The topic of the term paper will be decided by the Course Coordinator.
- Each student will make a presentation of term paper before the faculty.
- The evaluation will be done by the faculty based on the presentation and discussion.
- The term-end examination of two hours duration shall have 70% weightage.
- The Course Coordinator will set the paper and evaluate the answer scripts.

ii) RESHIST-2: Review of Historical Literature

- Four works of Historical Literature shall be prescribed by the Doctoral Committee for each student and the same shall be notified to the student by the respective supervisor.
- One comprehensive review of 4000-5000 words of all the four shall be written by each student.
- Evaluation, having 100% weightage, of this review shall be done by the faculty, Course Coordinator will organize the evaluation.

iii) RESHIST-3: Study of Source Material

- Selections from primary sources shall be prescribed by the Doctoral Committee for each student and the same shall be notified to the student by the respective supervisor.
- One comprehensive essay of nearly 4000 words on all the selections shall be written by each student.
- Evaluation, having 100% weightage, of this essay shall be done by the faculty. Course Coordinator will organize the evaluation.

iv) RESHIST-4: Interdisciplinary Encounters

- One term paper having 30% weightage to be done by each student.
- The topic of the term paper will be decided by the Course Coordinator.
- Each student will make a presentation of term paper before the faculty.
- The evaluation will be done by the faculty based on the presentation and discussion.
- The term-end examination of two hours duration shall have 70% weightage.
- The Course Coordinator will set the paper and evaluate the answer scripts.

AWARD SCHEME:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Percentage Range</u>
1st	60% and above
2nd	50% to 59.9%
Pass	40% to 49.9%
Unsuccessful	below 40%

RC 15.10.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology for TEE for Ph.D in History, SOSS.

ITEM NO. 11 To consider and approve the admission to the Ph.D candidates of NET (UGC) in Mathematics discipline.

RC 15.11.1 It was presented that an Entrance Test for admission to Ph.D in Mathematics was conducted on 14th September, 2009 at School of Sciences. Out of 14 candidates only 1 candidate namely Ms. Seema Saxena appeared in the Entrance Test and could not qualify under the Category “B”.

A meeting of the Doctoral Committee was held for the selection of candidates under category A and B on 15th September, 2009 at School of Sciences, IGNOU. The Committee recommended two candidates who have

qualified NET/GATE for admission in to Ph.D Mathematics. They are:

1. **Mr. Navin Kumar Sharma**
2. **Mr. Nitin Mishra**

The Doctoral Committee recommended the above two names subject to clearing courses RMT-001 to RMT-004 and any two courses from the optionals RMTE-005 to RMTE-010. The committee also recommended that registration of above two candidates may be given only after clearance of coursework (**Annexure-1 to item no. 11 as circulated with the agenda**). In the same Doctoral Committee meeting held on 15th September, 2009 Ph.D applications under Category “A” were also considered. Based on the interaction with the candidates, the committee found none suitable based on their Ph.D proposals and presentations.

RC 15.11.2 The Research Council considered and approved the admission for Ph.D. in Mathematics for the above two candidates (who qualified UGC- NET). The registration will be offered only after clearance of the Course Work.

ITEM NO. 12 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the names of the external research supervisors for the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET).

RC 15.12.1 It was presented that the School of Engineering and Technology has submitted the following names of external research supervisors for the candidates pursuing Doctoral Programmes from SOET:

S.No.	Name of Supervisors (other than IGNOU)	Address
1.	Prof. Sagar Maji	Mechanical Engineering Department Delhi College of Engineering, Bawana Road, New Delhi.
2.	Prof. Haranath Kar	Department of Electronics & Communication MNNIT, Allahabad
3.	Dr. Amar Patnaik	Department of Mechanical Engineering National Institute of Technology Hamirpur, HP

Based of the recommendations made by SOET, the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor approved the names of the above external supervisors (**Annexure-1 to item no. 12 as circulated with the agenda**).

RC 15.12.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the above three names of the external research supervisors for School of Engineering and Technology (SOET).

ITEM NO. 13 To consider and approve the admission of Shri Lalkhwangalha part-time candidate for Ph.D in Rural Development (SOCE).

RC 15.13.1 It was presented that a Doctoral Committee meeting for Ph.D in Rural Development was held on 23.7.2009 at School of Continuing Education to consider the candidature of Shri Lalkhwangalha, a part-time candidate for admission into Ph.D in Rural Development. The Doctoral Committee while considering the research proposal has recommended the following:

1. The Committee examined the C.V of Dr. Lalnilawama, Department of Extension Education and Rural Development, Mizoram University, P.O Box 190, Aizawl-796009, Mizoram (Phone: 0389-2330221 (office); 91-9436143465 (Mobile), e-mail: nilawm@yahoo.com) and found him suitable to be recommended for approval as Supervisor.
2. Since the candidate has an M.Phil in Political Sciences and also M.A (RD), he can be exempted from three compulsory courses, but may have to submit two papers.
3. The revised proposal is definitely an improved version and has taken into consideration most of the suggestions given by the Doctoral Committee earlier.
4. The context of the study has been specified and articulated much better. Further, the objectives of the proposed research have been reformulated in a clearer and sharper fashion and the revised work plan shows a substantial improvement over the earlier one.
5. However, the proposal can be made more useful and relevant if the following suggestions are incorporated before taking up the research:
 - The research methodology needs to be further sharpened. It was felt that instead of making it a micro study focusing only on administration of these two programmes it will be useful if its scope is left open to study socio-economic impact, which can then enable a comparative analysis with other similar areas in Mizoram/North East in order to draw relevant inferences.
 - The researcher should also make use of all existing secondary data for North-Eastern Region which is relevant to the chosen programmes.
 - Since the programmes are revamped/modified from time to time, the Researcher may focus more on qualitative aspects of these programmes such as organizing self-help groups, impact of shelter and their relevance to socio-economic upliftment of rural areas.
 - The Researcher may also consider studying such programme which are not likely to be immediately revamped/withdrawn so that the process of study does not hamper. The scope of the research will be broadened to include new programmes which are in continuity with the programmes which were intended to be studied.

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee were approved by the 39th School Board of SOCE held on 27th July, 2009 (**Anneuxre-1 to item no. 13 as circulated with the agenda**).

RC 15.13.2 The Research Council observed that the topic of the research proposal is not mentioned in the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee. Similarly, the School Board did not mention about the approval of the research guide for guiding the candidates.

RC 15.13.3 The Research Council considered the above but could not approve the Ph.D registration of Shri Lalkhwangalha due to the reasons stated above.

ITEM NO. 14 To consider and approve the names of the faculty/ professionals from IGNOU and other than IGNOU for Research Supervisorship.

RC 15.14.1 It was presented that Research Unit has received curriculum vitae from different faculty/ professionals of IGNOU as well as other than IGNOU requesting to consider their names for the research supervisorship for Ph.D/M.Phil programmes of IGNOU. Curriculum vitae of faculty/professionals received were circulated among the members of the Research Council.

RC 15.14.2 The Research Council considered and directed the Director, Research to forward curriculum vitae of the above faculty (from IGNOU as well as other than IGNOU) to the School concerned for their action.

ITEM NO. 15 To consider and approve the recognition of CSI College of Education, Madurai as a Research Centre of IGNOU.

RC 15.15.1 It was presented that the Vice Chancellor had constituted a committee consisting the following members to examine the request received from the Director, Centre for Educational Research and Development, CSI Institutional Campus, Pasumalai, Madurai to recognize their institution as a Research Centre of IGNOU for Education. The members of the committee are:

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| 1. | Prof. A.Sukumaran Nair | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. C.L.Kundu | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, SOE, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Vibha Joshi, SOE, IGNOU | - | Member |

The Committee visited the CSI College of Education, Madurai on 18.9.2009 and assessed academic and physical facilities available with the institution for conducting research activities in Education.

The Committee in principle recommended the recognition of CSI College of Education, Madurai as a Research Centre of IGNOU. Further, the Committee also recommended some minor improvements to be done by the CSI College of Education. The suggested improvements are:

- 1 Adding about 6-10 important foreign journals for reference.
- 2 Acquiring renowned reference research volumes (ex: Encyclopedia of Educational Research, Dictionary of Psychology, leading National & International journals together with important publications by reputed international/foreign authors like Viersma).
- 3 Start a Centre for providing special training to students with learning disabilities, teachers, parents and other stakeholders, bring out a research journal on the “Learning Disability Studies”.
- 4 Develop an extension centre for training of primary/secondary teachers/ teacher educators for conducting/organizing specialized professional practices in dealing with students with Learning Disabilities.
- 5 Develop/create a website on “The Learning Disabilities: The Indian Context”
- 6 Develop research tools, aids and appliances for doing research studies in different aspects under the area of Learning Disabilities.

The Committee also recommended that a Research Committee be setup by the IGNOU of six members – three from the Centre and three from the IGNOU to act as a supervisory body which will screen research proposals received each year.

RC 15.15.2 Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, SOE and who have visited CSI College of Education, Madurai explained the various quarries raised by the members.

RC 15.15.3 The Research Council considered and approved the recognition of CSI College of Education, Madurai as a Research Centre of IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 16 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the names for admission into Ph.D in Economics.

RC 15.16.1 It was presented that the discipline of Economics had received 25 applications for Ph.D in Economics. The discipline had conducted an Entrance Examination (duration of 3 hours) on 28th August, 2009 wherein 13 candidates were appeared. Those who secured 35 or more marks out of total 100 were short-listed for interview/presentation of synopsis before the Doctoral Committee of Economics discipline.

The Doctoral Committee meeting was held on 29.9.2009 and five (05) short-listed candidates were invited for presentation. Further, the discipline of Economics (SOSS) has also invited two of the old research proposals (applications submitted for the previous cycle) for presentation. The names of the selected candidates for Ph.D. in Economics are:

Sl. No	Name	Topic of the proposal	Name of the Supervisor	Recommendations of the Committee
1.	Ms. Sanjukta Sarkar	Foreign Exchange Rate Risk Management and Measurement	To be allotted by the Economics Faculty	Recommended for admission on provisional basis to complete the course work. The topic to be narrowed down and the proposal needs revision sharpening on Research Methodology.
2.	Ms. Jayanti Ghosh	Role of Female Work Force Participation, in Gender Equality and Sex Ratio: An Exploration	To be allotted by the Economics Faculty	Recommended for admission on provisional basis to complete the course work. The proposal needs to be revised in the required format. The candidate is required to submit the revised proposal in a month.
3.	Ms. Charu Jain	Representation & Retention of Women in Scientific Pursuits: A Case Study of Delhi	To be allotted by the Economics Faculty	Recommended for admission on provisional basis to complete the course work. The topic to be sharpened. Research Methodology in terms of application of data analysis techniques to be elaborated.
4.	Ms. Garima Babbar	Liberalization in the Financial Sector with Special Reference to Capital Markets	To be allotted by the Economics Faculty	Recommended for admission on provisional basis to complete the course work. The topic to be revised a fresh focusing on the issues to be proved and methodology to be followed. In case she fails to submit the revised proposal to the satisfaction of the Doctoral Committee, she may be admitted to M.Phil programme.
5.	Ms. Seema Chelata	Climate Change in India and Economics	To be allotted by the Economics Faculty	Recommended for admission on provisional basis to complete the course work. The topic to be narrowed down and the proposal needs revision sharpening on Research Methodology.
6.	Mr. Arup Kanti Konar	New Developments on the Five Critical Fronts in the Theory of Economic Education	Prof. G. Pradhan	The revised proposal has been approved and may be placed before the Standing Committee of the School Board for its consideration and approval.
7.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar	An Economic Analysis of Agricultural Diversification in Himachal Pradesh: A Case Study of District Solan	Dr. K. Barik	The revised proposal has been approved and may be placed before the Standing Committee of the School Board for its consideration and approval.

The discipline of Economics will place the Doctoral Committee Minutes before the forthcoming School Board for ratification of the above. The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee held on 29.9.2009 and approval of the Vice Chancellor was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 16 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 15.16.2 During the discussion, it was pointed out by the Members that the names of the Supervisors are not mentioned. The Research Council mentioned that every discipline of the School/Centre should specify names of research supervisors while finalizing research topics for approved candidates of Ph.D proposals. Further, the Research Council mentioned that the School Board should clearly specify that research supervisor(s) assigned/allotted to candidates are approved by the School Boards.

RC 15.16.3 Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Ph.D Programme Coordinator, Economics explained that the Faculty of Economics would allot supervisors for candidates soon for whom supervisors not assigned.

RC 15.16.4 The Research Council considered and approved the registration of above candidates for Ph.D in Economics with a condition that the Faculty of Economics and School would allot research supervisors soon subject to placing the same before the School Board and subsequently before the Research Council.

ITEM NO. 17 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Ph.D registration in Women Studies (SOGDS).

RC 15.17.1 It was presented that the Academic Committee of the Women Studies, SOGDS scrutinized applications received for the Ph.D and recommended 06 candidates for interview/presentation of Ph.D proposals in Women's Studies. Selected candidates were invited to present their proposals before the Doctoral Committee held on 31.8.2009 in the School of Gender and Development Studies.

Out of 06 candidates invited, only 04 appeared and made presentations. Out of four, Ms. S. Sreerekha and Ms. Mini Sukumar were selected for Ph.D in Women Studies. The details are placed below:

Ms. S.Sreerekha

Title of the proposal: "Honorary Care Workers: Anganwadies and the Indian States"

Ms. Mini Sukumar

Title of the proposal: "Gender Model: Discussing the Gender Development Interface of decentralization in Kerala".

The Committee also recommended the following feedback to incorporate into the research proposal:

- (a) Proposal could be expanded into exploration of the machinery of “centralized decentralization” through a gender lens.
- (b) A comparative approach inclusive of both women’s and men’s perspectives and situations would also be useful in making the research more comprehensive and meaningful.
- (c) Candidate may be required to take one semester of on-campus Course Work (including the Research Methodology course) as part of the Course Work requirement.

Research Guides for both the candidates are yet to be identified/recommended by the Doctoral Committee.

The Doctoral Committee has recommended Ms. S.Sreerekha as well as Ms. Mini Sukumar names for Ph.D registration in Women Studies. The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated 31.8.2009 and approval of the Vice Chancellor dated 30.8.2009 was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 17 as circulated with the agenda.** Minutes of the above Doctoral Committee will be placed before the forthcoming School Board of the SOGDS for ratification.

RC 15.17.2 The Research Council observed that the names of research supervisors are not mentioned in the Doctoral Committee/School Board’s Minutes.

RC 15.17.3 The Research Council considered and approved the registration of above candidates for Ph.D in Women Studies with a condition that the Faculty and School would allot research supervisors soon subject to placing the same before the School Board and subsequently before the Research Council.

ITEM NO. 18 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the shifting of Ms. Pragya Dubey, RTA from SOCE to SOGDS.

RC 15.18.1 It was presented that based on the request received from Ms. Pragya Dubey, RTA, School of Continuing Education, a proposal was moved for shifting of Ms. Pragya Dubey, RTA from School of Continuing Education (SOCE) to School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS). Respective Directors of the concerned schools have agreed for shifting Ms. Pragya Dubey from SOCE to SOGDS. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor had approved the same. The approval of the Competent Authority was annexed with the agenda.

RC 15.18.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the shifting of Ms. Pragya Dubey, RTA from SOCE to SOGDS.

ITEM NO. 19 To consider and approve the research proposal of Mr. Saibal Kumar Pal, part-time candidate for Interdisciplinary Studies (SOITS)

RC 15.19.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of SOITS held on 13th July, 2009 while considering the research proposal entitled “**Multi-channel Brand Management and Impact on Return on Investment**” submitted by Mr. Saibal Kumar Pal, part-time candidate had approved the Ph.D registration for Interdisciplinary Studies under the supervision of Prof. Vijay Kapur, FMS, Delhi University. The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee was annexed.

RC 15.19.2 The Research Council observed that the Doctoral Committee/School Board did not mention that Prof. Vijay Kapur was an approved research guide under the SOITS.

RC 15.19.3 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposal of Mr. Saibal Kumar Pal, part-time candidate under the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SOITS) with a condition that the Director, SOITS would place Prof. Vijay Kapur's Curriculum Vitae before the School Board for consideration for research supervisorship and subsequently before the Research Council for ratification.

ITEM NO. 20 To consider and approve the research proposals of part-time candidates seeking admission for Ph.D in Nursing for July, 2009 session.

RC 15.20.1 It was presented that the following Ph.D candidates presented their research synopsis before the Doctoral committee held on 29th, 30th and 31st July 2009 and Doctoral Committee approved the synopsis of these candidates. The Doctoral Committee has also recommended that the Ph.D. in Nursing students should do the various assignments in the form of Depth Studies, Presentations/Seminars etc. along with the thesis work. The 38th School Board of School of Health Sciences held on 11th September 2009 approved the list of the candidates for Ph.D in Nursing under item no 38.2 as given below:

Sr. No.	Name	Study Area	Supervisors
1.	Mrs. Jay Chakraborty Ward -21, Plot -53 Sindhiya Nagar Durg, Chattisgarh 491001 Ph. 0788-6453816 0788-2241753	An interventional study to analyze the functioning of kishori shakti yojana in terms of its dynamic impact on adolescent well being of target beneficiaries with special reference to kishori shakti yojana centers (anganwadis) in durg district (Chattisgarh)	Dr. Mrs. M.E. Patlia Dean P.G. College of Nursing (R) Qr. No. 1/A, Street No. 5 Hospital Sector, Bhilai (C.G.) Pin – 490009 Mb. 9407670050
2.	Sofia Julite 68A, Karunandi Nagar, Sowripalayam Coimbatore Tamilnadu- 641028 Ph. 0422-6542625	A study to assess the effectiveness of integrated Yoga Approach on Menopausal Problems among peri-menopausal and postmenopausal women in selected urban and rural areas of Coimbatore district	Dr. K. Akachya Prof. and Principal Nanda College of Nursing koorapalayam "pirivu"pitchandampalayam Erode - 638052 Tamilnadu O) 04294-224611 O) 04288-221405 E-mail. nandha_nursing@yahoo.co.in
3.	Ms. A.T.Kora St. Stephens Hospital Tis Hazari Delhi – 110054 Mb. 9868399242	A study to evaluate the effectiveness of an antenatal care package on maternal and neonatal outcome among the antenatal primigravida mothers in a selected hospital of Delhi	Dr. (Mrs.) Bimla Kapoor Professor In Nursing Director School of Health Sciences SOHS, IGNOU Maidan Garhi New Delhi-110086 O) 011-29533078, 29532965 Mb. 9910058606 Email - bimlakapoor@hotmail.com bkapoor@ignou.ac.in

4.	Philomina Thomas 3602 DLF Phase 4 Gurgaon 122009 Haryana Ph. 011-32462625	A study of international migration of nurses – an analysis of experiences of migrant Indian nurses in selected countries.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pity Koul Professor In Nursing SOHS, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi New Delhi 110068 O) 29533078, 29532231 Mb.9871812473 Email - pkoul2001@yahoo.co.in pkoul@ignou.ac.in
5.	Anniamma Kumar B-9 kailash Appts Plot-2 Sector-4 Dwarka New Delhi 110075 Ph. 011-42720395	A comparative study to evaluate the performance of nursing personnel of Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing graduates with that of Diploma in General Nursing Medfiery Working in Different settings in selected regions of north India.	Dr. (Mrs.) Bimla Kapoor Professor In Nursing Director School of Health Sciences IGNOU, Maidan Garhi New Delhi 110068 O) 011-29533078, 29532965 Mb. 9910058606 Email – bimlakapoor@hotmail.com bkapoor@ignou.ac.in
6.	Ashok Yadav 30 B Prem Nagar II Model Town Malviya Nagar Jaipur, Rajasthan 302017 Ph. Mob:09460323802	A study to assess and compare the level of adherence to IMNCI guidelines among ANMs and ASHA – Sahyognis in the IMNCI programme implemented in rural areas of Rajasthan.	Dr. Kiran Batra Principal (Res) House no-3221/1, Sector 44 – D, Chandigarh Rattan Professional Education College, Sohara, Punjab Mb) 9872986372 Email - kiranbatra_20@yahoo.com
7.	Kachroo Munira w/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat C/o G.M.Bakery (Ro nga) Near old zaina Jadal Bridge Srinagar Kashmir – 190002 Ph. 0941-9551577	A study to assess the effectiveness of Low Birth Weight (LBW) prevention program on maternal and neonatal outcome of high risk pregnant women in a selected hospital of Kashmir	Dr. (Mrs.) Pity Koul Professor In Nursing SOHS, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi New Delhi 110068 O) 29533078, 29532231 Mb.9871812473 Email - pkoul2001@yahoo.co.in pkoul@ignou.ac.in
8.	Hassina Wani Nursing superintendent Department of Hospital Administration Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Soura Srinagar Kashmir Ph. 0194-2432856 Mb. -9419514726	A study to evaluate the effectiveness of specialized nursing intervention programme regarding stoma care on quality of life of patients with lower bowel stoma surgery in a selected hospital of Kashmir.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pity Koul Professor In Nursing SOHS, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi New Delhi 110068 O) 29533078, 29532231 Mb.9871812473 Email - pkoul2001@yahoo.co.in pkoul@ignou.ac.in

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee meetings held on 29th - 31st July, 2009 and 38th School Board of SOHS were placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 20 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 15.20.2 The Research Council considered and approved the above candidates for registration for Ph.D in Nursing with the titles and supervisors as specified above.

ITEM NO. 21 To consider and approve the launching of Research Programme (Ph.D) in French at the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL), IGNOU.

RC 15.21.1 It was presented that the School Board of SOFL at its 3rd meeting held on 23rd June, 2009 vide item no. SB.3.8 approved the Phase Zero and Phase-1 (programme proposal) forms for M.Phil/Ph.D in French. The programme is targeted at being launched from January, 2010 session. The details of the programme and the target group envisaged, are as mentioned below:

The Programme: This Research programme in French, leading to a Ph.D has been developed so as to provide opportunities to those who are teaching at various universities in India and are unable to get long academic leave. Since, there is no B.Ed. in French, many school teachers often need research degrees. This programme offers them such opportunities.

Eligibility: The Research Programme (Ph.D) in French language will be open to students belonging to both categories A & B.

Category A: All those having an M.Phil. Degree/teaching experience/industry experience of 5 years or more.

Minimum Duration 2 years

Category B: All Post Graduates fulfilling requirements of specific competence levels in the language.

Minimum Duration 1 year Course Work* + 2 years
(*This would include an introduction to theoretical concepts and research methodology)

To finalize course content and overall curriculum, the SOFL will be holding the Experts Committee meeting at the earliest. The Minutes of the 3rd School Board Meeting of SOFL was also annexed.

RC 15.21.2 The Research Council considered and approved the launching of Research Programme (Ph.D) in French at the School of Foreign Language (SOFL), IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 22 To consider and approve the research proposal of Mr. Himangshu Goswami, RTA in SOJNMS.

RC 15.22.1 It was presented that the first Doctoral Committee meeting of the SOJNMS held on 14.9.2009 while considering the research proposal entitled “Comparative Study of Coverage of Development Issues with Violence in Assamese Newspapers: Content Analysis of Five Dailies” submitted by Mr. Himangshu Goswami, RTA approved the Ph.D registration with the following observations:

- * Explain the relevance of the relation to the social variables obtaining in the region.
- * Focus the study on development coverage versus conflict coverage.

The committee further approved the registration of the RTA subject to submission of revised synopsis incorporating the above suggestions. The name of the Supervisor is Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS. The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee were annexed.

RC 15.22.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposal of Mr. Himangshu Goswami, RTA, in SOJNMS.

ITEM NO. 23 To consider and approve the Ph.D. proposals of the part-time/full time (RTAs) candidates pertaining to different disciplines of SOSS.

RC 15.23.1 It was presented that the Ph.D research proposals of the following candidates duly screened by the Standing Committee of the School Board in its meeting held on August 03, 2009 were placed before the School Board of SOSS for its consideration and approval in its 46th Meeting held on August 06, 2009. The recommendations of the School Board are placed below:

Research and Teaching Assistants (RTAs)

Discipline	Candidate	Topic	Supervisor	Recommendations of the Standing Committee	Remarks
History	Samson Kamson RTA North East	Zellngron Naga Movement and Rani Gaidinliu: An Assertion of Indigenous Identity of North East India	Dr. Joy L. Pachuau, Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, SOSS, JNU	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	Utpala Das Singhal, NECD, RTA Guwahati	The Planned Approach to Promote Women Entrepreneurship in Assam – A Study of Kamrup District	Prof. Dharani Dhar Mali, Former Director, Indian Instt. of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009

Part-time Ph.D candidates

Discipline	Candidate	Topic	Supervisor	Recommendations of the Standing Committee	Remarks
Political Science	Pinki Kumari	The India China Relations 1988-2006	Prof. D. Gopal	Approved with the suggestion that the typographical errors are corrected before placing it to the School Board for its consideration.	Doctoral Committee held on August 04, 2009
Political Science	Lt. Col. Yogesh Nair	Water as a Source of Conflict: With Special Reference to Sino-India Water Issues	Prof. D. Gopal	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on August 04 & 20, 2009
Political Science	Mukesh Devi	Minority Rights in India: A Critical Study	Prof. A.S. Narang	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on April, 20, 2009

Economics	Suman	Impact of Co-operative Credit on Socio-Economic Conditions of Farmers of Hisar District of Haryana	Sh. Saugato Sen	Approved.	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	Sunita Singh	Creation of Markets for Environmental Services and Use of Economic Instruments for Forest Management in Mumbai City and Its Water Basin	Prof. Gopinath Pradhan	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	Parshotam Dass Aggarwal	Socio-Economic Conditions of Agricultural Labourers in Punjab (A Case Study of Mansa District)	Prof. Narayan Prasad	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	Dhiraj Kumar Singh	Milk Marketing in Bihar: Performance, Constraints and Opportunities	Dr. Anjani Kumar and Prof. Madhu Bala	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	A. Balu	Economic Reforms and Jobless Growth in Tamil Nadu	Dr. B.S. Prakash	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	N. Krishnasawamy	Efficiency and Competitiveness of Bank Note Printing Industry in India	Dr. C.K. Renukarya Prof. Anjila Gupta	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009
Economics	Harinam Singh	A Study of State Level tax Reforms in Uttar Pradesh Since 1991	Prof. G. Pradhan	Approved	Doctoral Committee held on July 22, 2009

The minutes of the Standing Committee, 46th School Board and Doctoral Committees were also annexed.

RC 15.23.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Ph.D proposals of above part-time/full time (RTAs) candidates pertaining to different disciplines of SOSS, IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 24 To consider and approve the progress reports of the candidates pertaining to different disciplines of SOSS.

RC 15.24.1 It was presented that the 46th School Board of the SOSS and Standing Committee of the School Board in its meeting held on August 06, 2009 and August 03, 2009 respectively, approved the progress reports of the following candidates:

S. No.	Name of the Ph.D candidates	Discipline	Progress Report for the Period
1	Rajesh	Political Science	Oct '07 to Apr '08 Mar '08 to Sept '08
2	Shobha Rani	Political Science	May '08 to Mar '09
3	Rashmi	Political Science	May '08 to Mar '09
4	Pragya Shankar	Economics	Jan 01 '09 to Jun 30 '09
5	Charles Rayapati	History	Sept 08 '08 to Mar 31 '09
6	Kanika Singh	History	Aug '08 to Feb '09
7	Rupali Gupta	History	Sept '08 to Feb '09
8	Nisar Kizhakkayi	History	Sept 08 '08 to Feb 08 '09
9	Apam Muivah	History	Aug '08 to Feb '09
10	R. Sathis Kumar	History	Jan '09 to Jun '09
11	Alok Bajpai	History	Jul '08 to Dec '08
12	Birbal	History	Jan 03 '09 to Jul 02 '09
13	Brijesh Kumar	History	Nov 21 '08 to May 13 '09
14	P. Kannapan	History	Jul 01 '08 to Dec 31 '08
15	Sanjay Kumar	History	Dec '08 to Jun '09
16	Bindu Sahni	History	Jan '09 to Jun '09
17	Harish Chandra Sundriyal	History	Jan '09 to Jun '09
18	Sanghamitra Rai Verman	History	Sept 01 '08 to Feb 28 '09

The minutes of the Standing Committee and the Minutes of the 46th School Board (items 46.12, 46.13, 46.14, 46.16 and 46.17) were placed at **Annexure-1 of the item no. 23 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 15.24.2 The Research Council considered and approved the progress reports of the candidates pertaining to different disciplines of SOSS.

ITEM NO. 25 To consider and approve the Evaluation Methodology for M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes in Political Science.

RC 15.25.1 It was presented that the Faculty of Political Science proposes the following evaluation methodology common for all four courses of course work for M.Phil/Ph.D programmes:

- Course I - Methodology and Methods
- Course II - Political Theory and Thought
- Course III - India: State and Society
- Course IV - Globalization and International Relations

Evaluation Scheme

Maximum Marks for each paper 100 Marks

1. One Term Paper for each course 25 Marks
(The Term-Paper shall be assigned and evaluated by the course Coordinator/s. The candidate shall submit the Term Paper by March 31 every year)
2. One Tutor-Marked Assignment for each course 25 Marks
(The Assignment shall be prepared and evaluated by the Course Coordinator/s. The Students shall submit the Assignment by March 31 every year)
3. Term-end Examination 50 Marks
(To be conducted by the Research Unit)

The item was duly approved by the School Board in its 46th Meeting held on August 06, 2009 vide SB.46.17. The minutes of the 46th School Board were placed at **Annexure-1 of the item no. 23 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 15.25.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology for all the courses of M.Phil/Ph.D programmes in Political Science, SOSS.

ITEM NO. 26 To consider and approve the Ph.D proposals of the part-time/other candidates pertaining to different disciplines of the SOSS.

RC 15.26.1 It was presented that the Ph.D proposals of the following part-time/other candidates under Disciplines of Library & Information Science, Economics and History were screened and approved by the Standing Committee of the School Board of School of Social Sciences in its meeting held on October 15, 2009:

Part-time/other Candidates:

S. No.	Name	Discipline	Topic	Supervisor & the Date of Doctoral Committee	Recommendations of the Standing Committee
1.	Adoni Gururaja	Library and Information Science	Application of Strategic Management in University Libraries of Karnataka State: An evaluative Study	Prof. Uma Kanjilal Doctoral Committee held on 30/09/2009	Approved
2.	Soubam Sophiarani	Library and Information Sciences	G2C Information Services under E-Governance Initiatives in North East India: A Use Analysis	Dr. Jaideep Sharma and Dr. Ibohal Singh (Doctoral Committee held on 30/09/2009)	Approved

3.	Hosur Guru Raja Gaud	Library and Information Sciences	Comparative Study of Library Services in Government & Non-Government Medical Colleges in Karnataka: An Evaluation of Effectiveness of the Use of LibQUAL	Prof. Neena Talwar Kanungo (Doctoral Committee held on 30/09/2009)	Approved
4.	Arup Kanti Konar	Economics	New Developments on the Five Critical Fronts in the Theory of Economics Education	Prof. G. Pradhan Prof. Asit Bannerjee (Doctoral Committee held on 29/09/2009)	Approved
5.	Sanjay Kumar	Economics	An Economic analysis of Agricultural Diversification in Himachal Pradesh: A Case Study of District Solan	Dr. K. Barik (Doctoral Committee held on 29/09/2009)	Approved. Coursework for REC- 003: Basic Econometrics recommended.
6.	Ms. Milisa Srivastava	History	Heritage Conservation, Showcasing and Historical Re-enactment – A case study of Delhi	Prof. Kapil Kumar (Doctoral Committee held on 20 August. 2009)	Approved
7.	Ms. Hemlata Yadav	History	Upphokta Sanskriti ke yug mein itihas vishay ke parsangita: Delhi ke yuva pedi ke drishtikono ka adhyan	Prof. Kapil Kumar (Doctoral .Committee held on 20 August, 2009)	Approved
8.	Ms. Sumit	History	Occupational Groups, Organization of Production: Pattern of the Textile Production in the Royal KARKHANAS of Jaipur Rulers during the Eighteenth Century	Prof. Abha Singh (Doctoral Committee 20 August, 2009)	Approved
9.	Mr. Satish Kumar Singh	History	A Hydrological Study of Sultanate Delhi	Prof. Ravindra Kumar (Doctoral Committee held on 20 August 2009)	Approved

The recommendations of the Standing Committee of the SOSS held on October 15, 2009 and Minutes of the Doctoral Committees held on 20.8.2009, 29.9.2009 and 30.9.2009 of the SOSS were also annexed.

RC 15.26.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Ph.D proposals of the above part-time/other candidates pertaining to different disciplines of SOSS.

ITEM NO. 27 To consider and approve the Minimum Qualifying Marks for M. Phil/ Ph.D Coursework of SOSS.

RC 15.27.1 It was presented that the Evaluation Methodology for M. Phil./Ph. D Course Work for different disciplines of the School have already been approved by the Research Council and Academic Council. However, the qualifying marks for the Course Work were not included in the proposed evaluation methodology. The Standing Committee of the School Board has recommended that 50% in each component of the evaluation methodology will be the qualifying marks. The Minutes of the Standing Committee of the SOSS dated 15.10.2009 were placed at **Anneuxre-1 of item no. 26 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 15.27.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Minimum Qualifying Marks for M.Phil/Ph.D Coursework of all disciplines of SOSS.

ITEM NO. 28 To consider and approve the progress reports of Ms. Preeti Gupta, RTA, School of Law.

RC 15.28.1 It was presented that the School of Law had submitted the progress reports of Ms. Preeti Gupta, RTA for the period from May, 2008 to October, 2008 and October, 2008 to May, 2009.

Ms. Preeti Gupta joined as RTA in School of Law on 1 May, 2008. She registered for Ph.D. in October 2008 on the topic **“Transplantation of Organs Act: A Critical Appraisal** and working under the supervision of Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law.

Ms. Preeti Gupta completed the preliminary survey of literature including Bibliography. She has also fine-tuned her synopsis and completed the registration for Ph.D in October, 2008. During this period, she participated in a Workshop on Social Science Research Methods which enabled her to finalize the tools of data-collection and research methodology. The candidate also completed the survey of literature and gained more insights into the theoretical, conceptual and law and policy issues in this area. Currently, she is proposing to give a Seminar and in the process of preparation of an article to be published in a referred journal.

RC 15.28.2 The Research Council considered and approved the progress reports of Ms. Preeti Gupta, RTA, School of Law for the period from May, 2008 to October, 2008 and October, 2008 to May, 2009.

ITEM NO. 29 To consider and approve the Ph.D. synopsis of Ms. Reema Bali, RTA, School of Law.

RC 15.29.1 It was presented that Ms. Reema Bali joined School of Law, IGNOU as RTA with effect from 15 May, 2009. She will be working in the area **‘Carbon Markets’**. Ms. Reema Bali will work under the Supervision of Prof. K. Elumalai, Professor, SOL.

Ms. Reema Bali, RTA of School of Law presented her synopsis before the Committee on 30 September, 2009. Ms. Reema Bali will revise the proposal in the light of suggestions of the Doctoral Committee. The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 29 as circulated with the agenda**. The minutes were circulated to the Members of the School Board of School of Law which has been approved by majority.

RC 15.29.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Ph.D synopsis of Ms. Reema Bali, RTA, School of Law.

ITEM NO. 30 To consider and approve the research proposal of Mr. Anand Gupta, Lecturer, SOL for admission to Ph.D in School of Law.

RC 15.30.1 It was presented that Mr. Anand Gupta, Lecturer, working in School of Law, IGNOU applied for registering in Ph.D from School of Law, IGNOU. He has 5 years of teaching experience and submitted the filled in application along with the proposal on **“Right to Equality and Disability Rights Jurisprudence in India”**.

The Doctoral Committee of SOL met on 30 September, 2009 to finalize the admissions to Ph.D Programme. The research proposal of Mr. Anand Gupta was approved by the Doctoral Committee of School of Law held on 30 September, 2009 and the same has been circulated to School Board Members for approval. The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated 30.9.2009 were placed at **Anneuxre-1 of item no. 29 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 15.30.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposal of Mr. Anand Gupta, Lecturer, SOL for admission to Ph.D in School of Law.

ITEM NO. 31 To consider the eligibility qualifications for registration to Ph.D programme in Vocational Education and Training.

RC 15.31.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee for the Ph.D programme in Vocational Education and training in its meeting held on October 07, 2009 has made the following recommendations on eligibility criteria for Ph.D in Vocational Education and Training:

Category “A”: Candidates having Post Graduate Degree in any discipline from any recognized higher learning institution with 5 years teaching/ industry/professional experience in the relevant vocational area. Candidates are required to submit a proposal alongwith application.

Category “B”: Candidates having a post graduate degree in any discipline from any recognized higher learning institution would be required to:

- Submit an essay (write up) of about 500 words stating his/her interest to join Ph.D programme on the particular vocation. What has motivated him/her to undertake the research in this area and how the research work will help him/her in the profession (10%) weightage.

Based on the qualifications and the essay the applications will be shortlisted by the School.

- An entrance test will be conducted by the University to test the aptitude for the Vocational Education and Training (60% weightage) for the shortlisted candidates.

- The final selection of the candidates will be recommended by the Doctoral Committee of the discipline after interviewing (30% weightage) the candidates who have cleared the entrance test.

The selected candidates have to complete 32-36 credits of course work as recommended by the Expert Committee.

The salient features of the qualifications and the process of admission were placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 31 as circulated with the agenda.**

The School Board of School of Vocational Education and Training has approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee's recommendations in its meeting held on October 15, 2009. The extracts of the minutes of the School Board were also placed at **Annexure-2 to item no. 31 as circulated with the agenda.** The School will initially offer the programme only for those having relevant experience under category 'A'. Under Category 'B', the School will offer Ph.D/M.Phil programme to fresh candidates after developing 32-36 credits of course work.

RC 15.31.2 The Research Council considered and approved the eligibility criteria for registration to Ph.D programme in Vocational Education and Training.

ITEM NO. 32 To consider and approve the name of co-guide of Ms. Anu Gupta, RTA, School of Engineering and Technology.

RC 15.32.1 It was presented that Ms. Anu Gupta, RTA in SOET is pursuing her research studies for Ph.D on Study of Chemical and Mechanical properties of Polymer based Bamboo Composites. She needs to conduct her experimental and lab research work for making and testing the bamboo composite materials. Dr. Amar Patnaik, Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering Department at NIT, Hamirpur has accepted to become co-guide and extend and guide for experimental and lab work at his institute. His bio-data, brief academic credentials and a list of available facilities on composite materials were placed at Annexure-1 to item no.32 as circulated with the agenda.

RC 15.32.2 The Research Council considered and approved the name of Dr. Amar Patnaik as research supervisor of Ms. Anu Gupta, RTA subject to Dr. Amar Patnaik is an approved research supervisor of the SOET.

ITEM NO. 33 To consider and approve the research proposals of part-time candidates seeking admission for Ph.D in English, School of Humanities.

RC 15.33.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of English Discipline, SOH at its meeting held on August 12-13, 2009 considered and approved the research proposals of the following part-time candidates for Ph.D in English:

S.No.	Name	Title	Guide
1	Ms. Nayer Rizwana	The Output Appraisal of English Language Acquisition in School – Children: A Comparative Study of Three Selected Schools in Srinagar City	Dr. Adil Kak, Deptt. of Linguistics, University of Kashmir; Co-guide Prof. Anju S. Gupta
2	Mr. Satyawar Polist	Developing Among the Students Communicative Competence Through the Mediation for the Curriculum and Teaching Strategies at the University Level in the State of Haryana: A Case Study	Prof. Anju S. Gupta

Subsequently, the recommendations (vide Minutes enclosed) were sent to the following School Board's Standing Committee members for ratification:

1. Prof. Pankaj K. Singh
2. Prof. Ramakant Agnihotri

As per response received by Ph.D (English) Coordinator from Prof. Pankaj Singh via email on October 15, 2009, the above proposals were duly approved.

RC 15.33.1 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of above two part-time candidates seeking admission for Ph.D in English, School of Humanities.

ITEM NO. 34 To consider and approve the research proposals of part-time candidates seeking admission to Ph.D in Engineering and Technology.

RC 15.34.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee dated 18.3.2009 and 27.5.2009 considered the research proposals of following part-time candidates seeking admission to Ph.D in Engineering and Technology:

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Topic	Supervisor(s)
1.	Mr. Manoj Kumar	Effect of Inlet Conditions on Diffuser Performance	Prof. Subhasis Maji, SOET, IGNOU & Prof. B.B.Arora, DCE, Delhi
2.	Mr. A.K.Goel	Energy Efficiency in Industrial Cluster	Prof. Ajit Kumar, SOET, IGNOU & Prof. S. Maji, New Delhi
3.	Mr. Naresh Chand Agarwal	E-waste and Green Supply Management	Dr. Ashish Agarwal, SOET, IGNOU & Prof. H.Kar, Electronics and Communication, MNNIT, Allahabad
4.	Mr. Rathindra Prasad Lahiri	Role of Professional Ethics in Construction Projects	Dr. Manoj Kulshrestha, SOET, IGNOU

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committees were approved by the 36th School Board of SOET on October 13, 2009 (**Annexure-1 to item no. 39 as circulated with the agenda**)

RC 15.34.1 The Research Council considered and approved all above five candidate's proposals for Ph.D registration with names of research supervisors mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 35 To consider and approve the research proposals of part-time candidates seeking admission to Ph.D in Education, SOE.

RC 15.35.1 It was presented that the research proposals of the following part-time candidates were duly approved by the Doctoral Committee in its 2nd meeting held on 12th August, 2009 and subsequently by the 29th School Board of SOE held on 7th October, 2009:

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Ms. Ritu Gupta	A Study of Professional and Vocational Choices and their relationship with Personality Needs and Self-Concept of Minority Community Girls of Delhi State	Prof. M.C.Sharma, SOE, IGNOU, New Delhi
2.	Sh. Vinay Kumar Singh	A Study of Educational Needs of Children with Mental Retardation in Relation to their Degree of Disability	Prof. S.V.S. Choudhary, SOE, IGNOU (Internal Supervisor) & Dr. Masroor Jahan, Associate Professor, Ranchi Institute of Neuro-Psychiatry and Allied Sciences, Kanke, Randhi (External Supervisor)
3.	Mr. S.K.Pathy	A Study of Inclusive Education Practices for Students with Special Needs at Primary Level in Orissa	Prof. N.K.Dash, SOE, IGNOU, New Delhi
4.	Mr. Badeeuddin Thangal	A Study of Relationship of Psycho-Socio Variables with Underachievement among Secondary School Students in Lakshadweep	Prof. Vibha Joshi, SOE, IGNOU and Dr. S.Rajaguru, Reader in Education, Department of Education, Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore &

RC 15.35.2 The Research Council considered and approved the proposals for Ph.D registration with names of research supervisors as assigned above subject to approvals of research guides (other than IGNOU) by the School Board.

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman