

MINUTES

of the

**THIRD MEETING OF THE
RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE**

held on

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2007 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-68.

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. Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 5. Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. A.Joseph Dorairaj | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. M.Aslam, Director, NCIDE | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, SOMS | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, SOSS | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD | - | Convenor |

Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata and Dr. D.K.Choudhry, Pro Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the third meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee (RCSC). He specially welcomed the new members of the RCSC Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, PVC, Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian and Prof. Joseph Dorairaj and hoped that their valuable guidance and contribution in the deliberations of the Committee would help the University in its Research Programmes. The RCSC placed on record its appreciation of the contributions made by its outgoing members Dr. N.S. Ramegowda and Prof. Amitava Raychaudhuri. The Chairman then requested Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Convenor of the Committee to present the agenda items.

The following agenda items were taken up:

- ITEM NO.1**
(Tabled)
- TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE (RCSC) HELD ON 18TH MAY, 2007 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**
- RCSC 3.1.1 The Convenor informed the members that the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee (Annexure-1) were circulated to the members for their comments. No comments have been received from any of the members. However, Dr. Jaideep Sharma, the supervisor of Mr. Pradeep Ray had pointed out that the Resolution No. RCSC 2.20.2 (iii) does not convey the clear meaning and may be modified accordingly. The Action taken report on the Minutes is placed at Annexure-2 for the information.
- RCSC 3.1.2 It was explained that the word '**extended**' was inadvertently left out from the resolution. The modified Resolution No. 2.20.2 (iii) may be read as "**The maximum duration of five years for completing the Ph.D. as per clause 2.5 of ordinance may be extended by the period from July 18, 2005 till the Research Council approved the change of supervisor, when there was none to supervise Mr. Pradeep Ray**".
- RCSC 3.1.3 The RCSC confirmed the Minutes (**Annexure-1 without appendices**) of its Second Meeting and noted the Action Taken thereon.
- ITEM NO. 2**
- TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSALS FOR M.PHIL. AND PH.D. IN GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.**
- RCSC 3.2.1 The Convenor informed that the School Board of School of Continuing Education in its meeting held on August 10, 2007 had approved the proposals for M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies, which would help in encouraging indigenous research, provide an impetus to collection of gender-disaggregated data and use of gender analysis tools. The Ph.D. programme will also contribute to refining and standardizing methodology and development of research tools.

Inquiry into gender as a crosscutting analytical theme across all development sectors needs application of both traditional and innovative research design. The scholars would contribute to the major initiatives undertaken by Governmental and Non-governmental agencies in gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting/gender auditing.

Preliminary need assessment undertaken with non-governmental organizations and experts in the field highlighted focal research needs linked to planning and implementing gender-sensitive development projects; skill enhancement in gender sensitive participatory action; planning and implementing gender awareness programmes for a range of target groups and conducting gender impact studies. Thus appropriate and need-based research can lay the foundation for positive, affirmative interventions.

In future there is likely to be a rapidly expanding job market for persons highly qualified in areas linked to gender budgeting, gender mainstreaming and gender analysis in both governmental and non-governmental/voluntary sectors. A Ph.D. qualification would be of importance for positions at supervisory and policy making levels. Dr. Annu J.Thomas was invited to the meeting to Clarify the doubts, if any.

RCSC 3.2.2 Prof. Parvin Sinclair and Prof. Dorariraj made certain observations about the credit weightage and course work.

RCSC 3.2.3 The RCSC approved the proposals **(Annexure-2)** for M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Gender and Development Studies which would be in conformity with the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes of the University. The course work would be finalized by the expert committees of the programmes and would be placed before the RCSC for approval.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO SUGGEST CHANGES IN GUIDELINES AND THE ORDINANCE ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

RCSC 3.3.1 The Convenor informed that a Committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to suggest changes in Guidelines and the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes of the University. The Committee at its second meeting held on October 10, 2007 deliberated on the existing guidelines and modified the same in the light of comments/observations received from various Schools of Studies.

- RCSC 3.3.2 The modified guidelines were discussed by the RCSC in great detail. It was pointed out that as of now the candidates belonging to the general and OBC category having less than 55% marks or an equivalent grade at Masters' degree are not eligible for admission in to the Ph.D. programme. Similarly, there is no provision for admission of highly talented but non-post graduate candidates into the Ph.D. programme directly.
- RCSC 3.3.3 The RCSC finalized the guidelines for Ph.D. programme **(Annexure-3)** and decided as follows:
- i) a proviso may be added to the eligibility clause allowing (a) admission of highly talented non-PG candidates and (b) PG candidates with less than 55% marks at the Masters' degree level but with proven research record in to the Ph.D. programme;
 - ii) two separate Ordinances for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes incorporating the latest guidelines be framed for approval of the statutory authorities.
- ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MS. TAMANNA SHARMA FOR ADMISSION IN PH.D. IN HINDI.**
- ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MS. SUSHMA DEVI FOR ADMISSION IN PH.D. IN HINDI.**
- ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MS. CHETAN KOHLI FOR ADMISSION IN PH.D. IN HINDI.**
- ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MS. ARCHNA FOR ADMISSION IN PH.D. IN HINDI.**
- RCSC 3.4-7.1 The four items were taken together. The Convenor informed that the School Board of School of Humanities at its 36th Meeting held on 4th July, 2007 vide item no. 36.3 considered and approved the admission of the following scholars in Ph.D. in Hindi.

1. **Ms. Tamanna Sharma** on “Bhishma Sahani Ke Upanyaason mein Nari Ki Samjik Drishti” for Ph.D. in Hindi under the supervision of Prof. Shatrughna Kumar.
2. **Ms. Sushma Devi** on “Swantantrayottar Hindi Natakon mein Stri-Purush Sambandh” for Ph.D. in Hindi under the supervision of Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal.
3. **Ms. Archana** on “Yashpal Kee Kahaniyon mein Himachali Jan Jeevan Ka Chitran for Ph.D. in Hindi under the supervision of Dr. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava.
4. **Ms. Chetan Kohli** on “Maitreyee Pushpa Ke Upanyaason mein Samajik Jeevan” for Ph.D. in Hindi under the supervision of Dr. Vimal Thorat.

RCSC 3.4-7.2 The RCSC considered and approved the above research proposals **(Annexure-4)** for admission in Ph.D. in Hindi.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF PH.D. IN (I) ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY; AND (II) VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES.

RCSC 3.8.1 The Convenor informed the Members that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) proposes to start the Ph.D. programme in the following areas:

- (i) Engineering & Technology**
- (ii) Vocational and Applied Technologies**

The Doctoral Studies Programme is aimed at training professionals and teachers in the skills and competences related to the systematic investigation of various issues and problems in the area of their study. At doctoral level, the study is expected to provide new and original insights into the problem or the area under investigation. The proposal had been approved by the School Board of the School of Engineering and Technology at its 28th School Board Meeting held on 30.4.2007.

RCSC 3.8.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal for launching of Ph.D. in Civil, Mechanical & Electrical Engg. disciplines assigned to the School of Engineering and Technology **(Annexure-5)**. The RCSC further decided that Ph.D. in Vocational and Applied Technologies should be under appropriate disciplines/areas assigned to the School of Engineering and Technology

ITEM NO. 9 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE AWARD OF PH.D. DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE TO MS. PRITI SHARMA (ENRL. NO. 024957784).

RCSC 3.9.1 The Convenor informed the members that Ms. Priti Sharma, a Research Scholar (Enrol. No. 024957784) had completed her Ph.D. in Political Science on the subject “**Bharat Mein Samajwadi Chintan: Jawaharlal Nehru Aivam Mahatma Gandhi Ke Vishes Sandharbh mein**”. On the recommendations of the Board of Examiners, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the award of Ph.D. Degree to Ms. Priti Sharma in the forthcoming convocation of the University. However, the provisional certificate and notification to this effect had already been issued by the Registrar, SRED.

RCSC 3.9.2 The RCSC ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the award of Ph.D. Degree in Political Science to Ms. Priti Sharma (Enrol. No. 024957784).

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LIST OF SUPERVISORS FOR PH.D. IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

RCSC 3.10.1 The Convenor informed the Members that The Area Committee at its 2nd Meeting held on 14th May, 2007 vide Resolution No. ACRC 2.3.3 approved to start Ph.D. in Distance Education (STRIDE). Accordingly, Director, STRIDE vide his note no. STRIDE/RDP/4539 dated 13.9.2007 has forwarded a list of Supervisors along with their areas of specialization as follows:

Prof. Santosh Panda: Staff/professional development/online CPD distance teacher education; distance, online and blended learning educational technology, curriculum development & instructional design learners and learning; student attrition and persistence; virtual research economics of distance and online learning; policy and management of open and distance learning; open schooling and open basic education.

Prof. P.R. Ramanujam: Open and distance education; theory and practices; curriculum and course design and development; editing DE materials; staff development; research methods; English literature online education; disability studies; quality assurance in ODL.

Prof. C.R.K.Murthy: Planning and management in ODL; curriculum design and development of multiple media materials; learner support services, programme evaluation, impact studies, training methods.

Prof. Madhu Parhar: Educational media and technology; Open and distance education.

Prof. Basanti Pradhan: Distance education theory and practice; learning theories; open and distance learners and their learning; evaluation in open and distance learning; formative and summative evaluation in distance education; course development and instructional design.

Prof. Prabir K.Biswas: Distance education and psychology; learner support; staff development; learner needs and characteristics; attrition/dropout.

Dr. R.Satyanarayana, Reader in Distance Education: Philosophy of ODL; learner support services; computer mediated learner support; quality and management of DE; policy issues and networking.

Dr. Sanjaya Mishra, Reader in Distance Education: Philosophical and theoretical foundations; use and impact of communication technologies; e-learning; educational multimedia; learner support; instructional design; use of SLM; student learning; library and information services for distance learners.

Dr. Ashok K.Gaba, Dy. Director (Research): Economics of open, distance and e-learning; ICT applications in ODL systems; policy, planning and management; attrition and dropout studies; learner workload; programme evaluation in ODL.

RCSC 3.10.2 The RCSC considered and approved the names of above supervisors for Ph.D. in Distance Education with the suggestions that the same may be included in the Ph.D. Information Brochure.

Tabled Items

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR OFFERING THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN THE AREA OF FOOD AND NUTRITION.

RCSC 3.11.1 The Convenor informed the members that the School of Continuing Education has submitted a proposal for offering the Ph.D. programme in the area of Food and Nutrition. The proposal for launch of the Ph.D. programme in the area of Food and Nutrition was approved by the School Board of School of Continuing Education at its 33rd Meeting

held on 10th August, 2007 with certain recommendations which have been incorporated. The Ph.D. programme in the area of Food and Nutrition is aimed at facilitating research in this discipline.

RCSC 3.11.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal for offering Ph.D. programme in the Area of Food and Nutrition (**Annexure-6**).

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF “PH.D. PROGRAMME IN AGRICULTURE EXTENSION”.

RCSC 3.12.1 The Convenor informed the members that the Research Council at its 9th Meeting held on 21.8.2007 while considering the proposal submitted by School of Agriculture for launching of **Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension** vide Resolution No. RC.9.3.5 decided that the School of Agriculture be advised to elaborate how the programme would be different from that being offered by the conventional universities and institutions. The School should also modify the fee to be charged at par with other programmes and the course structure to 32-36 credits to be in line with Clause 5.1 of the Ordinance”.

RCSC 3.12.2 In response to the above, the School of Agriculture has submitted the following:

1. Since this Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension being offered through Open and Distance Learning Mode is addressed mainly to the professionals working in agriculture and allied sectors, it is expected to cause least physical dislocation to them from their otherwise busy workplace. It will also provide them a wide range of subjects to research on.
2. The fee for the programme will be at par with other Ph.D. programmes of the University. The payment to supervisor cum counselor may be dropped.
3. The course structure of the programme has 32 credits which are in line with the Clause 5.1 of the ordinance of IGNOU. The School is developing 4 courses of 8 credits each. The School is also developing one bridge course for those involved in the extension activity but not haveing M.Sc. degree in Agriculture Extension.

RCSC 3.12.2 The RCSC considered the clarification provided by the School of

Agriculture and approved the proposal (**Annexure-7**) for launching of Ph.D. Programme in Agriculture Extension.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF PH.D. PROGRAMME IN NURSING.

RCSC 3.13.1 The Convenor informed the members that the School of Health Sciences had submitted a proposal for launching of Ph.D. programme in Nursing. The objectives of the programme are as follows:

- ◆ To enable the nursing personnel to develop advance nursing research skills;
- ◆ To prepare the nurse educators, administrators and practitioners to carry out systematic research to improve the quality of nursing care;
- ◆ To enable the nursing personnel to give evidence based nursing care to patients/clients in various settings.

The Phase-1 form of Ph.D. in Nursing has already been approved by the School Board of School of Health Sciences at its 30th Meeting held on 16.3.2007. Initially the School proposes to admit only those who possess an M.Phil. degree in Nursing or Nursing professionals having 5 years of teaching/industry, administration/professional (clinical) experience at senior level and exempt them from course work.

RCSC 3.13.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal for launching of Ph.D. programme in Nursing (**Annexure-8**).

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL ON ‘ELECTORAL POLITICS IN SOUTH-EAST PUNJAB’, SUBMITTED BY MR. BIRBAL, PH.D. STUDENT OF HISTORY (UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DR. SALIL MISHRA).

RCSC 3.14.1 The Convenor informed the members that Mr. Birbal, had submitted a research proposal on ‘**Electoral Politics in South-East Punjab**’, for Ph.D. in History under the supervision of Dr. Salil Mishra. The Ph.D. proposal of Mr. Birbal has been duly approved by the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 41st Meeting held on 21.9.2007.

RCSC 3.14.2 The RCSC considered and approved the Ph.D. proposal on ‘Electoral Politics in South-East Punjab’ (**Annexure-9**) submitted by Mr. Birbal, a

candidate for Ph.D. in History under the supervision of Dr. Salil Mishra.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF MR. MEHAR SINGH AND MS. TARUNA JOSHI ENROLLED IN PH.D. (POLITICAL SCIENCE) AND PH.D. (LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE), RESPECTIVELY.

RCSC 3.15.1 The Convenor informed the RCSC that the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 41st Meeting held on 21.9.2007 vide item no. 41.10 and 41.17 (3) had considered and recommended for placing the progress reports for the period from January, 2007 to June, 2007 of Mr. Mehar Singh (Enrol. No. 072676168) and Ms. Taruna Joshi (Enrol. no. 072676208) Ph.D. students of Political Science and Library & Information Sciences, respectively.

RCSC 3.15.2 The RCSC considered and approved the above progress reports of Mr. Mehar Singh (Enrol. No. 072676168) and Ms. Taruna Joshi (Enrol. no. 072676208), Ph.D. students of Political Science and Library & Information Sciences, respectively.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF DR. SUBRATA CHAKRABARTI, PH.D. STUDENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND HIS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION PERIOD.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF MR. P.VIJAYKUMAR, PH.D. STUDENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE AND HIS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION PERIOD.

RCSC 3.16-17.1 The Item No. 16 and 17 were taken together. The Convenor informed that the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 41st Meeting held on 21.9.2007 vide Item Nos. SB 41.14 and SB 41.17 (8) considered and recommended for placing the progress reports of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti (Enrol. No. 024957706) for the period from July, 2005 to June, 2007 and Mr. P.Vijay Kumar, (Enrol. no. 024957720) from July, 2006 to June, 2007, Ph.D. students of Public Administration and Library & Information Sciences, respectively. The School Board had also recommended extension of their registration for a period of one year.

RCSC 3.16-17.2 The RCSC considered and approved the progress reports as well as the request for extension of registration period of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti and Mr. P.Vijay Kumar, Ph.D. students of Public

Administration and Library & Information Sciences, respectively.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE RESEARCH SCHOLARS PERTAINING TO DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES OF SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

RCSC 3.18.1 The Convenor informed that on the recommendation of a Sub Committee, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 41st Meeting held on 21.9.2007 considered and approved the research proposals submitted by the following candidates for admission into Ph.D. programmes of different disciplines of School of Social Sciences (SB41.13). The details are as under:

1. **Mr. Ajay Pal Sharma** on “Impact of Leadership for Corporate Transformation and Organizational Development: A Case Study of Hero Honda Motors Ltd. for Ph.D. in Public Administration under the supervision of Dr. R.K.Sharma, Dean IITM, CGS Indraprastha University, Delhi.
2. **Mr. Harish Chandra Sundriyal** on “Socio Economic Impact of Tourism on “Garhwal Region” an Analytical Study” for Ph.D. in Tourism under the supervision of Dr. Manohar Sanjnani (External Supervisor), Reader and Deputy Director, Amity Instt. of Travel and Tourism, Amity University, Noida and Dr. Sangeeta Pandey, Reader, SOSS, IGNOU.
3. **Mr. Brijesh Kumar** on “Significance of Budget Hotels in the Development of Tourism for Common Wealth Games, 2010: A Critical Review for Ph.D. in Tourism under the supervision of Dr. Manohar Sanjnani (External Supervisor), Reader and Deputy Director, Amity Instt. of Travel and Tourism, Amity University, Noida.
4. **Mr. B.B. Mishra** on “State Finance of Assam: A Study of Sector-wise Subsidies, Cost Recoveries & Policy Implications” for Ph.D. in Economics under the supervision of Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Professor of Economics, SOSS, IGNOU and Dr. Govinda Rao Marapalli (External Supervisor), National Instt. of Public Finance & Policy, New Delhi-67.
5. **Ms. Pragya Shankar** on “Evaluation of Trade Reforms in India: An Application of the Gravity Theory Approach” for Ph.D. in Economics under the supervision of Prof. Madhu Bala, Professor of Economics, SOSS, IGNOU.

RCSC 3.18.2 During the discussion, Prof. Sinclair, Pro Vice-Chancellor pointed out that there were typographical and grammatical errors in the proposals. The School Boards should examine the Research Proposals in detail and see that the proposals are properly prepared and free from errors

before recommending the same for placing before the RC/RCSC. The RCSC decided that a general circular to this effect should be issued.

RCSC 3.18.3 The RCSC considered and approved the above research proposals **(Annexure-10)** with the condition that the names of the internal/external supervisors wherever required will be submitted to the Chairperson for approval.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF MR. RISHIPAL, A PH.D. STUDENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION PERIOD.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF MR. SURENDER SINGH RANA, A PH.D. STUDENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION PERIOD BY ONE YEAR.

RCSC 3.19-20.1 The Convenor informed that the requests had been received from Mr. Rishipal (Enrol.No. 024957760), Ph.D. student of Political Science under the supervision on Dr. Anurag Joshi and Mr. Surender Singh Rana (Enrol. No. 024957738) Ph.D. student of Political Science under the supervision of Prof. A.S.Narang, for extension of registration period by one year.

The request of Mr. Rishipal was considered by the Ph.D. Screening Committee at its meeting held on 12.9.2007 and the said Minutes were approved by the School Board of SOSS at its 41st Meeting held on 21.9.2007. In case of Mr. Surender Singh Rana, the Vice-Chancellor advised that his request be placed before the Research Council for consideration.

RCSC 3.19-20.2 The RCSC considered and approved the requests of Mr. Rishipal and Mr. Surender Singh Rana for extension of registration period by one year.

RCSC 3.19-20.3 It was also pointed out that as per the provisions of clause 8.1 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes of the University, the period of duration of the programme may be curtailed or extended with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. In view of this provision, the RCSC advised that in future requests for extension of registration period should be directly placed before the Vice-Chancellor for consideration instead of placing the same before the RC/RCSC.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDINANCE ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES.

RCSC 3.21.1 The item was taken up with the Item no. 3. It was decided that two

separate ordinances for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes incorporating latest guidelines be drafted for approval of the statutory authorities.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE RESEARCH SCHOLARS FOR ADMISSION IN TO PH.D. IN MANAGEMENT.

RCSC 3.22.1 The Convenor informed the members that the School Board of School of Management Studies at its 20th Meeting held on 25.10.2007 considered and recommended for placing before the Research Council the research proposals submitted by the candidates for admission in to the Ph.D. programme in Management Studies. The list of Ph.D. applicants selected for granting admission in to Ph.D. programme in Management is placed at Annexure-9.

RCSC 3.22.2 The Convenor clarified that due to lack of time, the entire proposals could not be photocopied and placed before the members. The Chairman agreed to examine all the proposals and come back to the RC/RCSC, if need be. The Chairman had since examined the proposals and had found them in order.

RCSC 3.22.3 The RCSC considered and approved the research proposals submitted by the candidates for admission in to Ph.D. programme in Management as per the details given in **(Annexure – 11)**.

ITEM NO. 23 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING THE EXAMINERS TO EVALUATE THE PH.D. THESIS OF MS. J.S.DOROTHY (ENROL. 024957641).

RCSC 3.23.1 The Convenor informed the members that Ms. J.S. Dorothy (Enrl. No. 024957641) submitted her Ph.D. Thesis, titled '*A Study on the Distance Teaching Institute (DTI) in the Capital City of the State of Tamil Nadu and its impact on Higher Education and Learners*', on June 29, 2007. The Vice Chancellor had appointed examiners to evaluate her thesis from a panel of six examiners, submitted by her supervisors through the Director, School of Education, IGNOU. To maintain confidentiality, the names of the examiners are not being disclosed.

RCSC 3.23.2 The RCSC ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing examiners to evaluate the thesis of Ms. J.S.Dorothy (Enrl. No. 024957641).

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman