

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TRANSLATION STUDIES AND TRAINING

Minutes of the First School Board Meeting held on December 07, 2007 at 12.30 p.m. in the Board Room, Block No. 8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. V.N.	Rajasekharan Pillai,	Vice-Chancellor,	IGNOU	 Chairman
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2. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee

3. Prof. J. M. Parakh, Professor, SOH - Member

4. Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Professor, SOH - Member

5. Prof. N. Prasad, Professor, SOSS - Member

6. Dr. Kamal Vagrecha, Lecturer, SOMS and a second of the Member

The following could not attend:

1. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee

2. Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee

3. Prof. Basir Ahmed Khan, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee

4. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, IGNOU - Special Invitee

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools was present to assist the Chairman of the School Board.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the School Board. He briefed the members about the Expert Committee recommendations on establishing the new school and the approval process involving the Planning Board, Academic Council Standing Committee, Academic Council, Board of Management and the Visitor. The University has already initiated the process of appointing the regular faculty in the new School.

The following are the Agenda items for discussion and consideration of the School Board:

- 1. Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.
- 2. Programmes being developed for the School.
- To consider 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge." Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.
- 4. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

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- SOTST 1.1: Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.
- SOTST 1.1.1: The School Board took note of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST). There is a need for the preparation of Vision Document to decide on the programmes, activities, disciplines, and draw a roadmap (for 5 to 20 years) for the new School. We may engage outside experts also to coordinate this activity. Prof. Parvin Sinclair has suggested that a Workshop/Brainstorming Session may also be conducted to make recommendations and for giving directions to the new School that could help the preparation of the Vision Document.
- SOTST 1.1.2: The School Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate steps for this purpose.
- SOTST 1.2: Programmes being developed for the School.
- SOTST 1.2.1: The School Board took note of the following programmes being developed and proposed in the School:

Programme		Programme Coordinator		
1.	Certificate in Bangla-Hindi Translation	Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Professor, SOH		
2.	Certificate in Malayalam-Hindi Translation	,		
3.	MA in Translation			
4.	Translation Programmes in Other Indian Languages	:		

Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal briefed about the programmes she is developing for the new School. Some members said that the School may consider similar translation programmes in languages as well.

- SOSTS 1.2.2 The members said that IGNOU is a good place for creating repository for translation studies.
- SOTST1.2.3 On the issue of re-location of PG Diploma in Translation (PGDT) from School of Humanities (SOH) to SOTST, the Chairman said that if the SOH takes a decision to that effect, the SOTST can consider it. Some members expressed that there is a need for introduction of viva voce in the 'Anuvaad Paryojna' course of PGDT to check the originality of the translation project work.
- SOTST 1.2.4 The members suggested that the School may also develop programmes in the following functional areas:
 - 1. Science Translation
 - 2. Technology Translation

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3. Translation repository

SOTST 1.2.2: The School Board took note of the above.

SOTST 1.3: To co-opt 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge." Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.

SOTST 1.3.1: The Vice-Chancellor said that according to the Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University, not more than five experts, who are not the employees of the University, are to be co-opted by the School Board. The members discussed the names of a number of people for the co-option to the School Board.

SOTST 1.3.2: The School Board decided to co-opt following five experts under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University:

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

(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai) Chairman

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