

Minutes of the Twenty Fourth Meeting of Research Council Standing Committee, IGNOU held on 5th August 2022, at 11.00 A.M, Board Room, VCO.

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The Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee was conducted on 5th August 2022, at 11.00 A.M in the Board Room, VCO.

The Meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. RP Das, Pro Vice Chancellor -Member
3. Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro Vice-Chancellor - Member
4. Prof. SwarajBasu, SOSS - Member
5. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey, Director, SOTST -Member
6. Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS - Member
7. Prof.Madhulika P. Sarkar, SOMS - Member
8. Dr. Ashok Sharma, Regional Director, RC Delhi I -Member
9. Dr. Bijayalaxmi Mishra, Director (I/c), Research Unit - Member Secretary

Dr. M. S. Meena, Pro Vice-Chancellor could not attend the meeting. Dr. Satish Gaikwad, Assistant Director (RU) was present in the meeting to assist in the proceedings of the Meeting.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of the Research Council Standing Committee (RCSC) welcomed all the members and apprised the members that the main purpose of the Meeting was to deliberate on the issue of vacancy of seats existing in different disciplines for admission to Ph D programme for 2022 as projected by Schools and to take a decision keeping in view the importance and quality issues involved in the Ph D programme. He then requested the Director, Research Unit and Member Secretary of RCSC to present the agenda. The Member Secretary presented the agenda as under:

Item	Details and Decision/s
RCSC2 4.1	To Consider Confirmation of the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee held on 14th June, 2022 and the Action Taken thereon.



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RCSC 24.1.1	The Member Secretary Presented the agenda and informed the members that the minutes of the 23 rd RCSC were circulated to all the members and no comment was received.											
RCSC 24.1.2	The RCSC deliberated on the action taken report on the minutes of the 23 rd RCSC and advised the Research Unit to share the norms relating to PhD programmes with the faculty members and to reinforce it periodically through circulars and also by conducting orientation programme through STRIDE for the Research Programme coordinators and newly recruited faculty members recognized as research supervisors.											
RCSC 24.1.3	<i>The RCSC took note of the action taken on the 23rd Minutes of Research Council Standing Committee held on 14th June, 2022 and confirmed the minutes of 23rd RCSC.</i>											
RCSC 24.2	To Report the completion of the PhD admissions in various Disciplines for July, 2021 session											
24.2.1	The member Secretary presented the Agenda and apprised the members about the admissions already completed for PhD programmes for 2021 session. She informed that two hundred twenty eight (228) vacancies in Ph D were advertised for 2021 session in twenty three disciplines out of which, 197 candidates were selected on the basis of their performance in the entrance test and interview. Finally, out of 197 candidates, 167 candidates took admission in various disciplines, the details of which are as under:											
	Sl. No	School	Name of the Programme	No. of Vacant seats advertised for July 2021 session	Candidates recommended For Ph D Programme – July 2021	Candidates admitted to PhD Programme – July 2021	GEN	SC	ST	OBC	EW	SPWD
	1.	SOSS	Anthropology (PHDAN)	05	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
	2.		Political Science (PHDPS)	12	12	9	6	0	0	2	1	0
	3.	SOS	Chemistry (PHDCHEM)	06	6	6	5	0	0	1	0	0
	4.		Geology (PHDGY)	06	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
	5.		Life Sciences (PHDLS)	04	4	4	3	0	0	1	0	0
	6.		Mathematics	04	4	4	3	0	0	1	0	0

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		(PHDMT)										
7.	SOMS	Management (PHDMGMT)	09	8	6	3	1	0	2	0	0	
8.		Commerce (PHDCOM)	08	8	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	
9.	SOE	Education (PHDES)	10	10	7	5	1	0	1	0	0	
10.	SOGDS	Women's Studies (PHDWS)	09	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	
11.	SOCIS	Computer Science (PHDCS)	05	5	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	
12.	SOL	Law (PHDLE)	07	7	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	
13.	SOHS	Nursing (PHDNS)	04	4	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	
14.	SOTHSM	Tourism and Hospitality Services (PHDTS)	10	7	7	5	0	0	2	0	0	
15.	SOTST	Translation Studies (PHDTT)	08	8	8	5	1	0	2	0	0	
16.	SOITS	Inter Disciplinary and Trans Disciplinary Studies (PHDITS)	09	9	9	6	1	0	2	0	0	
17.		Environmental Science (PHDEV)	16	12	7	5	1	0	1	0	0	
18.	SOCE	Child Development (PHDCD)	04	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
19.	SOVET	Vocational Education and Training (PHDVE)	10	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
20.	SOH	Hindi (PHDHIN)	08	08	8	5	1	0	2	0	0	

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21.	English (PHDENG)	30	30	27	14	4	2	7	0
22.	Urdu (PHDUL)	16	16	13	7	1	1	2	1
23.	Sanskrit (PHDSK)	32	20	18	9	3	1	5	0
	Total	232	197	167	109	15	4	36	2

RCSC 24.2.2 *The members noted the details of admissions taken in PhD programme in the above mentioned disciplines.*

RCSC 24.3 **To consider approval of the Advertisement along with number of seats for admission to PhD Programmes for July, 2022 session in various disciplines**

RCSC 24.3.1 The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. She informed the members about the decision of the Research Council Standing Committee at its 23rd Meeting held on 14th June, 2022 which resolved that the *National Testing Agency shall conduct the Entrance Test for admission to PhD programmes for the year 2022 and the University will follow in general the modalities as were adopted for admission to PhD programmes in the year 2021.*

Accordingly, the Research Unit sought the willingness of the Schools to advertise for admission to Ph D Programme for July 2022 session and number of vacant seats in their concerned disciplines. In response, 37 disciplines expressed their willingness to advertise along with the number of vacant seats and the actual number of seats, they wished to advertise. She shared the vacancy positions and seats (including discipline wise reservation as per rule) to be advertised as projected by the concerned disciplines the details of which are mentioned as under :

Sl No	School	Discipline	Total vacant seats	Seats to be advertised for session 2022	Reservation of Seats					
					Gen	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total
1.	SOMS	Management - PHDMGMT	35	14	8	3	1	1	1	14
2.		Commerce - PHDCOM	28	12	7	3	1	0	1	12
3.	SOGDS	Gender and Development studies - PHDGD	12	05	4	1	-	-	-	05
4.	SOJNMS	Journalism and Mass Communication -	15	07	5	1	1	-	-	07

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		PHDJMC									
5.	SOEDS	Development Studies - PHDDV	19	10	6	2	1	-	1	10	
6.	SOL	Law - PHDLE	11	11	7	2	1	-	1	11	
7.	SOFL	French - PHDFL	03	03	3	-	-	-	-	03	
8.	SOHS	Nursing - PHDNS	06	06	5	1	-	-	-	06	
9.	SOCE	Child Development - PHDCD	19	08	5	2	1	-	-	08	
10.		Nutritional Science - PHDFN	14	02	2	-	-	-	-	02	
11.		Home Science - PHDHC	07	05	4	1	-	-	-	05	
12.		Rural Development - PHDRD	03	03	3	-	-	-	-	03	
13.	SOCIS	Computer science - PHDCS	29	07	5	1	1	-	-	07	
14.	SOPVA	Fine Arts- PHDPVA (F)	05	05	4	1	-	-	-	05	
15.		Theatre Arts PHDPVA(T)	05	05	4	1	-	-	-	05	
16.		Music - PHDPVA (M)	02	02	2	-	-	-	-	02	
17.		Dance - PHDPVA(D)	04	04	3	1	-	-	-	04	
18.	SOS	Life Sciences - PHDLS	09	09	6	2	1	-	-	09	
19.		Geology - PHDGY	21	10	6	2	1	-	1	10	
20.		Geography - PHDGEOG	03	03	3	-	-	-	-	03	
21.		Statistics - PHDSTAT	21	11	7	2	1	-	1	11	
22.		Physics - PHDPH	34	02	2	-	-	-	-	02	
23.		Bio-Chemistry - PHDBC	07	07	5	1	1	-	-	07	
24.		Mathematics - PHDMT	22	04	3	1	-	-	-	04	
25.		SOE	Education - PHDES	58	22	12	4	3	1	2	22
26.	Distance Education - PHDDE		25	25	13	6	3	1	2	25	

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27.	SOSS	Economics - PHDEC	11	06	5	1	-	-	-	06
28.		Sociology - PHDSOC	15	11	7	2	1	-	1	11
29.		History - PHDHIS	10	10	6	2	1	-	1	10
30.		Library and Information Science - PHDLIS	32 (7 yet to be allotted from 2021 batch)	25	13	6	3	1	2	25
31.		Psychology - PHDPC	14	14	8	3	1	1	1	14
32.	SOA	Dairy Science and Technology - PHDDR	10	04	3	1	-	-	-	04
33.	SOITS	Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies - PHDITS	10	10	6	2	1	-	1	10
34.	SOTHS M	Tourism and Hospitality Service Management Studies - PHDTS	28	18	10	4	2	1	1	18
35.	SOSW	Social Work – PHDSW	25	25	13	6	3	1	2	25
36.	SOVET	Vocational Education - PHDVE	12	12	7	3	1	0	1	12
37.	SOH	Hindi - PHDHIN	13	13	8	3	1	0	1	13
		Total Vacant seats		350						350

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The Committee, after going through the vacancy positions presented, observed that many of the Disciplines had projected lesser number of seats, compared to the existing number of Ph D seats and eligible faculty members as research supervisors available with them, while some of the disciplines had projected all vacancies.

Responding to queries of the committee whether the Disciplines had given any reasoning about the lesser number of seats projection, the Member Secretary informed that some disciplines / Schools were asked to give reasons for lesser projection of seats to which they responded that they would be pre-occupied with preparing/revising for other ODL programmes. The member secretary also informed that the Research Unit had asked every school to give faculty wise existing research scholars, vacant seats and seats they wish to advertise which were presented in

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the Table below: The Committee went through the Discipline/School wise existing Research scholars and vacancies given as under:

*Entitled seats : Professor – 8; Associate Professor – 6 ; Assistant Professor - 4

Sl No	School	Discipline	Total faculty members eligible as research Supervisors	Existing Research scholars in Ph D	Total vacant seats	Seats to be advertised for session 2022	Remarks
1.	SOMS	Management - PHDMGMT	Professor-8 Asso Prof-2	30	35	14	1 Prof less than three years to superannuate)
2.		Commerce - PHDCOM	Professor -7 Asso Prof -1 Asst. Prof. 1	25	32	12	(2 Prof. less than three years to superannuate, 1 prof. On EOL)
3.	SOGDS	Gender and Development Studies - PHDGD	Prof. – 3 Asst.Prof.-3	22	06	05	1 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
4.	SOJNMS	Journalism and Mass Communication - PHDJMC	Prof. – 1 Asso Prof -1 Asst.Prof. - 2	10	14	07	
5.	SOEDS	Development Studies - PHDDV	Prof. – 2 Asst.Prof. - 3	09	19	10	
6.	SOL	Law - PHDLE	Professor -0 Asso Prof -1 Asst. Prof. 3	07	11	11	
7.	SOFL	French - PHDFL	Asso Prof. -1	03	03	03	
8.	SOHS	Nursing - PHDNS	Asst. Prof.-4	07	05	05	(1 Asst.Prof. yet to be recognised as supervisor

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9.	SOCE	Child Development - PHDCD	Professor -2 Asst.Prof. -1	01	19	08	Asst.Prof. yet to be approved as supervisor
10.		Nutritional Science - PHDFN	Professor -1 Asst.Prof. -2	02	14	02	
11.		Home Science - PHDHC	Professor -1 Asst. Prof. - 2	01	15	05	2 Asst.prof. yet to be recognised as supervisor
12.		Rural Development - PHDRD	Asso prof. -1 Asst. Prof. 2	03	11	03	2 Asst.prof. yet to be recognised as supervisor
13.	SOCIS	Computer Science - PHDCS	Prof -2 Assoprof. -2 Asst. Prof. 2	07	29	07	
14.	SOPVA	Fine Arts- PHDPVA	Asst. Prof. - 2	3	05	05	
15.		Theatre Arts PHDPVA	Asso Prof. - 1	1	05	05	
16.		Music - PHDPVA	Asso Prof. - 1 Asst. Prof. - 1	2	08	02	
17.		Dance - PHDPVA	Asst. Prof. - 1	0	04	04	
18.	SOS	Life Sciences - PHDLS	Prof. 2 Asso Prof. - 2	11	09	09	1 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
19.		Geology - PHDGY	Prof. - 3 Asst.Prof. - 3	15	21	10	
20.		Geography - PHDGEOG	Prof. -3 Asst.Prof.- 4	25	08	03	1 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
21.		Statistics - PHDSTAT	Prof. - 1 AssoProf.- 1 Asst.Prof. - 4	9	21	11	

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22.		Physics - PHDPH	Prof. – 3 Asso Prof.- 1 Asst.Prof. - 1	0	34	02	1 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
23.		Bio-Chemistry - PHDBC	Prof. – 1 Asst.Prof. - 4	17	07	07	
24.		Mathematics - PHDMT	Prof. – 2 Asso Prof.- 1 Asst.Prof. - 2	0	22	04	1 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
25.	SOE	Education - PHDES	Professor -9 Asso Prof. - 3 Asst. Prof. 5	22	66	22	3 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
26.		Distance Education - PHDDE	Professor - 5 Asso prof. - 1 Asst. Prof. 5	28	25	25	3 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate Revised list yet to be received
27.	SOSS	Economics - PHDEC	Prof- 3 Asst.Prof. - 2	7	11	06	(2professors less than 3 years to superannuate)
28.		Sociology - PHDSOC	Prof. – 3 Asso Prof. – 2	21	19	11	
29.		History - PHDHIS	Prof. – 3 Assoprof – 1 Asst. Prof. -1	11	10	10	(3 professors less than 3 years to superannuate)
30.		Library and Information Science - PHDLIS	Prof. – 4 Asst. Prof – 2	8	32 (including 7 to be allotted from	25	

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31.		Psychology - PHDPC	Prof. – 2 Asst. Prof – 3	14	14	14	
32.	SOA	Dairy Science and Technology - PHDDR	Asso Prof.- 2	02	10	04	
33.	SOITS	Interdiscipli nary and Transdiscipl inary Studies - PHDITS	Prof. – 2 Asso Prof.- 1	12	10	10	
34.	SOTHSM	Tourism and Hospitality Service Management Studies – PHDTS	Prof. – 2 Asso Prof.- 4	12	28	18	
35.	SOSW	Social Work – PHDSW	Professor -1 Asso prof. -2 Asst. Prof. 6	15	25	25	1 Asst.prof. not eligible
36.	SOVET	Vocational Education - PHDVE	Professor -2 Asst. Prof. 2	2 (will be allott ed from	22	12	

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37.	SOH	Hindi - PHDHIN	Prof. – 3 Asso Prof.- 1 Asst.Prof. - 2	21	1	13	1 prof. Less than 3 years to superannuate
<p>After going through the data presented by the Member Secretary, mentioned in the Table above, the Committee felt that the Disciplines/ Schools should have taken a judicious and pragmatic view in projecting seats. The Committee observed that a Discipline should also take into account the ongoing research activities of the existing research scholars ensuring qualitative supervision of their research work while deciding the number of Ph D seats to be advertised.</p>							
24.3.3	<p><i>The RCSC after deliberating on the matter, authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take a decision with regard to finalizing the number of seats to be advertised for admission to PhD programmes for July, 2022 session.</i></p>						

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair



(Bijayalaxmi Mishra)
Member- Convener

