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held on

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON JULY 8, 2008 AT 02.00 P.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. Dr. D.K.Choudhry, 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. Joseph Dorairaj, | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, RD, RC- Bangalore | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, ACD | - | Convenor |

Prof. Sunaina Kumar and Prof. C.B.Sharma attended the meeting on behalf of Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH and Prof. M.L. Koul, Director, SOE respectively.

Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. K.R. Srivathsan could not attend the meeting.

Shri K.D.Sharma, Assistant Registrar, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Convenor.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He specially welcomed the following new members and re-nominated members:

- ◆ Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, School of Humanities, IGNOU
- ◆ Prof. M.L. Koul, Director, School of Education, IGNOU
- ◆ Dr. K.R. Srivathsan, Member, Board of Management, IGNOU
- ◆ Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, Regional Director, IGNOU RC-Bangalore
- ◆ Prof. Joseph Dorairaj, Member, Research Council, IGNOU
- ◆ Prof. T.K.V. Subramanian, Member, Research Council, IGNOU

The Research Council's Standing Committee appreciated the efforts and taken on record the contributions made by the following outgoing members:

- ◆ Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Former Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata
- ◆ Prof. M.Asam, Director, NCIDE, IGNOU
- ◆ Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Professor of Economics, SOSS, IGNOU

The Chairman then requested the Convenor to present the items on agenda of the meeting.

The following agenda items were taken up:

ITEM NO.1 To note the action taken report on the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on 9th April, 2008

RCSC 5.1.1 It was presented that the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the RCSC held on April, 09, 2008 were circulated to the members and no comments were received. The Research Council at its 11th Meeting held on 9th April 2008 was apprised of the item-wise discussion and decisions taken by the 4th meeting of the RCSC. A copy of the minutes along with the action taken report was annexed to the Agenda.

RCSC 5.1.2 The RCSC confirmed the minutes of its 4th Meeting held on 9th April 2008 (**Annexure-1**) and noted the action taken report.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the research proposal of Ms. Nita Kumari for Ph.D in Social Work.

RCSC 5.2.1 It was presented that the School Board of School of Social Work considered the proposal entitled “**Extent of Stigma and Discrimination in the Context of HIV/AIDS (with Special Reference to Care and Support System for HIV Infected Persons)**” submitted by Ms. Nita Kumari for Ph.D in Social Work under the supervision of Prof. Gracious Thomas, Adjunct Programme Coordinator, School of Social Work and approved the same since the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria for registration/admission to Ph.D in Social Work.

RCSC 5.2.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal of Ms. Nita Kumari for registration to Ph.D in Social Work (**Annexure- 2**).

ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the research proposal of Ms. Ranjita Christtie Borgoary for Ph.D in Social Work.

RCSC 5.3.1 It was presented that the 2nd meeting of the School Board of School of Social Work approved the proposal entitled “**NGO Initiatives and Government Schemes Towards Development of Socio-Economic life of Boro Women in Kokrajhar District, BTC, Assam**” submitted by Ms. Ranjita for Ph.D in Social Work.

Prof. Gracious Thomas, Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Work explained that:

1. Ms. Ranjita shall be a full time research scholar who should be attached with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Bangalore.
2. Dr. K. Hemalata, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Christ College, Bangalore has agreed to guide the candidate. She is a recognized guide for Ph.D in Social Work in Bangalore University and also fulfills the conditions required to be a guide under the IGNOU Ordinances and Guidelines on

Research Degree Programmes.

3. The Lutheran World Federation will sponsor the candidate and pay the fellowship.
4. Ms. Ranjita did not have either M.Phil or 5 years teaching/professional experience. Therefore, she is prescribed 12 credits of course work of MSW-001, MSW-002 and MSW-005.

RCSC 5.3.2 After detailed discussion on all the issues stated above, the RCSC approved the proposal **“NGO initiatives and Government schemes towards development of socio-economic life of Boro women in Kokrajhar District, BTC, Assam” (Annexure-3)** submitted by Ms. Ranjita for Ph.D in Social Work as a full time scholar to be attached with IGNOU Regional Centre, Bangalore under the guidance of Dr. K. Hemalata, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Christ College, Bangalore. The School Board of School of Social Work shall prescribe additional course work of 20 to 24 credits to fulfill the total requirement of 32 to 36 credits of course work as per the Ordinance. The RCSC also approved the sponsorship of the candidate by the Lutheran World Federation.

ITEM NO. 4 To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for evaluating the thesis of Ms. Arundhati Mishra.

RCSC 5.4.1 It was presented that Ms. Arundhati Mishra (Enrol. No. 062220275), registered for Ph.D Programme in Physics on 12th April, 2006, had submitted her thesis entitled “Evaluation of Undergraduate Physics Programme of IGNOU and Implications for Learners” to the University on 5th June, 2008. The Vice-Chancellor had appointed examiners for evaluation of her thesis from a panel recommended by the supervisor.

RCSC 5.4.2 The RCSC ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the Board of Examiners for evaluation of thesis of Ms. Arundhati Mishra.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider the request relating to the recognition of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu as a Research Institution for launching M.Phil/Ph.D programmes.

RCSC 5.5.1 It was presented that Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) is set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the year 1993. It functions as the apex body for research and training activities related to youth development and its affairs are looked after by the Board of Directors appointed by the Central Government. An MoU was signed between IGNOU and RGNIYD on 19th December, 2007 to work together for developing and launching 10 programmes. The RGNIYD had now proposed to the University for recognition as Research Institution to launch M.Phil and Ph.D programmes. The curriculum vitae of the RGNIYD Faculty and the brochure of the Institute were circulated to the RCSC members.

RCSC 5.5.2 The RCSC considered the request of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu and recognized it as a Research Institute to offer of M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes.

Tabled Items

ITEM NO. 6 To consider and approve the guidelines prepared for Research and Teaching Assistants (RTAs) on placement in the IGNOU Regional Centre and other Institutions.

RCSC 5.6.1 It was presented that consequent upon joining of Research and Teaching Assistants under the Research and Teaching Assistantship (RTA) Scheme of the University, the following issues needed immediate attention of the University:

- ◆ Some RTAs were requesting for allowing them to work in Regional Centres of IGNOU or the Institutions of their choice.
- ◆ Registration for Ph.D in Indian Languages, other than Hindi and English, where neither qualified guides available in IGNOU nor Ph.D programme notified.
- ◆ Non-availability of research facilities in Schools like SOET SOA, SOS, SOCIS etc., as there are no laboratories in IGNOU campus or in Regional Centres.

Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor convened a meeting on June 23, 2008 and the matter was discussed with the Directors of the Schools of SOH, SOS, SOA, SOHS, SOET, SOCIS and Director, Academic Coordination. After deliberations, the Committee finalized the guidelines which addressed the above issues related to RTAs. The Chairperson apprised the members about the salient features of the guidelines.

RCSC 5.6.2 The RCSC considered and approved the guidelines (**Annexure-4**) on placement of RTAs in the IGNOU Regional Centres and other Institutions.

ITEM NO. 7 To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for evaluating the thesis of Ms. Dipti P. Bhatt.

RCSC 5.7.1 It was presented that Ms. Dipti P. Bhatt (Enrolment No. 033498453), registered for Ph.D in Education in January, 2003 session, had submitted her thesis entitled "**To Study the Impact of DPEP Project on Shamghan Village of Dangs in Gujarat**". The Vice-Chancellor had appointed examiners for evaluation of her thesis from a panel recommended by the supervisor, as per the Ordinance on the Research Degree Programmes of the University.

RCSC 5.7.2 The RCSC ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the Board of Examiners for evaluation of the thesis of Ms. Dipti P. Bhatt.

- ITEM NO. 8** **To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for evaluating the thesis of Mr. Surendra Singh Rana.**
- RCSC 5.8.1 It was presented that Mr. Surendra Singh Rana (Enrolment No. 024957738), registered for Ph.D in Political Science in July, 2002 session, had submitted his thesis entitled “**The Patterns and Trends of Coalition Government in Indian Politics: United Front Government 1996 to Till Date**” to the University on 9th July, 2008. The Vice-Chancellor had appointed examiners for evaluation of his thesis from a panel recommended by the supervisor, as per the Ordinance on the Research Degree Programmes of the University.
- CSC 5.8.2 The RCSC ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the Board of Examiners for evaluation of thesis of Mr. Surender Singh Rana.
- ITEM NO. 9** **To consider and approve the Academics of the University working in Divisions/Units/Centres as Research Supervisors for Ph.D Programme in Management and Commerce Disciplines.**
- RCSC 5.9.1 It was presented that in view of the Resolution No. RCSC 3.10.2, the Academic Coordination Division vide its letter F.No. IG/ACD/Research/2006/926 dated 20th March, 2008 communicated to the SOMS, the following three names of academics working in different Regional Centres who have shown their interest to the research supervisors for the consideration of the School Board:
1. Dr. Abdul Gani, Regional Director, RC-Srinagar
 2. Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director, RC-Lucknow
 3. Dr. K.S.Chakraborty, Regional Director, RC-Agartala
- In the light of the resolution of the 43rd meeting of the Academic Council that “just as the teachers having provision for guiding Ph.D/M.Phil, the same provision may be extended to Academics” communicated to the Schools by ACD, the School Board of SOMS at its 22nd meeting approved the criteria for recognizing the academics working in divisions/units/centres as research supervisors in Management and/or Commerce disciplines.
- The decisions of the School Board of School of Management were presented for approval of the RCSC.
- RCSC 5.9.2 The RCSC appreciated the School of Management Studies for recognizing the three academics as research supervisors in Commerce and/or Management disciplines and also taking initiative in formulating the criteria to recognize the academics working in divisions/units/centres as research supervisors in Commerce and/or Management disciplines. The RCSC suggested the Schools to undertake the same exercise, so that the University has more recognized research supervisors, which is necessary in view of the increased thrust on research by the University. In order to encourage inter-disciplinary research, RCSC suggested to include Masters Degree in Allied Disciplines also in the eligibility criteria.

- RCSC 5.9.3 The RCSC considered the recommendations of the School Board of SOMS and approved the following:
- i) Recognition to (1) Dr. Abhul Gani, RD, IGNOU RC-Srinagar, (2) Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Deputy Regional Director, RC-Lucknow and (3) Dr. K.S. Chakraborty, RD, RC-Agartala as research guides in Management and/or Commerce disciplines
 - ii) Criteria for recognizing the Academics working in divisions/units/centres as research supervisors in Management and/or Commerce disciplines who fulfill the following conditions:
 - (a) Ph.D degree with Masters in Commerce or Management or any allied discipline.
 - (b) Academics with designations equivalent to Professor and Reader such as Director, Deputy Director, etc. and Assistant Directors or equivalent designation with five years Post Doctoral research and/or teaching experience.

It was further approved that the academics in the University who are eligible in terms of the said criteria and willing to be the research guides in Management and/or Commerce disciplines may send their curriculum vitae to the School of Management Studies to formally recognize as Research Guides.

ITEM NO. 10 To consider and approve the Research Proposal of Ms. Moumita Bagchi for admission in Ph.D in Economics.

RCSC 5.10.1 It was presented that the research proposal by Ms. Moumita Bagchi for Ph.D in Economics was placed before the 4th meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee (RCSC) held on 9th April, 2008. It was observed that the candidate did not fulfill the required eligibility criteria of either M.Phil qualification or 5 years experience. Therefore, the RCSC vide Resolution No. RCSC 4.9.2 deferred the item and suggested the School Board of SOSS to re-examine the application in the light of the prescribed eligibility.

The Standing Committee of the School Board of Social Sciences at its meeting held on 7th July 2008, after detailed scrutiny found that the candidate had enclosed M.Phil degree Certificate with the application, but did not mention the same in the application form. The Standing Committee of School Board, therefore, approved the application of Ms. Bagchi for Ph.D. in Economics and recommended to place it for consideration of the RCSC.

RCSC 5.10.2 In view of the fact that the candidate is possessing the M.Phil degree and recommendations made by the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS, the RCSC approved the research proposal of Ms. Bagchi for Ph.D in Economics (**Annexure-5**).

- ITEM NO. 11** **To consider the Recognition of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kochi- 683104, Kerala.**
- RCSC 5.11.1 The Chairman appraised the members about the request received from the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kochi to recognize their institution as a Research Centre of IGNOU for Social Sciences and Management. The Vice-Chancellor constituted a three member committee comprising of Dr. C. Thangamuthu, former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Trichi as Chairperson, and Prof. Srinivas Kumar, Director, SOET and Prof. T.U. Fulzele, SOMS as members. The Committee visited the Institution and submitted its report for recognizing the College as a Centre for Research.
- RCSC 5.11.2 The RCSC considered and approved all the recommendations of the Committee to recognize Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kochi- 683104, Kerala as a Centre for Research.
- ITEM NO. 12** **To consider and approve the six monthly progress report of Ms. Arti Kaushik, a Ph. D, Student.**
- RCSC 5.12.1 It was presented that Ms. Arti Kaushik (Enrolment No. 072676247), a student of Ph.D in Mathematics, had submitted her six monthly progress report for July - December, 2007. The School Board of School of Sciences at its 37th meeting considered the progress report and noted that the progress was satisfactory.
- RCSC 5.12.2 The RCSC considered and approved the six monthly progress report of Ms. Arti Kaushik (Enrolment No. 072676247), a student of Ph.D in Mathematics, for the six monthly period from July to December, 2007.
- ITEM NO. 13** **To consider and approve the Ph.D proposals of different disciplines of School of Social Sciences.**
- RCSC 5.13.1 It was presented that the Ph.D proposals of the following three students were placed before the 43rd meeting of the School Board of School of Social Sciences held on 19th May, 2008. As per the decision of the 42nd School Board (SB 42.8.5), the Standing Committee was authorized to approve the research proposals of Ph.D/M.Phil students and refer the same directly to the RCSC/RC for approval.

Accordingly, the Standing Committee of School Board of SOSS considered the research proposals of the following three candidates and recommended for approval of the RCSC:

Discipline	Name of the Candidate	Topic	Supervisor	Recommendations of the Standing Committee	Remarks
History	Ms. Bindu Sahni	Identity Formation among the Gujjars of Himachal Pradesh: Encounters and Challenges in the Colonial Period	Dr. Abha Singh	Recommended with minor corrections suggested by the Standing Committee: a) Hypothesis to be replaced by key points. b) Field survey to be replaced by interviews.	The proposal was revised by the candidate in consultation with Prof. Abha Singh based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee.
Public Admn.	Ms. Ranjeeta Basra Korgaonkar	Healthcare IT Maturity Model-A Critical Study of Software Application for Effective Hospital Admn. in India	Dr. Dolly Mathew	Recommended with minor corrections suggested by the Standing Committee: a) Minor changes in the title b) Hypothesis to be replaced by key questions.	Candidate is having more than five year Post MBA experience in the relevant field in Executive position.
Library & Info. Sc.	Mr. Nikhil Eyeroor	Impact of Internet on Information Behaviour of Professionals in News Media in Kerala	Prof. Uma Kanjilal	Recommended	-

RCSC 5.13.2. The RCSC considered and approved the above three proposals of School of Social Sciences for admission to Ph.D Programmes in the respective disciplines **(Annexure-6)**.

ITEM No.14 To consider and approve the Ph.D proposals of eight Research and Teaching Assistants (RTAs) of School of Social Sciences.

RCSC 5.14.1 It was presented that the Ph.D proposals of seven RTAs in Economics and one RTA in Library Sciences of School of Social Sciences were screened by the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS. As per the decision of the 42nd School Board (SB 42.8.5), the Standing Committee was authorized to approve the research proposals of Ph.D/M.Phil students and refer the same directly to the RCSC/RC for approval. Accordingly all the eight proposals listed below were considered by the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS and recommended the same for approval of the RCSC.

Discipline	Name of the Candidate	Topic	Supervisor	Recommendations of the Standing Committee	Remarks
Economics	Ms. Swetalina Das	Regional Imbalances in Food Security and Policy Options – A Study with reference to KBK Districts of Orissa	Prof. G. Pardhan	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Economics	Ms. Suman Devi	The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Economic Growth of India : A Time Series Analysis	Prof. Anjila Gupta	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Economics	Ms. Manisha Kulshrestha	Employment Generation in Service Sector in India : 1981-2006	Dr. B.S. Prakash	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Economics	Ms. Swati Mehta	Intra-Industry Trade in India: An Analysis of Consumer Goods Sector	Prof. Madhu Bala	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Economics	Ms. Sahba Fatima	Power Sector Reforms and Energy Efficiency in India	Dr. K. Barik	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Economics	Ms. Iti Vyas	Integration of efficiency of financial markets in India during March 1993-March 2008	Prof. Narayan Prasad	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Economics	Ms. S. Aruna Devi	India-Asean Trade Relations : Issues and Prospects in the Age of Globalization	Prof. Anjila Gupta	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal
Library & Info. Sc.	Ms. Dhanyasree V.K.	Use of Social Networking Services for Information Gathering and Sharing : A Survey of Engineering Students in Delhi	Dr. Jaideep Sharma	Tentative Proposal endorsed by the Standing Committee	Recommended course work submitted along with the Proposal

RCSC 5.14.2 The RCSC considered and approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS to register seven RTAs for Ph.D in Economics and one RTA for Ph.D in Library Science **(Anneuxre-7)**.

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman