



Department of Social Work

Minutes

Board of Studies (BOS) Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of Social Work was held on 06.08.2024 at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Prof. Md. Shahid Raza	Member
2. Dr. Siddharth Kamal Gangale	-do-
3. Mr. Md. Israr Alam	-do-
4. Dr. Md. Aftab Alam	-do-
5. Mr. Abu Osama	-do-
6. Dr. Abul Salim Khan	Special Invitee
7. Prof. Mohd Shahid	Chairperson

Prof. Ashok Kumar Mishra and Prof. Vanilla Bhaskaran could not attend the meeting. Prof. Mohd. Shahid, Head, Department of Social Work and Chairperson, BOS, welcome all the members in the meeting. The following agenda items were discussed and approved.

- 1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the BOS:** The Minutes of the BOS meeting held on 06.08.2022 were confirmed.
- 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the DRCs:** The minutes of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) meetings held on 29.12.2022, 14.02.2023, 15.03.2023, 12.07.2023, 06.12.2023 & 11.07.2024 were confirmed.
- 3. Approval of Panel of Subject Experts (update):** The updated list of Subject Experts was discussed and approved (Confidential). The confidential list shall be submitted to the Registrar, MANUU.
- 4. Approval of Panel of Examiners for PhD Thesis Evaluation (update):** The updated list of Examiners for PhD Evaluation was discussed and approved (Confidential). The confidential list shall be submitted to the Controller of Examination, MANUU.
- 5. Exploring possibilities for the Four Year Under Graduate Programme (4YUG) in Social Work:** The members deliberated intensively on the possibility of introducing Four Year Under Graduate Programme in Social Work in MANUU. The members reflected on the experiences of running Master of Social Work (MSW) program by the Department of Social Work, MANUU. It came up that over the years, the numbers of applications for MSW have relatively declined. Furthermore, there is a sharp fall in the retention rate of



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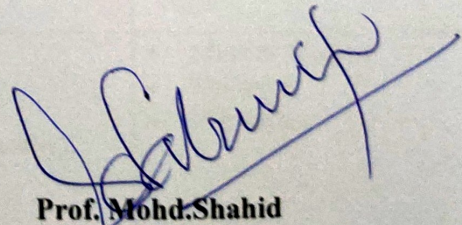
the students. It was noticed that despite filling all the seats, there is a dropout of around 40% and one of the major reasons is non-availability of hostel accommodation. Further majority of these students are coming from Uttar Pradesh & Bihar and subsequently they got jobs in development sector, national and international organisations mainly located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

The house unanimously resolved the following:

1. That the viability of Four Year Under Graduate Programme in Social Work is quiet high if it is introduced in the MANUU Darbhanga Campus, Bihar.
2. That there is a high level of opportunities in field level jobs in Bihar and this could also be helpful for running the course and seeking support from development organisation for Field Exposure, Concurrent Field Work , Block Placement / Internship and subsequent absorption in the job Market.
3. That given the MSW experiences, it would not be possible to retain students for Four Year under Graduate Programme on account of high cost of living in the city (Hyderabad), limited hostel availability coupled with poor socio-economic background of the prospective students.
4. That there has been always negligible response for the MSW Programme from the students from Hyderabad city and neighbouring areas and hence the same may be the response to UG Programme in Social Work in Hyderabad.

The house strongly recommended that the University authorities may be impressed upon to **start Four Year Under Graduate Programme in Social Work (4YUG) along with other forthcoming UG Programme in Darbhanga Campus.** The Social Work subject could be offered as Single Major or Dual Major as per the University Policy.

The meeting came to an end.


Prof. Mohd. Shahid

Head/Chairperson, BOS

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