



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 7 January 2019 at the Aga Khan Centre
Meeting No. 01/19**

Governors Present: Dr Shafik Sachedina
Professor Afzal Ahmed
Dr Aziz Esmail
Dr Mohamed Keshavjee
Mr Naguib Kheraj
Mr Zauhar Meghji

Governors Absent: None

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest)
Mrs Selina Ramji (permanent guest)
Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha (permanent guest)

Others absent: Mr Shams Vellani (permanent guest)

Meeting was called to order at 3.00pm

Minutes of meeting no.12 held on 3rd December 2018 were approved with minor changes.

1. Conflicts of interest

It was noted there were no conflicts of interest arising from matters to be discussed.

2. Co-Director's Report

- 2.1 The Co-Director's report for December 2018 was considered.
- 2.2 A report from CSU on the work they are doing for ICAB should be included in the next report.
- 2.3 The 40th anniversary edition of the IIS Update was done to a high standard and should be widely shared.
- 2.4 Mr Kheraj requested for the Talim Evaluation report to be shared with him again.

3. Operational Plan and Budget for 2019

- 3.1 The proposed operational plan and budget for 2019 was considered.
- 3.2 It was noted that the proposed plan would have wide public benefit.
- 3.3 Decisions regarding the STEP intake in 2019 and ensuing years will have a big impact on our budget and need to be re-considered.
- 3.4 We should consider the pace at which we wish to meet the needs of some priority countries.

3.5 The paper needs editing before it can be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

4. Ismaili Special Collections Unit (ISCU) - Manuscripts Analysis Report

4.1 The work done in the last year was discussed.

4.2 The paper should be edited before submission to the Board of Trustees.

5. Shii Studies Update

Present: Dr Gurdofarid Miskinzoda

5.1 It was noted that the unit has established its academic credentials in the field and its research output is gaining recognition.

5.2 The report should include information on the work of other Higher Education Institutions in the field.

5.3 The paper should be edited before submission to the Board of Trustees.

6. Any other business

6.1 A meeting with the Fondation de l'Islam de France will take place at the Aga Khan Centre on 15th January.

Selina K Ramji
IIS Board Secretary
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