

SECOND INFORMAL SIS FACULTY MEETING

1 December 2008 at 12 noon; Conference Room –I

Objectives

- To make sincere efforts to ensure that School springs back to its past glory.
- To make strong presence of the School in area studies as well as in functional centers.
- To tap, nurture and bring together considerable potential that remains scattered.
- To 'institutionalize' a faculty-led informal mechanism at the School level.
- To jettison sense of dejection and despair among many of the faculty members that adversely erodes the standing of the School.
- To project the School and showcase its vision for the coming years.

Nature of the Exercise

- The exercise could be in the form of a self-help open-ended SIS group of faculty members who have strong teaching and research interests.
- It will be devoid of any formal trappings that could stultify free exchange of views and ideas.
- Meet at least once in a month on the 'first working day'.

Concrete Steps

- Informal meet that provides avenue for interaction among the faculty members cutting across various centers and programs.
- Introduce and welcome any new colleagues who have joined the School.
- Possibility to formation of small *thematic groups* that provide hub for the faculty work [such as energy security, trade matters, strategic matters, environment etc.]
- New issues and programs that has societal relevance/contemporary concern.
- SIS position' on seminal issues of policy and concern at domestic as well as international level.
- To consider issues of sanitation, space, infrastructure and overall working environment.
- Any other issue that the faculty deems it fit to take up.

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