

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD IN THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE AT MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI, ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1995 AT 11.00 HOURS.

The following were present :

1. Prof. R.G. Iakwale, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Dr S.K. Gandhe
3. Prof. Rakesh Khurana
4. Prof. G.S. Rao
5. Prof. R.K. Grover
6. Prof. M.B. Menon
7. Prof. V.V. Mandke
8. Prof. R.K. Bose
9. Prof. Pandav Nayak
10. Prof. P.K. Dutta
11. Prof. M.M. Pant
12. Prof. (Mrs.) Prabha Chawla
13. Dr. R. Satyanarayana
14. Prof. T.S. Dhar
15. Prof. (Mrs.) Asha Kanwar
16. Dr. (Mrs) Madhulika Kaushik
17. Dr. (Mrs.) Geeta Kaicker
18. Shri Akshay Kumar
19. Shri C.R. Pillai
20. Shri D.C. Pant, Acting Registrar - Secretary

Shri P.K. Mehta was present by special invitation.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Dy. Registrar (Gov.) was present to assist the Secretary.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the vice Chancellor informed that the following 16 members have retired from the membership, having completed their tenure:

1. Prof. H.P. Dikshit
2. Prof. C.L. Anand
3. Dr. K. Gopalan
4. Prof. M.V. Eylee
5. Dr. M. Shanmugham
6. Dr. Harcharan Singh
7. Prof. Sushila Kaushik
8. Shri I.P. Anand
9. Shri Iarun Das
10. Prof. S. Bashiruddin
11. Prof. D.K. Sharma
12. Prof. A.B. Bose
13. Dr. Shobita Jain
14. Dr. S.P. Parashar
15. Dr. V.D. Madan
16. Shri S. Peppin
17. Prof. B.N. Kouli

The Academic Council placed on record its deep appreciation for the contribution made by the above members to the deliberations of the Academic Council.

The Vice-Chancellor extended a cordial welcome to the following new members:

1. Prof. Rakesh Khurana
2. Prof. (Mrs.) Prabha Chawla
3. Prof. (Mrs.) Asha Kanwar
4. Dr. (Mrs.) Madhulika Kaushik
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Geeta Kaicker
6. Shri Akshay Kumar
7. Shri C.R. Pillai

The following items were considered:-

ITEM NO. 1. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 11, 1994.

AC 12.1.1. The comments received from two members were considered and accepted by the Academic Council. Consequently, the following corrections are effected to the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Academic Council held on July 11, 1994:

1. Corrections suggested by one of the members:

- (i) Item No.3 - AC 11.3.1 (v) Page-5, paragraph 1 line No.6: The word "constitute" to be replaced by the word "contribute."
- (ii) Item No.3 - AC 11.3.1 (vi) Page-5, paragraph 2 line No.3: Add the words "of the proposed course" at the end of the para.
- (iii) Appendix 1, Page-9, Item (iii): The second sentence "During these four the University" be replaced with the following:

A re-registration fee of Rs.50/- will have to be paid for every year during which the student intends to be active during those four calendar years or till the courses / programme is completed successfully. The reregistration fee thus collected will, as a routine, be passed on to the Admission Division for further action.

2. The following para be added immediately before the sentence "the following items were considered" on page 1 of the Minutes:

The Academic Council placed on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by the

ITEM NO. 2. TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 9 (1)(viii).

AC 12.2.1. The Proposal for co-option of members under the Provisions of Statute 9 (1) (viii) was considered. The Academic Council co-opted the following persons representing the broad areas mentioned against each:-

Academic - Dr. V. G. Kuikarni
Prof. U.R. Ananthamurthy
Prof. Namwar Singh

Professional - Shri Tushar Shah
Prof. Deodar

Communication - Dr. K. Subramanian
Field Mr. B.S. Bhatia

Industry/ - Dr. Arun Guha
Commerce Dr. D.K. Modi

ITEM NO. 3. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE FOR THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN TOURISM STUDIES.

AC 12.3.1. The proposal on the course content and structure for the Diploma Programme in Tourism Studies was considered. The Council was informed that the above programme was considered and approved by the Planning Board. Responding to the clarifications sought on the functions of the Planning Board vis-a-vis the Academic Council, the Vice Chancellor stated that the Planning Board basically approves the structure, concept, viability and the target group. A Programme intends to serve within the broad policies of the University. While other relevant details such as course content etc. are considered by the Academic Council. In this context he stated that a comprehensive policy note will be placed before the next meeting of the Planning Board specifying the areas of operation of the Planning Board, the Academic Council and the School Boards so that a standardised pattern is evolved.

AC 12.3.2. In the course of the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:-

- There appears to be some measure of similarity between the DTS and the Management Course. It was

clarified that there is no overlapping between Tourism Courses and the Management Courses but if any specific suggestion is made it would be considered.

- The Programme should reflect the linguistic diversity of the country.

- It was clarified in response to a query that the evaluation procedures will be in accordance with the provisions in the ordinance.

AC 12.3.3. With the above observations, the Academic Council approved the Diploma programme in Tourism Studies.

ITEM NO. 4. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE FOR THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN CONSUMER STUDIES.

AC 12.4.1. On a request from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pandav Nayak briefly explained the salient features of the proposal. In the course of the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the Planning Board had earlier considered the proposal but gave its approval for launching the programme as an awareness programme to begin with and consider the possibility of offering it as a certificate programme later. A view was also expressed whether the programme could be developed into an eight credit course and offered as an Application Oriented Course as part of the BDP Programme. After detailed discussion, the Academic Council accepted the suggestions made by the Planning Board and decided that the proposed programme be offered as an awareness programme. If considered necessary, the four credit awareness programme could be extended and offered as an eight credit application oriented programme.

ITEM NO. 5. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONTENT AND COURSE STRUCTURE FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAMME IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (B.ED.).

AC 12.5.1. Prof. M.B. Menon briefly introduced the proposal. He presented the programme structure for approval. Content outline for five core courses and two content based methodology courses were put before the Council for approval. Content outline of other courses will be placed before the Academic Council later.

AC 12.5.2. In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:-

- Is it worthwhile to launch a B.Ed. programme when the statistics reveal that, with the

exception of the East and the North East, the teachers in the rest of the country already possess B.Ed. Degree to the extent of 90 per cent.

- It may be advisable to concentrate the efforts on the States where there is shortage of trained teachers.

- The National Council of Teacher Education favours institutional mode of teaching rather than the distance mode, and therefore, it may be desirable to have regular interaction with NCTE;

- The Programme is envisaged for untrained teachers in recognised schools; what about untrained teachers in the unrecognised schools.

- Standards in the Programmes of B.Ed. offered by different universities vastly differ; in this context, IGNOU has a major responsibility in setting standards to prove the point that professional education can be offered through distance mode at par with the conventional system.

- To a query, Prof. M.B. Menon responded saying that constant monitoring will be maintained once the programme is launched and for this purpose the required manpower needs to be augmented.

- There was a strong emphasis in the potential of distance mode in offering quality courses in professional education.

AC 12.5.3.

The Academic Council considered and approved the B.Ed. Programme structure as presented. The Council also approved the content outline of the five Core Courses and the two content based methodology courses and noted that the content outline of the other courses will be presented to the Academic Council later.

ITEM NO. 8.

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RELAXATION IN ADMISSIONS TO THE KASHMIRI MIGRANTS IN THE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES.

AC 12.8.1.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in deciding upon lower cut-off points for the admission of Kashmiri migrant students into the MBA Programme at par with the reserved category.

ITEM NO. 7. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO RULE 4 OF ORDINANCE ON CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR INDIVIDUAL COURSES IN COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EXECUTED BY IGNOU WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES.

AC 12.7.1. The Vice Chancellor explained the need for amending Rule 4 of the Ordinances on conduct of examinations and evaluation of student's performance concerning the eligibility of students registered for individual courses in the context of the MOUs signed by IGNOU with other universities/institutions. The Academic Council approved the addition of the following additional paragraph under the existing para under Rule 4.

"However, the students, who take admission to some individual courses in January/July Semester as per terms of any MOU executed by IGNOU with any other University or accredited institution, will be allowed to appear in term-end examination of June/December respectively of the same year so as to enable them to complete the pre-requisite course for their degrees/diplomas from the respective Universities/accredited institutions."

ITEM NO. 8. TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DEGREES/DIPLOMAS.

AC 12.8.1. The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in according mutual recognition of the degrees/diplomas as indicated below:-

| Sl. No. | Name of the University | Degrees/Diplomas considered equivalent to those of IGNOU |
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| 1. | Utkal University Bhubaneswar | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Commerce Master of Business Admn. |
| 2. | Punjab Agriculture Univ Ludhiana | Master of Business Admn. |
| 3. | Vinoba Bhave University Hazaribag | All degrees |
| 4. | University of Kerala Thiruvananthapuram | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Commerce Master of Business Admn. |

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| 5. | Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya Satna (MP) | All degrees |
| 6. | Gujarat University Ahmedabad | Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Lib. Inf. So. |
| 7. | Madurai Kamaraj Univ. | Master of Business Adm. |

ITEM NO. 9. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EQUIVALENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13.7.94.

AC 12.9.1. The Academic Council considered and approved the Minutes of the Equivalence Committee Meeting held on June 13, 1994.

ITEM NO. 10. TO REPORT ON THE SIXTH CONVOCATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 1995.

AC 12.10.1. The Academic Council noted that the Sixth Convocation of the University will be held on May 8, 1995 at which Hon'ble Shri Madhavrao Scindia, Union Minister of Human Resource Development will be the Chief Guest and deliver the convocation address.

AC 12.10.2. The Academic Council approved the awarding of degrees/diplomas to the eligible students of various programmes and the awarding of Gold Medals to eligible students, the details of which are given in the Statement placed at Appendix 1 and 2.

ITEM NO. 11. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS.

AC 12.11.1. The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for conducting only one examination in December in respect of the following Programmes taking into account the poor percentage of students taking these examinations in June:-


1. Diploma in Rural Development
2. Diploma in Distance Education
3. Diploma in Creative Writing in English
4. Diploma in Creative Writing in Hindi
5. Diploma in Higher Education
6. M.A. in Distance Education.

AC 12.11.2. The Academic Council also decided that examinations in respect of Certificate in Guidance and Certificate in Food and Nutrition or any other Programme which is of six months duration be held only in June and not in December.

ITEM NO.12. TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EXEMPTIONS FROM SUBMISSION OF PROJECT REPORTS FOR APPLICATION ORIENTED COURSES IN HUMAN ENVIRONMENT IN RESPECT OF STUDENTS QUALIFYING FOR THE BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMME 1993-94.

AC.12.12.1. The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting exemptions from submission of project reports for application oriented courses in Human Environment in respect of students qualifying for the Bachelor Degree Programme 1993-94.

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



(R.G. TAKWALE)
VICE-CHANCELLOR