

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2014 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, DR. RADHAKRISHNAN BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.**

The Sixty Second Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Room, Dr. Radhakrishnan Block, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068. The Meeting was attended by the following:

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| 1. Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor            | - Chairperson       |
| 2. Prof. Sushma Yadava, Pro- Vice-Chancellor  | - Ex-officio Member |
| 3. Prof. P. Prakash, Pro-Vice-Chancellor      | - Ex-officio Member |
| 4. Prof. Sunaina Kumar, Director, SOH         | - Ex-officio Member |
| 5. Prof. D. Gopal, Director, SOSS             | - Ex-officio Member |
| 6. Prof. N. K. Dash, Director, SOE            | - Ex-officio Member |
| 7. Prof. Vijayshri, Director, SOS             | - Ex-officio Member |
| 8. Prof. S. Srilata, Director, SOMS           | - Ex-officio Member |
| 9. Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Director, SOCE        | - Ex-officio Member |
| 10. Prof. T. K. Jena, Director, SOHS          | - Ex-officio Member |
| 11. Mr. Shashi Bhushan, Director, SOCIS       | - Ex-officio Member |
| 12. Prof. Subhasis Maji, Director, SOET       | - Ex-officio Member |
| 13. Dr. S. K. Yadav, Director, SOA            | - Ex-officio Member |
| 14. Dr. A. K. Gaba, Director, SOVET           | - Ex-officio Member |
| 15. Dr. Kiron Bansal, Director, SOJNMS        | - Ex-officio Member |
| 16. Prof. Kapil Kumar, Director, SOTHSSM      | - Ex-officio Member |
| 17. Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW     | - Ex-officio Member |
| 18. Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Director, SOGDS     | - Ex-officio Member |
| 19. Dr. Nehal A. Farooquee, Director, SOEDS   | - Ex-officio Member |
| 20. Dr. Sushant Kumar Mishra, SOFL            | - Ex-officio Member |
| 21. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapoor, Director, SOITS | - Ex-officio Member |
| 22. Dr. A. K. Singh, Director, SOTST          | - Ex-officio Member |
| 23. Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Librarian           | - Ex-officio Member |
| 24. Prof. Pushplata Tripathi, Registrar, SED  | - Ex-officio Member |
| 25. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD          | - Ex-officio Member |
| 26. Prof. J. M. Parakh, SOH                   | - Member            |
| 27. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, SOSS                | - Member            |
| 28. Prof. Sujatha Verma, SOS                  | - Member            |
| 29. Dr. R. Satyanaryana, STRIDE               | - Member            |

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| 30. Dr. S. K. Vyas, SOET                    | - | Member           |
| 31. Dr. Biplab Jamatia, SOHS                | - | Member           |
| 32. Dr. Suneet Kashyap, SOL                 | - | Member           |
| 33. Dr. Rukshana Zaman, SOSS                | - | Member           |
| 34. Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, IUC          | - | Member           |
| 35. Prof. C. R. K. Murthy, Director, STRIDE | - | Member           |
| 36. Dr. Gulab Jha, Regional Director, Noida | - | Member           |
| 37. Dr. Asad Nizam, Deputy Director, EMPC   | - | Member           |
| 38. Prof. Joseph Doriraj                    | - | Member           |
| 39. Prof. V. R. Panchmukhi                  | - | Member           |
| 40. Prof. Nitin Madhusudan Nagarkar         | - | Member           |
| 41. Prof. Man Mohan Singh                   | - | Member           |
| 42. Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram             | - | Member           |
| 43. Dr. B. K. Gairola                       | - | Member           |
| 44. Dr. K. K. Chakravarty                   | - | Member           |
| 45. Dr. George Mathew                       | - | Member           |
| 46. Prof. K. Sudha Rao                      | - | Member           |
| 47. Prof. Debal K. SinghaRoy                | - | Member Secretary |

Dr. Lakshaman Prasad attended the meeting on behalf of Dr. Govindaraju Bhardwaja, Director, SOPVA.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Prof. Vinay Srivastava, Prof. S. E. Hassain, Prof. Indu Agnihotri, Prof. R. G. Harshe and Dr. D. N. Reddy could not attend the meeting.

Shri K. D. Sharma, Consultant and Mrs. Sadhna Malhotra, Assistant Registrar, ACD were present to assist the Member Secretary.

The Chairperson welcomed the Members of the Academic Council to its 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting particularly new Members of the Academic Council and made a special mention of the Members, which among others included Prof. Joseph Doriraj, Prof. V. R. Panchmukhi, Prof. Nitin Madhusudan Nagarkar, Prof. Man Mohan Singh, Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram, Dr. B. K. Gairola, Dr. K. K. Chakravarty, Dr. George Mathew, Prof. K. Sudha Rao, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Prof. Sushma Yadava, Prof. P. Prakash, Pro Vice Chancellors, Prof. Sunaina Kumar, Director, SOH, Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, IUC, Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Librarian, who joined this Meeting for the first time.

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Before the Agenda Items were presented to the Academic Council for consideration, the Chairman made a brief presentation on the important activities undertaken by the University and its mandate. He referred to the preamble of the IGNOU Act which states, "an Act to establish and incorporate an Open University at the national level for introduction and promotion of Open University and Distance Education System in the educational pattern of the country". He also referred to the Clause 2(e) of the Act where Distance Education has been defined as, "Distance Education Systems means the system of imparting education through any means of communication such as broadcasting, telecasting, correspondence courses, seminars, contact programmes or the combination of any two or more such means". He further stated that High Power Committee report has further reaffirmed the mandate of IGNOU to offer its programmes through ODL mode only. He elaborated the strategies adopted so far by IGNOU to achieve its primary goal of advancing and disseminating learning and knowledge by a diversity of means, including the use of state of the art communication technology; to provide opportunities for higher education to a large segment of population, to promote the educational well being of the community, to encourage the Open University and Distance Education Systems in the educational pattern of the country. The Chairperson also apprised the members about the new steps those are put in place by the University to meet its objectives.

The members of the Academic Council highly appreciated the presentation made and the view expressed by the Chairman and assured him of their full cooperation in steering the proceedings of the Academic Council to a meaningful end. The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda for the Meeting. The following Agenda Items were placed in the Meeting by the Member Secretary for consideration and approval:

**ITEM NO. 1      To confirm the Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 and to note the Action Taken thereon**

AC 62.1.1      The Member Secretary informed that Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council were circulated among the Members. No major comments were received except a few comments from Director, School of Sciences which related to the typographical errors in the Minutes, which were taken in to consideration.

AC 62.1.2 Regarding Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council a member made a reference to Item No. 30 of the Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding nomenclature of Master Degree Programme of Tourism. It was explained that the matter would be examined by the Committee constituted to look into the matters related to location of disciplines and other related issues. There was also a reference made to Item No. 46 of ATR regarding Academic Counselors being assigned the work of evaluators. The Registrar, Student Evaluation Division (SED) explained that the action has been taken by the SED after taking into consideration the list of new panel of evaluators in the light of the decision taken by the University.

AC 62.1.3 The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 as provided in **Annexure-1** and noted the action taken thereon.

**ITEM NO. 2 To approve the minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 and Adjourned Meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

AC 62.2.1 The 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and the Adjourned Meeting on 07<sup>th</sup> November 2013 respectively. The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the Academic Council Standing Committee were circulated to the Members of the Standing Committee. The observations were received from Director, School of Health Sciences on Item Nos. 24, 29 and 30. Academic Council considered the observations of Director, School of Health Sciences and agreed for rectification of the typographical errors in the Minutes. On the issue of attachment of Safdarjung Hospital with IGNOU, the Academic Council after a brief discussion felt that Safdarjung Hospital be attached as a special Programme/Study Centre so that there is uniformity in the delivery mechanism of the Programmes in the University. However, keeping in view specific programme requirements of the School of Health Sciences, details and functional utility of

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attachment of Safdarjung Hospital could be worked out by the School for approval of the Vice-Chancellor and reported in the next meeting.

Regarding Item No. 45, Director of the School of Education pointed out that not a 'course' but a component is to be added for Certificate Programme for Professional Development for Primary Teachers on Value Education.

AC 62.2.2

After brief discussion the Academic Council approved the Minutes of its Standing Committee as placed at **Annexure-2** with the above mentioned amendments.

**ITEM NO. 3**

**To consider and Approve the Award of Post Graduate/Bachelor Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, MPhil and PhD Degrees in the 27<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

AC 62.3.1.

The Registrar, Student Evaluation Division informed the Academic Council that the 27<sup>th</sup> Convocation of IGNOU is scheduled to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The main venue will be at IGNOU Headquarters, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. Simultaneously, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates will also be awarded at 53 Regional Centres.

The Registrar (SED) also informed the Academic Council that keeping in view the large number of students being awarded degrees and diplomas, function at IGNOU Headquarters will be confined to award the MPhil and PhD Degrees, Gold Medals and other Special Awards. The Academic Council was also informed that the students are being encouraged for their participation in the Convocation function held at the Regional Centres.

The Programme-wise list of eligible students for award of Post Graduate, Bachelor Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates, MPhil and PhD Degrees in the Convocation numbering 2,38,256 was placed before the Academic Council for approval.

AC 62.3.2

The Academic Council resolved to approve the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates as per the list as given in **Annexure-3**.

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**ITEM NO. 4 To consider the recommendations of the High Power Committee appointed by the Board of Management in its 111<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

AC 62.4.1. The Board of Management at its 111<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2012 authorized the Vice-Chancellor to appoint a High Power Committee including one or two members from BOM on it to review the role of IGNOU as mandated, examine the entire gamut of issues and trade-off between quality and quantity as per the Act and make appropriate recommendations. Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. G. Takwale, Former Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU and former Chairman NAAC. The report of the Committee was placed before the 113<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012.

The Board approved the report and observed that the Mandate of the University was to offer the Programmes/Courses through ODL Mode only and therefore, IGNOU needs to focus on Distance Education only. The Board further observed that in order to ensure that the University is not reduced to a Degree/Diploma/Certificate distributing institution, it is necessary that the issues raised in the Committee Report are given proper attention and MOUs are signed only with well established institutions of repute. This is required to ensure that the credibility of the University is not lowered in the eyes of the public.

The Board of Management directed the University to implement these recommendations. In order to implement the decisions, a number of Committees were constituted to look into the various issues as raised by the High Power Committee and to make specific recommendations. The recommendations made by these Committees were considered by the Board of Management and actions have been taken accordingly.

AC 62.4.2 The Academic Council noted with satisfaction that there is now a clarity in the mandate given to IGNOU and appreciated the steps taken for the implementation of recommendations made by the High Power Committee and subsequent various Committees after approval by the Board of Management.

**ITEM NO. 5 To consider constitution of a Committee to have a Fresh Look at the School of Studies, keeping in view the present functions scope of expansion and allocation of Disciplines among the various Schools of Studies**

AC 62.5.1

The Academic Council was informed that the 11<sup>th</sup> Five year plan period witnessed huge expansion of academic programmes and activities. 10 new Schools were established and 12 more Centres were added. While Schools were established through amendment to the statute, all the new Centres were established with the approval of the Board of Management with no statutory sanction for their creation, or to define their powers and functions. Many of these Centres began to offer academic programmes which were not in conformity with the provisions of IGNOU Act, Statutes and Ordinances. As a result there was overlapping of activities of the different Schools of Studies and Centres which affected the functioning of the Schools of Studies and at times created a lot of confusion. At the same time new disciplines were added and no set procedure followed in assignment of these disciplines. A number of these Centres have now been closed.

It is now felt that it is high time that the University should have a fresh look at the Schools of Studies, keeping in view the present functions, scope of expansion and allocation of Disciplines among the various Schools of Studies.

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The Academic Council discussed this issue in detail and it was agreed that before a main committee is constituted a Committee consisting of internal members be constituted by the University to review in detail the various aspects involved. The report of the Internal Committee can then be placed before the main Committee for making its recommendations to the Academic Council.

AC 62.5.3

The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute these Committees. These Committees will focus on the following issues:

1. To have a fresh look at the Schools of Studies keeping in view their present functions, scope of expansion as well as viability.

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2. To recommend measures to be taken to rationalize the activities of Schools of Studies.
3. To examine allocation and relocation of Disciplines among the Schools of Studies to avoid the overlapping of programmes and activities.
4. Any other term of reference to be added by the Vice Chancellor.

**ITEM NO. 6 To consider the Report of the Committee on Modifying/Restructuring of IGNOU Bachelor Preparatory Programme (BPP) and Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP)**

AC 62.6.1 The Academic Council was informed that a need was felt for taking a fresh look at the existing Bachelor Preparatory (BP) and Bachelor Degree (BD) Programmes so that these programmes become relevant to contemporary social situation and assume employment-orientation. Since these programmes are nearly two decades old, modifications and structural readjustments in these programmes had become an urgent necessity. As against the above a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. B. N. Koul to make recommendations for modifying/restructuring the BP and BD Programmes. The report is placed at **Annexure-4**.

AC 62.6.2 The Academic Council considered the report and appreciated the initiative taken by the University in modifying/restructuring of IGNOU Bachelor Preparatory and Bachelor Degree Programmes and approved the following:

1. Restructuring of Bachelor Degree Programme, in principle.
2. Giving an option to the existing students of Bachelor Degree Programme to take up any of the electives from the identified basket of the Vocational Courses from the existing Elective Courses as optional electives till such time the scheme takes final shape.

**ITEM NO. 7 To consider the Formulation of Technology Enabled Education Group (TEEG)**

AC 62.7.1 The Academic Council was informed that there are various Centers/Units established from time to time which are directly or indirectly related with

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providing technology enabled educational support and management to various educational interventions initiated by the University from time to time. Over a period of time it has been observed that there is a lot of ICT overlapping among these Centers/Units which results not only into duplication but also hinders streamlining of the use of ICT in providing various ODL interventions. In order to overcome these problems it is proposed to formulate a Technology Enabled Education Group (TEEG) as an umbrella within which the activities of these various Centers and Units will get coordinated and unified towards cumulative impact and also promote ICT enabled educational support and management including for those activities which are web based. Currently at IGNOU there are four units IUC, NCIDE, NCDS and e-Gyankosh and the core competencies of these units are as follows:

- **IUC** : Inter University Collaboration, and E-learning
- **NCIDE** : Incubation & Nurturing Innovations, and providing Innovative Learning and Support Solutions
- **NCDS** : Capacity Building and Research & Development in Disability. Action research on use and maintenance of Assistive Devices.
- **e-Gyankosh**: All the roles of a virtual campus and a platform for technological support to the entire university

These units also have some common areas of interest in which potential collaborations between them are possible to achieve synergistic development of ODL technologies and research. Along with carrying out work within their core focal areas, these units can make use of the capabilities of partner units to strengthen the activities within TEEG. In order to streamline possible overlaps and strengthen common areas these units may be re-aligned under the common umbrella of TEEG. The TEEG will also be made responsible to provide policy guidelines for all the ICT interventions in the University.

AC 62.7.2

The Academic Council after discussion approved the following proposal:

1. The four Units (IUC, NCIDE, NCDS and E-Gyankosh), while keeping

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intact their core competencies will work in collaboration on common areas under the larger TEEG umbrella. The flowchart for the proposal is attached in **Annexure-5**.

2. Technology Enabled Education Group (TEEG) will be headed by a very senior person of the rank of an Advisor ICT, IGNOU to provide leadership and guidance.

**ITEM NO.8 To reconstitute the Standing Committee of the Academic Council and to revisit its Role**

AC 62.8.1 The Secretary informed the Council that over the years the university has experienced the proliferation of a number new School of Studies and development of new academic programmes and courses in diverse areas of specialization. This has led to the manifold increase of the activities and responsibilities of the Academic Council. It was pointed out that way back in 2001 to facilitate a detailed discussion the Academic Council in its 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2001 had approved the formation of a Standing Committee of the Academic Council to examine the proposal of academic programmes in detail before they are placed in the Academic Council and had authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Standing Committee of 9 to 11 Members. Accordingly the first Standing Committee of the Academic Council was constituted in 2001 with the Vice Chancellor as the Chairperson, Six Directors of the School of Studies, one Professor from STRIDE, one Reader, one Lecturer, and Director Academic Coordination as members with tenure of two years and the Registrar Administration as the Member Secretary. In its 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006 the composition of the Standing Committee was changed with Vice Chancellor as the Chairperson, Pro-Vice Chancellor(s) in-charge of School of Studies – as Ex-officio members, Five Directors of the School of Studies (on rotation), Three Teachers (one each from Professor, Reader and Lecturer category), Two Heads of Divisions as members with a tenure of one year and the Director Academic Coordination as the Member Secretary. In 2010 the composition of the Standing Committee

was again changed by introducing a provision for the co-option of two members of the Academic Council who are not the employees of the University to it. The term of the co-opted members was co-terminus with their membership of Academic Council. In view of the massive expansion of the academic activities in the recent past a need is felt that the composition, tenure and role of Standing Committee be revisited by the Academic Council.

AC 62.8.2

After discussion the Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to reconstitute the Standing Committee with the Vice Chancellor as the Chairperson, Pro-Vice Chancellors in-charge of School of Studies – as Ex-officio members, Five Directors of the School of Studies (on rotation), Three Teachers (one each from Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor category), Two Heads of Divisions with a tenure of one year and Two members of the Academic Council who are not employees of IGNOU to be co-opted for the specific meeting depending upon the expertise needed in specific areas to be discussed in each Meeting on rotational basis and the Director, Academic Coordination as the Member Secretary. The Council further decided that only those issues which are of routine nature i.e. approval of Phase Forms related to initiation, launching, revision and modification of programmes/courses etc. be taken up by the Standing Committee leaving policy matters for deliberations by the Academic Council. It was also decided that the recommendations of the Academic Council Standing Committee in respect of above matters be implemented and subsequently reported to the Academic Council to avoid delays.

**ITEM NO. 9 To consider and approve the proposal for the formulation of a policy for Revision of Courses in the University**

AC 62.9.1

The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Planning Board of the University in its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting held on April 4, 2005 had decided that 'every programme should be revisited for revision with an interval of every five year for updating and improvement'. Though many Schools of Studies do initiate course revision activities, a broad policy

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framework for the same is conspicuously missing. The Council felt the need for a comprehensive framework for course revision in IGNOU.

AC 62.9.2

The Academic Council discussed the matter in detail and decided that the generic policy for revision of programmes and courses in the University need to be reviewed with the help of a Committee to:

1. Lay down the criteria for revision such as framework, parameters, etc.
2. Decide the parameters of minor revision and major revision.
3. Fix the duration of minor/major revision if necessary.
4. Suggest the modalities of revision including the procedure to be followed.
5. Rates of honorarium to be paid to the experts for the review and undertaking the task of revision
6. Examine other related issues, if any.

The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee with the above terms of reference to look into the policy for revision of the programme and courses in the University.

**ITEM NO. 10 To consider and approve the Guidelines for conducting Written Examination for the Persons with Disabilities issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs**

AC 62.10.1

The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India has issued Guidelines for conducting examination for persons with disabilities to ensure compliance to the order of the Hon'ble Court of Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), Government of India. The Guidelines are provided in **Annexure-6**. The Council was informed that the University has been providing facilities for examination for the persons with disability as per the provisions as stipulated in the Chapter 12 titled 'Special Provisions for Students with Disabilities in Admissions and



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Examinations' of Student Evaluation Division's (SED) Manual for examination.

AC 62.10.2 After discussion, the Academic Council reiterated the commitment of the University for the educational wellbeing of the persons with disabilities and resolved to include the guidelines as received from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs in the Chapter 12 of the SED Manual for examination.

**ITEM NO. 11 To approve the Award of MPhil Degree to 08 Students and PhD Degree to 28 Students, whose Evaluation Reports are satisfactory and have been recommended to Award the MPhil and PhD Degree**

AC 62.11.1 The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Vice Chancellor has accepted the recommendations of the External Evaluators and the Board of Examiners of various Disciplines across the Schools of Studies for the award of MPhil Degree to 08 students and PhD degree to 28 students whose names are provided in **Annexure-7**.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the Evaluation Reports of the above students and approved awarding the MPhil Degree to 08 students and PhD degree to 28 students as per details in **Annexure-7**.

**ITEM NO. 12 To consider and approve the reduction of late fee from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 300/- for the Admission from July 2014 Cycle**

AC 62.12.1 The Secretary informed the Academic Council that a number of students especially from economically weaker sections and also from far flung areas represented to the University requesting for reducing the late fee of Rs. 500/- being charged by the University from July 2013 cycle of admission. It was also brought to the notice of the Council that the Admission Committees of the University in its Meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> April 2014 has deliberated at length on this issue and recommended that the late fee be reduced to Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three Hundred Only) from July 2014 cycle of admission.



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AC 62.12.2

Reiterating the University's commitment for the educational wellbeing of the marginalized sections of the society the Academic Council approved the proposal for reducing the late fee from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 300/- from July 2014 cycle of admission and onwards.

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

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Chairperson

  
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Sl. No.	Item No.	Title of the Agenda Item	Action Taken by the Schools/Divisions/Centres
1.	62.1	To confirm the Minutes of the 61 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 and to note the Action Taken thereon	Noted
2.	62.2	To approve the Minutes of the 37 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee held on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 and Adjourned Meeting held on 07 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	Noted
3.	62.3	To consider and approve the Award of Post Graduate/Bachelor Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, MPhil and PhD Degrees in the 27 <sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held on 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	The Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates numbering 2,38,256 as approved by the Academic Council have been awarded in the 27 <sup>th</sup> Convocation held on 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2014.
4.	62.4	To consider the recommendations of the High Power Committee appointed by the Board of Management in its 111 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	Noted
5.	62.5	To consider constitution of a Committee to have a Fresh Look at the School of Studies, keeping in view the present functions scope of expansion and allocation of Disciplines among the various Schools of Studies	A Committee consisting of internal members has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. C. Garg with the term of reference as approved by the Academic Council has been constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The Committee has submitted its Report which is under examination.
6.	62.6	To consider the Report of the Committee on Modifying/Restructuring of IGNOU Bachelor Preparatory Programme (BPP) and Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP)	The approval of the Academic Council for the Bachelor Degree Programme Coordination Committee for implementation along with a copy of the Report of the Committee has been communicated for further action.
7.	62.7	To consider the Formulation of Technology Enabled Education Group (TEEG)	The Technology Enabled Education Group has been established by the University and a Senior Consultant has been appointed and joined the Group.
8.	62.8	To reconstitute the Standing Committee of the Academic Council and to revisit its Role	The ACSC has been reconstituted as per the decision of the Academic Council as per the authorization of the Academic Council. A Meeting of the ACSC was held and the Academic Council considered only those issues which are of routine nature as per the directions of the Academic Council.
9.	62.9	To consider and approve the proposal for the formulation of a policy for Revision of Courses in the University	A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. A. R. Khan. The Committee has submitted its Report on formulation of policy for revision of Courses in the University. The Report is being placed before this Academic Council for consideration.

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10.	62.10	To consider and approve the Guidelines for conducting Written Examination for the Persons with Disabilities issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs	The approval of the Academic Council has been conveyed to Registrar, SED for inclusion of Guidelines of Ministry of Justice and Empowerment in the Chapter 12 of the SED Manual.
11.	62.11	To approve the Award of MPhil Degree to 08 Students and PhD Degree to 28 Students, whose Evaluation Reports are satisfactory and have been recommended to Award the MPhil and PhD Degree	Noted
12.	62.12	To consider and approve the reduction of late fee from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 300/- for the Admission from July 2014 Cycle	Noted

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