

Final Minutes

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

THE MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL OF SCIENCES HELD ON 9/7/90 AT 10.30 A.M.

Members Present

1. Prof. R.N. Mathur
Director
IGNOU
Chairman
2. Prof. U.C. Agarwala
Prof. of Chemistry
IIT
Kanpur
3. Prof. Y.R. Anuja
Dept. of Genetics
Osmania University
Hyderabad
4. Prof. K.B. Sinha
Indian Statistical Institute
New Delhi
5. Prof. Shakti R. Ahmed
School of Sciences
IGNOU
6. Prof. C.S. Moorthy
School of Engg. & Technology
IGNOU
7. Dr. M.M. Pant
Computer Division
IGNOU
8. Dr. S.S. Hasan
School of Sciences
IGNOU
9. Dr. B.S. Saraswat
School of Sciences
IGNOU
10. Dr. Kapil Kumar
School of Social Sciences
IGNOU

11. Dr. (Mrs.) Swadesh Taneja
School of Sciences
IGNOU
12. Dr. Vijayshree
School of Sciences
IGNOU
13. Dr. Parvin Sinclair
School of Sciences
IGNOU
14. Dr. Sunita Malhotra
School of Sciences
IGNOU

Dr. D.N. Mishra, Dr. D.P. Tewary, Dr. V.D. Madan & Dr. P.N. Pandit could not attend the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members and explained the reasons for calling this Emergency meeting. He informed the members that the University is likely to launch the B.Sc programme on pilot basis in a few selected study centres from January 1991. For this certain decisions regarding modalities of launching the programme have to be taken by the School Board.

ITEM NO .1

Criteria and process for admission through test or otherwise

In this connection the Board made the following recommendations:

(a) All students who have passed 10+2 or an equivalent examination with science subjects from any Indian or foreign Board/University would be eligible for admission.

(b) In case the number of eligible applicants is more than the number of seats available, then the admission will be done on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 examination or an equivalent thereof. (The merit list should be drawn up study centre-wise). For this purpose, marks in the best three subjects out of the following should be considered: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology and Computer Science. However, suitable relaxation could be given for people working in areas related to the disciplines being offered.

(c) In case some seats remain vacant at a study centre, the university reserves the right to reallocate/increase the cor-

responding number of seats at some other centre. Preference may be given to the geographically remote and educationally backward regions. The number of seats assigned for each region/study centre will determine the cut off percentage for it.

(d) Reservation of seats for candidates belonging to SC & ST will be according to Govt. of India rules. To the extent possible, special consideration shall be given to the disadvantaged groups of society like women.

ITEM NO. 2

Nature and Duration of the Orientation Programme

The Board recommended the proposal for theory & practical courses on the following lines :

1. For theory courses the orientation programme should be of two days duration. On the first day Distance Education experts should familiarize with this new system of education. The second day programme should include briefing about the course, its thrust, a mock counselling and assignment checking session etc.
2. For practicals, the orientation programme may be of four days duration (to be conducted in a laboratory). In this programme, the counsellors would be acquainted with our laboratory courses and will do the practicals. They will also be familiarised with the evaluation of these courses.

ITEM NO. 3

Criterion for initial selection of study centres

The members had detailed discussions about the Board's authority to give any decision on this item as per the Statutes. It was also brought to the notice of the Board that the Vice-Chancellor has already given approval for establishment of 25 study centres.

ITEM NO. 4

Choices of Disciplines

The Board approved the choices proposed in the agenda item, i.e., to get a B.Sc degree, a student should have a minimum of 48 credits in science electives. The total credits in electives can be spread over a maximum of 4 disciplines. To get a B.Sc degree, a student must take courses in a minimum of 2 Science disciplines. At least 25% of the elective credits in non-mathematics science courses (i.e. Life Science, Physics & Chemistry) must be from Lab courses.

ITEM NO. 5

Any other item :

In the second Board meeting, a sub committee of the Board was appointed, consisting of Prof. C.S. Morthy, Prof. Shakti R. Ahmed, Dr. Kapil Kumar & Dr. P.N. Pandit, to look into the Statute 10 A. As Dr. P.N. Pandit is on sabbatical leave, Dr. Parvin Sinclair's name was nominated to the sub-committee.

It was also suggested that the relevant decisions taken at various levels relating to the School should be circulated to all the members of the Board.

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

R. N. Mathur

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CHAIRMAN