

Minutes of the Fourth meeting of the Planning Board of Indira Gandhi National Open University held in the University's office at YMCA Cultural Centre, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001 on Monday, September 28, 1987 at 1100 hours.

The following were present :-

- Prof. C. Ram Reddy, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
- Prof. . Chandra, Member
- Prof. . Pyles, Member
- Prof. Shahid Firdiqui, Member
- Prof. . Sankappa, Member
- Dr. (Mrs) Jyoti H. Trivedi, Member
- Shri K. Narayanan, Member-Secretary

Prof. E.S. Sharma and Shri S.C. Vajpeyi, Pro-Vice-Chancellor attended by special invitation.

The following matters were considered :-

ITEM No 1. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON JULY 21, 1987

- 4.1.1. : The minutes of the Third meeting of the Planning Board held on July 21, 1987 were confirmed.
- 4.1.2. : Arising out of minutes, it was noted that the joint programme in International Business to be done in collaboration between Athabasca University, Canada and Indira Gandhi National Open University will form part of the management programmes of IGNOU either at Diploma or later Master's levels.
- 4.1.3. : It was decided that samples of lessons of the Undergraduate Programmes should be sent to the Planning Board members as soon as they are ready.
- 4.1.4. : It was suggested that the Planning Board members should be able to see the lessons and make comments. It was noted that this would be possible if the Board members indicate their areas of interest. However, it was decided that the Planning Board members, if possible, may give suggestions at the first draft stage for consideration of the experts.

ITEM No 2 TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AT EARLIER MEETINGS

- 4.2.1. : Noted
- 4.2.2. : While considering the action taken, the Planning Board noted that there will be a network of Open Universities in the country so that duplication is avoided in developing various courses and study materials. It was noted that under the network system, 60% of the material would be common and would be prepared by the ICNOU and leaving 40% of the material for State Open Universities specially

W cater to the local needs. The Chairman explained that a meeting between representative of the Department of Education, University Grants Commission and the Vice-Chancellor Indira Gandhi National Open University will be held soon and the modalities in regard to the funding, control over quality, avoidance of duplication of material etc. would be worked out.

- 3.1.3. : In regard to the continuance of correspondence education in existing Universities, the Chairman explained that possibly the institutions of correspondence education be wound up or merged with the State Open Universities as and when a State Open University is set up in a State.

Agenda No. 3 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SYLLABI FOR ELECTIVE COURSES IN HINDI FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM**

- 3.1.1. : The detailed syllabi for Elective Courses in Hindi as given in the agenda papers were approved.
- 3.1.2. : While considering the above, the Planning Board emphasised that publicity for the University's activities is to be stepped up to reach larger sections of the target audience. It was decided that each of the Planning Board members may prepare a write up in the concerned regional language with which he is conversant and get the same published in the major regional language newspapers/magazines as a promotional measure.
- 3.1.3. : The Planning Board also noted the suggestion that sufficient documentation of the activities of the University should be maintained so that a historical record is built up.
- 3.1.4. : The Planning Board also noted the suggestion that for Indians residing in Gulf countries who would like to avail of the programmes of Indira Gandhi National Open University, it was necessary to give enough publicity in this area in the local press.

Agenda No. 4 **TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION AND EXTENSION FOR SELF LEARNING**

- 4.1.1. : The Planning Board considered the interim report of the Expert Committee and thanked the Chairman of the Expert Committee and members for the recommendations contained therein. The Planning Board awaits the fuller and detailed report of the Committee. In the meanwhile, it was decided that the Chairman of the Expert Committee be requested to refer the proposals to the other Universities and Institutions for their comments and wherever possible, incorporate such comments in the final report.

ITEM No 5      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SYLLABI FOR VARIOUS  
COURSES OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

4.5.1.      The syllabi for the various courses of the  
Bachelor's degree programme placed on the table  
were considered. The Planning Board approved  
of the syllabi for the following courses:-

Preparatory Course in Social Sciences.

Preparatory Course in Commerce.

Preparatory Course in General Maths.

Foundation Course in Humanities & Social  
Sciences.

Foundation Course in English I & II.

Foundation Course in Science & Technology.

Foundation Course in Hindi.

Foundation course in MID languages  
(Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Urdu, Assamese,  
Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam  
and Oriya).

Core Course No I in English, Hindi,  
Economics, Political Science, Public  
Administration, History and Sociology.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting of the Planning  
Board will be held on December 28, 1967 at 1100 hours at  
New Delhi.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thank. to the Chair.

(G. Ram Reddy)  
Vice-Chancellor  
Chairman

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