

**Indira Candhi National Open University**  
**Planning & Development Division**

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on **05.04.2003** at **11.30 AM** in **Block No 8, Board Room, IGNOU.**

The Eighteenth Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) was held on **05.04.2003**. The following were present.

1. Prof. H.P. Dikshit	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. S.C. Garg	PVC	Member
3. Prof. A.K. Agarwal	Director, SOHS	Member
4. Dr. P.K. Mehta	Director, SR&ED	Member
5. Prof. Gracious Thomas	Director, SOCE	Member
6. Prof. Beena Shah	Director, P&DD	Member-Secretary.

Shri D. C. Pant, PVC attended the meeting as a special invitee. Dr. **M.K.Salooja** was present to assist the **Committee**.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the committee and requested Prof. S.C. Garg to present the agenda items in seriatim.

**APC 18.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Seventeenth APC meeting held on 21/02/2003**

**APC 18.1.1 The Minutes of the 17th APC meeting were sent to all the members on 21/02/2003. Since no comments had been received from the members, Prof. Garg proposed that the minutes be deemed confirmed as such. The members endorsed the proposal and the Minutes of the Seventeenth APC meeting were confirmed without any modification.**

**APC 18.1.2 Action taken Report on the minutes of the seventeenth meeting**

**Certificate Programme in "Micro-Energy Generation and Distribution Systems: Installation, Operation and Maintenance" and Diploma Programme in "Micro-Energy Generation and Distribution Systems: Installation, Operation and Maintenance" were approved in the 17th APC meeting with the suggestion that the School of Sciences should submit a project-proposal to Planning Commission for financial assistance under the "North-East Project". The proposal has been submitted to the Planning Commission.**

APC 18.2 **Phase-II Programme Concept Form of the 'Master of Technology in Construction Management'**

APC 18.2.1 **The item was** withdrawn.

APC 18.3 **Phase-II Programme Concept Form of "Diploma in Telecommunication"**

APC 18.3.1 Prof. S.C. Garg, PVC made a brief presentation highlighting the salient features of the programme. He pointed out that it was an emerging area and offers bright job prospects for the learners.

APC 18.3.2 While approving the programme, the committee suggested that the development of the programme be expedited.

APC 18.4 **Phase-II Programme Concept Form of "Post Graduate Diploma in Audio Programme Production"**

APC 18.4.1 Dr. Kiran Bansal, Programme Co-ordinator, made a brief presentation: She pointed out that the need survey analysis has been made and in view of the recent decision of Campus radio, the country would need a large trained workforce in this field.

APC 18.4.2 The Chairman emphasized the need to offer the programme w.e.f. July 2003 and include a module on installation, maintenance and handling, of a transmitter.

APC 18.4.3 The Committee approved the programme with the stipulation that English and Hindi versions shall be launched w.e.f. July 2003 and Jan. 2004, respectively. The Programme Co-ordinator was advised to make sure that all statutory formalities be completed and a separate advertisement be given, if necessary.

APC 18.5 **Phase-II Programme Concept Form of "Masters in Mathematics with Applications"**

APC 18.5.1 Dr. Atul Razdan, Programme Co-ordinator, made a brief presentation about the programme. He informed the Committee that books shall be prescribed for each course and wrap-around materials in the form of study guides shall be developed.

While appreciating the specialised nature and innovativeness of the programme, the committee suggested that (i) programme should have greater practical component and the kc should be determined accordingly. (ii) a PG Diploma with emphasis on computer application be developed initially, and (iii) possibilities for meeting the cost of textbooks be

explored. **The Chairman** very kindly agreed to **explore** the option of support from **National Board for Higher Mathematics (NBHM)**.

APC 18.6 **Phase-II Programme** Concept Form of **"Certificate** Programme in Proficiency in English".

APC 18.6.1 Dr. **Anju Sehgal Gupta** made a brief presentation about **the usefulness of the Programme**.

APC 18.6.2 The **Committee** desired that course **component** should be developed in a manner that **Audio/Video** support is **more than 50%**. Dr. **P.K. Mehta**, Director (**SR&ED**) volunteered to associate with **the** development of the programme.

APC 18.6.3 While approving the programme, the committee impressed upon the **Programme Co-ordinator** that it be launched from **Jan. 2004** and the schedule should be adhered to. The **Chairman** agreed to provide necessary support.

### **On Table Agenda Items**

APC 18.7 **Phase-II Form of "HRI-IGNOU Integrated Doctoral Programme in Mathematics" and "HRI-IGNOU Integrated Doctoral Programme in Physics"**.

APC 18.7 Prof. **S.C. Garg**, PVC apprised the members that the **University** has signed an **MOC** with **Harish Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad** to initially launch **Masters and Ph.D. programmes**. A **meeting of Joint Coordination and Implementation Committee** was held recently in **Allahabad**. Highlighting the salient features of the programme, Prof. Gary informed the members that (i) entrance to the programme shall be through a **joint test** conducted by **DAE** followed by **Face-to-Face interview**, (ii) **students with B.A./B.Sc.** shall be eligible for admission, (iii) **IGNOU** shall not incur any expenses as **HRI** shall bear **all development and delivery costs** and (iv) the faculty of **IGNOU** shall get **opportunity for professional development** while associating with **highly ranked researchers**.

AIC 18.7.2 The **APC** highly appreciated the initiative with **HRI**, an Institute of high repute. While approving the programme strongly, **APC** recommended that more such collaborations with leading institutions should be encouraged.

APC 18.8 **Phase-IV Form for Launch of "Postgraduate Diploma in Geriatric Medicine".**

APC 18.8.1 Prof. A.K. Agarwal apprised the committee that print materials of PGDGM are ready and identification of study centers/programme work centers before launch of the programme from Jan. . 2004 have been completed. He requested the committee to approve the programme for being put on offer.

APC 18.8.2 The APC approved the Programme for offer w.e.f. Jan 2004.

APC 18.9 **Phase-II Programme Concept form of "PG Diploma in Educational Management"**

APC 18.9.1 Dr. Vibha Joshi, Programme Co-ordinator made the brief presentation about the programme before the committee.

APC 18.9.2 The committee advised the Programme Co-ordinator to redesign the courses keeping in view the activities of Academic Staff Colleges of UGC, so that, these could be used for orientation programmes and refresher courses by the Academic Staff Colleges.

The Committee also advised the Programme Co-ordinator to see the learning material of the Programme developed by the Commonwealth Secretariat for Principals and Head Teachers.

APC 18.9.3 The committee advised the Programme Co-ordinator to resubmit Phase-II form.

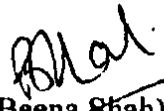
APC 18.10 **Phase-II Programme Concept Form of "Post Graduate Diploma in Environment and Sustainable Development".**

APC 18.10.1 Prof. S.C. Garg, PVC apprised the committee that this programme is to be developed on the CEM PA-CEMBA model in collaboration with BRAOU, Hyderabad; Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan; Open University Sri Lanka (OUSL), Colombo; BOU (Bangladesh Open University), Gazipur; Bangladesh and Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), University Dhaka. He also informed the members that he is content co-ordinator for the entire programme and that SOUs in India have also shown interest to adapt the programmes in regional languages. The programme development shall be funded by South Asia Foundation, which is a secular organisation committed to peace and development in the SAARC region.

**APC 18.10.2 While approving the programme, the committee advised that the University should sign an MOU with SAF before getting funds**

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

**Issued after approval by the Vice-Chancellor.**

  
**(Beena Shah)**  
**Member-Secretary**