

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

**Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 08.09.2005 at 16.00 Hrs., Block No 8, Board Room, IGNOU, New Delhi.**

In the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on **08/09/2005**, following were present.

1. Prof. H.P. Dikshit	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. S.C. Garg	PVC	Member
3. Dr. C.K. Ghosh	Director, RSD	Member
4. Prof. J.M. Parakh	Director, SOH	Member
5. Prof. U.Kanjilal	Librarian	Member
6. Dr. Srikanth Mohapatra	Registrar, SR&E	Member
7. Prof. Beena Shah	Director, P&DD	Member-Secretary.

Prof. K.K. Agarwal and Prof. Pardeep Sahni could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation. Mr. R.Sudarsan was present in the meeting to assist the Director (P&DD).

Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor, welcomed all the Members. He then requested Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice Chancellor, to take the agenda items.

**26.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty fifth APC meeting held on 15/03/2005 and the action taken thereof.**

**26.1.1** Prof. S.C. Garg, PVC, informed the members that the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> APC meeting were sent to all the members on **29/03/2005**. Since no comments had been received from the members, he proposed that the minutes may be confirmed as such. He also requested the members to note the Action Taken on the comments for the items of the **25<sup>th</sup>** APC meeting.

**26.1.2** The Minutes of the **25<sup>th</sup>** APC were confirmed as circulated and the committee noted the action taken reports received from different schools.

**26.2 Phase II (Programme Concept) Form of the programme "MA in Public Policy"**

26.2.1 Prof. S.C. Garg informed the committee that due to personal initiative of the Hon'able Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU recently signed an MOU with 'Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie' for offer of mutually agreed . programmes. Following this, LBSNAA has requested IGNOU to offer a P.G. programme for its probationers : "MA in Public Policy".

26.2.2 Prof. **S.C.Garg** further informed that this programme caters to customized needs of the Academy and shall be offered in mixed mode. While face-to-face component will be taken care of by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, IGNOU shall be responsible for Evaluation and SIMS.

26.2.3 The committee highly appreciated the initiative of Prof. **H.P.Dikshit**, particularly because it enriched the portfolio of the University in terms of collaborating institution and commended the support of faculty of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences. The committee approved the Phase II form of the programme "MA in Public Policy".

**26.3 Phase IV (Programme Launch Approval) Form of the Programme " Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management "**

26.3.1 Prof. S.C. Garg, PVC informed the Committee that the PGDDM is an upgraded version of the Certificate in Disaster Management programme, which has been reasonably popular and relevant.

26.3.2 The committee noted the progress of work and approved the Phase IV form for launch **w.e.f.** January 2006 in English and from January 2007 in Hindi and **Marathi**. The Committee advised to translate this programme in **Assamee** and **Bangla** as well by January 2007 to make it more attractive for the North Eastern states.

## **Tabled Agenda Item**

**26.4 Phase IV (Programme Launch Approval Form) of the Programme "Certificate in Health Care Waste Management".**

26.4.1 The Programme coordinator Dr. A.K. Agarwal apprised the committee on the readiness of the programme. He also informed that initially the programme may be launched in five countries (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka). In IGNOU, the SCs are being activated in reputed institutions.

26.4.2 The committee took stock of the readiness and approved the Phase IV form, for launch w.e.f. January 2006. The committee appreciated the efforts made by Dr. A. K. Agarwal and advised the coordinator to explore the possibility with the officials of World Health Organization (WHO) for the inaugural launch by the Hon'able Minister, HRD, GOI, through Edusat in the presence of DG(WHO).

**26.5 Any other Item**

Prof. S.C. Garg requested the convener to bring the item of revision of Phase Forms in the next meeting. To enable the committee constituted to deliberate on the revision proposals, the details received from Schools of Studies, STRIDE, EMPC may be sent to the PVC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

(Prof. Meena Shah)  
Member Secretary, APC