

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Planning & Development Division

Minutes of the Twenty Eight^m meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on January 11, 2006 at 11.30 Hrs. in Block-8, Board Room, IGNOU, New Delhi.

The following were present:

■	1. Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-chancellor	Chairman
	2. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, SOSS	Member
	3. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Professor, SOSS	Member
	4. Prof. J.M. Parakh, Director, SOH	Member
	5. Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Director, RSD	Member
	6. Dr. Srikanth Mohapatra, Registrar, SR&E	Member
	7. Prof. Beena Shah, Director, P&DD	Member Secretary

Prof. K.K. Agarwal and Prof. S.C. Garg 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 the members of the committee. He then requested Prof. Beena Shah, Director, P&DD to take up the agenda items in seriatim.

28.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty Seventh APC meeting held on October 18,2005 and the action taken thereof.

It was noted that the Minutes of the 27th APC meeting were circulated to all the members and no comments had been received from the members. The minutes were thus confirmed. Action taken on the minutes of the 27th APC meeting is given in Annexure-1.

28.2. Phase-II (Programme Concept Form) of the programme "B.Tech. (Mechanical Engineering)"

28.2.1 During the discussion, concern was expressed about the fee structure and sustainability of the programme due to a declining trend in enrolment for the Diploma and Post Graduate Diploma programmes which are parts of this programme.

28.2.2 The Programme Coordinator informed that the programme fee is only a tentative figure and the actual will be calculated in consultation with the Planning & Development Division and will be resubmitted with Phase-IV form. The Chairman of APC and Vice-Chancellor asked the Coordinator to rationalize the programme fee. The Programme

Coordinator also assured that the programme would be launched in January 2007. She expressed her hope that the enrolment of the **DCIM** (Diploma in Computer Integrated Manufacturing) and **ADCIM** (Advanced Diploma in Computer Integrated Manufacturing) will also be enhanced after **B.Tech.** programme is launched, as these programmes provide the scope for the learners to reach the level of **B.Tech.** degree.

- 28.2.3** The Committee took note of the Programme Coordinator's projections and advised her to write to all the Heads of National Institute of Technologies (**NITs**) to ensure their support and commitment. The Chairman, APC suggested that Programme Coordinator to get the expertise of Prof. Dhande, Director, IIT, Kanpur and Acting Director, IIIT, Jabalpur with respect to curriculum development and sharing of material. Registrar, **SR&ED** suggested that all the Regional Centres may be informed about the modular format of the **B.Tech.** (Mechanical Engineering) programme. He further emphasized that this action could increase the enrolment in the already launched **DICM** and **ADCIM** programmes.
- 28.2.4** The Committee approved the **Phase-II** form of the programme "**B.Tech.** (Mechanical Engineering)".
- 28.3** Phase-IV (Programme Launch Approval) Form of the programme "Post Graduate Diploma in Community Cardiology"
- 28.3.1** Prof. Beena Shah highlighted the structure of the programme and informed the **Committee** that the programme has been already launched **w.e.f.** January 2006.
- 28.3.2** The Chairman and other members greatly appreciated the time bound launch of this **important programme** and recorded their **compliments** for the **Programme Coordinator** and other experts and **professionals**. It was recommended that increased ICT capabilities may be further used to introduce more such programmes. It was suggested that the Programme Coordinator may associate with the School of Continuing Education to explore the possibility for developing programmes under Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS).
- 28.3.3** The Committee gave post facto approval for the Phase-IV form for the programme 'Post Graduate Diploma in Community Cardiology' for the launch **w.e.f.** January 2006.
- 28.4** Phase-IV (Programme Launch Approval) Form of the programme "Diploma in **Nursing** Administration"
- 28.4.1** Prof. Beena Shah apprised the Committee about the salient features of the programme and informed about the delay in launch of the

programme, as there is a gap of more than four years since the approval of Phase-III.

28.4.2 The Committee noted with concern the inordinate delay and desired the Programme Coordinator to ensure its contemporary relevance.

28.4.3 The Programme Coordinator assured that all necessary actions will be taken to update the programme so as to make it relevant in the contemporary scenario.

28.4.4 The Committee thus approved the Phase-IV form of the programme 'Diploma in Nursing Administration' for launch **w.e.f.** January 2006.

28.5 Phase-IV (Programme **Launch** Approval) Form of the programme "Diploma in Aquaculture"

28.5.1 The action taken by the Chairman in approving the launch of the programme was ratified. It was recommended that special efforts have to be made to ensure sustainability of the programme.

28.6 **Phase-II** (Programme Concept Form) of the programme "Certificate in Sericulture"

28.6.1 Prof. Beena Shah presented the salient features of the programme 'Certificate in Sericulture', which was proposed to be launched in Assamese, **Bangla**, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu and others, apart from Hindi and English.

28.6.2 The Committee advised the Programme Coordinator to process translations simultaneously after deciding order of priority. For translation in Hindi, Director, SOH should be contacted for advice. The Committee desired that the unit sale prize of the CD and the print material should be based on **actual** cost.


28.6.3 The Programme Coordinator informed the tentative dates for submission of Phase-III and Phase-IV forms as under:

(i)	Phase-III School Board	March 2006
(ii)	Phase-III Academic Council	April 2006
(iii)	Phase-IV APC	October 2006

28.6.4 The Committee approved the **Phase-II** form of the programme 'Certificate in Sericulture'.

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

*Issued after approval by the Vice-chancellor,
Chairman, APC.*


(Beena Shah)
Member Secretary, APC