

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Planning Board of Indira Gandhi National Open University held in the University's office at Y.M.C.A. Cultural Centre, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001 on Tuesday, July 21, 1987 at 11:00 hours.

The following were present :-

- 1. Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
- 2. Prof. E.V. Chitnis, Member
- 3. Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti H. Trivedi, Member
- 4. Prof. N.V. Pylee, Member
- 5. Shri V. Narayanan, Member-Secretary

Prof. M. Santappa and Prof. Shahid Siddiqui, Members could not attend.

Prof. P.S. Sharma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor attended by special invitation.

The following matters were considered :-

ITEM No 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 24TH APRIL, 1987

- 3.1.1. : The minutes of the second meeting of the Planning Board held on April 24, 1987 were confirmed.
- 3.1.2. : While confirming the minutes, the Planning Board noted that in the collaboration between Athabasca University, Canada and IGNOU it was decided that instead of a course in Indian Art, a joint course in International Business would be developed.
- 3.1.3. : The Planning Board also noted that discussions are being held with the representative of Deakin University, Australia for a joint course in Distance Education leading to a Masters Degree.

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

- 3.2.1. : Discussed with the correction that the samples of lessons in the Undergraduate programmes had not been sent to the members.

ITEM No 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST MADE BY SOME STUDENTS OF DIPLOMA IN DISTANCE EDUCATION FOR WRITING THEIR ANSWERS/RESPONSES IN HINDI

- 3.3.1. : The Planning Board considered the proposal and agreed in principle that writing of response sheets or examinations in Hindi may be permitted for the Diploma programme in Distance Education.
- 3.5.2. : The Planning Board also suggested that necessary surveys may be conducted to determine from the students the language in which they would like to do a course. Also this information may be obtained by including in the advertisements announcing the next course a query to be answered by the candidate regarding the language in which he/she would like to have the material - whether in English or in Hindi. It was also suggested that the Co-ordinators of our Study Centres may also ascertain from the students their preferences regarding the language, in which the material is required by them.

3.3.3. : In order to have a first hand impression of the students' r o t , a suggestion was made that the Planning Board should meet at other places also for conducting their business. This will provide an opportunity to meet the students in that area. It was also suggested that the Planning Board members could meet students in any particular Centre wherever they happen to be on other work so that the problems of the students are known for necessary action to be taken by the University. This was noted.

ITEM No 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DIPLOMA COURSE ON CREATIVE WRITING

3.4.1. : The Planning Board considered the proposal and approved of the introduction of the Diploma Course in Creative Writing, subject to the following suggestions being incorporated :-

1. The Planning Board consider& in detail the various methods of testing the aptitude of the candidates for the purpose of admission and felt that keeping these in view a suitable strategy may be evolved.
2. The target group for whom the course was meant as shown in the programme details is only illustrative and not exhaustive.
3. The age limit prescribed may be reviewed and reduced, if considered necessary.
4. The scripting for documentaries and compering may be included in course 4, so that it is possible for us to develop skills in these areas.

ITEM No 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NOTE IN RELATION TO THE PERSPECTIVE PLAN IN THE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

3.5.1. : Prof. E.S. Sharma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor explained the highlights of the perspective plan and the programmes planned by the School of Management for the period 1986-92 and furnished clarifications to the queries of the members in regard to the Diploma as well as MBA Programme proposed. The perspective plan was approved by the Planning Board.

ITEM No 6 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR STARTING A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATION STUDIES

3.6.1. : The proposal for starting a Department of Translation Studies was considered. It was noted that the course in translation would be started only if there were at least 500 students. The Planning Board suggested that necessary surveys may be conducted to ascertain the demand for such courses. Also, the information from the foreign Universities where such Departments of Translation Studies have been established may be obtained for the information of the Board. This matter is to be brought up before the Planning Board for a decision.

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ITEM No 7 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF COMPANY SECRETARIES, INDIA, TO INCLUDE PAPERS PRACTICE COURSE IN THE B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME

- 7.7.1. : The proposal from the Institute of Company Secretaries of India regarding the starting of a B.A. Degree in Corporate Secretaryship or Bachelor in Corporate Secretaryship (B.C.S.) or the alternative of including courses on Company Secretarial Practice in the B.A. or F. Com. Degree programme was considered. The Planning Board approved of the papers on Company Secretarial Practice. Paper I, II and III may be included as electives under the course of 'Business Law' for the B.A. and P. Com. Degree programme initially.

ITEM No 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP OF STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES

- 3.8.1. : The Chairman informed the Planning Board that the question of coordination between the various State Open Universities and the National Open University was placed before the Central Advisory Board on Education. The C.A.B.E suggested that the IGNOU should set up a Co-ordination Council for Open Universities in which all the Open Universities will be members with representation from the U.G.C. so that there is no duplication of courses and the networking concept wherein a student registered in one Open University can take courses from other Open Universities. It was also noted that 60% of the syllabus in Open University system should be common through-out the system while the State Open Universities would be free to have their own syllabus in respect of the remaining 40%. The IGNOU has the responsibility under the Statute to be the grant giving authority for State Open Universities.
- 3.8.2. : The question of affiliation of Colleges to the Open Universities was considered and it was noted that there will be no affiliation of Colleges as a general principle. However, Research Institutes desiring to award Ph. D. or M. Phil. may be considered for affiliation to the Open Universities. This was noted.

OTHER ITEMS

ITEM No 9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE OF THE OPENING OF STUDY CENTRES DURING THE CURRENT YEAR

- 3.9.1. : The note on the progress in the opening of Study Centres placed on the table was considered and the opening of Study Centres was noted.
- 3.9.2. : The Regional Directors will consult the State Governments in the matter of establishing Study Centres. The minimum facilities required for each Study Centre was noted by the Planning Board.

ITEM No 10 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MEDICAL PEOPLE

- 3.10.1. : The Chairman informed members about the Report of Expert Committee received by him from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for organising continuing education for medical people namely Doctors, nurses etc. The Chairman stated that we would constitute a group of Experts to go through the report and make recommendations regarding Action Plan specifying in what areas the University should prepare programmes in this field.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 1987 at 1100 hours at New Delhi.

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

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(G. Ram Reddy)
Vice-Chancellor
Chairman

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