

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD
HELD ON JULY 14, 2004 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
BLOCK-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068**

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof.H.P.Dikshit | • Chairman |
| 2. Prof.N.M.Quraishi | • Member |
| 3. Dr.D.Padmanaban | • Member |
| 4. Prof.S.K.Aggarwal | • Member |
| 5. Prof.(Ms.) Anjoo Saran Upadhyaya | • Member |
| 6. Prof.S.Neelamegham | - Member |
| 7. Dr.J.P.Singh | - Member |
| 8. Prof.A.K.Sharma | - Member |
| 9. Prof.R.K.Singh | - Member |
| 10. Prof.B.S.Saraswat | • Member |
| 11. Prof.Uma Kanjilal | - Member |
| 12. Dr.Masood Parvez | - Member |
| 13. Prof.A.S.Narang | • Member |
| 14. Prof.Beena Shah | • Member-Secretary |

Shri Vinod Dhall, Former **Secretary**, Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs, Prof.K.K.Agarwal, and Ms.Poonam Bhushan, could not attend the meeting.

Prof.S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Prof.Panjab Singh, Director, CCE, ultndcd the meeting as Special Invitees.

Shri R.Sudarsan, Analyst and Shri Sunil Kumar, Analyst were present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members and the Special Invitees to the 29th Meeting of the Planning Board. He specially welcomed the following new members of the Planning Board and mentioned that he looked forward to their valuable contributions to the meetings of the Planning Board:

1. Prof.N.M.Quraishi
2. Dr.D.Padmanaban
3. Prof.S.K.Aggarwal
4. Prof.(Ms.) Anjoo Saran Upadhyaya

The Chairman detailed the major activities conducted during the year and mentioned futuristic plans of the University for the next year. He informed that IGNOU is the single largest University in the world with an enrolment of 1.2 million. IGNOU has its existence in 26 countries. It offers 95 programmes at different levels. IGNOU is in the process of reviewing and updating all the academic programmes, especially the professional programmes offered in the fields of Management and Computer Education. The contents and curriculum structure of MCA programme has been revised and the programme with updated contents will be available for offer from January 2005.

Members appreciated the various efforts being made by IGNOU to provide quality education at reasonable costs. The Board also appreciated the special efforts being made by the University for the education to fulfil needs of the disadvantaged sections of the society.

The Chairman requested Prof.S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor to present the items of agenda.

ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON JUNE 24, 2003 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON

PB 29.1.1 Prof.S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor, informed the Planning Board that the Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Planning Board held on June 24, 2003 were circulated to the Members. No comments were received on the Minutes.

PB 29.1.2 The action taken report was noted. It was informed that Vice-Chancellor has nominated Prof.B.S.Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination and Prof.Neelamegham, Director, Centre for Management Studies, New Delhi, as members of the Academic Programmes Committee (a Standing Committee of Planning Board). The Board accepted the nominations.

PB 29.1.3 The minutes of the 28th meeting of Planning Board were confirmed.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND CONFIRM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd AND 23rd MEETINGS OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING BOARD, HELD ON 16.7.03, 10.9.03, 5.12.03, 25.02.04 AND 26.5.04 RESPECTIVELY.

PB 29.2.1

The Minutes of the Academic Programme Committee Meetings were considered by the Board. **Prof.S.C.Garg** highlighted the significant points and steps **followed** in the development of new programmes, status of new Academic Programmes approved by the Academic Programme Committees during **16.7.03** to **26.5.04**. In all, eight new Programmes have been launched on schedule from July 1, **2004**.

PB 29.2.2

The Board resolved to confirm the recommendations of the **19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd** and **23rd** Meetings of the Academic Programme Committee. The members suggested that IGNOU should take active part and supplement the training through Academic Staff Colleges.

Dr.Padmanaban appreciated launch of "Bachelor in Social Work" programme. He informed that his Institution has been working in this field. He extended all academic support for development and delivery of programme in the field of Social Work.

Prof.S.K.Aggarwal suggested that the nomenclature of "Certificate in Health Care and Waste Management" Programme could be changed to "Biological Waste" or "Hospital Waste".

Prof. (Mrs.) Anjoo Saran Upadhyaya stressed the need for development of more programmes in Waste Management, Women Empowerment and programmes that can be helpful to eradicate Social Evils.

Dr.J.P.Singh suggested that IGNOU should develop programmes for physically-challenged persons.

The Chairman informed that IGNOU is planning to develop Master in Business Administration (MBA) programme for visually impaired persons in collaboration with National Blind Association (**NBA**). Further he informed that the main constraint in offering such programmes is the development and delivery costs. The development cost of the material in Braille is very high which can be minimised by sharing resources with other institutions with similar objectives. It was resolved that the University should submit a proposal for financial support to the Rehabilitation Council of India and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

ITEM N0.3

TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN NOMINATING PROF.S.C.GARG, PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC).

PB 29.3.1

The Board was informed that Vice-Chancellor has re-nominated **Prof.S.C.Garg**, Pro Vice-Chancellor. on the Academic Programme **Committee** for a period of 2 years with effect **from 22.7.2004** or till he holds the **office** of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier.

PB 29.3.2

The Board noted the nomination made by the **Vice-Chancellor** on the Academic Programme Committee.

ITEM N0.4

TO PRESENT A SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS HELD ON THE 10th PLAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT

PB 29.4.1

Prof.S.C.Garg made a brief presentation on the major initiatives of the **10th** Five Years Plan. He informed that IGNOU and MPBOU are jointly developing ICT based training packages for in-service school teachers. States such as **Punjab, Haryana, Tripura, Uttaranchal, Andhra Pradesh** and **Jharkhand** have already approached IGNOU with their requirements to train their teachers.

The ODL system in the country is receiving growing recognition. One of the indicators is the generous grant of UN Goodwill Ambassador, **Madanjeet Singh**, Founder of South Asia **Foundation Tr 6000 South Asia Foundation Madanjeet Singh Scholarships**, each **worth of \$300 per annum. 3000** scholarships are earmarked only for IGNOU's students and rest of the scholarships are earmarked for the students getting education from other institutions through ODL system. The Chairman informed that **Prof.S.C.Garg** has **been identified** as Chief Coordinator by **the SAF** for this work.

ITEM N0.5

A REPORT ON 15TH CONVOCATION OF IGNOU HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2004.

PB 29.5.1

Prof.S.C.Garg presented a brief report on the **15th** Convocation of the University held on **21.2.2004** at Head Quarter and at the Regional Centres of the University simultaneously. He reported that **72,896** students have

been awarded Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates during the 15th Convocation.

The Doctor of Letters (**Honoris** Causa) Degrees were conferred on His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Kingdom of Bahrain and Field Marshall S.H.F.J. Manekshaw in the 15th Convocation.

PB 29.5.2

The Board accepted the report.

ITEM NO.6

TO PRESENT PLANS OF THE PROPOSED SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

PB 29.6.1

Prof.S.C.Garg made a brief presentation about the activities for the School of Agriculture, envisaged in the 10th Plan proposal. He informed that the School will cover diversified fields like Agriculture, Forestry, Horticulture, Livestock, Fisheries, Poultry, Natural Resource Management, Environment, Food Processing and Post Harvest Technology and value added products etc.

The collaborative **arrangement** has been envisaged with different Ministries, Agricultural Universities and **Krishi Vigyan Kendras** for academic, financial and delivery support.

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



Prof.H.P.Dikshit
Chairman, Planning Board