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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH (37TH) MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD, HELD ON 13TH APRIL, 2010, AT 11:30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI.

The following were present:

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| 1. | Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. B.P. Sanjay, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvapur | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Udai Pratap Singh. Former Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi | Member |
| 4. | Shri Kiran Karnik, Former President NASSCOM, New Delhi | Member |
| 5. | Prof. J. Shashidhara Prasad, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysore | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Deepak Sood, Himachal Pradesh Unlvenity, Shimla | Member |
| 7. | Prof. A. Sukumar Nair. Former Vice Chancellor, Kerala University | Member |
| 8. | Prof. Kalyan K. Dutta, ada in ikata | Member |
| 9. | Shri Anil K. Agarwal, Former de ICHAM. President, COSMOS Group, New Delhi | Member |
| 10. | Prof. S.P. Narang, Honorary Professor of Eminence, New Delhi | Member |
| 11. | Prof. (Ms) Savita Singh, Director. School of Gender & Development Studies, IGNOU | Member |
| 12. | Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law, IGNOU | Member |
| 13. | Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Bangalore | Member |
| 14. | Shri U.S. Tolia, Registrar, Administration, IGNOU | Ex-officio Member |
| 15. | Prof. Kalpana Mishra, Director, Planning and Development Division, IGNOU | Member-Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting:

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| 1. | Prof. Pardeep Sahni, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU | Member |
| 2. | Prof. Rupa Shah, Former Vice Chancellor, SNDT University, Mumbai | Member |

The following special invitees from the University were also present in the meeting:

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| 1. | Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU |
| 2. | Dr. D.K. Choudhry, Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU |

3. Prof. Pushp Lata Tripathi, Registrar, Student Evaluation Division, IGNOU
4. Sh. K. **Laxman**, OSD, Student Registration Division, IGNOU
5. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Deputy Director. **P&DD**, IGNOU

Shri Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director, **Planning** and Development Division was present in the meeting to assist the Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman **welcomed** the members to the meeting of the Planning Board. After a brief introduction by the members, the Chairman informed the Board about the recent academic achievements and major contributions made, where in the university has initiated vocational and training programmes to educate and train youths from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in tribal area, linking these activities with the local micro, small and **medium** enterprises and **grassroots-level** civil society organizations for employability of the learners, their skill upgradation initiatives are being taken up by the various initiatives of the University. He briefed about consolidation of the existing academic programmes, few face to face programmes initiated in addition to ODL programmes by **few academicians** in the campus, Convergence, where-in the IGNOU course material will be utilized for teaching in the conventional university system and Research and Teaching Assistantship (RTA) Scheme for highly meritorious full-time

postgraduates to be prepared as future teachers. These initiatives would directly help in improving the enrolment and retention of students in the ODL system. He also **informed** about the recent Vice-Chancellors meeting where the policy **matters** like the GER enhancement, participation in the Skill mission, IGNOU contribution to the 10-year action plan, networking with several institutions and teacher education were deliberated upon. He informed to the members that IGNOU is exploring all the possibilities of having collaboration with government and private funded academic institutions to deliver various academic, vocational and need based programmes. The recent agreements **for** telecentre.org with support from International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and with various national institutes of repute like Escorts Heart Institute, **AIIMS** were also informed by him.

He mentioned about the Director General UNESCO, Ms **Irina** Bokova visit and proudly cited her words about the University that 'IGNOU **is** a living embodiment of the concept of building inclusive knowledge societies in a **globalised** world.'

The Chairman after initial remarks requested Prof. Kalpana Mishra, Member Secretary to present the agenda items.

PB 37.1 To confirm **the minutes** of Me **36th meeting** of the Planning Board held on **6th October, 2009 and the Action Taken Report(s)**.

PB 37.1.1 Prof. Kalpana Mishra apprised the members that the minutes of the

36th Planning Board meeting were circulated to the members and no comments were received in respect of minutes which are placed at Annexure- 1/1.

Chairman informed that since no member has any other comments, the minutes may be confirmed.

PB 37.1.2 The Planning Board confirmed the minutes of its 36th meeting as circulated.

PB 37.2 To consider **the** revision Academic Programme Approval Phase forms (**Phase-0** to Phase-4 forms) and subsequently the Manual for Programme and **Course Coordinators**.

PB 37.2.1 Prof. Kalpana Mishra narrated the conceptual and **historic** backgrounds of the procedure for the development of new academic programmes and the manual developed in this regard in the year 2006. Dr. Pankaj Khare, in continuation to above, informed about the four phases in the development of academic programmes. The University has witnessed **massive** scaled-up **activities** during 2006-2010 in all fronts including its academic programme delivery mechanisms. Besides offering of online academic programmes, **IGNOU** has also commenced Face to Face campus based programmes and collaborative content development **and/or** content delivery. These all new **innovative** approaches had not been covered under the Phase Forms and Manual that are in **practice** and thus calls for an intensive revision through systematic logical study on a given timeline. He emphasized the significance of the proposed mechanism under the current scenario and proposed that the approval process would also cover the face-to-face and web mediated delivery mechanism

PB 37.2.2 The Planning Board appreciated for the systematic development of Academic Programmes and suggested that revised forms should also focus on evaluation of programme and feed back systems.

PB 37.2.3 Prof. Kalyan K. Dutta suggested that a separate committee may also be formed for devising the norms for the technology enhanced teaching. Learning methods in which various institutions like the IIT-Mumbai, BITS-Pilani. Thapar University etc. has made considerable progress. He emphasized the need of having a National Policy on the Technology enhanced Learning of Science and Technology. The Planning Board after deliberations suggested that a Committee may be constituted to recommend on the various norms to **be** worked out for various technical and science academic programmes and place **its** recommendations **before** the appropriate authority for

implementation at the national level

- PB 37.2.4 The Planning Board approved the constitution of following two Committees by authorizing the Vice Chancellor, IGNOU to do so
- i) A Committee for the revision of Academic Programme Approval Phase forms (Phase-0 to Phase-4 forms) and subsequently the Manual for Programme and Course Coordinators.
 - ii) Committee for framing National Framework and Policy the technology enhanced teaching learning for science and technical academic programmes being offered through alternate modes of delivery.
- PB 37.3 To consider the Academic Council and Academic Programme Committee resolution on delegation of Phase-2 approval to School Boards.
- PB 37.3.1 The member secretary apprised the members about the Phase forms. After deliberations, Prof. Parvin Sinclair suggested that since a committee for the revision of Phase forms has been approved by this Planning Board, the decision taken earlier regarding Phase-II forms may be maintained.
- PB 37.3.2 The Planning Board took note of the above deliberations and approved the Academic Council resolution made in its 46th meeting held on 13th January, 2009 (Item No. 46.5.5.) to empower the School Boards for the approval of Phase II forms, till the time the revision of Phase forms is completed & implemented.
- PB 37.4 To consider Minutes of the Meeting of the EFC held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (**Expenditure**) on 24th November 2009.
- PB 37.4.1 The Chairman informed about the EFC meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (**Expenditure**) on 24th November 2009 to consider the 11th Plan proposals of IGNOU related to various schemes of infrastructure facilities at Headquarters, Regional centres, Community Colleges and Skill Development Mission and development of human resources.
- PB 37.4.2 The Planning Board after deliberations noted the Minutes of the

Meeting of the EFC held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) on 24th November 2009.

PB 37.5 To consider the progress made and **draft** Manual prepared for the Community College Scheme of IGNOU.

PB 37.5.1 Dr. C. K. Ghosh, Nodal Officer, Community College Scheme enlightened the Planning Board about the roles of the Community Colleges in work force development. He apprised that with the launch of Community Colleges by Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resource Development, **Smt D.** Purandeswari, in July 2009, the process of institutionalization of the Community Colleges has **gained momentum** and it was felt that various norms **related** to regulatory, programme credits, student registration, examination etc. are required to be formalized. He informed the various aspects of the draft Manual prepared in this regard with progress achieved in the Community College Scheme.

PB 37.5.2 The Planning Board members **appreciated** the **quality** of **comprehensive draft** Manual and expressed their willingness to **open Community Colleges** in their respective institutions. Prof. B.P. Saniav suggested-for **formulating** a committee to meet regional needs and work out the feasibility of convergence of educational programmes being offered by the Community Colleges with traditional academic programmes being offered by the higher education institutions. The Committee may also suggest the means by which the degrees offered by these Community Colleges shall be recognised by the industrial and corporate houses and also to devise a system of getting lateral entry to the higher degree programmes in the Country on behalf of Central University of Tamil Nadu. Prof. **B. P.** Sanjay offered facilitating the Committee to visit CUTN for finding viability of opening a Centre for implementation of such scheme for Tamil Nadu region.

PB 37.5.3 The Planning Board noted the **progress** made on the draft Manual prepared for the Community **College** Scheme of IGNOU and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to meet regional needs and various other aspects for the development of various academic programmes by the Community Colleges.

PB 37.6 To **consider** the Phase 4 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of

- i) Diploma in Watershed Management.
- ii) Diploma in Fish Products Technology

- iii) Certificate in Beekeeping
- iv) **B.Sc.** (Hons.) International Hospitality Administration
- v) Certificate in Firemanship
- vi) Diploma in Fire Safety management
- vii) M.A. in Fashion Retail Management
- viii) M.A. in Apparel Production Management
- ix) B.A. in Apparel Design & Merchandising
- x) B.A. in Fashion Communication
- xi) Post Graduate Certificate in Information & Assistive Technology for the Instructors of Visually Impaired
- xii) **M.Sc.** in Counselling and Family Therapy and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (TABLED ITEM)

PB 37.6.1

The programme coordinators explained about the details and readiness of the already launched and to be launched programmes to the Planning Board. After deliberations, the Planning Board advised the programme coordinator of the School of Tourism, Service **Sectoral** Management to work-out a standardized nomenclature for both the B.A. and **B.Sc.** (Hons.) International Hospitality Administration in discussion with the respective School Board.

PB 37.6.2

The Planning Board **took** note above deliberations and approved & ratified the Phase-4 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of

- i) **Diploma** in Watershed Management.
- ii) **Diploma** in Fish Products **Technology**
- iii) Certificate in **Beekeeping**
- iv) **B.Sc.** (Hons.) **International** Hospitality Administration
- v) Certificate in Firemanship
- vi) Diploma in Fire Safety management
- vii) M.A. in Fashion Retail Management
- viii) M.A. in Apparel Production Management
- ix) B.A. in Apparel Design & Merchandising
- x) B.A. in Fashion Communication
- xi) Post Graduate Certificate in **Information** & Assistive Technology for the Instructors of Visually Impaired
- xii) **M.Sc.** in Counselling and Family Therapy and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy.

- PB 37.7 To consider and approve the Award of **Certificate/ Diploma/ Associate Degree** to the Army Personnel registered under **IGNOU-Indian Army Community College** Gyandeeep Project. (TABLED ITEM)
- PB 37.7.1 The Chairman apprised the Planning Board about the association of Indian Army with IGNOU through Gyandeeep Project wherein, a soldier, desirous to enhance his educational standard, will take admission to a Community College in **his/her** Regiment Training Centre and will pursue the course according to **his/her** time and pace. After completion of two years, she will be entitled for an Associate Degree. If the candidate wants to pursue higher education after acquiring the Associate Degree, **s/he** will be given lateral entry to the third year of the three-year degree course for graduation. The certificate will empower him/her to get the second career after retirement from the Army. In order to carry forward this objective, a **MoU** was signed by Lieutenant General Mukesh **Sabharwal** Adjutant General in the presence of Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor in September 2009. The **MoU** seeks to confer educational certification to soldiers of the Indian Army, within the parameters laid down by IGNOU for Community Colleges, recognizing the 'in-service' training taken by them.
- PB 37.5.2 The Planning Board **members** appreciated this collaboration that the army personnel shall retire with a formal degree from IGNOU and **would be** able to contribute to society in a **more** meaningful way. The Planning Board **recommended** that a similar agreement may be **worked out** with the Indian Navy and for Air Force also.
- PB 37.5.3 The Planning Board noted the above deliberations and progress made under the IGNOU-Indian **Army Community College** Gyandeeep Project.

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


(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman