

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

Planning and Development Division

**MINUTES OF THE 39th (THIRTY NINTH) MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 AT 3.00 P.M IN THE CONFERENCE
ROOM/BOARD ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR BLOCK (NEW), IGNOU,
MAIDANGARHI, NEW DELHI -11.0068.**

The following were present:

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| 1 | Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU. | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Anil K. Agarwal, President, COSMOS Group, New Delhi and Former President ASSOCHAM. | Member |
| 3. | Prof. J. Shashidhara Prasad, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysore. | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Savita Singh, Director, School of Gender & Development Studies, IGNOU. | Member |
| 5. | Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, Director, Regional Services Division, IGNOU. | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Pardeep Sahni, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU. | Member |
| 7. | Shri U.S. Tolia, Registrar, Administration, IGNOU. | Member |
| 8. | Prof. A.K. Jha, Director, Planning and Development Division, IGNOU. | Member-Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting:

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| 1. | Shri Kiran Karnik, Chairman, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology. Delhi and Former President NASSCOM. | Member |
| 2. | Prof. S.P. Narang, Honorary Professor of Eminence, New Delhi. | Member |
| 3. | Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, School of Law, IGNOU. | Member |

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

1. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU.
2. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Pro Vice Chancellor, 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 that the term of the 5 Visitor nominees, as members of the Planning Board expired recently and the University has requested the Government for nomination of respective members.

He then apprised the Planning Board that the respective Directors of the Schools and Centres should send **as** many items as needed to be approved by the Planning Board or Academic Programme Committee for various diverse activities that have been initiated by the University. Any activity or programme Initiated in the Schools or **Centres** has to be submitted by the respective Director so that the Planning Board could deliberate over it for its **concurrence** and approval. He then asked the Member Secretary with reference to circular issued recently to add items in the agenda, which had not **been** taken up by the Planning Board in the past or which had not been approved by the Academic Programme Committee.

The **Chairman** further said that the enrollment of the University in the last year increased by 8.5 lacs and faculty strength to 538. The grievance of IGNOU students from United States of America (USA) **was** also informed to the Board for not getting their degrees in time, as such. he emphasized on the need to have more personnel / academic counsellors / consultants as per requirement for smooth implementation of each academic programme abroad.

The Chairman then requested the Member Secretary to present the agenda items.

- PB 39.1** To confirm the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Planning Board held on April 28, 2011 and the Action Taken **Report(s)**.
- PB 39.1.1** Prof. A.K.Jha, **Member** Secretary submitted that the minutes of the 38th Planning Board meeting were circulated to the members and no comments were received in respect of Minutes which are placed at **Annexure- 1/1**.
- PB 39.1.2** Prof. A.K.Jha, Member Secretary further informed that the Action Taken Reports for **Item** no. PB 37.2 and PB 38.1 have been received and placed at **Annexure 1/9 to 1/42**.
- PB 39.1.3** The Planning Board confirmed the Minutes of its 38th Meeting as circulated and noted the action taken reports.
- PB 39.2** To consider and approve the recommendations of the 39th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on April 20, 2011.
- PB 39.2.1** The Member Secretary reported that in the 39th Meeting of the **Academic Programme Committee**, the following Phase forms of programmes were **approved**.
- Phase-4 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of:
1. Post Graduate Certificate in Adult Education.
 2. Master of Arts in Adult Education.
 3. Post Graduate Diploma in Extension and Development Studies
 4. M.A in Extension and Development Studies.
 5. Post Graduate Diploma in Food Technology.
 6. MA (Gandhi and Peace Studies).
 7. **M.Sc** (Fashion Merchandizing & Retail Management).
 8. **M.Sc** (Footwear Technology).

9. M.Sc (Creative Designing (CAD/CAM)).
10. M.Sc (Leather Goods & Accessories Design).
11. M.Sc (Visual Merchandizing & communication Design).
12. B.Sc(Fashion Merchandising & Retail Management).
13. B.Sc (Footwear Technology).
14. B.Sc (Leather Goods & Accessories Design).
15. Diploma in Lifelong Learning.
16. Certificate in Handmade Paper Items.
17. Certificate in Telecentre/Village Knowledge Centre Management
18. Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work among Tribals.
19. Post Graduate Diploma in Pre Primary Teacher Education.
20. Post Graduate Certificate in Pediatric Nutrition.
21. Post Graduate Diploma in Pediatric Nutrition.
22. Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration & Development.
23. Post Graduate Diploma in Information Security
24. Post Graduate Certificate in Information Security.
25. Advanced Certificate in Information Security
26. Certificate in Information Security.
27. Bachelor of Computer Applications (Major revision).
28. Post Doctoral Certificate in Dialysis Medicine
29. Post Graduate Diploma in HIV Medicine.
30. Certificate Programme in Value Education.
31. M.Ed Special Education in Learning Disabilities
32. Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability science.

PB 39.2.2 The Planning Board approved the Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC).

PB 39.3 To nominate a member to the Academic Programme Committee (a Standing Committee of the Planning Board).

PB 39.3.1 The Member Secretary informed that in terms of the provision of Statute 16, the Planning Board has constituted a Standing Committee and under clause-II, in the composition of Academic Programme Committee (APC), two members of the Planning Board are to be nominated by it. The term of Prof. S.P.Narang expired on 11.06.2011. In view of this, one member among the Planning Board members needs to be nominated to the Academic Programme Committee.

PB 39.3.2 The members authorized the Chairman to nominate a member from the Planning Board to the Academic Programme Committee.

PB 39.4 To present a report on the 24th Convocation of IGNOU held on September 5, 2011.

- PB 39.4.1** The Chairman informed about the 24th convocation ceremony held on September 5, 2011 in which more than 1.11 lacs students got their degrees, diplomas and certificates across the nation. Around 24,000 students got Bachelors Degree, 12,000 Master's Degree and 29,000 diplomas and 46,000 students received certificates in the ceremony held concurrently at IGNOU Regional Centres across the country. In this convocation, the Degree of Doctor of Letters (**honoris causa**) conferred on His Holiness the **Dalai Lama** by the Chief Guest Dr. (Mrs.) D. **Purandeswari** Ji Hon'ble Minister of State for HRD and by Sh. E. **Ahamad** Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State for HRD and External Affairs.
- PB 39.4.2** **Shri Anil K. Agarwal**, while going through the Vice Chancellor report, appreciated the University for having over 511 Academic programmes. He suggested to initiate more job oriented industry related programmes, such as for the Energy sector, Power distribution, Civil, Electrical Engineer supporting staff, Retail Trade (Multibrand-Warehousing) and Advocate support paraprofessional staff.
- PB 39.4.3** The Planning Board after deliberations noted the report and expressed its appreciation for the University growth.
- PB 39.5** **Proposal of shifting of Plan Activities to Non-Plan in the 12th Five Year Plan.**
- PB 39.5.1** **Shri L.M. Pandey**, Finance Officer presented the details of the proposal of Plan and Non-Plan activities before the Board. He informed that during the 11th Plan, IGNOU initiated a number of new activities as placed at the **Annexure 5/2**. He suggested that some of these **activities** can be shifted to Non Plan in the next plan. However, some activities have been **started** quite recently and are still in the development phase. It would, therefore, be difficult to shift **those** activities to Non Plan. During the 10th Five Year Plan some of the Plan activities which were initiated during the last two years of the Plan period were carried forward in the 11th Plan. Finance Officer proposed that **those** activities which have been initiated **upto** the year 2008-09 may be **shifted** to Non Plan in the 12th Five Year Plan. However such activities which were initiated during 2009-10 may be retained **as** Plan activities.
- PB 39.5.2** The Planning Board deliberated over the shifting of Plan activities to Non-Plan and approved in principle the proposal placed at **Annexure-5/3** for placing before the appropriate University authorities by Finance and Accounts Division for its concurrence.

- PB 39.6** Creation of Academic positions in the Centre for Extension Education(CEE).
- PB 39.6.1** Dr.M.C Nair, Director, CEE explained about the proposals for creation of additional academic posts in the Centre of Extension Education established in the year 1995.
- PB 39.6.2** **Planning** Board-deliberated over the item **and asked** about the procedure for creation of academic and non-academic posts. **Shri** U.S. Tolia, Registrar (**Admn.**) informed that already a procedure for creation of academic and non-academic staff **has** been notified and circulated vide letter no. IG/Admn(G)/Not./2011/2186 dated August 10,2011.
- PB 39.6.3** Planning Board after above deliberations noted the Item and suggested that creation of academic and non-academic posts may be worked out **as** per the notified policy by Centre Director for placing before the concerned administrative and financial authorities of the University for its concurrence and approval.
- PB 39.7** Creation of Academic positions in the Centre for Traditional Knowledge Systems (CTKS).
- PB 39.7.1** The item was deliberated with item detailed at PB 39.6.
- PB 39.7.2** **Planning** Board **after** deliberations noted the Item and suggested that creation of academic and non-academic posts may be worked out as per the notified policy by Centre **Director** for **placing before** the concerned administrative and financial authorities of the **University** for its concurrence and approval.
- PB 39.8** To consider and approve the recommendations of **the** 40th meeting of **of** the **Academic** Programme Committee (APC) held on September 15, 2011. (TABLED ITEM)
- PB 39.8.1** The Member Secretary **informed** that the 40th meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) was held on Sept. 15, 2011. As per the provisions of the Statutes of the University 16(2), the **recommendations** of the Standing Committees are to be approved by the Statutory Authority. He explained the Item and submitted that the **APC** minutes are being circulated and **recommendations** as per directions of the Chairman are placed for kind perusal and approval of the **Planning** Board.

PB 39.8.2

The Planning Board deliberated over the new programmes and approved the Phase-4 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of:

1. Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law- Online.
2. Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking.
3. Certificate in International Humanitarian Law.
4. Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law.
5. Certificate in **Co-operative**, Co-operative Law and Business Law.
6. Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice.
7. Diploma in Critical Care Nursing.
8. Certificate in **Ayush** Nursing (**Ayurveda**).
9. Certificate in Adolescent Health and Counselling.
10. Executive MBA in International **Hospitality** Management.
11. Executive Masters in International Hotel Management.
12. Master in International Hotel Management.
13. Bachelor in Hotel Management.
14. MBA in Hospitality Management.
15. MBA in International Hospitality Management
16. Executive MBA in Hospitality Management.
17. Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology (Distance Mode).

PB 39.8.3

The next item of ~~the~~ 40th APC which was for setting up of Autonomous College with University Privileges was taken-up for deliberations by the Planning Board. Dr. B.S. **Sudhindra**, Director, RSD, explained in detail the proposal, need and provisions available in IGNOU Act for setting up of Autonomous Colleges. Prof. **A.K.Jha**, Member Secretary submitted the details of visit ~~report~~ of the committee constituted for **SELAQUI Educational Trust** (The **Gurukul Trust**) so as to **carry** out with due diligence of the proposal for setting up of an autonomous college at Dehradun.

PB 39.8.4

The Planning Board suggested that specific college **based** proposals need not be submitted for approval and as such only policy based proposals need to be placed in the Planning Board meetings.

PB 39.8.5

After which, Planning Board considered the above proposal in exercise of the powers conferred under the IGNOU Act. 1985 under Establishment and incorporation of the University as per Clauses of the IGNOU Act. 1985 as follows:

Clause 3 (2): *The headquarter of the University shall be at Delhi it may establish or maintain colleges, **Regional Centres and Study Centres at such places in India as it may deem fit**" Read with **"Powers of the University"** (Page no. 2 of IGNOU Act)*

Clause 5 (xxvi): *to confer autonomous status on a College or Regional Centre in the manner laid down by the Statutes; (Page no, 4 of IGNOU Act)*

Clause 5 (xxvii) *to **admit** to **its** privileges any colleges in or outside India*

subject to such conditions as may be laid down by the Statutes:

Provided, that no Colleges shall be so admitted except with the prior approval of the Visitor; (page no. 4 of IGNOU Act)

Clause 20 (1): The Board of Recognition *shall* be *responsible* for **admitting Colleges** to *the* privileges of the *University*. (Page no 7 of IGNOU Act)


Clause 20 (2): The constitution and the other powers and functions of the Board of Recognition *shall* be as prescribed by the Statutes. (Page no 7 of IGNOU Act)

PB 39.8.6 The Chairman further briefed that on the international scenario, The Open University of Hong Kong have their own colleges. In our country, the North East Region, National Capital Region (**NCR**) have **dearth** of Higher Education Colleges and the Cut-Off percentage have even gone to 100% in some colleges. The need of colleges in these regions and other parts have been raised on various **platforms** and meetings held in the **Ministry of Human Resource and Development**.

PB 39.8.7 The Planning Board deliberated over the **available** provisions in the IGNOU Act and opined that hybrid technology enabled classrooms; provision of IGNOU study material, Student pupil ratio, UGC guidelines for colleges and various other factors may be taken into consideration for creating policy guidelines in respect of establishing or maintaining colleges **by** IGNOU.

PB 39.8.8 The Planning Board after detailed deliberations approved the proposals and recommended that the procedures as per the IGNOU Act and Statutes may be followed for establishing IGNOU Autonomous Colleges. Planning Board also approved the Phase-4 forms and noted rest of the recommendations of the **40th meeting** of the Academic Programme-Committee (APC) held on September 15, 2011.

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


(Prof. V.N. **Rajasekharan Pillai**)
Chairman