

Minutes of the Tenth meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 31.07.2014 at 3.00 p.m. in Conference Room of VCO Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068.

Following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. P. Prakash, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. B.S. Saraswat, SOS | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Sunaina Kumar, Director, SOH | - Member |
| 4. Prof. N.K.Dash, Director, SOE | - Member |
| 5. Prof. D.Gopal, Director, SOSS | - Member |
| 6. Prof. Subhasis Maji, Director, SOET | - Member |
| 7. Prof. Srilatha, Director, SOMS | - Member |
| 8. Shri Shashi Bhushan, SOCIS | - Member |
| 9. Prof. T.K. Jena, Director, SOHS | - Member |
| 10. Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Director, SOCE | - Member |
| 11. Dr. A.K. Gaba, Director, SOVET | - Member |
| 12. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, MEG Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 13. Prof. S.V.S.Chaudhary, M.Ed. Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 14. Dr. Ajay Kahurkar, Convenor, BDP CDN Committee | - Member |
| 15. Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas, BNS Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 16. Ms. Anjali C. Ramteke, MBA Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 17. Dr. P.V.Suresh, MCA Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 18. Shri Sambhav Srivastava, Evaluation Officer, AIU | - Special Invitee |
| 19. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD | - Secretary |

Prof. Neerja Chadha, M.Sc.(CFT) Programme Coordinator, could not attend the meeting.

Shri K.K. Kutty, Consultant, who is handling with Equivalence/Recognition matters in SRD was present to assist the Secretary.

On the invitation of the Chairman, Equivalence Committee, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has kindly addressed the Committee and deliberated the importance of Equivalence in a university system and reciprocal recognition of degree/diplomas of other accredited educational institutions. VC also expressed his concern about non-recognition of certain PG degrees by some Sister Universities in the country and advised to take up the matter with UGC/MHRD.

Thereafter the Chairman welcomed the Members to the 10th meeting of the Equivalence Committee.

The following items were taken up for consideration and decision.

Item No. X.1

- X.1.1 To note the Action Taken Report on the 9th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 28.06.2013.

- X.1.2.1 During discussion it was pointed out that in the ATR (Sl.No.1, Item No.2) (YCMOU's First degree of 10+2+2+2= 16 yrs.) a typographical mistake occurred, which may be read as **January 2013** and **January 2014 cycle of admissions**, instead of January 2014 and January 2015.
- X.1.2.2 As regards continuation of the acceptance of YCMOU's B.A/B/Com Degrees of 10+2+2+2 = 16 yrs. for admission to IGNOU's B.Ed. programme beyond January 2014 cycle of admission, it was resolved to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to look into it and submit its report at the earliest. The Committee may consists of; Director, SOE, B.Ed. Programme Coordinator, B.A and B.Com Programme Coordinators and Registrar, SRD, its Convenor. Till such time the earlier approval of the Academic Council at its 61st meeting held on 19th Sept.2013 (AC 61.32.2) on the matter shall continue for future cycles.
- X.1.3 All such items originally proposed to refer to the Sub-Committees (IX.2.3. of the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Equivalence Committee) may be placed in the next meeting as a fresh item for consideration in view of the proposal found to be not necessary.
- X.1.4 Regarding the issue of continuance of recognition of **Certified Public Accountants Exam(CPA)** and **Certified Public Secretaries Examination (CPS)** conducted by **Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Exam. Board (KASNEB)**, as **professional qualification** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's MBA Programme, in future, Director, SOMS, informed that the Case File sent by SRD is not traceable in the School. It was decided to send copy of the Shadow File maintained by SRD to facilitate the School to take an appropriate decision on the matter at the earliest.
- X.1.5 With the above remarks, the Equivalence Committee noted the Action Taken Report on the 9th meeting held on 28.06.2013.
- X.2.1. **To consider de-recognition of M.A. English degree of University of Kerala for purposes of academic pursuit and employment in IGNOU.**
- X.2.2 The item was taken up for discussion in the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. He expressed his concern about non-recognition of IGNOU's M.A. English Degree by the University of Kerala despite repeatedly taking up the matter at various levels of the University for the last four years, including the Chancellor, i.e. H.E. the Governor of Kerala.

- X.2.3 The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has desired to write to Secretary (HE), MHRD, GOI, immediately, in the light of UGC Circular F.No.UGC/DEB/2308-2766 dated 14.10.2013 regarding **Equivalence of Degrees awarded by Open and Distance (ODL) Institutions at par with Conventional Universities/Institutions**. It was also resolved to write to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala asking the reason for taking a decision in the Special Meeting of its Academic Council held on 17.08.2009 to the effect that *"...M.A. Degree in English awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, need not be recognized as equivalent to the M.A. Degree in English of the University of Kerala"*. It was further resolved to obtain the curriculum of M.A. in English of University of Kerala for comparison by School of Humanities with IGNOU syllabus of M.A. in English.
- X.3.1 **To consider recognition of four year B.A. B.Ed, B.Sc. B.Ed and B.Sc.Ed. Degrees of Regional Institutes of Education (Constituent Units of NCERT), for purposes of admission to IGNOU's M.Ed. programme.**
- X.3.2 The Equivalence Committee considered and resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to accord recognition to four year B.A. B.Ed, B.Sc. B.Ed and B.Sc.Ed. Degrees of Regional Institutes of Education (Constituent Units of NCERT), for purposes of admission to IGNOU's M.Ed. programme.
- X.4.1 **To consider the Notification dated 04.10.2013 of Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education regarding recognition of its Higher Secondary (10+1) [11 years of schooling] passed up to the year 1988 as equivalent to 10+2 for all purposes in the State of Himachal Pradesh.**
- X.4.2 During discussion the Committee felt that according recognition of Higher Secondary (10+1) [11 years of schooling] as equivalent to 10+2 for purposes of direct admission to IGNOU's Undergraduate programmes, albeit in the State of Himachal Pradesh only, will be violation of **UGC Regulations 1985 on minimum standards of instructions for the grant of first degree through non-formal/distance education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciences, Commerce and Sciences**, published in the Gazette of India vide Notification No.F.I-117/83(CP) dated 25th November 1985. Later many more State Boards may approach IGNOU for such relief.
- X.4.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to follow the existing procedure of admitting students possessing old pattern of Higher Secondary Part-II and Intermediate/Pre-University (PUC) [10+1, i.e. 11 years of schooling] to IGNOU's Undergraduate programmes (non-formal stream) through Bachelor's Preparatory Programme (BPP).

- X.5.1 **To consider recognition of 'CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY' as Master Foreign Going Ship Examination equivalent to B.Sc. Nautical Science for purposes of admission to IGNOU's MBA programme.**
- X.5.2 During discussion it was revealed that 'CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY' as Master Foreign Going Ship Examination is awarded by the Director General Shipping to Merchant Navy Officers covering certain functions, such as navigation, cargo handling and stowage, controlling the operation of the ship and care for person on board, and radio communications. Neither any written examination is conducted for this nor any marks are awarded.
- X.5.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council not to accord recognition to 'CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY' as Master Foreign Going Ship Examination awarded by the Director General Shipping for purposes of academic pursuit in IGNOU.
- X.6.1 **To consider and approve the decision of School Board of School of Computer and Information Sciences for NOT ACCORDING recognition to Kuvempu University's 3 year B.Sc.(IT) and B.Sc.(ITIM) offered in collaboration with NIFT and Universal Education Trust (UET) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's MCA programme.**
- X.6.2 During discussion, Director, SOCIS and MCA Programme Coordinator informed that though the Degrees of B.Sc.(IT) and B.Sc.(ITIM) are awarded by the Kuvempu University, yet students pursue their 1st to 3rd semesters in NIFT or UET, the Mark-sheet for which are awarded by the respective Private Institutions. Students are admitted to the University programme from 4th semester onward. It was also informed that the syllabus of 1st to 3rd semesters taught by these Private Institutions are not up to the mark.
- X.6.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council not to accord recognition to Kuvempu University's 3 year B.Sc.(IT) and B.Sc.(ITIM) offered in collaboration with NIFT and Universal Education Trust (UET) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's MCA and other academic programmes.
- X.7.1 **To consider and approve recognition of 4(four) year 'Diploma in Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery' (DHMS) and 'Licentiate of Court of Examiners in Homoeopathy' (L.C.E.H) conducted by State Boards/Councils of Homoeopathy in the country and acquired up to the year 1983, as equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree for purposes of admission to IGNOU's M.Sc. (CFT) programme.**
- X.7.2 During discussion, it was pointed out that the title of the agenda item was found to be incorrect and be corrected as given under X.7.1.

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- X.7.3 The matter was discussed at length. Since M.Sc.(CFT) Programme Coordinator was not present, the Equivalence Committee resolved to refer the matter back to the School of Continuing Education to place the matter before the School Board and examine the issue in detail to be in conformity with the eligibility criteria prescribed for the programme.
- X.8.1 **To report for information IGNOU's Degrees/Diplomas recognized by Sister Universities/ Institutions/ PSUs/ Regulatory Bodies/ Judiciary etc.**
- X.8.2 The Committee noted the equivalence/ recognition granted to IGNOU's Degrees/Diplomas by Sister Universities/ Institutions/ PSUs/ Regulatory Bodies/ Judiciary etc. indicated in the agenda note.

TABLED ITEM

- X.9.1 **To consider recognition of 'NSQF/ NVEQF Level 4' examination as equivalent to +2 qualification for purposes of direct admission to IGNOU's Undergraduate programmes.**
- X.9.2 The matter was deliberated at length. The Equivalence Committee felt that 'NSQF/ NVEQF' Scheme was initiated in four industrial sectors: **Automobiles, IT & ITES, Security and Retail** for imparting Vocational education. Therefore, inputs from the respective Schools are required for effective implementation of the Scheme.
- X.9.3 After detailed discussions, the Equivalence Committee resolved to refer back the matter to School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) to obtain inputs from the respective Schools and place a comprehensive item in the next meeting of the Equivalence Committee covering all aspects for effective implementation of 'NSQF/ NVEQF' Scheme .

It was suggested that Equivalence Committee may meet once in four months regularly.

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


Chairman