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MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 30.12.2005 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. H.P.Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. C.L.Anand | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. J.M.Parakh, Director, School of Humanities | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, School of Social Science | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Professor, SOMS | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD | - | Member-Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting.

1. Prof. T.Pati
2. Prof. S.M.Paul Khurana
3. Prof. Ravi Kulkarni
4. Prof. V.M.Shah
5. Dr. D.Padmanaban
6. Dr. N.S.Ramegowda
7. Prof. M.C.Sharma
8. Dr. C.G.Naidu

Sh.K.D.Sharma, Section Officer, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members to the 7th Meeting of the Research Council. He specially welcomed the new members i.e. Prof. V.M.Shah, Prof. S.M.Paul Khurana, Dr. D.Padmanaban, Prof. M.C.Sharma, (Re-nominated) (in absentia) & Prof. J.M.Parakh, Prof. S.K.Panda and emphasized that he looked forward to their co-operation and valuable contribution to the deliberations in the meetings of the Research Council. The Chairman also placed on record the Research Council's appreciation for the contribution made by the retiring members of the Research Council i.e. Prof. A.K.Sharma, Prof. A.K.Agarwal, Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Dr. Anju Sehgal Gupta.

The Chairman emphasized that research and innovation in distance education should be the part of the research done in the University. He exhorted the University's Academia to carry out research in Distance Education and bring forward the new innovations in the field. He desired that the Research Council should identify the thrust areas for research. He also suggested that as is done by the Vice-Chancellor in every Board of Management meeting, the Pro Vice-Chancellor should present a preamble about research in the University in the Research Council meetings.

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

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 13.1.2005 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

RC.7.1.1 Prof. S.C.Garg Pro Vice Chancellor informed the Members that the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Research Council held on 13.1.2005 were circulated to the members. Comments have been received from one of the members on the recording of Resolution No. 6.5.4. The Comments of the Member are:

“that the Research Council decided that the decision taken in respect of 6.5.2 was the same as for 6.5.4”. Comments were placed before the Chairman and it was decided that the following lines may be added in Resolution no. 6.5.4:

“R.C. 6.5.4: The Research Council decided that the proposal could not be approved in the present form and the same was referred to the Sub-Committee constituted under Resolution No. 6.5.2. The Council advised that the proposal be examined carefully by the School Board and should be error free before it is re-submitted to the Research Council for approval”.

RC.7.1.2 The Research Council noted the action taken on the Minutes and confirmed the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Research Council with the modification mentioned above.

RC.7.1.3 The members pointed out that in spite of the assurance given last time, the meeting of the Research Council has been held after about a year. It was therefore decided that Research Council must meet twice a year and its Standing Committee should meet more frequently.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORT OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS ADMITTED TO THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

RC.7.2.1 Prof. S.C.Garg Pro Vice Chancellor apprised the Members that the progress reports have been submitted by the research scholars as per details given below:

S.No.	Name of the Candidates & Enrolment No.	Period of Progress Report	Discipline
01	Ms. Latha Manickavasagam 024957777	July,04 to Dec.04	Library & Information Science
02	Ms. Renu Arora 052549298	March,05 to Oct.05	Library & Information Science
03	Mr. P.Vijayakumar 024957720	July,04 to Dec.04	Library & Information Science
04	Ms. Priti Sharma 024957784	Jan.05, to June,05	Political Science
05	Mr. Rajesh Kumar 052549306	March,05 to Aug.05	Economics
06	Mr. M.Sivakumar 024957680	Jan.05, to June,05	History
07	Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti 024957706	July,04 to Dec.04	Public Administration

RC.7.2.2 The Research Council emphasized that the learners be asked to submit their progress reports every six months in time and the School Board of the discipline concerned should look into the progress report and comments of the Supervisors. Thereafter, these reports may be forwarded to the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC.7.2.3 The Research Council on studying the progress reports submitted by the students, was of the view that the progress reports should contain full details of the work done by the student, so that, the progress of the student can be assessed properly by the Authorities such as School Board/Research Council etc. Since the learners in Distance Education are at far off places from the University and there is little face-to-face contact between the learner and the teachers/supervisor, it was decided to develop a performa for student to submit their six monthly progress report as per the requirements of the University. The schedule of the programme and the timetable for the submission of progress report should be developed within 15 days. To develop the performa and schedule of the programme, the Research Council constituted the following sub-committee:

1. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, SOSS
2. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD
3. Prof. J.M.Parakh, Director, SOH
4. Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE
5. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Professor, SOMS - Convenor

RC.7.2.4 The reports submitted by the students may be examined by this committee and action should be taken expeditiously to avoid de-motivation of the students in their research programme.

RC.7.2.5 The Council also felt the need to amend the Ordinance on Research Degree Programme with regard to action against students who fail to submit their progress reports to their supervisor and who, in turn, fail to submit the same within a fortnight with their comments to the Director of the School concerned. All these instructions are required to be included in the progress report form and the instructions in the programme guide for Ph.D. programme.

RC.7.2.6 The Research Council considered and approved the progress reports submitted by the students mentioned in Resolution No.7.2.1.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE PH.D. PROGRESS REPORT OF MR. PARDEEP RAI OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES.

RC.7.3.1 Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, SOSS explained that, in pursuance of the decision of the Research Council at its last meeting held on 13.1.2005, the students who had not been submitting their progress reports as per the requirements of the Ordinance, were given notice for cancellation of their registration. In response, Dr. P.K.Rath, the supervisor forwarded the progress reports of Mr. Pardeep Rai for the period from July, 2003 to December, 2004. The reports were placed before the School Board of SOSS at its 36th Meeting held on 27.5.2005. The School Board decided that the student be asked to re-frame the questionnaire. The Discipline Coordinator, Library & Information Science was requested to convey the observations of the School Board to the candidate and his supervisor. Meanwhile, the student has submitted the progress report for the period January-June, 2005, which was placed before the School Board of SOSS at 37th Meeting held on 25.11.2005. The School Board recommended that its observations of the 36th Meeting be conveyed to the student and his research supervisor, to re-frame the questionnaire and re-submit the same to the School Board. If the School Board approved the same at its next meeting, then the student be asked to make changes in the Chapters already prepared. The School Board considered the progress report for the period January, 2005 and recommended that it should be forwarded to the Research Council with the above observations.

RC.7.3.2 The Research Council was further informed that the Director, SOSS had *vide* his letter dated December 6, 2005 conveyed the decision of the School Board of SOSS to the student and his supervisor who is on lien for the last one and half years and had expressed a desire that he should be relieved of the supervision of the student.

RC7.3.3 The Research Council observed that the student had not been provided proper guidance as to how the questionnaire is to be modified because his supervisor is on leave. The Council decided that in future in such situations, the student should be associated with another supervisor so that his/her work did not suffer. However, in the present case, Dr. Pravakar Rath, the supervisor of Mr. Pardeep Rai be advised to continue as supervisor so that there is no further delay in finalization of the work of Mr. Pardeep Rai.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF MS. MEENAKSHI SHARMA (FORM NO.07664) AND MR RAJESH KUMAR (0048) IN PH.D. IN HISTORY.

RC.7.4.1 Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, SOSS explained that the Screening Committee of the Faculty of History at its meeting held on October 12, 2004 considered the 12 applications for registration to the Ph.D. Programme in History. Out of the 12 applications, the Screening Committee accepted only 7 applications with minor changes in the topics to be effected in consultation with the supervisor. However, it seems that of the seven, five students have not shown any interest.

RC.7.4.2 The Research Council considered the proposals of Ms. Meenakshi Sharma and Mr. Rajesh Kumar and observed that the proposals need to be refined and referred these to the sub-committee constituted *vide* RC 7.2.3. The recommendations of the sub-committee be placed before the Chairman for consideration and decision on behalf of the Research Council.

ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAME OF DR. SANJAY GUPTA, LECTURER IN PHYSICS AS RESEARCH SUPERVISOR FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN PHYSICS OF IGNOU.

RC.7.5.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the School Board of School of Sciences at its 30th Meeting held on 2.8.2005 recommended the name of Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Lecturer in Physics for approval as Research Supervisor for Ph.D. Programme in Physics of the University.

RC.7.5.2 The Research Council considered the Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Sanjay Gupta and approved his name as research supervisor for Ph.D. programme in Physics in terms of provisions of Clause 4.3 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programme.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MR. RAJDEEP MANWANI FOR PH.D. IN ECONOMICS.

RC.7.6.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the School Board of SOSS at its 36th meeting held on 27.7.2005 considered in detail the research proposal submitted by Mr. Rajdeep Manwani on “Evaluation and Effectiveness of Training and its Impact on Productivity in Banking Sector in India” (A Comparative Study between Public and Private Sector Banks).

RC.7.6.2 The Research Council observed that the application form should include the name and consent of the supervisor. The Council observed that the research proposals should be submitted to the Research Council with the endorsement of the Supervisor(s). The Research Council decided that the proposal should be examined by the Sub-Committee constituted *vide* RC 7.2.3. The recommendations of the sub-committee be placed before the Chairman for consideration and decision on behalf of the Research Council.

ITEM NO.7 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN CONSTITUTING A STANDING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF PH.D. EXAMINERS FOR IGNOU PH.D. SCHOLARS.

RC.7.7.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the University has awarded a Ph.D. Degree in Education to Dr. Bimla Kapoor at its 16th Convocation held on 5.2.2005. The Vice-Chancellor had constituted a Standing Committee to consider the reports of Ph.D. Examiners for IGNOU Ph.D. scholars.

RC.7.7.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SH. RAHAT ALI ON “ECONOMICS OF FISH FARMING IN PUNJAB: A CASE STUDY OF SANGRUR DISTRICT”.

RC.7.8.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the Economics faculty at its meeting held on 12.3.2004 considered four proposals for registration of Ph.D. programme in Economics. Out of the 4 proposals, the proposal on “Economics of Fish Farming in Punjab: A Case Study of Sangrur District” submitted by Sh. Rahat Ali was recommended for registration of Ph.D. programme. The proposal was considered by the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its meeting held on 12.5.2004 and the student was advised to improve upon the methodology and formulation of Hypothesis. Accordingly, the candidate submitted the revised proposal as per the suggestion of the faculty which was placed before the School Board at its 35th Meeting held on 12.3.2005 and recommended the proposal for the approval of the Research Council.

RC.7.8.2 The Research Council considered the proposal and referred it to the Sub-Committee constituted *vide* RC.7.2.3 for consideration. The recommendations of the sub-committee be placed before the Chairman for consideration and decision on behalf of the Research Council.

ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MS. TRIPTI DHALLA FOR PH.D. IN EDUCATION.

RC 7.9.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the Research Council at its meeting held on 13.1.2005 while considering the proposal submitted by Ms. Tripti Dhalla for Ph.D. in Education decided that the proposal could not be approved in the present form and advised that the proposal be examined carefully by the School Board and should be error free before it is re-submitted to the Research Council. Ms. Tripti Dhalla has re-submitted the proposal entitled “**A Study of Enrichment Programmes to Foster Creative Thinking among Elementary School Children**”. The School Board at its meeting held on 24.8.2005 considered the proposal and recommended for placing before the Research Council.

RC.7.9.2 The Research Council considered the revised proposal submitted by Ms. Tripti Dhalla in the light of the observations made by the School Board and decided to refer the proposal to the Sub-Committee constituted in the last meeting *vide* RC 6.5.2 before approval by the Research Council.

ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADMISSION OF MR. ROSHUN DHURBARRYLALL FOR PH.D. RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP.

RC 7.10.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the University had received a request from Mr. Roshun Dhurbarrylall for admission to the Ph.D. Research Studentship. The proposal has been considered by the School Board of School of Education at its 21st meeting held on 24.8.2005 and the School Board was of the view that the eligibility for admission to Ph.D. programme in Education to Mr. Roshun Dhurbarrylall may be relaxed and the same may be forwarded to Research Council for relaxation of condition for admission to the Ph.D. programme in Education.

RC.7.10.2 The Research Council noted that the University has so far launched the Ph.D. programme for M. Phil. degree holders. Those with only a Master’s degree are required to do course work, which is yet to be developed. However, as per the clause 6.2 of the Ordinance on Research degree programme, where such course work is deemed unnecessary, a prescription to that effect of exemptions shall be made by the School Board or the Area Committee concerned to be approved by the Research Council.

- RC.7.10.3** The Research Council discussed the matter in great detail and decided that the candidates with post-graduate degrees having five years teaching/ industry/ administration/ professional experience at senior level may be exempt from the requirement of course work.
- RC.7.10.4** The Research Council advised the School Board of School of Education to process the case of Mr. Dhurbarrylall.
- ITEM NO.11 TO REPORT THE RE-LAUNCH OF PH.D. PROGRAMME FOR M.PHIL. DEGREE HOLDERS.**
- RC.7.11.1** Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the Research Council at its meeting held on 13.1.2005 vide Resolution no. RC.6.15.3 decided that the Ph.D. programme for M.Phil. degree holders be relaunched. In view of the above decision of the Research Council, the University has re-launched the Ph.D. programme for M.Phil. Degree holders from January, 2005.
- RC.7.11.2** The Research Council noted the re-launch of Ph.D. programme for M.Phil. Degree holders with effect from January, 2006.
- ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REGULATIONS FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL.**
- RC.7.12.1** Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the Research Council has been declared as an Authority of the University under the provision of Statute 9 (A) of the University. After being declared as an Authority of the University, it has become necessary for the Research Council to make regulations consistent with the Act, Statutes and the Ordinances for conduct of its business under provision Statutes 7 of IGNOU Act.
- RC.7.12.2** During the discussion, a view merged that the Research Council should have a 15 member Standing Committee as in the case of Academic Council and Planning Board to examine the various proposals in detail before placing the same for consideration before the Research Council. The Standing Committee

shall have the following composition:

1. Vice-Chancellor/
Chairman -
- Senior most Pro Vice-Chancellor (in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor)
2. A Pro Vice-Chancellor incharge of Research - Member
nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
3. Two Directors/Heads of Divisions of the University - Member
4. Two Members of the Research Council - Member
5. A Member of the Board of Management nominated - Member
by the Vice-Chancellor
6. One Teacher/academic who is not a member -
Member
of the Research Council/Academic Council nominated
by the Vice-Chancellor
7. Director, Academic Coordination Division - Convenor

The quorum of the meeting shall be 1/3rd of total members.

RC.7.12.3 The Research Council further decided that the Standing Committee may meet once in every three months and empowered it to take decisions on its behalf. The decisions shall be put for ratification but can be implemented from the date of Standing Committee of Research Council.

RC.7.12.4 The Research Council approved the Regulations placed at **Appendix-1** for its meetings under the provisions of Section 27 of the IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF SH. S.S.GULIA, RESEARCH SCHOLAR.

RC.7.13.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the University has received a request for excusing for delay in the Ph.D. work of Shri G.G.Gulia due to his father's illness.

RC.7.13.2 The Research Council considered and decided that as the candidate in this case is on a fellowship, the research scholar Sh. S.S.Gulia may be requested to forward his application through UGC.

ITEM NO.14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPLICATION OF MS. ARUNDHATI MISHRA FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN PHYSICS.

RC.7.14.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that Ms. Arundhati Mishra, a research scholar has submitted her proposal entitled “*Evaluation of Undergraduate Physics Programme of IGNOU and Implications for Learners*” in the Area of Physics Education. The details of the proposal were examined by the School Board of SOS at its 31st meeting held on 30.11.2005. The School Board recommended the application of Ms. Mishra for admission to the Ph.D. programme in Physics.

RC.7.14.2 The Research Council considered and approved the proposal of Ms. Arundhati Mishra for admission to the Ph.D. programme in Physics.

ITEM NO.15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF MRS.AMRITBIR KAUR BRAR AND MR. RAMESH CHANDRA FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D. IN ECONOMICS.

RC.7.15.1 Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, School of Social Sciences explained that the Economics discipline considered 9 applications forms for registration in the Ph.D. programme in Economics. No proposal in its original form was found suitable for admission to the Ph.D. programme and candidates were advised to revise their proposals and re-submit the same for consideration. Out of the 9 candidates only, 2 candidates have submitted their revised proposals. The Screening Committee of the economics discipline considered both the proposals at its meeting held on 21.10.2005 and recommended the same for Research Council for its consideration.

RC.7.15.2 The Research Council considered the proposals and referred the same back for placing before the School Board for consideration and then re-submit after examining all the aspects of the proposals to the Research Council with its recommendation.

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

(H.P.Dikshit)

Chairman