

Minutes of the Ninth meeting of the re-constituted Equivalence Committee held on 28.06.2013 at 3.30 p.m. in Board Room of VCO Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068.

Following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. M.Asalam, Vice-Chancellor | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, SOSS | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Director, SOH | - Member |
| 4. Prof. B.S. Saraswat, SOS | - Member |
| 5. Prof. Subhasis Maji, Director, SOET | - Member |
| 6. Prof. G.Subbayamma, Director (I/c), SOMS | - Member |
| 7. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Discipline Coordinator of URDU | - Member |
| 8. Prof. Madhu Tyagi, B.Com Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 9. Prof. S.Vijayasekhar Reddy, SOSS | - Member |
| 10. Shri Shashi Bhushan, Director, SOCIS | - Member |
| 11. Dr. Shiv Kumar Vyas, SOET | - Member |
| 12. Shri Akshay Kumar, MCA Programme Coordinator | - Member |
| 13. Dr. A.B.Sharma, Programme Coordinator M.A.English | - Member |
| 14. Shri Sambhav Srivastava, Evaluation Officer, AIU | - Special Invitee |
| 15. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD | - Secretary |

Prof. B.B.Khanna, MBA 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.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the Members of the Committee. He deliberated on the importance of Equivalence in a university system. Chairman emphasized on the reciprocal equivalence of degree/diplomas of other accredited educational institutions including the overseas educational institutes by communicating with them for the benefit of learners.

The Chairman desired to expand the functions of Equivalence Committee in accordance with the needs and incorporate it in the Ordinance accordingly in due course.

The following items were taken up for consideration and decision.

Item No. IX.1

IX.1.1 To note the Action Taken Report on the 8th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 15.02.2012.

IX.1.2 During discussion, Prof. B.S. Saraswat, SOS, wanted to know on the action taken on item No.VIII.7.3 - **"The Equivalence Committee also resolved to refer the matter back to School of Management Studies to re-examine the issue of continuance of above recognition in future"**

- IX.1.3. The Committee was informed that the Case File has already been referred back to School of Management Studies on **21.03.2012** followed by a reminder on **02.08.2012**, but the report is still awaited. SOMS is being requested to expedite the report.
- IX.1.4 The Equivalence Committee noted the Action Taken Report on the 8th meeting held on 15.02.2012.
- IX.2.1 **To report the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in according recognition to YCMOU's First degree of 10+2+2+2 (16 year duration) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's B.Ed. programme.**
- IX.2.2 During discussion, the Chairman desired that practice of placing the items before the Equivalence Committee for ratification may not be encouraged and due procedure be followed in according recognition/equivalence, in future.
- IX.2.3 The Equivalence Committee decided to have a **Sub-Committee** to examine the detailed curriculum and evaluation methodology of all such courses wherein equivalence and/or recognition is sought for. The Equivalence Committee authorized the Chairman to **constitute different Sub-Committees** in the following streams:
- Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Sciences
 - Commerce and Management
 - Computer Science
 - Engineering
 - Tourism Studies
 - Education
 - Health Sciences
 - Vocational Education etc.
- Sub-Committees may be appointed for other streams as well whenever required.
- IX.2.4 Further, the Committee felt that there is a need to follow a proper system and methodology through which the equivalence issues brought to the Committee are examined and decided. The Equivalence Cell takes initiative in preparing a proper system and methodology. The Equivalence Cell shall be strengthened by providing the services of an Expert.
- IX.2.5 The Equivalence Committee recommended to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in according **recognition to YCMOU's B.A/B.Com degree under 10+2+2+2 (16 year duration) for admission to IGNOU's B.Ed. programme in January 2013 session.** The Equivalence Committee further resolved to extend the recognition for admission to IGNOU's B.Ed. programme in January 2014 cycle of admission as well. For future cycles, a Committee shall deliberate on continuance of recognition of such degrees.

- IX.3.1 To report the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in according recognition to 'One sitting B.A. degree' of Osmania University, Andhra University, Kakatia University, Kurukshetra University etc. obtained up to the year 1998-99 for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Master's Degree programmes.
- IX.3.2 The Equivalence Committee recommended to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in according approval for accepting 'One sitting B.A. degree' of Osmania University, Andhra University, Kakatia University, Kurukshetra University, etc. subject to the condition that the candidates have enrolled for the programme up to the year 1995-96 and completed their course up to the year 1998-99. Besides, such candidates should have a gap of two year after +2 before they have registered themselves for 'One sitting BA degree'.
- IX.4.1 To consider and approve recognition of 'SHASTRI' (BA), 'ACHARYA' (MA) and 'SHIKSHA SHASTRI' (B.Ed) offered by RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT SANSTHANAM for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes
- IX.4.2 The Equivalence Committee recommended to accord recognition to 'SHASTRI' (BA), 'ACHARYA' (MA) and 'SHIKSHA SHASTRI' (B.Ed) offered by RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT SANSTHANAM (Deemed University) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes. Further, Equivalence Committee resolved to write to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthanam to recognize Degrees/Diplomas awarded by IGNOU on reciprocal basis.
- IX.5.1 To consider and approve the matter of recognition of 5(five) year Diploma in Architecture awarded by D.C. Patel School of Architecture, Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Gujarat, as equivalent to B.Arch for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Master's Degree programmes.
- IX.5.2 The Equivalence Committee resolved to refer the matter to the Sub-Committee as per IX.2.3.
- IX.6.1 To consider and approve the decision of School Council of School of Computer and Information Sciences for NOT ACCORDING recognition to Kuvempu University's 3 year B.Sc(IT) offered in collaboration with NIIT and UET for purposes of admission to IGNOU's MCA programme.
- IX.6.2 During discussion it was suggested that the matter should be examined by the School Board first.

- IX.6.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to refer back the matter to the School of Computer and Information Science to place the matter before the School Board and re-examine the issue.
- IX.7.1 To consider and approve recognition of **'Higher Secondary Course'** and **'Higher Course'** of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education (SAICE), Pondicherry, as equivalent to 10+2 and First Degree respectively for purposes of higher studies in IGNOU.
- IX.7.2 During discussion it was observed that **'Higher Secondary Course'** and **'Higher Course'** offered by Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Pondicherry, neither have any syllabus nor any prescribed evaluation methodology. They are also not awarding any Degree or Diploma. Further, the recognition given by Govt. of India for the Courses of SAICE is restricted to employment in Central Government services only.
- IX.7.3 The Equivalence Committee recommended **not to accord recognition** to **'Higher Secondary Course'** and **'Higher Course'** offered by Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Pondicherry, for purposes of higher studies in IGNOU.
- IX.8.1 To consider the matter of recognition of BBA awarded by Kardan Institute of Higher Education, Kabul, Afghanistan for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Master's Degree programmes.
- IX.8.2 The Equivalence Committee resolved to refer the matter to the Sub-Committee as per IX.2.3.
- IX.9.1 To consider the matter of recognition of **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION** awarded by Sr. Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia, as equivalent to +2 stage qualification for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Under-graduate programmes.
- IX.9.2 The Equivalence Committee resolved to refer the matter to the Sub-Committee as per IX.2.3.

- IX.10.1 **To consider and approve recognition of URDU courses offered by Quasi Govt. Autonomous Institutions/Madrassa Colleges and also the qualifications and certificates of the State Madrassa Boards as equivalent to the corresponding qualifications and certificates of the Universities and State Education Boards for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.**
- IX.10.2 The Equivalence Committee resolved to refer the matter to the Sub-Committee as per IX.2.3
- IX.11.1 **To consider the matter of recognition of 3(three) year Diploma (after 12th Std) offered by various Universities/Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training Institutes established by various State Governments/ Union Territories as equivalent to a First Degree for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Master's Degree programmes.**
- IX.11.2 The Equivalence Committee recommended **not to accord recognition** of 3 year Diploma programmes offered by various Universities/Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training Institutes as equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.
- IX.12.1 **To report IGNOU's Degrees/Diplomas recognized by Sister Universities/ Institutions**
- IX.12.2 The Equivalence Committee noted with satisfaction the equivalence/ recognition granted to IGNOU's Degrees/Diplomas by University of Kerala, Govt. of Rajasthan and Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir.

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

10/11/19
M-SECRETARY