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MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD FUNCTIONING AS ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE IGNOU HELD IN THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE AT K-76 HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI-110016 ON JANUARY 10, 1989 AT 11.00 HRS.

The following were present.

1. Prof. G.Ram Reddy, Vice-Chancellor Chairman
2. Prof. M. Santappa
3. Prof. Shahid Siddiqui
4. Dr. (Mrs) Jyoti H Trivedi, M.D
5. Prof. M.V. Pylee
6. Prof. B.S. Sharma, Pro-VC.I
7. Prof. B.N. Koul
8. Prof. S.C. Goel
9. Dr. G.S. Rao
10. Prof. V.R. Jagannathan
11. Prof. R.N. Mathur
12. Prof. R.S. Morkhandikar
13. Prof. (Mrs) Shakti R. Ahmed
14. Prof. M.M. Pant
15. Prof. D.D. Joshi, Pro-VC.II
16. Prof. R.J. Garde, Pro-VC.III
17. Prof. A.B. Bose
18. Prof. Rakesh Khurana
19. Prof. C.S. Moorthy
20. Shri K. Narayanan Member Secretary

Prof. E.V. Chitnis and Dr.A.W. Khan could not make it convenient to attend.

Maj. Genl. (Retd) A. Balasubrahmanian, Prof. S.P.Verma and Mrs. Kusum Nangia were present as special invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Deputy Registrar(G) and Shri M.L.Mukheeja, Deputy Registrar(Academic) were present to assist the Member Secretary and the Council.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor extended his greetings and good wishes to all the members present for a happy and prosperous New Year. Before the items on the Agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the First Convocation of the University would be held on 21st February, 1989, and that it would be presided over by the Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi. He invited all the members to attend the Convocation.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD FUNCTIONING AS ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 1987.

2.1.1 The minutes of the First meeting of the Planning Board functioning as Academic Council, held on December 28, 1987, circulated to the members earlier, were confirmed with the following minor correction:-

The word "Foundation" appearing under (c) of Item No.16 of the minutes be read as "Preparatory". Item (c) as modified will read:

"(c) Preparatory Course in General Mathematics - Annexure VII".

ITEM NO.2 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD ON THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT ITS 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH MEETINGS.

2.2.1 The Academic Council considered a report on the decisions of the Planning Board taken at its Fifth, Sixth and Seventh meetings. The Council was in agreement with the decisions of the Planning Board, but made certain minor changes/modifications.

2.2.2

The changes/modifications are as given below:

(a) Credit Scheme for various courses
(Page 16 of the Agenda)

The credit scheme as indicated at present is likely to create some confusion in the minds of the students specially the duration of the programmes and credits. Dr.B.N.Koul was requested to suitably modify the paragraph on credit scheme in the light of the discussions held at the meeting.

(b) Course Structure for the B.Sc Programme

- (i) The word 'to' appearing in the 12th line under the 1st paragraph "Pattern" be substituted with the word "or". (Page 19 of the Agenda)
- (ii) The word "with" appearing in the first line of para (a) under Elective Courses be deleted. (Page 20 of the Agenda)
- (iii) The fee structure for Laboratory Courses (Page 21 of the Agenda) be clearly indicated.

(c) Programme on Computers in Office Management". (Page 63 of the Agenda)

Under course 2, item 1 to 3 on data base Management, it was decided that the Govt approved packages be used.

(d) Syllabus for General Awareness Programmes: Water Resource Management

The Council suggested that the units in General Awareness Programmes be raised from 40 to 60 with 12 credits (Pages 96/97 & 98/99 of the Agenda)

2.2.3

Subject to the observations made above, the Council approved the Syllabii listed under Appendix I to VII.

ITEM NO.3

TO CONSIDER THE ASSIGNMENT OF DISCIPLINES TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF STUDIES.

2.3.1

The Council considered the proposal for assignment of Disciplines to various Schools of Studies, and approved it with

certain minor modifications. The assignment of disciplines as approved by the Academic Council is at Appendix-VIII.

2.3.2

So far as Women's Education is concerned, the Council decided that a committee consisting of Dr(Mrs) Jyoti Trivedi and Prof. D.D.Joshi may examine the matter in detail and recommend the nature and scope of women's education/studies to be taken up by the University and the School(s) which should be assigned this responsibility.

ITEM NO.4

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SYLLABII FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES.

4(i)Diploma in creative writing in Hindi

2.4(i).1

The Director of the School of Humanities stated that the format for presentation of the course structure was slightly modified. The Council approved the syllabii with the suggestion that the names of course writers need not be mentioned in the syllabus. (Appendix IX)

4(ii)Certificate Programme in Food and Nutrition

2.4(ii).1

The Council considered the syllabus in Food and Nutrition Programme and approved it. (Appendix-X)

4(iii)Diploma Programme in Higher Education

It was suggested that the proposed diploma programme could be converted into an M.Phil programme. The Council, however, approved the course structure (Appendix-XI) suggesting that, for the present, it may be offered as Diploma in Higher Education and its conversion into M.Phil Programme be considered at a later stage.

ITEM NO.5

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF INTRODUCING CERTIFICATE COURSE IN COMPUTERS IN LIBRARY MANAGEMENT.

2.5.1

The Council considered the proposed Certificate Course on computers in Library Management and approved the same (Appendix-XII). However, the Council desired that the details of the course structure should be worked out by an expert committee and

brought up before the Council for consideration.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FORMAT OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AND THE REGULATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF CONVOCATIONS.

2.6.1 The Council considered the formats of Degree/Diploma and approved them as given in Appendix-XIII.

2.6.2 The Council considered the draft Regulations on the Convocation. The Council felt that there should be separate regulations for Convocations to be held at the headquarters and for those to be held at the Regional Centre.

2.6.3 The Council approved the draft Regulations with some modifications for the Convocations to be held at Headquarters, Delhi. (Appendix XIV). The Council desired that the Regulations for Convocations to be held at the Regional Centres be prepared and placed before the next meeting of the Council.


ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES.

2.7.1 The proposal for the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of letters (D.Litt.), Honoris Causa, on Dr Shridath Surendranath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary - General, was approved by the Council. The Council noted that the proposal was made by a Committee constituted for the purpose.

ITEM NO.8 ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

2.8.1 The Council considered the proposal to charge a Convocation fee from students and decided that a fee of Rs.15/- be charged only from those candidates who opt for receiving the Degree/Diploma in absentia.

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


Prof. G. Ram Reddy
Chairman