

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD IN THE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE AT MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068 ON FRIDAY, JULY 5,
1991 AT 1030 HOURS.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. V.C. Kulandai Swamy, Vice-Chancellor | - Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. D.D. Joshi | Member |
| 3. | Prof. R.J. Garde | Member |
| 4. | Prof. H.P. Dikshit | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Rakesh Khurana | Member |
| 6. | Prof. B.N. Koul | Member |
| 7. | Prof. V.V. Mandke | Member |
| 8. | Prof. R.N. Mathur | Member |
| 9. | Prof. Pandav Nayak | Member |
| 10. | Prof. M.B. Menon | Member |
| 11. | Dr. M.L. Bhatia | Member |
| 12. | Shri K. Murugan | Member |
| 13. | Dr. (Mrs) S. Taneja | Member |
| 14. | Prof. M.M. Pant | Member |
| 15. | Prof. A.W. Khan | Member |
| 16. | Dr. K. Gopalan | Member |
| 17. | Prof. Ashok Chandra | Member |
| 18. | Prof. M.V. Pylee | Member |
| 19. | Dr. T.S. Saraswathi | Member |
| 20. | Shri T.K. Balaji | Member |
| 21. | Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar | - Member - Secretary |

Dr. (Mrs) Neela Jagannathan, (Deputy Librarian) Dr. K. Anjanappa Registrar (Admissions), Dr. S.N. Chaturvedi, Director, Regional Services, Shri D.C. Pant, Director (Evaluation), Shri C.R. Pillai, Director, Planning & Teachers Affairs attended by special invitation.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Deputy Registrar was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

Before the agenda was taken up for consideration, the Vice-Chancellor cordially welcomed the co-opted members of the Academic Council who were attending the meeting for the first time.

The following matters were considered:-

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 30, 1990.

1.1.1 The minutes of the third meeting of the Academic Council held on November 30, 1990 were confirmed, subject to the following modifications:-

1.1.2. The name "Shri Tushar Bhatt" , appearing against Sl. No. 6 under resolution No. 3.1A.2 be read as "Shri Tushaar Shah".

1.1.3. The expression 'qualifications' appearing in resolution No. 3.14.2 be substituted by the word "certification".

ITEM NO. 2 TO CO-OPT A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSE (viii) OF CLAUSE (1) OF STATUTE 9 ON ACADEMIC COUNCIL

1.2.1. The Council noted the inability of Shri Tushaar Shah, Director, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, to accept the membership of the Academic Council in view of his commitments. The Council resolved that Shri S.S. Kalbag, Vigyan Ashram, Indian Institute of Education, Pabal, Pune, an expert in the area of vocationalisation of education, be co-opted as a member of the Academic Council in place of Shri Tushaar Shah.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE APPROACH PAPER ON COURSE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

1.3.1. On the request of the Chairman, Dr. B.N. Koul, Director, School of Education, appraised the Council of the main features of the approach to course development proposed by the School of Education. The Academic Council noted that the School of Education intends to adopt a course-based approach in its curriculum design and offerings.

Under this approach, instead of launching programmes with a predetermined number of courses, the School will offer a large number of courses, which, chosen in appropriate clusters, depending upon the learners' needs, could lead to certificate, diploma, or degree level programmes. The Council noted that the courses proposed to be offered by the School of Education are designed to broaden the knowledge and update the professional competence of serving teachers at various levels. The Council also noted that the School does not intend to launch a highly structured B.Ed., degree programme, but would have sufficient structural flexibility in its overall offerings that would permit candidates desirous of obtaining a B.Ed., degree to select appropriate courses that would entitle them to obtain the degree.

- 4.3.2 While appreciating and endorsing in principle the approach and the programmes and courses set out by the School of Education, the Academic Council resolved that the various courses and programmes proposed may be referred to the relevant Expert Committees to study the details and with their recommendations the matter may be placed before the Academic Council for finalisation of the details of various courses.
- 4.3.3 The Academic Council also expressed the view that a broader system of credit transfers across various schools needs to be operationalised for deriving the full benefits of course-wise registration.
- 4.3.4 The Academic Council also endorsed the proposal of the Chairman that in the formulation and preparation of Courses by the School of Education, the active assistance of NCERT & NIEPA might be sought.
- 4.3.5 The following corrections to the agenda note were also noted by the Council:
1. On page 31, under Bachelor of Education, the words '(48 credits)' be added.

2. On page 31, the words 'or ES 340' against Diploma in Educational Management (30 Credits) be deleted.
3. On page 36, the word 'third' in the note under the figure be substituted by the word "fourth".
4. On page 41, the Courses ES 386 & ES 387 be renumbered as ES 385 & ES 386 respectively.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER COURSE-WISE REGISTRATION FOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

4.4.1 The Chairman requested Prof. Rakesh Khurana, Director, School of Management Studies, to explain the main features of the proposal. Prof. Rakesh Khurana briefly outlined the modular structure of the MBA programme which comprised the DIM, the ADIM, three Specialised Diplomas and an Integrative Module. These modules were so far being offered on a sequential pattern although to the Specialised Diploma Programmes, the University had permitted lateral entry. He explained that the proposal now before the Council envisaged the opening up of the entire range of management courses for registration without insisting on any sequential structure. From 1992, it would be open to a student admitted to register for a set of courses offered. The registration will be made in two semesters each year, and a student can register only for a maximum number of 4 courses in a semester. The total MBA programme will consist of 5 semesters, and it will also be open to students to obtain any one of the diplomas if they so wished.

4.4.2 The Academic Council felt that the need for retaining the Integrative Module, when a combination of twenty or more courses would enable a candidate to get an MBA degree, may be reviewed particularly as it conveys the impression that the programme is having several disparate elements

needing an integrative component. The Council also suggested that the proposals for offering programmes in Technology Management may be spelt out in detail.

4.4.3 The Academic Council approved the proposal for course-wise registration in the offerings of the School of Management Studies; the organisation of Management programmes on a semester basis; registration for not more than four courses per semester; and the completion of an MBA degree in five semesters. The Council noted that the courses offered by the School of Management Studies should also indicate the weightage of each course in terms of credits which will be the unit of measurement for the academic programmes in IGNOU.

4.4.4 The Academic Council suggested that the proposal for reducing the number of courses comprising the ADIM programme, from six to five, to bring it at par with other modules, may be examined by the School of Management Studies and the recommendations be brought before the Academic Council for consideration and decision. It was suggested that availing itself of the switch-over to coursewise registration, the School may take a comprehensive view of the courses offered and bring about any change that may be needed.

4.4.5 A question was raised as to how the several diplomas like DIM, ADIM, and the Specialised Diplomas awarded to the students should be treated, when the student is finally awarded the MBA Degree which subsumed all these diplomas. The Council noted that since the diplomas were awarded at a Convocation, it may not be appropriate to withdraw the diplomas while awarding the MBA degree; however, it should be possible to devise a suitable form of certification to meet the issue raised. This may be examined.

4.4.6 The following corrections in Annexure I to the agenda note were noted:

In para (3), in lines 5 and 6 the word "five" appearing therein may be substituted by the word "four".

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

4.5.1 The Chairman requested Prof. Pandav Nayak, Director, School of Social Sciences, to explain the proposals. Prof. Pandav Nayak stated that the proposed Master's degree programme consisted of 64 credits, including a dissertation of 12 credits; and would take two years to complete. During the course of discussion, it was pointed out that the M.Lib Science programme offered by most Universities was of one-year duration and that a two-year programme may not attract enough students. The programme, prima facie, appeared to be too heavy from the point of view of the curriculum load and course structure. The Council took note of these comments and suggested that maximum acceptable curriculum load at the post-graduate level may also be considered.

4.5.2 The Academic Council approved the introduction of the MLIS programme in principle, and desired that the proposal be referred to the Expert Committee along with the above observations for further consideration and the matter is brought before the Academic Council again. In the meantime, preparation of course materials in respect of the core courses of the MLIS programme may be taken up to avoid delay.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EQUIVALENCE COMMITTEE

4.6.1 The Academic Council considered the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee and approved the same as per details contained in Appendix I, II & III.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE REVISED PROGRAMME OF DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION (DHE)

- 4.7.1 The Academic Council considered the revised programme of Diploma in Higher Education and approved the same as per details contained in Appendix IV. The Council noted that the fee for the programme is Rs.1000/- at Rs. 200/- per course, and that the programme had been upgraded from 20 credits to 30 credits with consequential increase of units from the earlier proposal of 12 to 16/17 units per course.

ITEM NO. 8 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING ONE LAST CHANCE, FOR COMPLETING THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THOSE STUDENTS WHO WERE REGISTERED FOR ADMISSION TO DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT & DIPLOMA IN DISTANCE EDUCATION IN 1987.

- 4.8.1 The Academic Council considered the proposal and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting the students of the Diploma in Management and Diploma in Distance Education registered in 1987, one last chance as a special case during the year 1991 to complete the Diploma programme.

ITEM NO.9 TO RATIFY THE MODIFIED FEE STRUCTURE FOR 1991-92 SESSION.

- 4.9.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in modifying the fee structure as per details in Appendix V.

ITEM NO.10 TO REPORT FOR RATIFICATION THE CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE.

- 4.10.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in dispensing with the requirement of minimum age of

25 years for admission to the Degree of Bachelor of Library and Information Science from the session beginning from January 1992 since only those persons who have two years' experience after the Bachelor's Degree were eligible for admission.

ITEM NO. 11 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN AWARDING DIPLOMAS TO THE CANDIDATES DURING THE SECOND CONVOCATION WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAMMES.

11.1.1 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in awarding Diplomas at the Convocation held on April 27, 1991 to those candidates who had qualified between November 1990 and March, 1991 by submitting their balance assignments, as per details contained in Appendix VI.

ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN RECOGNISING THE COURSE TITLED 'CFA PROGRAMME' OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED FINANCIAL ANALYSTS OF INDIA FOR ADMISSION TO SPECIALISATION DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES OF MANAGEMENT OF IGNOU.

12.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognising the three year Post-graduate Course of CFA for admission to Specialised Diploma Programmes in Management and the Ph.D Programme in Financial Management of IGNOU when launched.

ITEM NO. 13 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING ONE LAST CHANCE FOR COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME TO STUDENTS WHO WERE REGISTERED FOR ADMISSION TO CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN FOOD AND NUTRITION IN 1988.

13.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and accorded ex-post-facto approval to the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, in granting one last chance as a special case to those students who registered themselves in 1988 for the Certificate Programme in Food & Nutrition for completing the programme by taking the examination in September 1991.

ITEM NO. 14. TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING EVALUATION METHODOLOGY FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE.

4.14.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the evaluation methodology for the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Library and Information Science, as per details contained in Appendix VII.

ITEM NO. 15. TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING EVALUATION METHODOLOGY FOR THE DIPLOMA IN COMPUTERS IN OFFICE MANAGEMENT (DCO) PROGRAMME.

4.15.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in apportioning marks for continuous evaluation and term-end examination between theory and practicals as under:-

Course Code	Continuous Evaluation		Term End Evaluation	
	Theoretical Assignments	Practical Assignments	Theory	Practicals
DCO - 1 to DCO - 4 (four courses)	20	10	50	20
DCO- 5	30	-	70	-

ITEM NO.16 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN LOWERING THE AGE FROM 20 YEARS TO 18 YEARS FOR ADMISSION TO CERTIFICATE IN FOOD AND NUTRITION (CFN)

4.16.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and approved of the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor

in lowering the age of eligibility for admission to the Certificate in Food and Nutrition Programme from 20 to 18 years.

ITEM NO.17 TO REPORT THE ADOPTION OF NOMENCLATURE B.A., B.COM., & B.SC., IN PLACE OF BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMME (BDP)

4.17.1 The Academic Council considered the matter and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in adopting the nomenclature of B.A., B.Com., & B.Sc., in place of Bachelor Degree Programme.

ITEM NO. 18 TO REPORT THE PERMISSION GIVEN TO +2 STUDENTS FROM VOCATIONAL STREAM FOR ADMISSION TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME (BDP)

4.18.1 The Academic Council noted that students passing the +2 examination from the vocational stream would be eligible for admission to the IGNOU's Bachelors' Degree Programmes.

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



(V.C. KULANDAI SWAMY)
VICE-CHANCELLOR