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of the

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MINUTES OF THE FORTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON JANURY 13, 2009 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present:

1.	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	-	Ex-officio **Chairman**
2.	Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
3.	Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
4.	Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
5.	Prof. K.R.Srivathsan, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
6.	Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH	-	Ex-officio Member
7.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, SOSS	-	Ex-officio Member
8.	Prof. M.L. Koul, Director, SOE	-	Ex-officio Member
9.	Prof. M. Aslam, Director, SOCE	-	Ex-officio Member
10.	Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS	-	Ex-officio Member
11.	Prof. G. Subbayamma, Director, SOMS	-	Ex-officio Member
12.	Prof. Bimla Kapoor, Director, SOHS	-	Ex-officio Member
13.	Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS	-	Ex-officio Member
14.	Prof. Srikrishnadeva Rao, Director, SOL	-	Ex-officio Member
15.	Prof. Ajit Kumar, Director, SOET	-	Ex-officio Member
16.	Prof. C. G. Naidu, Director, SOVET	-	Ex-officio Member
17.	Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS	-	Ex-officio Member
18.	Sh. S.K. Arora, Librarian	-	Ex-officio Member
19.	Prof. B.B. Khanna, SOMS	-	Member
20.	Prof. Pity Koul, SOHS	-	Member
21.	Prof. Subhasis Majhi, SOET	-	Member
22.	Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SOA	-	Member
23.	Dr. Sutapa Bose, Lecturer, SOE	-	Member
24.	Shri M.P. Mishra, Lecturer, SOCIS	-	Member
25.	Shri Z. Yanthan, Lecturer, SOSS	-	Member
26.	Sh. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Lecturer, SOCIS	-	Member
27.	Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director (I/c), IUC	-	Member
28.	Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director (I/c), NCDA	-	Member
29.	Prof. Vijay Kapur	-	Member
30.	Prof. C.Thangamuthu	-	Member
31.	Dr. S.S. Rathi	-	Member
32.	Prof. K.K. Mohammed Yusuff	-	Member
33.	Prof. Kamlesh Mohan	-	Member
34.	Prof. Anil Bhattacharya	-	Member
35.	Prof. S. Siva Kumar	-	Member
36.	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, RD, Delhi-1	-	Member
37.	Shri Ravi Kanth, Joint Director, EMPC	-	Member
38.	Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Director (I/c), ACD	-	Member Secretary

Dr.Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SED and Shri K. Laxman, Registrar, SRD attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Prof. M.K. Salooja and Dr. Sonia Sharma attended the meeting on behalf of Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SOA and Dr. Harkirat Bains, Director (I/c), SOTHSSM respectively.

Shri K.D. Sharma, Assistant Registrar, ACD was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

Dr. D. K. Choudhry, PVC, Dr. Neerja Chadha, Reader, SOCE, Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Prof. Trilochan Pradhan, Prof. Sridhar Gadre, Prof. S. Sadagopan, Prof. Kapila Vatsyayan, Prof. T.K.V. Subramanian and Prof. Arvind Kumar could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 46th meeting of the Academic Council and wished New Year 2009 Greetings to the members.

The Chairman thanked and placed on record significant contributions made by the outgoing members Prof. Anu Aneja, Former Director, SOCE, and Dr. Amrita Nigam, SOS. He welcomed the new members Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, PVC, Prof. M. Aslam on assuming charge as Director, SOCE, Prof. C. Gajendra Naidu, Director, School Vocational Education and Training, Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, School of Journalism and New Media Studies, Dr Harkirat Bains, Director(I/c), School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Sectoral Management, Prof Pity Koul, School of Health Sciences and Prof. Subhasis Majhi, School of Engineering & Technology.

Then the Chairman asked the Member Secretary to present the agenda. The following items were taken up:

ITEM NO. 1   **To confirm the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Academic Council and to note the action taken thereon.**

AC 46.1.1   The Member Secretary presented that the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Academic Council held on October 24, 2008 were circulated among the members and comments were received from two members Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS and Prof. Amrita Nigam, SOS regarding recording of the decision in resolution No. AC 45.4.3.

The Member Secretary also informed that the Action taken report on the resolutions of the 45th Meeting of the Academic Council is placed at Annexure 2 of the agenda item.

AC 46.1.2   As per the resolution No. AC 45.4.3. of the Minutes of the 45th meeting, the discipline of 'Environmental Studies' was assigned to the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies. According to Prof. Sunita Malhotra and Prof. Amrita Nigam the decision of AC was to assign the discipline of Environmental Studies to the School of Sciences.

Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC expressed that, during the discussions there was a suggestion from Director, SOS to assign the discipline to SOS, but the final decision of the AC was to assign it to SOITS, as recorded in the minutes and circulated. Prof. K. R. Srivathsan, PVC and few other members expressed the

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view that the discipline of 'Environmental Studies' shall cover various developmental and social issues besides Science. Therefore, it is more appropriate to assign to SOITS rather than SOS.

After detailed discussion, the AC concluded that the decision recorded in resolution No. AC 45.4.3. of the minutes assigning the discipline of 'Environmental Studies' to SOITS was correct and there is no need to change it as suggested by the two members.

AC. 46.1.3   Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH, stated that the School of Humanities at present comprises of Editorial Unit and two disciplines i.e. Hindi and English. In view of the registration of RTAs for Ph.D. in various Indian languages, there is an immediate requirement to introduce more disciplines in Indian Languages, particularly Sanskrit, in the School of Humanities. This is further more important

Members opined that the Item is confirmation of the Minutes of 45th meeting of AC. Any proposal to start new disciplines should come as an item and should be discussed separately. However, during discussion the need to start Indian Languages was overwhelmingly appreciated. It was also noted that the University had taken decision to start programmes in all Indian languages long back.

Ac 46.1.4   The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes (**Annexure 1 without appendices**) of its 45th Meeting and noted the action taken report.

The Academic Council decided to create a separate Centre of Indian Languages with full academic autonomy like any School of Studies to start academic programmes in Indian language.

ITEM NO. 2   **To consider and approve the minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) held on November 4, 2008**

AC 46.2.1   The Member-Secretary informed that the 28th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee was held on November 4, 2009. It considered and approved the following major items :

- To ratify the action taken by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of approval for Introduction of Entrance Examination for admission to MCA and BCA Programmes.
- To ratify the action taken by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of approval for Reduction of pass percentage from 50% to 40% for courses of MCA (Revised) and BCA Programmes

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- Decoupling of CIC/CIT for admission to BCA and MCA programmes.

    (i) To ratify the action taken by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of approval of Phase-3 form of Certificate in Information Technology (CIT)

(ii) To consider the eligibility conditions for academic counselors of Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) for approval.

(iii) To consider the Software requirements for Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) for approval.

(iv) To consider the machine to student ratio for Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) for approval.

(v) To consider the evaluation pattern for Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) for approval

(vi) To consider the withdrawal of Certificate in Computing (CIC) programme.

- To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the Certificate/Diploma in Population and Development Education.

- To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the Certificate/Diploma in Handmade Paper Items.

- To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the Certificate in Communicative Skill for BPO, ITeS & Related Sectors.

- Approval of Phase-3 form of M.Phil in Computer Science. AND
  Approval of Phase-3 form of Ph.D programme in Computer Science.

- Rounding off decimal point in the Grade Card/Mark sheet.

- To consider the ratify the Action taken by the Vice- Chancellor for one time extension permitting students who have completed their programme before 27th October, 2007 for Improving their division/marks in December, 2008 Term End Examination.

- Approval of Phase-3 form for Certificate Programme for Home Based Care Providers.

- Approvals for modification of criteria for selection of Programme Study Centre (PSC), Selection of Counsellors and the Programme Incharges of Certificate in Health Care Waste Management (CHCWM).

- Approval of change in name of the practical Course of Course 3 and course 4 of PG Certificate in Oral Implantology (PGCOI).

- Approval of Extension of session of the first batch of PGCE and PGCOI.

- To consider and approve the syllabus of Certificate of Proficiency in Urdu Languages.

- To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for 'Diploma in Urdu Language'.

- To consider and approve the Elective Courses in Urdu Language and Literature for the BDP Programme.

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- To consider and approve the Phase 3 Form for Foundation Course in Bhojpuri' for the Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP).

- To consider and approve the Phase 3 Form for the 'Certificate in Leather Goods   Making (CLGM)'.

- To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the 'B. Tech. (Aeronautical Engineering)'.

- To consider and approve the launching of IGNOU Courses using NPTEL content and related Capacity Building Programmes.

- To consider and approve the proposal for inclusion of Shatranj Ke Khelari in place of Dudh Ka Dam in EHD-01 course.

- To consider and approve the 'Open and Distance Learning – Pedagogy, Science and Technology', a Module for Distance Learners developed by STRIDE, as an essential reading for Learners of IGNOU.

- To consider and approve Phase Zero Form for a poetry based course 'Samkalin Kavita', an elective course for M.A (Hindi) 2nd year.

AC 46.2.3   Regarding resolution No ACSC 28.3.3, Registrar (SED) suggested to replace the words '*who first time qualify to appear in term end examinations*' with the words '*who have taken admission in BCA and MCA programmes from July 2008 cycle*'.   Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS, emphasized that the revised pass percentage should be maintained from December 2008 Term-end Examination. Hence there is no need to change the said Resolution of the ACSC.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved not to change the resolution No ACSC 28.3.3.

AC 46.2.4   The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes (**Annexure 2 without appendices**) of the 28th Meeting of   ACSC held on November 4, 2008.

ITEM NO. 3   To ratify the Action Taken by the Vice-Chancellor on PG Diploma Programme on "Capacity Building of Principals of Higher Education Institutions of Gujarat"

AC 46.3.1   It was presented that the Commissioner of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat approached the University to launch Post Graduate Diploma on Capacity Building of Principals of Higher Education Institutions of Gujarat. The VC asked STRIDE to design and develop the programme.

AC 46.3.2   Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE and Dr. Madhu Prahar, STRIDE explained that a five member Committee, headed by the Vice-Chancellor was constituted to design the programme. After a series of discussions with the Commissioner of Higher Education, Gujarat Government, few selected college Principals and the faculty of STRIDE, a document on action plan has been

submitted.

The Vice-Chancellor also explained the genesis and the salient features of the action plan. He further stated that this programme is being developed in the Project mode to be completed within one year and the funding of the project will be from the Gujarat Government.

AC 46.3.3   The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the Action Plan and proposal for launching PG Diploma Programme on "Capacity Building of Principals of Higher Education Institutions of Gujarat" (**Annexure - 3**).

ITEM NO. 4   **To consider co-option of Members under clause 1 (viii) of Statute 9.**

AC 46.4.1   The Member-Secretary informed that the two years term of office of the following 14 members of the Academic Council co-opted under provisions of Statute 9 Clause (1) (viii) will be expiring on February 23, 2009:

1. Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Associate Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
2. Prof. S. Sadagopan, Director, IIIT, Bangalore.
3. Prof. Trilochan Pradhan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar.
4. Prof. Kamlesh Mohan, Professor of Modern History, Punjab University, Chandigarh.
5. Prof. T.K.V. Subramanian, Department of History, University of Delhi.
6. Prof. Vijay Kapoor, Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi.
7. Dr. S. S. Rathi, Delhi.
8. Prof. Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Delhi.
9. Prof. C. Thangamuthu, Chennai.
10. Prof. Anil Bhattacharya, Kolkata.
11. Prof. K.K. Mohammed Yusuff, Kochi, Kerala.
12. Prof. Aravind Kumar, Department of Physics, Mumbai.
13. Prof. Sridhar Gadre, University of Pune.
14. Prof. S. Sivakumar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

The provisions of Statute 9 Clause (1) (viii) provides as follows:

"Not less than ten persons who are not employees of University, co-opted by the Academic Council for their special knowledge including representatives of employees organizations, industries, trade and commerce, academic and professional organizations, communication field etc."

The matter is placed before the Academic Council to co-opt new members for a term of two years starting from February 24, 2009.

AC 46.4.2   The Chairman then asked members to suggest eminent persons for co-option under the provisions mentioned above. The members suggested the following names:
1. Prof. N. Mukunda, Hon. Professor, Indian Institute of Science,

Bangalore.
2. Prof. Mahendra Dev, Director, Centre for Economic & Social Studies, Hyderabad.
3. Mr. George Mathew, Director Institute of Social Sciences
4. Prof. N. K. Jain, CEO & Secretary, ICSI, New Delhi
5. Prof. K.P. Singh, GB Pant Agricultural University
6. Prof. Uma Alladi, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad
7. Prof. S.N. Maheshwari, IIT, Hauz Khas, New Delhi.
8. Dr. D.K. Datta
9. Prof. Ramamohan Rao, Department of Business Management, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam.
10. Dr. K.B. Peter, Member-Secretary, World Noni Research Foundation, Chennai
11. Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
12. Prof. L.Venugopal Reddy, Former Vice Chancellor, Andhra University and Acharya Nagarjuna University
13. Prof. Khannan Mourgalya
14. Prof. Devi Singh
15. Dr. Srivastva, Director General Health Services, New Delhi
16. Prof. S.P. Singh (Retd.) Kurukshetra University

AC 46.4.3.   The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to consider the above panel of 16 members and decide the final list of 14 members to co-opt under Statute 9 Clause (1) (viii).

ITEM NO. 5   To report for ratification of the Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding "Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety, Health and Environment Management Programme".

AC 46.5.1   It was presented that the School of Engineering & Technology, in collaboration with the Institute of Industrial Management for Safety, Health and Environment Management, Bhopal is developing Diploma and Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety, Health and Environment Management.

The Phase 3 forms for these programmes were placed before the Academic Council at its 45th meeting. The Academic Council deferred the Item and suggested to work out the credit load of these courses as per the University norms and take approval of the School Board before resubmitting to the Academic Council.

AC 46.5.2   The Programme Coordinator Prof. Subhasis Maji informed that the Phase 3 forms for both Diploma and PG Diploma were revised as per University Norms. Since the programme was developed in collaboration and students were admitted, the Vice-Chancellor approved the launch of these programmes and directed for taking necessary steps for timely conduct of examinations subject to the condition that it may be reported to the Academic Council at its next meeting. Accordingly, modified Phase 3 Forms of these programmes duly approved by the Vice-Chancellor were circulated in the meeting itself.

AC 46.5.3   In this context, the Chairman expressed that the process of seeking approval of Phase 3 form by the AC is taking a long time and causing delays in launching of the Programmes. He asked the members to deliberate on the issue of delegation of powers of the Academic Council for approval upto

Phase 3 Forms to the respective School Board. He further suggested that the detailed programme structure may be reported to the AC when the programme is ready for launch.

AC 46.5.4   The suggestion by the Chairman was discussed at length and the members appreciated the view of the Vice-Chancellor to empower the School Boards by delegating the powers of the Academic Council to approve the Phase 3 forms of the Programmes.

AC 46.5.5   The Academic Council ratified the action by the Vice-Chancellor regarding launching of Diploma and PG Diploma in Industrial Safety, Health and Environment Management Programmes and approved the modified Phase 3 Forms for the same **(Annexure-4).**

The Academic Council decided to delegate its powers regarding approval up to Phase 3 Forms to the School Boards concerned with the directions that it should be reported to the Academic Council when the programme is ready for launch.

ITEM NO.6   To note for information the decisions taken by the Research Council at its 12th meeting held on July 9, 2008.

AC 46.6.1   The Member-Secretary informed that the 12th Meeting of the Research Council was held on July 9, 2009 and the Council considered the following items:
- To consider and approve the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on 9th April, 2008 and note the action taken thereon.
- To consider and approve the matter relating to the award of Ph.D Degree to Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrol. No. 024957627) in Education.
- To consider and approve the Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for finalizing the procedure for enrolment of students in the Ph.D Programme and their follow up once after enrolment in consonance with the Ordinance of Research Degree Programme.
- Minutes of the Fifth meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held   on July 8, 2008.

AC 46.6.2   The Academic Council considered and approved the decisions taken by the Research Council at its 12th meeting held on July 9, 2008 **(Annexure 5 without appendices).**

ITEM NO. 7   To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting the Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) to offer its own Academic Programmes.

AC 46.7.1   It was presented that the Staff Training and Research in Distance Education (STRIDE) proposed to offer its own Academic Programmes, which was permitted by the Vice Chancellor.

AC 46.7.2   Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director STRIDE explained the proposal in detail. During the discussion, the Chairman expressed the view that it will be in the fitness of the things in the present scenario to permit the Centers and Divisions which have the faculty and capacity, to develop programmes in the disciplines

which are not located in any of the Schools of Studies.

AC 46.7.3   After a detailed discussion, the Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting the Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) to offer its own Academic Programmes.

AC. 46.7.4   The AC further decided to empower STRIDE and various Centres like NCDS, CEE, NCIDE and the Centre for Corporate Education & Training to offer their own programmes like any School of Studies with due constitution of School Board like academic committees in these various Centres.

ITEM NO.8   To consider the collaborative academic activities with Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and the recommendations of the clauses in the MoU between Rehabilitation Council (RCI) of India and IGNOU.

AC 46.8.1   It was presented that the University had signed a MoU with Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) on September 18, 2007 for collaboration between the University and RCI to make joint efforts in promoting and implementing Extension, Training and Education for empowerment of special target groups of people with disabilities.

AC 46.8.2   Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director (I/c), National Centre for Disability Studies explained the features of the proposal with   particular reference to clause 3 of the MoU to promote the various programmes under the purview of the Council in collaboration with the School of Continuing Education or School of Rehabilitation Sciences /Disability Division that will be established by IGNOU or with any other School of IGNOU. Specific cost sharing mechanism related to each programme will be worked out separately as and when required.

AC 46.8.3   The Academic Council appreciated the initiative while approving the MoU and decided to establish the School of Rehabilitation Sciences.

ITEM NO.9   To note for information regarding the functioning of the Centre for Corporate Education and Training.

AC 46.9.1   It was presented that the Academic Council at its 45th Meeting held on 24.10.2008 proposed and approved creation of Centre for Corporate Education, Training and Consultancy. The same was approved by the Board of Management at its 97th Meeting held on 19.11.2008 and appointed Professor-OSD and Coordinator In-charge of the Centre. As approved by the Academic Council and Board of Management, the Centre shall be managed by a Managing Committee comprising some faculty members from concerned schools and representatives of corporate sector.

The first meeting to prepare the road map for the Centre was held on 2nd January, 2009. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting is placed at (**Annexure-6).** Based on the deliberations in the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor proposed to go ahead with the activities of the Centre.

AC 46.9.2   The Academic Council noted the information and the recommendations of the Expert Committee on the functioning of the Centre for Corporate Education, Training and Consultancy and approved the recommendations for implementation.

ITEM NO.10 **To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding PG Diploma in Disability Management for Medical Practitioners.**

AC 46.10.1   It was presented that an MoU was signed between IGNOU and Rehabilitation Council of India as mentioned at Item No. 8 above. As per this MoU, NCDS proposed for launching PG Diploma in Disability Management (PGDDM) for Medical Practitioners from January 2009.

AC 46.10.2   Dr. S.K. Prasad Deputy Director NCDS, who is the Programme Coordinator, explained the salient features of the Programme. Phase 3 Form for PG Diploma in Disability Management for Medical Practitioners is presented for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

AC 46.10.3   The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving PG Diploma in Disability Management for Medical Practitioners and approved the Phase 3 form .**(Annexure-7)** with the directions to include the suggestions, if any, received from the members.

ITEM NO.11 **Recognition of NCDS for developing and launching programmes of study in the various areas of Disability.**

AC. 46.11.1   It was presented that NCDS proposed to offer its own programmes in the Disability Sector.

AC. 46.11.2   As already decided under Item No 7 above empowering various Centres including NCDS to offer their own programmes, the proposal has been approved.

ITEM NO 12 **To consider and approve the proposal for changing the name of the SOTHSSM**

AC 46.12.1   It was presented that the faculty members of the School of Tourism Hospitality and Services Sector Management at their School Council meeting held on 24th December, 2008 suggested to change the name of the School as 'School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM)'.

AC 46.12.2   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for changing the name of the School of Tourism Hospitality and Services Sector Management as the '*School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM)*'

ITEM NO.13 **To consider and approve the procedure for ascertaining the equivalence of International Degrees/Diplomas for the purpose of IGNOU admissions.**

AC 46.13.1   It was presented that IGNOU has been offering its Programmes abroad through its Partner Institutions. While receiving applications for admission, International Division is ascertaining the equivalence of the Degrees/Diplomas of the International Universities as per the guidelines of the Association of Indian Universities' (AIU).

    The International Division observed that, though some institutions abroad are having permission of their respective Ministries of Higher Education of the

country to offer Degrees/Diplomas, they are not listed in the AIU Notifications as equivalent to the Indian Universities' Degrees/Diplomas. International Division has been rejecting such Degrees/Diplomas for the purposes of admission, though the Partner Institutions are providing documentary evidences of the status of such International Universities/Institutions. In this regard, the process of obtaining confirmation/denial from AIU is taking a very long time.

AC 46.13.2   In the light of the above, the International Division proposed that the status of such unlisted Institutions/Universities be ascertained through the Indian Missions in the respective countries. If an applicant gets verification of his eligibility in the form of endorsement on his Degree/Diploma from the Indian Mission in the country concerned, it reduces the application processing time and there will be no need to refer the matter to AIU.

AC 46.13.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal with a condition that such verifications of equivalence of International Degrees/Diplomas should be placed before the Equivalence Committee of the University.

ITEM NO.14   To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in Regularizing the Matter of Conducting the Integrated Ph.D. programme in Physics in Collaboration with Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bangalore through the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies

AC 46.14.1   It was presented that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies proposed to offer an integrated Ph. D programme in Physics in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) Bangalore. The Phase Forms for the same, approved by the Vice Chancellor, are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

AC 46.14.2   Dr. C. K. Ghosh, Programme Coordinator explained the salient features and detailed syllabus of the Programme. Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS said that the Physics discipline is located in the School of Sciences and the discipline is planning to offer M.Sc programme in Physics. Therefore, it may not be appropriate to offer integrated Ph. D programme in Physics from the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies. It was clarified that the proposed integrated Ph. D programme in Physics was decided long back when the School of Sciences had no plan of launching M.Sc. Physics. Since the School of Sciences is now planning to offer M.Sc. (Physics), the Chairman asked Dr. Ghosh whether the nomenclature of the proposed programme could be Integrated Ph. D in Astrophysics. Dr. Ghosh informed that he would consult the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) Bangalore in this matter.

AC 46.14.3   The Academic Council considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in regularizing the matter of conducting Integrated Ph.D. programme in Physics in Collaboration with Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bangalore through the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies. It was further decided to locate the said programme in SOS, if the Physics faculty so desires.

ITEM NO.15   **To consider and approve the Phase- 3 form for PG Certificate in Security Operations and PG Diploma in Security Operations.**

AC 46.15.1   It was presented that the School of Vocational Education and Training had submitted Phase-3 form for PG Certificate in Security Operations and PG Diploma in Security Operations in collaboration with Security Services Council of India (SSCI). The Phase 3 forms were approved by the School Board of SOVET at its 5th Meeting held on 17th December, 2008.

AC 46.15.2   Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, explained the salient features of the programme and replied the queries of the members relating to higher fees etc. He informed that these programmes will be fully residential and the students will be paid a stipend of Rs.8,000 per month.

AC 46.15.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase 3 Forms **(Annexure-8)** for the PG Certificate in Security Operations and PG Diploma in Security Operations.

ITEM NO.16   **To consider and approve the Phase- 3 form for Certificate Programme in Jewellery Designing.**

AC 46.16.1   The School of Vocational Education and Training had submitted the Phase 3 Form for Certificate in Jewellery Designing. The Phase 3 Form was approved by the School Board of SOVET at its 5th Meeting held on 17th December, 2008.

AC 46.16.2   Dr. K.D. Prasad, Regional Director, City Centre and Programme Coordinator, explained the salient features of the Programme.

AC 46.16.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase 3 Form **(Annexure-9)** for the Certificate in Jewellery Designing.

ITEM NO.17   **To consider and approve the modified Phase-3 form of PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy (PGDAP).**

AC 46.17.1   The School of Agriculture resubmitted the modified the modified Phase 3 Form for PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy (PGDAP), as advised by the ACSC. The modified Phase-3 form of the same was approved by the School Board of SOA at its 10th Meeting held on 17th November 2008.

AC 46.17.2   Prof. M.K. Salooja, Programme Coordinator, explained the objectives and detailed structure of the Programme.

AC 46.17.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the modified Phase-3 Form PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy **(Annexure-10).**

ITEM NO.18   **To consider and approve the Proposal for Creation of Disciplines in the School of Agriculture.**

AC 46.18.1   The School of Agriculture had submitted a proposal for creation of three new disciplines namely (i) Agriculture Production System (ii) Agriculture Economics and Extension and (iii) Food Science Technology. The School Board of SOA,   at its 10th Meeting held on 17th November,2008, approved the

proposal for creation of these three disciplines.

AC 46.18.2   Prof. M.K. Salooja, explained the details of the proposal and need for creation of these new disciplines.

AC 46.18.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for creation of three new disciplines in principle. However, creation of positions shall be taken up later looking at the revenue model and sustainability.

ITEM NO.19   To consider and approve the syllabus of the new course entitled "Theoretical Introduction to Democracy" proposed by the Faculty of Political Science along with Phase Zero Form.

AC 46.19.1   The faculty of Political Science, SOSS, submitted Phase Zero Form for introducing a new course entitled "Theoretical Introduction to Democracy" in MPS. The same was approved by the School Board of SOSS at its 44th Meeting held on 22nd October 2008.

AC 46.19.2   Dr Jagapal Singh, Course Proposer, explained the detailed contents of the new course.

AC 46.19.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase Zero Form for the new course entitled "Theoretical Introduction to Democracy"**(Annexure-11).**

ITEM NO.20   To consider and approve the revised (New Syllabus of the Course "Government and Politics in India (EPS-12)" and the Phase Zero Form for the revision of the Course submitted by the Faculty of Political Science.

AC 46.20.1   The faculty of Political Science, School of Social Sciences had submitted Phase Zero Form for the revised syllabus of the course 'EPS- 12: Government and Politics in India'. The same was approved by the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on 22nd October 2008.

AC 46.20.2   Dr Jagapal Singh, Course Proposer explained the details of the revised syllabus of the course.

AC 46.20.3   The Academic Council considered and approved Phase Zero Form of revised syllabus of the Course 'EPS-12: Government and Politics in India' **(Annexure-12).**

ITEM NO.21   To consider and approve the course structure of the course entitled "Urbanization in India" as an optional course of Master in History (MAH) proposed by the faculty of History.

AC 46.21.1   The faculty of History, School of Social Sciences had submitted Phase Zero Form of a new Course entitled "Urbanization in India" as an optional course of Master in History (MAH). The same was approved by the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on October 22, 2008.

AC 46.21.2   Dr. Abha Singh, Course Proposer explained the details of the course structure.

AC 46.21.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase Zero Form of the course entitled "Urbanization in India", an optional course of Master in History (MAH) **(Annexure-13).**

ITEM NO.22 **To consider and approve the Evaluation Methodology for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Economics.**

AC 46.22.1   The faculty of Economics, School of Social Sciences had submitted evaluation methodology for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil /Ph.D programme in Economics. The same was approved by the School of the School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on October 22, 2008.

AC 46.22.2   Dr. Narayan Prasad, Programme Coordinator, explained the details of proposed evaluation methodology.

AC 46.22.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology (**Annexure-14**) for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Economics.

ITEM NO.23 **To consider and approve the Evaluation Methodology for course work and dissertation for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Sociology.**

AC 46.23.1   The faculty of Sociology, School of Social Sciences had submitted evaluation methodology for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil /Ph.D programme in Sociology. The same was approved by the School of the School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on October 22, 2008.

AC 46.23.2   Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director (SOSS) explained the features of the proposed evaluation methodology.

AC 46.23.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology (**Annexure-15**) for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Sociology.

ITEM NO.24 **To consider and approve the modification of title of M.Phil/Ph.D. Optional Course as "Urbanization and Urban Development" in place of "Urban Society"**

AC 46.24.1   The faculty of Sociology, School of Social Sciences had proposed to modify the title of M.Phil/Ph.D. Optional Course "Urban Society" as "Urbanization and Urban Development". The same was approved by the School Board of the School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on October 22,2008.

AC 46.24.2   Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director (SOSS) explained the rationality in changing the title of the course.

AC 46.24.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for modification of title of M.Phil./Ph.D. Optional Course as "Urbanization and Urban Development" in place of "Urban Society".

ITEM NO.25 **To consider and approve the Phase Zero Form for Major Revision of BLIS Programme submitted by the Discipline of Library & Information Science.**

AC 46.25.1   The faculty of Library & Information Science, School of Social Sciences had submitted Phase Zero Form for major revision of Bachelor of Library and

Information Science (BLIS) Programme and presented the revised curricula. The same was approved by the School Board of the SOSS at its 44th Meeting held on 22nd October 2008.

AC 46.25.2   Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director (SOSS) explained the salient features of the revised curricula.

AC 46.25.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for Major Revision of BLIS Programme submitted by the Discipline of Library & Information Science and the Phase Zero Form for the revision of the Course **(Annexure-16).**

ITEM NO.26   To consider and approve the Evaluation Methodology for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Public Administration.

AC 46.26.1   The faculty of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences had submitted evaluation methodology for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil /Ph.D programme in Public Administration. The same was approved by the School of the School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on October 22, 2008.

AC 46.26.2   Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director (SOSS) explained the features of the proposed evaluation methodology.

AC 46.26.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology **(Annexure-17)** for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Public Administration.

ITEM NO.27   To consider and approve the Evaluation Methodology for Research Programme in History.

AC 46.27.1   The faculty of History, School of Social Sciences had submitted evaluation methodology for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil /Ph.D programme in History. The same was approved by the School of the School of Social Sciences at its 44th Meeting held on October 22, 2008.

AC 46.27.2   Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director (SOSS) explained the features of the proposed evaluation methodology.

AC 46.27.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology **(Annexure-18)** for different courses included in the course work for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in History.

ITEM NO.28   To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving admission criteria for the PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management.

AC 46.28.1   It was presented that the School of Agriculture revised the admission criteria for the PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management. The same was approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

AC 46.28.2   Prof. M.K. Salooja Programme Coordinator, explained the reasons for revision of the eligibility criteria, and its details as given below:

(i) Science graduates in disciplines like Geography, Statistics with Physics & Math, Art Subjects and Medical Lab technology and with minimum three years experience in food processing and / or quality control. These students should have minimum one year experience in quality control activities.

(ii) Art graduates with Diploma in food science disciplines viz. fruits and vegetables, dairy technology, meat technology, cereal, pulses and oilseeds etc. with minimum five years experience in Food Processing/ Food Quality Control and out of which two years experience should be in quality control activities. This shall provide vertical mobility to our diploma holders.

(iii) B.A. Graduates with minimum of 7 years experience of holding the senior positioning Government/Semi Government. Units involved in Food Quality Control.

AC 46.28.3   The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the revised admission criteria for PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management.

ITEM NO.29   **To consider and approve the permission to students of M.A.(Education) to write their Assignments, Term-end Examination and Dissertation in Hindi Medium.**

AC 46.29.1   It was presented that School of Education is offering M.A.(Education) in English medium at present. In view of the demand from students, the School had proposed to permit students of M.A. (Education) to write their assignments, Term-end Examination and Dissertation in Hindi Medium, if they so desire. The same was approved by the School Board of the School of Education at its 27th Meeting held on 24th October, 2008.

AC 46.29.2   Dr. N.K. Dash, Programme Coordinator, explained the rationality of the proposal.

AC 46.29.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal of the School of Education to permit the Students of MA (Education) to write their assignments, Term-end Examination and Dissertation in Hindi Medium also, if they so desire.

ITEM NO.30   **To consider and approve the proposal for revising the programme fees for all the programmes offered by the University**

AC 46.30.1   It was presented that the Registrar (SRD) had submitted the proposal for increasing the programme fees by 20% for all the programmes offered by the University.

AC 46.30.2   Mr. K. Laxman, Registrar (SRD) informed that in order to strengthen the student support service network of the university and to maintain quality in programme delivery, there is a need for generation of more financial resources. It has become essential in the wake of increased expenditure on cost of paper, dispatch of material, conduct of examination, conduct of counseling and practical sessions etc. to enhance the programmes fee for all the programmes with effect from July 2009 Admission Cycle.

AC. 46.30.3   The Chairman informed the Council that additional finances are required to meet the additional expenditure on implementation of revised pay scales of the sixth pay Commission, as MHRD is not forthcoming to provide the required funds. It was also informed that the government is not funding the University for salary of teaching and non-teaching staff and for infrastructure. The entire expenditure has to be met from the students fees. Even though the 6th Pay Commission recommendations approved by the Ministry of HRD indicates 80% of the additional expenditure from MHRD, a proposal to this effect from IGNOU was declined, stating that IGNOU has to meet the entire expenditure from its own resources. The Chairman assured the Council that the hike in fees will be contextualized by taking into account the nature of the programme and the type of students.

AC 46.30.4   After a detailed discussion, by taking into account all the factors, the Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for 20% hike in the fees for all the Programmes on offer till January 2009 and also for the programmes to be launched from July 2009. a 50% enhancement in the cost of materials and other services/charges to other institutions was also approved. The Vice Chancellor is authorized to take decision to contextualize the fee hike across the programmes.

ITEM NO.31   Programme Proposal: B.A. Applied Sign Language Studies for the Deaf.

AC 46.31.1   It was presented that the Inter University Consortium had submitted a proposal for offering B.A. Programme in Applied Sign Language Studies for the Deaf in collaboration with the International Centre for Sign Languages and Deaf Studies (SLaNDS Centre) at the University of Central Lancashire UClan) in the U.K.

AC 46.31.2   Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, Inter-University Consortium, informed that the proposal is to deliver the following two new programmes:

1.   BA (Hons) in Applied Sign Language Studies (3 year full time programme) and associated preparatory programme.
2.   Foundation Entry for Deaf Students (1 year full time)

These programmes have been developed by the iSLanDS Centre for being taught in India, beginning in the academic year 2009. Teaching these programmes will be a collaboration between UCLan and IGNOU, and will involve other partners in India, as necessary for the development of the programme.

AC 46.31.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Programme Proposal for launching 'B.A. Applied Sign Language Studies for the Deaf'.

ITEM NO.32   To Consider and approve launch of "Certificate Programme in Persian

Language" in Collaboration with lran Cultural House, New Delhi.

AC 46.32.1   The School of Foreign Languages had submitted a proposal for approval to launch the "Certificate Programme in Persian Language" on pilot basis in collaboration with the Iran Cultural House, New Delhi.

AC 46.32.2   It was informed that the Vice-Chancellor considered the proposal to develop and launch a certificate Programme in Persian Language in collaboration with IGNOU on pilot basis to collect feedback on development and launch of the Certificate through Distance mode in future. A meeting convened with Prof. Abdolhamid Ziaei, Iran Cultural House, New Delhi, Prof. Azhar Dehlvi, JNU, Prof. Akhtar Mahdi, JNU and Director, International Division, IGNOU recommended the following for consideration:

1) In the first phase, IGNOU may like to offer the programme as "Pilot Project" in F2F mode where Iran Cultural House will act as Study Centre in Delhi and later in Hyderabad and Mumbai.
2) The Pilot Programme will follow the laid down credit norms of IGNOU for a certificate programme comprising of 4 courses.
3) For Pilot intake of 30 students can be taken. The Study materials for pilot project will be provided by ICH and later will become basis for development of certificate programme.

The Vice-Chancellor considered and approved the above recommendations and IGNOU signed a MoU with Iran Cultural House, New Delhi on January 2, 2009.

AC 46.32.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal to launch Certificate Programme in Persian Language on pilot basis with effect from January, 2009.

ITEM NO.33   To consider shifting of the Diploma in Business Process Outsourcing (DBPO) programme from School of Extension and Development Studies to School of Vocational Education and Training and revised programme structure of DBPO- Finance and Accounting(DBPO – FA).

AC 46.33.1   The School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) had submitted a proposal for shifting of the Diploma in Business Process Outsourcing (DBPO) programme from School of Extension and Development Studies to School of Vocational Education and Training and approval of revised programme structure of 'Diploma in Business Process Outsourcing - Finance and Accounting (DBPO – FA)'.

AC 46.33.2   Prof. C. G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, informed that the School Board of SOVET at its 5th Meeting noted the approval of the Vice-Chancellor for shifting of the DBPO Programme being developed by the School of Extension and Development Studies to SOVET. The School Board of SOVET at its 6th Meeting held on January 12, 2009 also approved the revised course structure of the DBPO-FA.

AC 46.33.3   The Academic Council considered and approved shifting of the Diploma in

Business Process Outsourcing (DBPO) programme from School of Extension and Development Studies to School of Vocational Education and Training and also the revised programme structure of 'Diploma in Business Process Outsourcing - Finance and Accounting (DBPO – FA)'.

ITEM NO. 34 **To Consider Phase-3 Form for the following three programmes: (1) Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development, (2) Advanced Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development, and (3) Professional Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development.**

AC 46.34.1   The School of Vocational and Education Training (SOVET) had submitted Phase-3 Forms for Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development, Advanced Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development and Professional Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development, in a modular form providing vertical mobility to students from certificate to advanced certificate and professional certificate. At the same time, the programmes are stand alone providing space for direct entry. The same was approved by the School Board of SOVET in its 6th meeting held on January 12, 2009.

AC 46.34.2   Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, explained the salient features of these programmes and informed that the SOVET will develop and offer in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) as per the MoU already signed. The proposed dates of launch are April l5, 2009 for Certificate, June 15, 2009 for Advanced Certificate and August 15, 2009 for Professional Certificate.

AC 46.34.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Forms **(Annexure-18A)** for the three programmes. viz., (1) Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development, (2) Advanced Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development, and (3) Professional Certificate in Spoken English & Personality Development in modular form.

ITEM NO.35 **To consider and approve Phase-3 form for the following two Programmes: (1) Certificate in Air Ticketing, and (2) Certificate in Airline In–Flight Services.**

AC 46.35.1   The School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) had submitted Phase-3 Forms for two programmes viz., Certificate in Air Ticketing and Certificate in Airline In– Flight Services. The same was approved by the School Board of SOVET in its 6th meeting held on January 12, 2009.

AC 46.35.2   Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, explained the salient features of the certificate programmes which are being offered in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) as per the MoU already signed. The proposed date of launch of the programmes is April l5, 2009. During discussion, the Programme Coordinator also justified the higher fee being proposed for the programmes.

AC 46.35.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Forms **(Annexure-19**) for the two certificate programmes viz. Certificate in Air Ticketing, and Certificate in Airline In–Flight Services.

ITEM NO.36   **To Consider Phase-3 Form for the following two certificate programmes: (1) Certificate in Travel Agency Operations, and (2) Certificate in Tour Guiding Skills.**

AC 46.36.1   The School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) had submitted Phase-3 Forms for Certificate in Travel Agency Operations and Certificate in Tour Guiding Skills, proposed to be offered in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). The same was approved by the School Board of SOVET in its 6th Meeting held on January 12, 2009.

AC 46.36.2   Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, explained the salient features of the programmes in detail and informed that that these certificate programmes connects employability in Travel Sector including Travel Agencies. The proposed date of launch is May 15, 2009. During discussion the Programme Coordinator also justified the higher fees for the programmes.

AC 46.36.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Forms **(Annexure-20)** for the two certificate programmes viz., (1) Certificate in Travel Agency Operations, and (2) Certificate in Tour Guiding Skills.

ITEM No.37   **To Consider and approve Phase-3 Form for the following three programmes: (1) Certificate in Security Management, (2) Advanced Certificate in Security Management, and (3) Diploma in Security Management.**

AC 46.37.1   The School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) had submitted Phase-3 Forms for three certificate programmes viz., Certificate in Security Management, Advanced Certificate in Security Management and Diploma in Security Management, in a modular form. These programmes are being proposed to offer in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) as per the MoU signed. The same was approved by the School Board of SOVET in its Sixth Meeting held on January 12, 2009.

AC 46.37.2   Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, explained the salient features of the three programmes. The Programmes are modular providing space for vertical mobility to the students from Certificate to Advanced Certificate and from Advanced Certificate to Diploma. At the same time they are stand alone providing space for direct entry.

AC 46.37.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Forms **(Annexure-21)** for the following three programmes: (1) Certificate in Security Management, (2) Advanced Certificate in Security Management, and (3) Diploma in Security Management, in a modular form.

ITEM No.38   **To Consider and approve Phase-3 Form for the following three programmes: (1) Certificate in Fire-Safety and Rescue, (2) Advanced Certificate in Fire-Safety and (3) Diploma in Fire-Safety.**

AC 46.38.1   The School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) had submitted Phase-3 Forms for three programmes: (1) Certificate in Fire-Safety and Rescue, (2) Advanced Certificate in Fire-Safety and (3) Diploma in Fire-Safety, in a modular form. These are being proposed to be offered in

collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), as per the MoU signed. The same was approved by the School Board of SOVET in its Sixth Meeting held on January 12, 2009.

AC 46.38.2   Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET, explained the salient features of the Programmes. The Programmes are modular providing space for vertical mobility to the students from Certificate to Advanced Certificate and from Advanced Certificate to Diploma.   At the same time the programmes are stand alone providing space for direct entry.

AC 46.38.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Forms **(Annexure-22)** for the three programmes: (1) Certificate in Fire-Safety and Rescue, (2) Advanced Certificate in Fire-Safety, and (3) Diploma in Fire-Safety, in modular form.

ITEM No.39   To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor to ensure parity in Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Management Programme.

AC 46.39.1   It was presented that Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 27th meeting held on 25th August 2008 approved separate eligibility criteria for admission to Management Programmes under Convergence Scheme and regular scheme through RCs. To ensure parity in eligibility criteria for students directly admitted by the University through RCs and the students admitted by the Partner Institutions under Convergence Scheme, a clause "Graduates who have successfully cleared the entrance test for admission into the Management Programme conducted by the institutions like CAT, MAT State level tests conducted by State governments etc. need not sit for the OPENMAT Entrance Test" was included in the advertisement released for OPENMAT - XXV scheduled to be held on February 1, 2009. This was done with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.   Now this action taken by the Vice Chancellor is presented for ratification of the Academic Council.

C 46.39.2   Prof. G. Subbayamma, Director, SOMS informed that the draft advertisement copy sent by SED to the School for vetting did not include the proposed change, where as the final advertisement was released after incorporating the change. Therefore, Management Faculty is not aware of the proposed change in the eligibility criteria. Hence, she suggested to get the views of the Management Faculty regarding the proposed change.   Prof. B.B. Khanna, SOMS said that his suggestion was to maintain parity with regard to the percentage of marks in graduation prescribed for admission under convergence scheme, but not the with reference to the admission test as stated in the agenda note.   He further said that in the case of admission test conducted by other organizations, there is no cut of marks prescribed. They normally indicate the percentile of each candidate. Therefore, it is necessary for IGNOU to specify the cut of marks/percentile obtained by the candidates in the qualifying exams other than OPENMAT for admission to IGNOU Management Programme.

AC 46.39.3   The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor to extend admission criteria for Management Programme applicable to candidates under convergence scheme to the candidates seeking admission in IGNOU directly through Regional Centres.

It is further decided to determine cut off marks/percentiles to be obtained by the candidates in the qualifying exams other than OPENMAT for admission to IGNOU Management Programme. Registrar (SED) shall decide this in consultation with Director, SOMS and Registrar, SRD, and submit to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

ITEM NO.40   To consider and approve the proposal on revision of fee for various services rendered to students for different activities pertaining to evaluation.

AC 46.40.1   Registrar, Students Evaluation Division (SED), had proposed revision of fees for various services rendered to the students for different activities pertaining to evaluation. It is the policy of the University to revisit the fee for various services at regular intervals.

AC 46.40.2   The Academic Council considered and approved the revised fees (50% enhancement) for various services rendered to the students for different activities pertaining to evaluation at **Annexure-23.**

ITEM NO.41   To consider and approve the proposal on introduction of walk-in-examination system.

AC 46.41.1   The Registrar, Students Evaluation Division (SED), had submitted a proposal for introduction of walk-in-examination system along with modalities for the same.

AC 46.41.2   Dr. Srikanth Mohapatra, Registrar, SED explained the proposal in detail. During the discussion, the members opined that the appropriate nomenclature for this should be 'on-demand-examination'.

AC 46.41.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal along with the modalities **(Annexure-24)** for introduction of on-demand-examination.

ITEM No.42   To consider and approve the proposal for revision of Rules and Regulations for re-evaluation of term-end answer scripts.

AC 46.42.1   The Registrar, Students Evaluation Division (SED), had proposed for revision of Rules and Regulations for re-evaluation of term-end examination answer scripts.

AC 46.42.2   The Registrar, SED explained the salient features of the proposal in detail. As per the existing Rules and Regulations for re-evaluation, better of the two scores of original marks/grade and marks/grade after re-evaluation is considered.   Now   the proposal is that in case the student gets less marks/grade in the re-evaluation the original marks/grade will be retained. In case the students gets higher marks/grade in re-evaluation, the average of the two scores will be awarded.

| AC 46.42.3 | The Academic Council noted the Scheme of re-evaluation was introduced in June, 2007 Term End Examination (TEE) only. It is felt that some more experience is required before any modification or alteration is made in the existing scheme. Therefore, item is deferred for the present. |

ITEM NO.43 **To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for Bachelor Degree Programme in Philosophy (B.A Philosophy).**

| AC 46.43.1 | It was presented that the School of Humanities had submitted the Phase-3 Form for Bachelor in Philosophy (B.A. in Philosophy) Programme, as part of the BDP Programme. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH and Prof. Gracious Thomas, Coordinator, CBCI Chair are the Proposer and Coordinators of the programme. |

| AC 46.43.2 | Prof. Renu Bhardwaj informed that the programme is being launched by CBCI Chair along with School of Humanities as the discipline of Philosophy was assigned to it. As the programme is to be launched from July, 2009, the Vice-Chancellor had approved the Phase-3 Form for the said programme. This programme will be part of the BDP programme and one has to complete 48% credit of elective courses in discipline of Philosophy to qualify for B.A. in Philosophy (as major). |

| AC 46.43.4 | During the discussions the members opined to operationalise the Discipline of Philosophy in the School of Humanities by creating core faculty positions. |

| AC 46.43.3 | The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Form for B.A. in Philosophy and recommended for operationalisation of the discipline of Philosophy in the School of Humanities by creating core faculty of one Professor, one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor. |

ITEM NO.44 **To consider and approve the proposal of School of Engineering & Technology for modification of admission eligibility for Post Graduate Certificate in Project Management (PGCPM), an online programme launched under IGNOU-PMA-CEPM Project.**

| AC 46.44.1 | It was presented that the School of Engineering & Technology submitted a proposal for modification of admission eligibility for Post Graduate Certificate in Project Management (PGCPM), an online programme launched under IGNOU-PMA-CEPM Project. |

| AC 46.44.2 | Dr. Manoj Kulshrestha, Reader, SOET explained the rationality in proposing modifications in the eligibility criteria for admission to PHCPM. He clarified that this proposal was not placed before the School Board. |

| AC 46.44.3 | After discussions, the Academic Council decided to refer the item to the School Board of SOET as the matter was not deliberated by the School of Board. |

ITEM NO.45   **To consider and approve the phase-3 Form for Ph.D. Programme in Life Sciences.**

AC 46.45.1   It was presented that the School of Sciences had submitted the Phase-3 Form for Ph.D. Programme in Life Sciences. The same was approved by the School Board of School of Sciences at its 38th meeting held on November 21, 2008.

AC 46.45.2   The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Form **(Annexure-25)** for Ph.D. in Life Sciences.

Arising out of these discussions, the Academic Council also approved the proposal of declaring all Schools and Centres of the University having a core academic staff with Ph.D. and other research qualifications as Recognized Centres for Ph.D. These Schools and Centres with a minimum of 3 recognized research guides and faculty members with research qualifications can start Ph.D. programmes with the approval of the internal School/Centre level research/doctoral Committees.

ITEM NO.46   **To consider and approve the concept note for Associate Degree Programme through Community Colleges.**

AC 46.46.1   The Chairman circulated the concept note on Associate Degree Programme through Community Colleges and explained the proposal in detail. The incorporation of Community Colleges as an integral part of the higher education is popular internationally. Approximately 44% of all under graduates in the US study in Community Colleges. The Open University, U.K., Hong Kong Open University and Philippines Open University also offer associate degrees through Community Colleges. The concept of Community Colleges is gaining importance in India also. According to the latest report, there are more than 100 Community Colleges exists in all over India, including 20 in Chennai. Offer of Associate Degrees will certainly help the University in widening the accessibility of its programmes.

AC.46.46.2   The Academic Council discussed at length the concept paper and the system proposed for offer of Associate Degree Programme of IGNOU through Community Colleges. The initiatives taken by the Vice-Chancellor, to introduce this innovative concept of Community Colleges in India, has been appreciated and welcomed by the members.

AC46.46.3   The Academic Council considered and approved the system proposed for offer of Associate Degree Programme of IGNOU through Community Colleges and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take all necessary steps for implementing the scheme. A copy of the concept note is annexed (**Annexure-26**).

Item no. 47 **Under any other item, with the permission of the Chair, the following items were discussed and decided.**

AC.46.47.1 Dr. V.V. Reddy informed that the Diploma in Retailing is presently on offer in English medium only. There is demand from the students to permit them to write the assignments and TEE in Hindi medium also. Therefore, he proposed to accept the demand of the students.

As decided in Item No.29 with regard to M.A. in Education, the Academic Council decided to permit the students across the Board to write Assignments and Term End Examination in Hindi medium in respect of the programmes which are offered in English medium only.

AC.46.47.2 The Chairman informed that in the School of Tourism Hospitality and Services Sectoral Management, all the faculty appointed so far are with the specialization in the area of Tourism. Hence there is a requirement of at least one person with specialization in Hospitality area. Therefore, he proposed to create a post of Reader with specialization in Hospitality area in SOTSSM.

The Academic Council considered and approved creation a post of Reader with specialization in Hospitality area in SOTSSM.

AC.46.47.3 Prof Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor explained that the School of Visual and Performing Arts comprises of various forms of Visual and Performing Arts. The core faculty of one Professor, Two Reader and four Lecturers already sanctioned and recruited is not sufficient to cover fully even the main branches of the Visual and Performing Arts. Therefore, there is need to create additional faculty positions to cover the remaining branches.

In view of the above, the Academic Council recommended creation of additional faculty positions of one Professor, two Readers and four Lecturers in the School of Performing and Visual Arts.

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman