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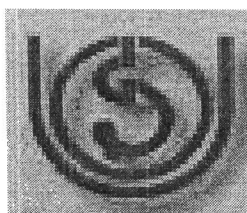
FORTY SEVENTH SPECIAL MEETING

of the

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

held on

28TH February 2009



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

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MINUTES OF THE FORTY SEVENTH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2009 AT 11.30 A.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. D.K. Chaudhry, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
5.	Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
6.	Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
7.	Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH	-	Ex-officio Member
8.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, SOSS	-	Ex-officio Member
9.	Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS	-	Ex-officio Member
10.	Prof. M.L. Koul, Director, SOE	-	Ex-officio Member
11.	Prof. M. Aslam, Director, SOCE	-	Ex-officio Member
12.	Prof. Ajit Kumar, Director, SOET	-	Ex-officio Member
13.	Prof. G. Subbayamma, Director, SOMS	-	Ex-officio Member
14.	Prof. Bimla Kapoor, Director, SOHS	-	Ex-officio Member
15.	Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS	-	Ex-officio Member
16.	Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SOA	-	Ex-officio Member
17.	Prof. Srikrishnadeva Rao, Director, SOL	-	Ex-officio Member
18.	Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS	-	Ex-officio Member
19.	Prof. Savita Singh, Director, SOGS	-	Ex-officio Member
20.	Dr. Harkirat Bains, Director (I/c), SOTHSSM	-	Ex-officio Member
21.	Dr. Babu P. Remesh (I/c), SOITDS	-	Ex-officio Member
22.	Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW	-	Ex-officio Member
23.	Prof. C. G. Naidu, Director, SOVET	-	Ex-officio Member
24.	Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS	-	Ex-officio Member
25.	Shri. Vikas Kumar Singh, Director (I/c), SOFL	-	Ex-officio Member
26.	Dr. Deo Shankar Navin, Director (I/c), SOTST	-	Ex-officio Member
27.	Dr. Ravi Sharma, Director (I/c), SOPVA	-	Ex-officio Member
28.	Sh. S.K. Arora, Librarian	-	Ex-officio Member
29.	Prof. B.B. Khanna, SOMS	-	Member
30.	Prof. Pity Koul, SOHS	-	Member
31.	Prof. Subhasis Majhi, SOET	-	Member
32.	Dr. Neerja Chadha, Reader SOCE	-	Member
33.	Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SOA	-	Member
34.	Dr. Sutapa Bose, Lecturer, SOE	-	Member
35.	Shri M.P. Mishra, Lecturer, SOCIS	-	Member
36.	Shri Z. Yanthan, Lecturer, SOSS	-	Member
37.	Sh. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Lecturer, SOCIS	-	Member
38.	Dr. O.P. Sharma, Director, NCIDE	-	Member
39.	Prof. Madhu Prahā, Director, IUC	-	Member
40.	Dr. Hemlata, Director, NCDS	-	Member
41.	Prof. K.P. Singh	-	Member
42.	Prof. Mohammad Miyan	-	Member
43.	Prof. K.M. Moudgalya	-	Member
44.	Prof. Devi Singh	-	Member
45.	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy	-	Member
46.	Shri. Ravi Kant	-	Member
47.	Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Director, ACD	-	Member Secretary

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SED and Shri K. Laxman, Registrar, SRD and Shri. U.S. Tolia, Registrar, (Admn.) attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

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

Prof. N. Mukunda, Prof. Mahendra Dev, Prof. George Mathew, Prof. N.K. Jain, Prof. Uma Alladi, Prof. S.N. Maheshwari, Dr. D.K. Dutta Majumdar, Prof. Ramamohan Rao, Dr. K.B. Peter and Prof. L. Venugopal Reddey could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 47th Special Meeting of the Academic Council convened for approving matters relating to 20th Convocation of the University scheduled to be held on 28TH February, 2009 at 3.00 p.m. The Vice Chancellor informed that he is coming after inaugurating the exhibition organized by the University in connection with the convocation at the Convention Centre. The University is going to confer certificates, diplomas and degrees in a wide range of disciplines and specializations. Thus, IGNOU is not just like a University, but a world of learning. The focus of the University is imparting knowledge and skills, with the main objective to serve the cause of higher education in the remote areas in its quest for reaching the un-reached.

The Chairman thanked and placed on record significant contributions made by the outgoing members Prof. P. R. Ramanujam as Director IUC, Prof. Gracious Thomas as Director NCDS, Prof N. Balakrishnana, Prof. Trilochan Pradhan, Prof. T.K.V. Subramanian, Dr. S.S. Rathi, Prof. K.K. Mohammad Yusuff, Prof. Sridhar Gadre, Prof. S. Sadagopan, Prof. Kamlesh Mohan, Prof. Vijay Kapur, Prof. Kapila Vatsyayan, Prof. Anil Bhattacharya, Prof. Arvind Kumar, Prof. S. Siva Kumar and Prof. C. Thangamuthu.

He welcomed the new members Prof. Gracious Thomas as Director, SOSW, Prof. Savita Singh, Director, SOGS, Prof. Bikram Kesheri Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS, Shri. Vikas Kumar Singh, Director (I/c), SOFL, Dr. Deo Shankar Navin, Director (I/c), SOTST, Dr. Ravi Sharma, Director (I/c), SOPVA, Dr. Babu P. Remesh, Director (I/c), SOITDS, Prof. O.P. Sharma, Director (I/c), NCIDE, Dr. Hemlata, Director (I/c), NCDA, Prof. Madhu Prahar, Director (I/c), IUC, Prof. N. Mukunda, Honorary Porfessor, Centre for High Energy Physics, IISc., Prof. Mahendra Dev, Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Cost & Prices, New Delhi, Dr. George Mathew, Director, IISc, Delhi, Prof. N.K. Jain, CEO & Secretary, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Delhi, Prof. K.P. Singh, Ex-Director (Extension), G.B. Pant Agriculture & Technical University, Pant Nagar, Prof. Uma Alladi, Department of English, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Prof. S.N. Maheshwari, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT, Delhi, Dr. D.K. Datta Majumder, Kolkata, Prof. Ramamohan Rao, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam, Dr. K.V. Peter, Member Secretary, World Noni Research Foundation, Chennai, Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy, Former VC, Andhra University, Prof. Kannan M. Moudgalya, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT-Mumbai and Prof. Devi Singh, IIM-Lucknow, Noida.

As there are many new members, the Chairman requested all the members to introduce themselves to the other members of the Council.

Then the Chairman asked the Member Secretary to present the agenda. The Member Secretary presented that this 47th meeting of the AC is a special meeting to consider and approve six agenda tems related to the 20th Convocation scheduled to be held on 28th February, 2009 at 3.00 p.m. All the six items on agenda have been received from Registrar,

Student Evaluation Division. He then requested Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SED to present details of each of the agenda items. The following items were taken up:

ITEM NO. 1 To consider and approve the award of degrees/diploma/certificates in the 20th convocation.

AC 47.1.1 It was presented that a total of 1,37,354 students, who have successfully completed degree / diploma / certificate programmes in December, 2007 and June, 2008 Term End Examinations, are eligible for conferring degrees / diplomas / certificates at the 20th Convocation to be held on 28th February 2009 at 3.00 P.M.. Details of various Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates being conferred were summarized.

AC 47.1.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the award of 1, 37, 354 degrees/ diplomas/ certificates at the 20th Convocation, as per the list at **Annexure – 1.**

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the award of Gold Medals in the 20th Convocation.

AC 47.2.1 Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SED presented the list of 63 students identified for award of Gold Medals in different programmes of the University at the 20th Convocation. This list also includes two Gold Medals for MARD and M.Sc. (DFSM) of the 19th Convocation, which were not awarded at that time due to delay in declaration of results because of late starting of their academic session. Two candidates were identified for the award of Gold Medals in B.Ed Programme as they have secured equal marks.

Gold Medals in the following nine programmes could not be awarded as there were no eligible candidates:

1. Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (DWED)
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE)
3. Advanced Diploma in Water Resources Engineering (ADWRE)
4. B. Tech. Civil (Water Resource Engineering) – BTWRE
5. Master of Science (Hospitality Administration) –MHA
6. Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)
7. Master of Arts - Distance Education (MADE)
8. B. Tech. Civil (Construction Management) - BTCM
9. Advanced Diploma in Construction Management (ADCM)

AC 47.2.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the award of 63 Gold Medals at the 20th Convocation, as per the list in **Annexure 2.**

ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the award of Ph.D. at the 20th Convocation.

AC 47.3.1 It was presented that the following four candidates had successfully completed Ph. D Programme, and notified for the award of the degree at the 20th convocation:

1. Ms. Nisha Peshin for Ph. D in Education
2. Ms. J. S. Dorothy for Ph. D in Education
3. Shri Surender Singh Rana for Ph. D in Political Science
4. Ms. Arundhati Mishra for Ph. D in Physics

AC 47.3.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) for the above four candidates at the 20th Convocation.

ITEM NO. 4 To consider and approve the list of candidates found meritorious for the award of Gold Medals/Silver Medals and other Cash Awards at the 20th Convocation.

AC 47.4.1 It was presented that the University has been awarding the following Gold/Silver Medals and Cash Awards at the Convocation:

- i) Gold Medal for the best research paper.
- ii) Silver Medal for the second best research paper.
- iii) Prof. G.Ram Reddy Memorial Gold Medal for the topper in Social Science subject.
- iv) Prof. Grover Cash Award for the best student among the physically challenged.
- v) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Cash Award of Rs.10,000/- for the Gold Medalist in Bachelor of Social Work.
- vi) CEMCA Cash Award of Rs.10,000/- for the best female student in the programme related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- vii) Gold Medal for best services for Regional Centre.
- viii) Gold Medal for the best services for overseas Partner Institution.

The list of candidates eligible for the award of the above Gold/Silver Medals and Cash Awards at the 20th Convocation was presented for the approval of the Academic Council. It was informed that the Gold Medal for the best research paper was not recommended, but only the Silver Medal was recommended.

AC 47.4.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the list of candidates (**Annexure 3**) found meritorious for the award of Gold Medals/Silver Medals and other Cash Awards at the 20th Convocation.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider and approve the additional list of candidates eligible for award of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates in the earlier Convocations and being reported in the 20th Convocation.

AC 47.5.1 It was presented that 3, 872 candidates were found eligible for the Award of Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates at the 19th Convocation, but could not be awarded since their results were declared subsequent to the Convocation. Therefore, these Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates shall be awarded at the 20th Convocation.

AC 47.5.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the additional list of candidates (**Annexure 4**) eligible for award of Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates in the 19th Convocations and being reported in the 20th Convocation.

ITEM NO. 6 To ratify the action taken by the VC in approving award of Gold Medal for a student of B.Sc. Programme for the 19th Convocation.

AC 47.6.1 It was presented that Mr. Akhilesh Kumar was awarded Gold Medal in B.Sc. at the 19th Convocation. Subsequently, Ms. Chetna claimed that she secured higher marks than the candidate received the Gold Medal. On verification of the record it was found that marks for practical of the claimant were received late from the Regional Centre, thereby declaring the results of the candidates after the Convocation. However, it was found that Ms. Chetna secured higher marks and thus entitled for the Gold Medal. Having satisfied with the claim of Ms. Chetna for the Gold Medal in B.Sc. programme, the Vice-Chancellor approved the award of the Gold Medal to her in a function to be organized in the University campus at a later stage.

AC 47.6.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the award of Gold Medal for B.Sc. programme to Ms. Chetna for the 19th Convocation.

The members appreciated the Vice-Chancellor regarding the advertisement issued by the University relating to the 20th Convocation in the front page of national daily newspapers, highlighting the unique profile of the students and the achievements of the University.

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



(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman