To

All Members of the Academic Council (AC)
(as per list)

Subject: Minutes of the 67th Meeting of the Academic Council – reg.;

Dear Sir/Madam,

A copy of the Minutes of the 67th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 9th February, 2017 is enclosed for your kind perusal and information. You are requested to refer to the relevant agenda item(s) for Annexures, which were circulated in the meeting. Comments, if any, on the Minutes may kindly be sent to this office within 10 days from the date of issue of this letter, failing which it will be presumed that the Minutes have your kind approval.

Yours faithfully,

(B.B. Khanna)
Member-Secretary

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Held on

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MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 11:30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VC OFFICE, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor (I/C)	-	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Mandava Venkata Basaveswar Rao	-	Member
3.	Prof. Makkhan Lal	-	Member
4.	Prof. A.N. Maurya	-	Member
5.	Prof. M.M. Salunkhe	-	Member
6.	Prof Pardeep Sahni, SOSS	-	Member
7.	Prof B I Fozdar, SOS	-	Member
8.	Prof. Swaraj Basu, Director, SOSS	-	Member
9.	Prof. Satyakam, Director, SOH	-	Member
10.	Prof. Madhu Tyagi, Director, SOMS	-	Member
11.	Prof. M S Nathawat, Director, SOS	-	Member
12.	Prof. Pity Kaul, Director, SOHS	-	Member
13.	Prof P. Srinivas Kumar, Director, SOET	-	Member
14.	Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta, Director(I/C), SOFL	-	Member
15.	Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS	-	Member
16.	Prof. T U Fulzele, Director, SOL & P&DD	-	Member
17.	Prof. Saroj Pandey, Director, SOE	-	Member
18.	Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SOA	-	Member
19.	Dr. R.S.P. Singh, Director, SOVET	-	Member
20.	Dr. Rose Nembiakkim, Director, SOSW	-	Member
21.	Dr. P.V.K. Sasidhar, Director, SOEDS	-	Member
22.	Dr. Seema Johri, Director, SOPVA	-	Member
23.	Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS	-	Member
24.	Dr Nilima Srivastava, SOGDS	-	Member
25.	Dr Neera Singh, SOH	-	Member
26.	Dr O P Dewal, SOJNMS	-	Member
27.	Dr Purnendu Tripathi, Dy Dir, VCO	-	Member

28.	Dr S. Raja Rao, RD, RC Vishakhapatnam	-	Member
29.	Dr Harish Kumar Sethi, SOTST	-	Member
30.	Dr Rachna Agarwal, SOVET	-	Member
31.	Dr Anand Gupta, SOL	-	Member
32.	Prof Jaideep Sharma, Librarian	-	Member
33.	Prof Srilatha, SOMS & Registrar(I/C), SRD	-	Member
34.	Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director, IUC	-	Member
35.	Dr Bini Toms, Director, SSC	-	Member
36.	Sh. N.P. Singh, Registrar (I/C), SED	-	Member
37.	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, ACD	-	Member Secretary

Dr. V Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD and Dr Murali M Rao, Head Computer Division attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Prof. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Prof Furqan Qamar, Prof Rajni Dhingra, Prof S P Bansal, Prof Mohammad Miyan and Prof Ramesh Chandra external Members of Academic Council and Prof Neerja Chadha, Director, SOCE, Dr R P Pandey internal members of the Academic Council could not attend the Meeting. Prof Savita Singh attended on behalf of Director, SOGDS and Shri Sashi Bhushan attended on behalf of Director, SOCIS.

Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Dy. Director, ACD and Dr Shekhar Suman, Asst Director, ACD were present to assist the Council.

Prof Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor (I/C), IGNOU and the Chairperson of the Academic Council welcomed all the Members of the Academic Council to its 66th Meeting, and made a mention of the new Members of the Academic Council approved by the Board of Management in its 126th meeting held on 18th Oct 2106 under Clause (1) (IV), (VI) and (IX) of Statute 9 of the University which included Prof Pardeep Sahni, SOSS; Prof B I Fozdar, SOS; Prof Srilatha, SOMS; Dr Nilima Srivastava, SOGDS; Dr Neera Singh, SOH, Dr O P Dewal, SOJNMS; Dr Harish Kumar Sethi, SOTST; Director, Pⅅ Director, IUC; Director, SSC; Dr Purnendu Tripathi, dy Dir, VCO and Dr S Raja Rao, Regional Director, RC Vishakhapatnam. He welcomed the newly appointed Directors of the Schools of Studies, as internal members of the Council, viz. Prof. Satyakam, Director, SOH; Prof. T U Fulzele, Director, SOL and Prof. Srilatha, Registrar, SRD.

The Chairperson put on record the appreciation of Academic Council to the outgoing members of the Council namely, Prof. Sunaina Kumar, former Director, SOH; Prof K Elumalai, former Director, SOL; and Shri S K Sharma, former Registrar SRD.

The Chairperson made a mention of the important activities since the last Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 8th September 2016. Some of the key highlights were as under:

- The University has started *on-line* admission in all programmes offered by the University. This has facilitated 100 per cent fee reconciliation in real-time, almost nil or

negligible error in student data and ease of sending SLM by Material Production and Distribution Division.

- The University Grants Commission has communicated the decision of UGC vide which IGNOU and State Open Universities (SOUs), which have got approval from UGC to offer programmes through distance mode, have been allowed to offer Certificate and Diploma programmes of the duration of one year or less. Therefore, from the academic session 2017-18, IGNOU and SOUs may offer such programmes without seeking the approval from UGC but after the approval of its statutory bodies like School Boards, Academic Council etc.

- With the efforts of the University and Government, *Gyanvani* and *Gyandarshan* channels had been reactivated and the University has entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for operationalising these channels. Wherever IGNOU does not have a FM studio, the Govt will extend the facility of its AIR stations on a very nominal fee of Rs 200 per hour. The *Gyanvani* Channel has been started. To begin with it will have 8 hours of live radio broadcast while 16 hours of recorded repeat broadcast. All IGNOU Faculty will be mandated for live radio counseling as per a pre-decided schedule.

- As decided in the previous meeting of the Academic Council, the Swaym and Swayam Prabha have been housed in an Independent Unit at Inter University Consortium (IUC) of the University. A letter has been sent to Ministry of HRD for recruitment of staff to carry on this task on a full time basis.

- The University is organizing a Seminar on Idea of Bharat in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal. The President has given consent to inaugurate the Programme on 23rd February 2017 between 1-2 pm. The Members congratulated the Vice Chancellor for this achievement siunce President seldom inaugurate Seminars or conferences.

The Members of the Academic Council appreciated the efforts taken by the University for academic development of the University and the learners. The Members assured their full cooperation in steering the proceedings of the Academic Council in a purposeful direction.

The Chairperson then asked the Member Secretary to present the Agenda for the meeting.

The Member-Secretary, Academic Council informed that in all there were 34 Agenda Items, including the confirmation of the Minutes of the 65th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 8th September 2016, approval of the Minutes of 43rd meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 28th November 2016 and 24th Meeting of Research Council held on 20th December 2016.

The Academic Council transacted the following business:

ITEM NO. 1   **To confirm the Minutes of the 66th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 8th September, 2016 and to note the Action Taken thereon.**

AC 67.1.1   The member secretary informed that the Minutes of the 66th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 8th September 2016 were circulated to all the members for their comments/observations. The comments have been received from Director, School of Agriculture for Item No. AC66.2.1 wherein he has stated *that during the discussion the Academic Council suggested that the "matter may be discussed in the next meeting of the ACSC". However, the Minutes reflected that the "'proposal again" should be submitted before the ACSC. It is requested that the "proposal again" be dropped as the matter has been resolved in the 43rd ACSC.*

The Member Secretary informed that since the meeting of Academic Council was held prior to 43rd meeting of ACSC, therefore, the comments made in 43rd meeting cannot be reflected in the Minutes of 66th Meeting of Academic Council, which was held prior to the meeting of AC. However, this aspect can be discussed at the time of taking up of agenda related to confirmation of Minutes of 43rd meeting ACSC placed as Item No. 2 before this Academic Council.

AC 67.1.2   The Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its 66th meeting and ACSC in its 42nd Meeting was presented by the Member secretary, which was noted by the Council.

AC 67.1.3   The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of the 66th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 8th September 2017 as given in **Annexure-1** and noted the action taken thereon. The Council also noted the Action taken on Minutes of 42nd Meeting of ACSC.

ITEM NO. 2   **To approve the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 28th November, 2016.**

AC 67.2.1   The Member Secretary informed that the 43rd Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) was held on 28th November, 2016. The Minutes of the 43rd meeting of ACSC were circulated to all the members of ACSC. Comments as already discussed in first Agenda Item have been received from Director, SOA.

With regard to decision taken by the ACSC on Item No. ACSC 43.1 (with regard to ACSC 42.7.2), the Director, SOA requested to continue with the original nomenclature of the two programmes i.e. (i) Certificate in Fruits & Vegetable Technology in place of revised Certificate in Fruits & Vegetable Processing, and (ii) Diploma in Fruits & Vegetable Technology in place of revised Diploma in Fruits & Vegetable Processing. He mentioned that even though he himself had suggested the revision in nomenclature as above, however the School Board of School of

Agriculture was in favour of continuing with the earlier nomenclatures.

With regard to decision taken by the ACSC on Item ACSC 43.5.2, Prof Savita Singh informed that Phase-0 form for course work for PhD (Gender and Development Studies) programme had been developed in line with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 and approved by the School Board of SOGDS in its 21st Meeting held on September 30, 2016. Therefore it should be considered as approved in similar manner as at Item Nos 7, 9 to 12 of This Academic Council meeting.

AC 67.2.2   The Academic Council accepted the request of Director, SOA to revise the Minutes of 43rd Meeting of ACSC with regard to decision taken by it on Item ACSC 43.1 (with regard to ACSC 42.7.2) and decided to continue with the original nomenclature of the two programmes i.e. (i) Certificate in Fruits & Vegetable Technology, and (ii) Diploma in Fruits & Vegetable Technology in place of revised ones because the School Board of SOA was in favour of continuing with the earlier nomenclatures.

The Academic Council also accepted the request of School of Gender & Development Studies (SOGDS) with regard to Item no. ACSC 43.5.2 and approved the Phase-0 form with Syllabus for course work of PhD (Gender and Development Studies) in line with UGC MPhil/PhD Regulations 2016.

AC 67.2.3   With above emendations, the Academic Council approved the Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 28th November 2016 as given in **Annexure - 2**.

ITEM NO. 3   **To consider the proposal for award of Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates to eligible students who have completed their programme during December, 2015 and June 2016 Term End Examinations in 30th Convocation of the University – SED.**

AC 67.3.1   The Academic Council was informed that the Statute 21 of the IGNOU Act on Convocation provides as under:-

"The Convocation of the University for conferring of degrees or diplomas or for other purposes may be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinance."

As per Ordinance on the Convocation, the Convocation for the purpose of conferring degrees/ diplomas shall ordinarily be held once a year at Delhi or at such Regional Centre(s), and on such date(s), as may be decided by the Vice Chancellor.

Clause 5 of Ordinance on the Convocation under Statute 21 of the

IGNOU Act, also provides as under:-

"The students who have passed their examinations in the year for which the convocation is held shall be eligible to be admitted to the convocation:"

About 2,10,811 students who have completed their programmes in Term End Examinations held during December 2015 and June 2016 are eligible for award of degrees/ diplomas in 30th Convocation. A tentative list of eligible students in all the Ph.D/ M.Phil/ Masters/ Bachelors/ Diploma/ Certificate Programmes of the University for award of degree/ diploma is placed as **Annexure – 3**.

In view of the provisions of the Ordinance on Convocation, the proposal for awarding of Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates to the eligible students as stated above, in the 30th Convocation of the University, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

AC 67.3.2   The Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that the main venue of the 30th Convocation of IGNOU would be IGNOU Headquarters, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi and there will not be any function at any of the Regional Centre at Delhi/NCR. However, simultaneously, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates will be awarded at various other Regional Centres of the University. Awardees of PhD/MPhil Degree and other Special awards will be invited at IGNOU Headquarters and the students of Masters Degree and Professional/ Bachelor Degree Programme (except for the RC at Delhi as they will be invited at main venue) will be invited at the Regional Centre concerned.

AC 67.3.3   The Academic Council approved the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates to the eligible students as per list enclosed at **Annexure - 3**. The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve the inclusion of the names of any other students who would be eligible for award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees subsequent to the current meeting of the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. 4   To ratify the Notifications issued by SED for the award of Ph.D/M.Phil degrees – SED.

AC 67.4.1   The Member Secretary informed that on the recommendations of the external evaluators and the Board of examiners and as per the Academic Council, notifications in respect of seventy three (40) students for award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees in various Disciplines across the Schools have been issued by the Student Evaluation Division (SED) with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

Clause 12 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes inter-alia

envisages that

"A student shall be awarded the M.Phil/Ph.D Degree, with the approval of the Academic Council, provided that the corresponding evaluation report given by the Examiners is satisfactory".

The Academic Council at its 64th Meeting held on 10th July, 2015 had approved to issue Notifications to M.Phil/Ph.D. students on successful completion of their viva voce examination with the approval of the Vice Chancellor in order to mitigate the hardship faced by the students (AC 64.21.1).

The names and other details of the students, who have been recommended for award of Ph.D. and M.Phil. Degree was placed before the Council. The Notifications for the award of M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees have been issued by SED in respect of these students.

AC 67.4.2   The Academic Council ratified the issue of notification for the award of M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees to 40 students (3 M.Phil. and 37 Ph.D.) as per list enclosed as **Annexure - 4**.

ITEM NO. 5   **To consider and approve IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes – RU.**

AC 67.5.1   The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Research Unit has submitted an agenda for consideration and approval of the IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes. The chairperson of the Council invited the Director Research Unit to explain the agenda in detail. The Academic Council was informed that UGC has granted permission to IGNOU to launch M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes with the condition to adhere to the essential Clauses of UGC (Minimum standards and procedures for award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees) Regulations 2016. Academic Council in its 66th meeting held on 8th September, 2016 had vide item No. AC 66.6.2, adopted the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 with immediate effect. The Academic Council further decided that in the light of Affidavit submitted by the University to UGC and UGC's letter of permission to start MPhil/PhD programme through regular /part-time mode, all the conditions contained in the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 pertaining to eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes, duration of programme, procedure for admission, allocation of Research Supervisor, Course work, Research Advisory

Committee, Evaluation and assessment methods, and depository with INFLIBNET etc. should be followed by the University in letter and spirit. The Council had also advised the Research Unit and Schools of Studies to take necessary steps to complete all the necessary procedures required for offering M.Phil/Ph.D programmes under these Regulations in a time bound manner.

Keeping this in view, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee to re-look into the existing Research Ordinance and explore the possibility to frame IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programme in the light of UGC Regulations, 2016. The Committee finalized the draft IGNOU Research Ordinance. Further, keeping in view the provisions under Section 27 of the IGNOU Act 1985 read with Statute 9 A (aa) empowering Research Council to make Regulations, the Committee finalized the draft IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes. Draft IGNOU Research Ordinance and draft IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes were considered and approved by the Research Council in its 24th meeting held on 20th December, 2016 with some modifications.

AC 67.5.2   The Academic Council discussed in detail the draft IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes with modifications to be incorporated to keep it in line with UGC Regulations 2016. The suggestions and observations made by the members were noted by the Director, Research Unit.

AC 67.5.3   The draft IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes **(Annexure - 5)** were approved with the suggestions made by the members of the Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to finalize the IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes by incorporating the suggestions in consonance with UGC Regulations, 2016 and place the same before the Board of Management.

ITEM NO. 6   To consider and approve the Minutes of 24th Meeting of the Research Council held on 20th December, 2016-RU.

AC 67.6.1   The member secretary informed the Academic Council that Research Unit has submitted the Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Research Council held on 20th December, 2016. The apart from the other agendas there were the agenda on the of the IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes. The Recearch Council had given some suggestion for modification of the

document. The academic council was informed that the document has been revised and has been placed as a separate agenda at item no. 05.

AC 67.6.2   The academic Council noted the Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Research Council held on 20th December, 2016 subject to confirmation of these Minutes in the next meeting of Research Council. Wherever necessary, modifications as detailed in the item No.05, may be carried out and reported in the next meeting of the Research Council at the time of confirmation of Minutes **(Annexure - 6)**.

Item No. 7 &   **To Consider and approve Phase 0 forms for the course work of**
9 to 12   **PhD programmes in various Disciplines – reg.,**

Item Nos. 7 and 8 to 12, being related, were taken together. The Member Secretary presented a brief overview of Phase 0 forms submitted by various Schools for Course work of PhD programmes specially with regard to number of courses, Credit weightage, weightage in internal and external assessment etc. The Council appreciated the efforts of Member Secretary in summarizing the phase forms. The Council opined that since every Programme has its inherent needs and requirement, therefore there would be variation from one programme to another programme subject to the overall framework of PhD Regulations of UGC. Accordingly, The Academic Council approved the Phase 0 forms for Course work of PhD programmes in various disciplines as given against each Agenda Item.

The Council also decided to review the Phase 0/1/2 forms and simplify the procedure for their approval. The Council decided to constitute a Committee comprising following to review the existing phase forms:

1. Prof. T U Fulzele, Director, P&DD   - Chairperson
2. Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS   - Member
3. Prof. B I Fozdar, SOS   - Member
4. Dr. Purnendu Tripathi, Dy Dir, VCO - Convenor

The Committee would submit its report in a time bound manner, so that the revised Phase form(s) alongwith procedural details are placed before the next meeting of the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. 7   **To consider and approve the Phase – 0 form for the course work of Ph.D programme in Management discipline along with the course outline of Research Methodology – SOMS.**

AC 67.7.1   The Academic Council approved the Phase-0 form for the course work of Ph.D programme in Management alongwith the course outline of

Research Methodology of SOMS revised in light of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 **(Annexure - 7)**.

ITEM NO. 8   **To consider and approve the Phase – 0 form for Post Basic BSc Nursing Programme – SOHS.**

AC 67.8.1   The Member Secretary informed that as per information provided by the School of School of Health Sciences (SOHS) Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Programme, a three year degree Programme, was launched in 1994 and first revision of the Programme was undertaken in 2005. There has been a considerable change in the content, policies, procedures in Health Programmes and schemes. Therefore, the revision is being undertaken for updating the content. The broad programme structure will remain the same.

Course wise Expert Committee meetings have been held to suggest the broad areas of modification in the contents on 25th, 29th & 30th November, 2016. The experts suggested a re-organization in the sequence of Blocks and Units.

AC 67.8.3   The Academic Council approved the Phase-0 form for revision of Post Basic B.Sc Nursing Programme alongwith programme structure and course outline **(Annexure - 8)**.

ITEM NO. 9   **To consider and approve the Phase 0 form for restructured course work of Ph.D and M.Phil in Commerce to comply with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 – SOMS.**

AC 67.9.1   The Academic Council approved the Phase 0 form for course work of Ph.D and M.Phil programmes in Commerce of SOMS revised in light of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 **(Annexure - 9)**.

ITEM NO. 10   **To consider and approve the Phase 0 forms for revision of M.Phil and Ph.D Courses for the following Doctoral Programmes of the School of Social Sciences:**

1. **Ph.D Course Work in Anthropology**
2. **M.Phil and Ph.D. Course Work in Economics**
3. **Ph.D Course Work in History**
4. **Ph.D Course Work in Library & Information Science**
5. **M.Phil and Ph.D. Course Work in Political Science**

6. Ph.D. Course Work in Psychology
7. Ph.D. Course Work in Public Administration
8. M.Phil and Ph.D. Course Work in Sociology

AC 67.10.1   The Academic Council approved the Phase 0 forms for Course work of M.Phil/Ph.D programmes of SOSS revised in light of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016, as under:

1. Ph.D Course Work in Anthropology **(Annexure - 10)**
2. M.Phil and Ph.D. Course Work in Economics **(Annexure - 11)**
3. Ph.D Course Work in History **(Annexure - 12)**
4. Ph.D Course Work in Library & Information Science **(Annexure - 13)**
5. M.Phil and Ph.D. Course Work in Political Science **(Annexure - 14)**
6. Ph.D. Course Work in Psychology **(Annexure - 15)**
7. Ph.D. Course Work in Public Administration **(Annexure - 16)**
8. M.Phil and Ph.D. Course Work in Sociology **(Annexure - 17)**

ITEM NO. 11   To consider and approve the Phase -0 for the Pre-Ph.D Course Work for Ph.D in Hindi Programme – SOH.

AC 67.11.1   The Academic Council approved the Phase-0 form for the Ph.D course work alongwith Syllabus for Ph.D in Hindi Programme of SOH revised in light of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 **(Annexure - 18)**.

ITEM NO. 12   To consider and approve the Phase -0 for revision of the Pre-Ph.D Course Work for Ph.D in English Programme – SOH.

AC 67.12.1   The Academic Council approved the Phase-0 form for the Ph.D course work alongwith Syllabus for Ph.D in English Programme of SOH revised in light of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 **(Annexure - 19)**.

ITEM NO. 13   To consider and approve the Phase – 0 form for the course "Coding Theory" (MMTE-005) of the M.Sc. (MACS) programme – SOS.

AC 67.13.1   The Member Secretary informed that School of Sciences has submitted Phase – 0 form for the course "Coding Theory" (MMTE-005) of the M.Sc. (MACS) programme. The course "Coding Theory" of the M.Sc. (MACS) programme is on offer as wrap-around material developed around the book 'Fundamentals of Error-Correcting Codes', by Vera Pless and William Cary Huffman. School has now proposed to replace the wrap around material with SLM.

The School Board of the School of Sciences has approved the phase -0 form for the course "Coding Theory" of the M.Sc. (MACS) programme in its 57th meeting held on November 3, 2016.

AC 67.13.2   The Council observed that this course is on offer as wrap-around material for several years and time and again a need has been felt to develop SLM for this course. However, The School has failed in developing the SLM. The Council took it very seriously and directed that accountability be fixed on the concerned Faculty for delay in development of SLM of this course. The Council also directed that the SLM should be developed in a time bound manner without any further delay.

AC 67.13.3   After detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the Phase – 0 form for the course "Coding Theory" of the M.Sc. (MACS) programme and directed that the Course should be developed in a time bound manner before July 2018 as proposed by the School **(Annexure - 20)**.

The Council also decided to fix accountability for delay in development of course material so far and directed the competent authority to take appropriate steps in this regard.

ITEM NO. 14   **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in Public Administration based on UGC's CBCS – SOSS.**

AC 67.14.1   The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that School of Social Sciences has submitted Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in Public Administration based on UGC's CBCS. The Phase -1 form for B.A Honours in Public Administration was approved by the School Board of School of Social Sciences in its 65th meeting held on 25.02.2016 as well as the Academic Programme Committee (APC) meeting held on 9.11.2016. The Phase-2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of the School Board for CBCS of the School of Social Sciences in its meeting held on 20.01.2017. The School Board has authorized the Standing Committee to implement its decisions and inform the School Board in its next meeting.

The School has also submitted that The annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because they have been revised in the Phase forms as intimations. The intimation to these Divisions would be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

AC 67.14.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. Honours in Public Administration based on CBCS submitted by School of Social

Sciences **(Annexure - 21)**.

ITEM NO. 15 **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in Economics based on UGC's CBCS- SOSS.**

AC 67.15.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Phase -2 form for BA Honours in Economics based on UGC's Choice Based Credit System. The Phase 1 form has been approved by the School Board of SOSS in its in its 65th meeting held on 25.2.2016 and the Academic Programme Committee of the Planning board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. Phase – 2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of School Board for CBCS of SOSS in its meeting held on 20.1.2017. The School Board has authorized the Sanding Committee to implement its decisions and inform the school Board in its next meeting.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

In the CBCS based programme of B.A. (Hon.) Economics, at present the course structures of 10 core courses of first two years (of the 3-year program) finalised by the Expert Committee. The syllabi of rest of the four core courses and elective courses will be submitted to School Board as and when these are finalised and approved by the School Board.

AC 67.15.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. Honours in Economics based on CBCS as submitted by SOSS **(Annexure - 22)**.

ITEM NO. 16 **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.Sc. Honours in Anthropology based on UGC's CBCS- SOSS.**

AC 67.16.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Phase -2 form for B.Sc. Honours in Anthropology based on UGC's Choice Based Credit System. The Phase 1 form has been approved by the School Board of SOSS in its in its 65th meeting held on 25.2.2016 and the Academic Programme Committee of the Planning board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. Phase – 2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of School Board for CBCS of SOSS in its meeting held on 20.1.2017. The School Board has authorized the Sanding Committee to implement its decisions and inform the school

Board in its next meeting.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

The School has also informed that since the time schedule available was very short, the discipline has not been able to organise Expert Committees to work out syllabi for all the courses to be offered in this programme. The Discipline has presented the complete list of core courses but syllabi of only five courses. The syllabi of rest of the core courses and elective courses will be submitted to School Board for approval as and when these are finalised by the Expert Committee.

AC 67.16.1   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.Sc. Honours in Anthropology based on CBCS as submitted by SOSS **(Annexure - 23)**.

ITEM NO. 17   To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in Political Science based on UGC's CBCS - SOSS

AC 67.17.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Phase -2 form for B.A Honours in Political Science based on UGC's Choice Based Credit System. The Phase 1 form has been approved by the School Board of SOSS in its in its 65ᵗʰ meeting held on 25.2.2016 and the Academic Programme Committee of the Planning board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. Phase – 2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of School Board for CBCS of SOSS in its meeting held on 20.1.2017. The School Board has authorized the Sanding Committee to implement its decisions and inform the school Board in its next meeting.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

AC 67.17.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. Honours in Political Science based on CBCS as submitted by the SOSS **(Annexure -**

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ITEM NO. 18   **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in History based on UGC's CBCS- SOSS.**

AC 67.18.2   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Phase -2 form for B.A Honours in History based on UGC's Choice Based Credit System. The Phase 1 form has been approved by the School Board of SOSS in its 66th meeting held on 31.08.2016 and the Academic Programme Committee of the Planning board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. Phase – 2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of School Board for CBCS of SOSS in its meeting held on 20.1.2017. The School Board has authorized the Sanding Committee to implement its decisions and inform the school Board in its next meeting.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

Also, since the time schedule available was very short, Discipline has not been able to organise Expert Committees to work out syllabi for all the courses to be offered in this programme. Thus, School has presented the complete list of core courses but syllabi of only five courses. The syllabi of rest of the core courses and elective courses would be submitted to School Board as and when these are finalised and approved by the School Board.

AC 67.18.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. Honours in History based on CBCS as submitted by SOSS **(Annexure - 25)**.

ITEM NO. 19   **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A General based on UGC's CBCS- SOSS.**

AC 67.19.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences has submitted a proposal for approval of Phase 2 form for BA General based on UGC's CBCS format. The Phase -1 form for B.A General programme has been approved by the School Board of School of Social Sciences in its 66th meeting held on 31.08.2016 and Academic Programme Committee (APC) of the Planning Board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. The Phase-2 form has been approved by the Standing

Committee of the School Board for CBCS of the School of Social Sciences in its meeting held on 20.01.2017. The School Board has authorized the Standing Committee to implement its decisions and inform the School Board in its next meeting.

As per CBCS framework, B.A. General Programme would contain courses from the following disciplines:

1. Anthropology
2. Economics
3. History
4. Political Sciences
5. Psychology
6. Public Administration
7. Sociology

This programme would have courses from most of the disciplines of the School of Social Sciences and many other Schools. The programme would have a total of 132 credits. In B.A. General a student would be required to take core courses from three discipline areas; i) four core courses from language courses, ii) four core courses from one discipline/subject, and iii) four core courses from the second discipline/subject. These discipline/subject courses would be from among above seven disciplines offered by the School and other disciplines of the University as part of B.A. General.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

Also, since the time schedule available to School was very short it has not been able to organise Expert Committees to work out syllabi for all the courses to be offered in this programme. Therefore, even though the complete list of core courses has been presented but syllabi of only limited number of courses has been provided. The syllabi of rest of the core courses and elective courses would be submitted to the Academic Council as and when these are finalised and approved by the School Board.

AC 67.19.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. General programme based on CBCS as submitted by SOSS **(Annexure - 26)**.

ITEM NO. 20   **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in Sociology based on UGC's CBCS- SOSS.**

AC 67.20.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Phase -2 form for B.A Honours in Sociology. The Phase 1 form has been approved by the School Board of SOSS in its 66th meeting held on 31.08.2016 and the Academic Programme Committee of the Planning board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. Phase – 2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of School Board for CBCS of SOSS in its meeting held on 20.1.2017. The School Board has authorized the Sanding Committee to implement its decisions and inform the school Board in its next meeting.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic Council.

AC 67.20.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. Honours in Sociology based on CBCS as submitted by SOSS **(Annexure - 27)**.

TEM NO. 21   **To consider and approve Phase – 2 form for B.A Honours in Psychology based on UGC's CBCS- SOSS.**

AC 67.21.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Phase -2 form for B.A Honours in Psychology. The Phase -1 form for B.A (Hons) in Psychology in Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) format has been approved by the School Board of SOSS in its 65th meeting held on 25.02.2016 and Academic Programme Committee of the Planning Board in its meeting held on 9.11.2016. Phase – 2 form has been approved by the Standing Committee of School Board for CBCS of SOSS in its meeting held on 20.1.2017. The School Board has authorized the Sanding Committee to implement its decisions and inform the school Board in its next meeting.

The School has further informed that the annexure of the consent form from MPDD, EMPC, RSD, SRD & SED have not been included because at this stage, it is not possible to provide all these details and seek prior approval from these Divisions. The decision to launch CBCS in a time frame has already been approved by Academic Council. The intimation to these Divisions will be sent separately after approval of the Academic

Council.

Also, since the time schedule available was very short, Discipline Group has not been able to organize Expert Committees to work out syllabi for all the courses to be offered in this programme. The School has presented the complete list of core courses but syllabi of only six courses (4 Core Courses and 2 generic Elective Courses). The syllabi of rest of the core courses and elective courses will be submitted to School Board as and when these are finalized through Expert Committee.

AC 67.21.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for B.A. Honours in Psychology based on CBCS submitted by SOSS **(Annexure - 28)**.

ITEM NO. 22   To consider and approve the New Phase-2 Form for offering the Diploma in Modern Office Practice Programme – SOVET.

AC 67.22.1   The Member Secretary informed that the 'Diploma in Modern Office Practice' programme was initiated by School of Vocational Education and Training in 2008 and the Phase 1 and 2 forms in old formats were approved in 2008, while the Phase 3 form was approved in the 48th meeting of the Academic Council held on 24th April 2009.

The revised curriculum along with counselling sessions and evaluation methodology were approved in the 60th meeting of the Academic Council held on 16th March 2013.

However, due to lapse of time and introduction of new phase forms, the Planning & Development Division directed the School to take approval in new phase forms. Hence, new Phase Forms – 1 and 2 were again placed for consideration and approved by the School Board in its 27th meeting held on 26th October, 2016. Thereafter, the Phase 1 form was approved in the 51st meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 09th November, 2016. She also mentioned that the School has taken more than 8 years in developing a Diploma level programme.

AC 67.22.2   The Council observed that the School has alarmingly taken more than 8 years for developing a Diploma level programme. Council also observed that SOMS is also having a similar programme and it would not be proper to offer two similar courses, one of which is old and unrevised. Director, SOMS informed that the course offered by SOMS is an Application Oriented Course of 4 credits while the one proposed by the SOVET is a 16 credit course. The Council was of the opinion that SOMS should revise its course by taking inputs from the DMOP course of SOVET.

AC 67.22.2	After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the Phase 2 form for Diploma in Modern Office Practice programme of SOVET and directed the School to launch it urgently without any further delay **(Annexure - 29)**.

ITEM NO. 23   **To consider and approve the Phase- 2 form for English and Hindi as part of the BA General Programmes & MIL Courses – Bhojpuri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithali, Malayam, Marathi, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Telegu, Tamil, (other than English and Hindi) as part of the CBCS implementation- SOH.**

AC 67.23.1	The Member Secretary informed that School of Humanities has submitted the Phase-2 form of English and Hindi as part of the BA General Programmes & MIL Courses – Bhojpuri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithali, Malayam, Marathi, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Telegu, Tamil as part of the CBCS implementation. The Phase- 2 form alongwith the BA General Programmes & MIL Courses (other than English and Hindi) has been approved by the School Board of the School of Humanities in its 54th meeting held on 25th January, 2017.
AC 67.23.2	The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form of English and Hindi as part of the BA General Programmes & MIL Courses (Bhojpuri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithali, Malayam, Marathi, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Telegu, Tamil) as part of the CBCS implementation **(Annexure - 30)**.

ITEM NO. 24   **To consider and approve the Phase- 2 form for BA (Hons.) in Hindi as part of the CBCS implementation- SOH.**

AC 67.24.1	Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities has submitted the Phase-2 form for BA (Hons) programme in Hindi as part of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) Implementation. The Phase-2 form and Syllabus of the BA (Hons) Programme in Hindi has been approved by the School Board of the School of Humanities in its 54th meeting held on 25th January, 2017.
AC 67.24.2	The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form for BA (Hons) Programme in Hindi as part of the CBCS Implementation **(Annexure - 31)**.

ITEM NO. 25   **To consider and approve the Phase- 2 form for BA (Hons.) in English as part of the CBCS implementation- SOH.**

AC 67.25.1	Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities has submitted the Phase-2 form for BA (Hons) programme in English as part of the

Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) Implementation. The Phase-2 form and Syllabus of the BA (Hons) Programme in English has been approved by the School Board of the School of Humanities in its 54th meeting held on 25th January, 2017.

AC 67.25.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase-2 form alongwith Syllabus of the BA (Hons) Programme in English as part of the CBCS implementation **(Annexure - 32)**.

ITEM NO. 26   **To consider and approve the resubmission of Phase-2 form (in the revised format) of PG Diploma in Sustainability Sciences (PGDSS) – SOITS.**

AC 67.26.1   The Member Secretary informed that the Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) was developed in Chair for Sustainable Development, established in the year 2007 to promote inclusive sustainable development education. PGDSS was launched in 2011 and offered in online mode.

The 51st Academic Council held on 3rd March, 2010 approved the Phase-forms for Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (AC 51.14.2). In the first phase, the programme was offered through online mode. Due to the UGC's Policy on online programmes, the programme was put on hold since 2013. In the light of growing demand for academic programmes in Sustainability Science the School Board of School of Agriculture in its 19th meeting held on 19th November 2011, decided to convert the online into ODL mode.

Accordingly, the revised Phase 2 form for PGDSS programme was approved by School Board of SOITS in its 20th meeting held on 21st October, 2016 (SB 20.18).

AC 67.26.2   The Academic Council approved the Phase 2 form for Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) programme to be offered through ODL mode **(Annexure - 33)**.

ITEM NO. 27   **To consider and approve the Restructuring of Management Programme (MP) - SOMS.**

AC 67.27.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted a proposal to restructure the Management Programme (eligibility criteria, duration, lateral entry and admission to PG Diploma Programme without OPENMAT). The School has proposed to implement the changes w.e.f. January, 2018 session without any impact of on the existing enrolled students i.e. students enrolled till July, 2017

admission cycle. The School Board of School Of Management Studies has approved the proposal in its 37th meeting held on 15.12.2016.

The restructuring of Management Programme (Eligibility Criteria, Duration, lateral entry and admission to PG Diploma programme without OPENMAT) is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

AC 67.27.2   The matter was discussed in detail. Member Secretary informed that in so far as the proposal to reduce duration of MBA programme from 2½ years to 2 years is concerned, the same is as per the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) which is mandated to develop norms for management programmes. However, as per AICTE norms, the Post Graduate Diploma programme is of 2 year duration and not 1 year duration as proposed by the School. Also qualified score in the entrance test is mandatory for admission to PG Diploma or MBA degree programmes. Therefore, the School may re-examine its proposal with regard to eligibility conditions and duration of PG Diploma programme. This is also necessary in view of the affidavit submitted to UGC that wherever necessary, norms of concerned Regulatory bodies like UGC/AICTE would be followed while offering programmes under their jurisdiction.

While deliberating the matter, the Academic Council took cognizance of the fact that there has been a gradual reduction in enrolment in the Management Programme which, at one point of time, used to be the flagship programme of the University. This is a matter of great concern for the University. This is perhaps due to the fact that the programme has not been revised/ restructured for long. Therefore, the Council was of the opinion that there is a dire need for re-structuring the entire Management programme immediately.

AC 67.27.3   With above observations, the Academic Council approved the revision of (i) eligibility criteria for admission to MBA programme in line with AICTE norms; (ii) minimum duration of MBA programme to 2 years from existing 2½ years; and (iii) abolish the Diploma in Management (DIM) programme under MP from January 2018 admission cycle onwards.

With regard to PG Diploma programme, the Academic Council decided to refer the proposal back to the School to re-look at the proposal in the light of AICTE norms for offering PG Diploma in Management programme.

The Academic Council also directed the School to re-examine the entire Management Programme and restructure it immediately. A proposal to this effect may be placed before the next meeting of the Academic

Council. The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee for restructuring the Management Programme in consultation with Director, SOMS.

ITEM NO. 28   **To report the signing of MOU between IGNOU and National Stock Exchange Academy Ltd. (NAL), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE) for offering various certificate programmes, diplomas, PG diplomas and MBA programme specializing in Capital Markets – SOMS.**

AC 67.28.1   The Director, School of Management Studies informed that National Stock Exchange (NSE) through its subsidiary National Stock Exchange Academy (NAL), had approached IGNOU for offering various academic programmes. The proposal of collaboration between IGNOU and NSE to develop and launch Certificate and Diploma programmes in collaboration with NAL was approved by the School Board of SOMS in its 36th School Board Meeting held on 20.7.2016. Subsequently and MoU between IGNOU and NAL has been signed on 23rd January, 2017.

AC 67.28.2   The Academic Council noted the signing of MoU between IGNOU and National Stock Exchange Academy Ltd. (NAL), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE) for offering various certificate and diplomas programme **(Annexure - 34)**.

ITEM NO. 29   **To consider the proposal to delink the submission of examination form from authentication for submission of assignments - SED.**

AC 67.29.1   The Registrar, Students Evaluation Division informed that as per Clause 9 (1) of Ordinance 9 on Conduct of Examinations and Evaluation of Student Performance, a candidate who has prosecuted the course of study for the required duration and who has submitted the required number of assignments shall be eligible to appear at the term end examination in the course concerned. Since, now it has been decided by the University to accept the examination forms online, in which case, it is not possible to ensure the authentication of submission of assignment by the Study Centre/PSC/PI. Therefore, following declaration was proposed to be obtained from the student at the time of submitting the examination form:

<div align="center">Declaration</div>

"I hereby declare that I have read and understood the instructions given above, I also affirm that I have submitted all the required number of assignments as applicable for the course(s) filled in the examination

form and my registration for the course(s) is valid and not time barred. If any of my statement is found to be untrue, I will have no claim for taking examination and declaration of results. I undertake that I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the University."

AC 67.29.2   After deliberations, the Academic Council accepted the proposal of the Students Evaluation Division to obtain the following declaration from the Student at the time of submission of examination forms:

<div align="center">Declaration</div>

"I hereby declare that I have read and understood the instructions given above, I also affirm that I have submitted all the required number of assignments as applicable for the course(s) filled in the examination form and my registration for the course(s) is valid and not time barred. If any of my statement is found to be untrue, I will have no claim for taking examination and declaration of results. I undertake that I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the University."

ITEM NO. 30   **To consider UGC letter No. 2-10/2016 (DEB-III), dated 16th December, 2016 on offering of Diploma and Certificate programmes of the duration of one year or less in non-technical, non-medical, non-paramedical fields and excluding the programmes which require hands on training – reg.,**

AC 67.30.1   The Chairman, informed that the University Grants Commission vide its letter No. 2-10/2016 (DEB-III), dated 16th December, 2016 has communicated its the decision vide which IGNOU and State Open Universities (SOUs), which have got approval from UGC to offer programmes through distance mode, are allowed to offer Certificate and Diploma programmes of the duration of one year or less in non-technical, non-medical, non-paramedical fields and excluding the programmes which require hands on training. Therefore, from the academic session 2017-18, IGNOU may offer such programmes without seeking the approval from UGC but after the approval of its statutory bodies like Board of Studies, Academic Council etc.

AC 67.30.2   The Academic Council adopted the above UGC communication vide which IGNOU is allowed to offer Certificate and Diploma programmes of the duration of one year or less in non-technical, non-medical, non-paramedical fields and excluding the programmes which require hands on training **(Annexure - 35)**.

ITEM NO. 31   **To consider and approve the proposal for the increase of the Convocation registration fee from Rs. 400/- to Rs. 600/- – SED.**

AC 67.31.1   The Registrar, SED presented the Agenda. He informed that at present the convocation registration fee for Degree and Diploma Certificate is Rs. 400/- per certificate. Due to the increase in overall expenditure incurred in the conduct of the Convocation, it has been decided to increase the said fee from Rs. 400/- to Rs 600/- per certificate.

AC 67.31.2   The Academic Council approved the increase in Convocation fee from Rs. 400/- to Rs 600/- per certificate.

ITEM NO. 32   **To consider and approve the Phase -2 Form for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme.**

AC 67.32.1   The Member Secretary informed that the School Board of SOITS had approved the Phase-2 form for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme in its 20th Meeting held on 21st October, 2016. It was subsequently placed for consideration and approval of the 43rd ACSC. In that the credit load for project component was oversighted by the School. The ACSC in its observations sought clarification on credit load for project component in the proposed programme and resubmit the proposal.

In view of this, the Phase-2 from with necessary changes has been re-submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

AC 67.32.1   The Academic Council decided to approve the Phase-2 form for PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme **(Annexure - 36)**.

ITEM NO. 33   **To Consider and approve maximum duration of validity of registrations of the students (Gyandeep and Akashdeep) admitted into 3rd Year of B.A., B.Com. & B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Sciences from July 2015 session and onwards under the Vertical Mobility scheme as 03 years from the date of registration-Defence Unit.**

AC 67.33.1   The Member Secretary informed that the Vertical Mobility of the successful students under Akashdeep and Gyandeep into 3rd year of BA, B.Com., B.Sc. (Hons) in Applied Sciences commenced since July 2015 session and onwards with the approval of 64th Academic Council held on 10th July, 2015 but no Minimum/Maximum duration for the validity of registrations upon admissions was clarified.

Further, with approval of the 65th Academic Council held on 21st March

2016 the Vertical Mobility into 3rd year BTS & final year of BSW (1½ Year) for the successful students under Gyandeep and Akashdeep has also commenced and is on offer for July 2016 session, wherein, the respective schools have already clarified the minimum/maximum duration of validity of registration upon admission i.e. 1 Year/ 1½ Year & 3 Years respectively.

Therefore, keeping in view the above and to remove ambiguity on the issue, the Defence Unit submitted a proposal for consideration of the Academic Council Standing Committee in its 42nd meeting that "maximum duration of validity of registrations of the students (Gyandeep and Akashdeep) admitted into 3rd Year of B.A., B.Com. & B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Sciences from July 2015 session and onwards under the Vertical Mobility scheme as 03 years from the date of registration."

The matter was placed before the 42nd minutes of ACSC held on 1st August, 2016 vide item no. 27 and the ACSC had considered and approved in principle the proposal to keep maximum duration of validity of registrations of the students (Gyandeep and Akashdeep) admitted into 3rd Year of B.A., B.Com. & B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Sciences from July 2015 session and onwards under the Vertical Mobility scheme as 03 years from the date of registration and recommended the proposal to Academic Council for its consideration.

AC 67.33.2   The Academic Council approved the proposal of Defence Unit to keep maximum duration of validity of registrations of the students (Gyandeep and Akashdeep) admitted into 3rd Year of B.A., B.Com. & B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Sciences from July 2015 session and onwards under the Vertical Mobility scheme as 03 years from the date of registration.

ITEM NO. 34   Grant of extension to validity of registration of students admitted into 3rd Year of BDP in July 2011 & 2012 sessions under the vertical mobility scheme for Gyandeep till December 2017- Defence Unit.

AC 67.34.1   The Member Secretary informed that the Defence Unit has proposed to Grant extension to validity of registration of students admitted into 3rd Year of BDP in July 2011 & 2012 sessions under the vertical mobility scheme of Gyandeep till December 2017. The matter was placed before the 42nd minutes of ACSC held on 1st August, 2016 vide item no. 28 and ACSC had considered and approved the proposal to grant extension to validity of registration of students admitted into 3rd Year of BDP in July 2011 & 2012 sessions under the vertical mobility scheme for Gyandeep till December 2017 and recommended the proposal to Academic Council