

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY NINTH MEETING

of

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Held on

18th April 2018



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

IGNOU**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY NINTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 18th April 2018 AT 11:30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, RADHAKRISHNAN BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.**

The following were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. S. B. Arora, Vice Chancellor (I/C) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. M.V. Basaveswara Rao, Krishna University | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Former VC, MANNU | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. M.M. Salunkhe, Vice Chancellor, SUAS | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Delhi Univ. | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Professor, SOSS | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. Swaraj Basu, Director, SOSS | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, IUC | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. Satyakam, Director, SOH | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. Saroj Pandey, Director, SOE | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. B.I. Fozdar, Professor, SOS | - | Member |
| 12. Prof. Madhu Tyagi, Director, SOMS | - | Member |
| 13. Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Librarian, L&DD | - | Member |
| 14. Prof. B K Pattnaik, Director (oftg.), SOPVA | - | Member |
| 15. Prof. M K Salooja, Director, SOA | - | Member |
| 16. Prof. Nilima Srivastav, SOGDS | - | Member |
| 17. Prof. S. Srilatha, Professor, SOMS & Registrar (SRD) | - | Member |
| 18. Prof. P.V.K. Sasidhar, Director, SOEDS | - | Member |
| 19. Prof. T U Fulzele, Director, P&DD | - | Member |
| 20. Dr. Heena K Bijli, Director, SOCE | - | Member |
| 21. Dr. P.V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 22. Dr. R.S.P. Singh, Director, SOVET | - | Member |
| 23. Dr. Rose Nembiakkim, Director, SOSW | - | Member |
| 24. Dr. Rakhi Sharma, Director, SOET | - | Member |
| 25. Dr. Jagdish Sharma, Director, SOTST | - | Member |
| 26. Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS | - | Member |
| 27. Dr. O.P. Dewal, Associate Professor, SOJNMS | - | Member |
| 28. Dr. Rachna Agarwal, Assistant Professor, SOVET | - | Member |
| 29. Dr. Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, SOL | - | Member |

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| 30. Dr Bini Toms, Director, SSC | - | Member |
| 31. Dr. V. V. Reddy, Registrar (I/c), SED | - | Member |
| 32. Dr. S. Raja Rao, RD, RC - Vishakhapatnam | - | Member |
| 33. Dr. Purnendu Tripathi, DD, VCO | - | Member |
| 34. Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director (i/C), ACD | - | Member Secretary |

Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Former Dean, Jammu University; Prof. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Vice Chancellor, HPCU; Prof. A.N. Maurya (Retd.), Former Dean, IAS, BHU; Prof. Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU; Prof Makkhan Lal, Dir, IHRM, New Delhi; Prof S P Bansal, VC, IGU, Haryana; the external members of the Council, and Prof. S K Yadav, Director, SOL; Prof Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS; Prof Anju Sehgal Gupta, Director, SOFL; and Dr Harish Kumar Sethi, SOTST, the internal members of the Council could not attend the meeting. Prof Parvin Sinclair, SOS attended on behalf of Prof. M.S. Nathawat, Director, SOS and Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, SOTHSM attended on behalf of Prof. J.K. Srivastava, Director, SOTHSM.

Prof. K Ravi Shankar, Finance Officer; Prof Naval Kishor, SOMS and Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, IQAC and other members of the IQAC Committee for UGC recognition attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Dr. Vandana Varma, Asst Director, ACD was present to assist the Member Secretary.

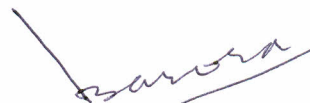
At the outset, Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Member Secretary of the Academic Council greeted all the members and requested the Chairperson to make his opening remarks.

Prof. S. B. Arora, Vice Chancellor (i/C), IGNOU and the Chairperson of the Academic Council welcomed the Members of the Academic Council to its 69th Meeting and made a mention of the new Members of the Academic Council, viz; Prof. J. K. Srivastava, Director, SOTHSM; Prof. S. K. Yadav, Director, SOL; Prof. Nilima Srivastav, Director SOGDS; Dr. Heena K. Bijli, Director, SOCE; and Dr. Rakhi Sharma, Director, SOET. The Chairperson expressed gratitude for the contribution made by the outgoing members, namely Prof. Ravindra Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor (i/C), IGNOU and Director, SOTHSM; Prof. Neerja Chadha, SOCE; Prof. Pity Koul, SOHS; Prof. P. Srinivas Kumar, SOET; Prof. T.U. Fulzele, SOL; Prof. Anu Aneja, SOGDS; and Prof. Neera Singh, SOH.

The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to transact the business of the Council.

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th July, 2017 and to note the Action Taken thereon – reg.,

- AC 69.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 6th July 2017, were circulated to all the members for their comments/observations. The comments have been received from the Director, School of Social Sciences for Item Nos. AC



68.2.2, 68.2.2, 68.17.2 & 68.20.1 and Director, SOMS for Item No. AC 68.1.1.

AC 69.1.2 The comments received on 68th meeting of Academic Council were discussed in detail as under:

Comments of Director, SOSS

AC 68.2.2


Director, SOSS informed that while deliberating the Item No. 68.2 (w.r.t. ACSC 44.2.3(ii), the members had expressed two main concerns:

1. The Phase forms with elaborate procedures were approved by the Planning Board and it would be in the fitness of things that when forms are changed/ modified these may be placed in the planning Board.
2. The earlier Phase forms were designed keeping in view the statutory requirement of approval at various levels of developments in different academic bodies of the University. The new coalesced form does not distinguish or indicate this crucial aspect of obtaining approval. It also does not distinguish between the approval of a course and a programme and seems to use both interchangeably.

He pointed out that it was not very clear whether the observations made by him were taken into cognizance or not since, he had requested Director, ACD and Director, Planning & Development Division to provide a copy of the notification, if any, in this regard. However, it was not clear, as to which Phase Form was to be followed.

The Member Secretary informed that pending confirmation of Minutes, the single Phase form as deliberated in the 68th Academic Council meeting has not yet been notified. Since the earlier phase forms were approved and notified by the Planning Division, the Planning Division has been requested to place the revised Phase form before the Planning Board for consideration.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council agreed to incorporate the comments of Director, SOSS in the Minutes of 68th Academic Council. The Council also decided that since the earlier Phase forms were approved and notified by the Planning & Development Division, a Committee be constituted to look into the revised Phase form and after adequately incorporating the suggestions, the revised Phase form be placed before the Planning Board for consideration and approval. After approval of the Planning Board, same may be placed before Academic Council for a decision. Till such time the revised Phase form was finalized and notified, the existing Phase Forms would continue to be followed.



AC 68.2.2

Director, SOSS mentioned that the decision recorded did not reflect anything about B.Sc. (Fashion Design). It was discussed in the meeting that the transfer of any programme from one School to another required the approval of the School Board where it was housed earlier. In the case of B.Sc. (Fashion Design), there was no reference of the School Board of Engineering and Technology's approval. In this case, the Phase – 2 Form came from SOET. The School Board of SOTHSM has not even considered nor approved it for placement in the Academic Council which was a serious violation of the Statute 10 A on School Board.

The Member Secretary informed that B.Sc. (Fashion Design) was not on offer and not included in the list of programmes to be submitted to UGC for recognition since Programme Project Report (PPR) has not been submitted by the respective School for this programme.

The Academic Council noted the above observations and decided to modify the Minutes of 68th Meeting of Academic Council, accordingly.

AC 68.17.2

Director SOSS commented that the detailed Programme structure and courses should come through the School Board as per laid down procedure on prescribed Phase Forms for seeking the approval of the structure of the programme as School Board is the statutory body designated for this purpose. He further commented that the approval of a faculty position in the area of "Culinary Art" was not proposed in the agenda nor was discussed in the Academic Council. Moreover, it is not in the powers of the Academic Council to create the teaching positions. He emphasized that there must be core faculty in the area in which the programme is offered by any School. Without a core faculty, which is a requirement of ODL Regulation, no programme should be offered. He further stated that in the agenda Item of Academic Council, the details of the School Board in which the programme structure and other details of the programme has been approved, should be mentioned.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council decided to incorporate the comments of Director SOSS in the Minutes of the 68th meeting of the Academic Council. It also decided that SOTHSM may follow necessary procedure for creation of Faculty for Culinary Arts as per rules.

AC 68.20.1

The Director, SOSS informed that the decision of Academic Council has been noted and the SOSS has already submitted a proposal for creation and housing the Discipline of Defence, National Security and Strategic Studies at SOSS. The Academic Council noted the same.

Comments of Director, SOMSAC 68.1.1

The Director, SOMS informed that revised admission criteria and programme structure of Management Programme, as approved by the Academic Council, has been incorporated in the Student Handbook and Prospectus, 2018 and the same would be effective for the students seeking admission in Management Programme from January, 2018 admission cycle onwards. The Academic Council observed that rather than comments, this was the action taken report and noted the same.

In addition to above, Director, SOH brought out the issue of non-incorporation of four MIL courses approved in the 67th Academic Council meeting, as under:

Comments of Director, SOH


Director, SOH informed that the agenda of MIL Courses, proposed to be offered in 14 languages, was submitted for consideration of the 67th Academic Council meeting. These have been approved by the School Board in its 54th meeting held on 25th January 2017 and were submitted to Academic Council for consideration. However, in the minutes of 67th meeting, due to some typographical error, decision with regard to approval of 4 languages viz.; Assamese, Bangla, Odia and Urdu has not been incorporated in the Minutes of 67th AC. Since these four languages were approved by the Council in its 67th meeting, they should be added into the list.

The Academic Council agreed to the proposal of Director, SOH and decided to incorporate these 4 languages viz.; Assamese, Bangla, Odia and Urdu into the list of MIL courses approved by the Academic Council as part of BA (General) programme under CBCS in its 67th meeting (AC 67.23.2) held on 9th February 2017.

The Member Secretary also presented the Action Taken Report on the decisions of 68th Academic Council. Director, SOH pointed out that since the discipline of Distance Education was housed in School of Education, who was only empowered to submit an agenda before the Council, the term 'STRIDE' should be deleted from the heading of item No. AC 68.5. The same was accepted by the Council. With respect to ATR on AC 68.2, the term 'Academic Council' may be read as 'Academic Council's Standing Committee'.

AC 69.1.3

With above emendations, the Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th July, 2017 as given in **Annexure 1** and noted the action taken thereon.



ITEM NO. 2 To approve the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 17th October, 2017 – reg.,

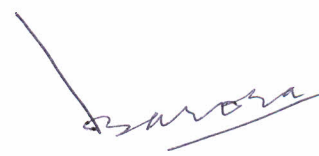
AC 69.2.1 The Member Secretary informed that Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) held on 17th October, 2017 were circulated to the members for comments, however, no comments have been received in this regard.

With regard to Item ACSC 45.2 relating to Yoga programmes, Director, SOSS mentioned that there should be a reference to the School Board of SOHS in which the programme was approved. He also pointed out that without any faculty in the particular programme, the programme should not be offered just based on MoU signed between the University and other Institution. The same should have been recommended by the School Board and then should have come to the ACSC/Academic Council for approval. He emphasized that offering programme in Yoga was a good initiative of SOHS and there was no doubt Yoga programmes would be popular programmes generating a large clientele, but University should not approve any programme in a hurry. Proper procedures should be followed for approval of Yoga programmes like other programmes of the University.

The Chairperson and Director, SOHS informed that though the University does not have a faculty in the field of Yoga, the discipline of Yoga has already been approved by the Academic Council earlier under the SOHS. He further informed that none of the programmes under MoU was on offer and the School Board of SOHS has decided to offer Yoga programmes only after Faculty was recruited for the purpose.

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council noted the signing of MoU between IGNOU and S-VYASA. However, it did not accord its approval for launching any programme under the MoU unless the programme wise Phase forms were approved by the School Board of SOHS and then ACSC/AC and appointment of dedicated Faculty for the same.

AC 69.2.2 With above observations the Academic Council approved the Minutes of Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 17th October 2018 as given in **Annexure 2**. The Academic Council, with regard to decision taken by ACSC under Item No. ACSC 45.2, however, decided that any programme under the MoU should not be launched unless the programme wise Phase forms were approved by the School Board of SOHS and then ACSC/AC and appointment of dedicated Faculty for the Yoga programme in SOHS.



ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the Programme Project Report (PPR) and Self Learning Material (SLM) of programmes as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulation 2017 for recognition by University Grants Commission – reg.,

AC 69.3.1 The Member Secretary informed that the University Grants Commission vide Gazette Notification dated 23rd June 2017, had notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017. A detailed Programme launching process has been given in the Clause 11 (2) & (3) of Part III of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017, as per which every Higher Education Institution (HEI) was required to publish on its website, complete details of each programme on offer, fee structure, minimum eligibility condition for admission as prescribed by commission from time to time, schedule of activities and academic calendar, examinations, list of learner support centres etc. The UGC has clearly specified that only such degrees could be offered through ODL Mode which are specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act 1956 and permitted in the Order of recognition. The list of degrees specified by UGC had already been notified by University in the past for implementation. Further, the programmes in Engineering, Medicine, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Architecture, Physiotherapy and such other programmes which require hands on training would not be permitted by UGC to be offered under ODL mode.

He also informed that UGC vide its public notice, dated 28th March 2018 has invited online applications for offering ODL programmes from the academic session beginning in July 2018. He informed that the online portal for submitting application was open from 2nd April 2018 to 1st May, 2018.

As per UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017, it was mandatory for the Programme Project Report (PPR) and Self Learning Material to be approved by the Statutory Authority of the University. With the help of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor for the purpose, the Schools of Studies have developed PPRs, Part B, SLM details for the programmes on offer/to be offered from the Academic Session beginning in July 2018.

The Member Secretary informed that there were 34 Master's Degree programmes and 16 Bachelor's Degree programmes, the PPRs of which have been circulated to the members well in advance alongwith Agenda papers. In addition there were PPRs in respect of about 135 PG Diploma/Diploma and Certificate level programmes submitted by the Schools of Studies which were tabled in multiple copies for consideration

of the Academic Council. While the PPRs in respect of Degree level programme were to be uploaded on the online portal of UGC, the PPRs in respect of other programmes would be uploaded on the University's website.

The list of PPRs of degree level programmes received from Schools of Studies and placed before the Council was as under:

A. MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

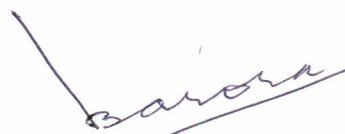
S. No.	Programmes	School of Studies
1.	Master of Arts (English) (MEG)	SOH
2.	Master of Arts (Hindi) (MHD)	SOH
3.	Master of Computer Applications (MCA)	SOCIS
4.	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	SOMS
5.	Master of Business Administration MBA (Banking & Finance)	SOMS
6.	Master of Science (Food Nutrition) (Specialization in Dietetics and Food Services Management) (MSCDFSM)	SOCE
7.	Master of Arts (Rural Development) (MARD)	SOCE
8.	Master of Science (Counselling and Family Therapy) (MSCCFT)	SOCE
9.	Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM)	SOTHSM
10.	Master of Social Work (MSW)	SOSW
11.	Master of Social Work (Counselling) (MSWC)	SOSW
12.	Master of Arts (Philosophy) (MAPY)	SOITS
13.	Master of Arts (Education) (MAEDU)	SOE
14.	Master of Arts (Economics) (MEC)	SOSS
15.	Master of Arts (History) (MAH)	SOSS
16.	Master of Arts (Political Science) (MPS)	SOSS
17.	Master of Arts (Public Administration) (MPA)	SOSS
18.	Master of Arts (Sociology) (MSO)	SOSS
19.	Master of Arts (Gandhi and Peace Studies) (MGPS)	SOSS
20.	Master of Arts (Psychology) (MAPC)	SOSS
21.	Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS)	SOSS
22.	Master of Arts (Anthropology) (MAAN)	SOSS
23.	Master of Arts (Development Studies) (MADVS)	SOEDS
24.	Master of Arts (Adult Education) (MAAE)	SOE



25.	Master of Arts (Gender and Development Studies) (MAGD)	SOGDS
26.	Master of Arts (Women's and Gender Studies) (MAWGS)	SOGDS
27.	Master of Arts (Distance Education) (MADE)	SOE
28.	Master of Commerce (MCOM)	SOMS
29.	Master of Science (Mathematics with Applications in Computer Science) (MSCMACS)	SOS
30.	Master of Arts (Translation Studies)(MATS)	SOTST
31.	Master of Commerce (Business Policy and Corporate Governance) (MCOMBPCG)	SOMS
32.	Master of Commerce (Finance and Taxation) (MCOMFT)	SOMS
33.	Master of Commerce (Management Accounting and Financial Strategies) (MCOMMAFS)	SOMS
34.	M.Sc. (Hospitality Administration)	SOTHSM

B. BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

S. No.	Programmes	School of Studies
1.	Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) (BTS)	SOTHSM
2.	Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)	SOCIS
3.	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	SOSW
4.	Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences (BLIS)	SOSS
5.	Bachelor of Science (Culinary Arts)	SOTHSM
6.	Bachelor of Commerce (BCOM)	SOMS
7.	Bachelor of Commerce (Major in Accountancy & Finance)	SOMS
8.	Bachelor of Commerce (Major in Corporate Affairs and Administration)	SOMS
9.	Bachelor of Commerce (Major in Financial and Cost Accounting)	SOMS
10.	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Retailing)	SOMS
11.	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	SOSS & SOH
12.	Bachelor of Education (B. Ed)	SOE
13.	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)	SOS
14.	Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Post Basic)	SOHS
15.	Bachelors of Arts (Philosophy)	SOITS
16.	B.Sc. (Hospitality & Hotel Administration)	SOTHSM



The Director, IQAC circulated key points of UGC (ODL) Regulations and highlights of PPRs examined by the Committee for consideration of the Council while considering them for approval.

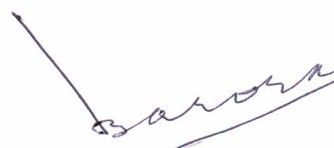
AC 69.3.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The members pointed out that the Statutory bodies of the University viz., Board of Management and Academic Council have not yet taken any decision on adoption or otherwise of the ODL Regulations and therefore it would be appropriate to first take a decision on their adoption before putting them into practice in the University.

A few members informed the Council that there were only two options for submitting the online applications on the portal of the UGC-DEB, i.e. Type 1: State Open Universities, and Type 2: Other Universities, however, there was no mention of National Open University i.e. IGNOU. The members opined that IGNOU was a National Open University enacted by an Act of Parliament to act "as an Open University at the National level for the introduction and promotion of open university and distance education systems in the educational pattern of the Country and for the coordination and determination of standards in such systems."

Therefore, IGNOU was outside the ambit of UGC, governed directly under MHRD not only as an autonomous University but also as a Regulator of Open University system in the educational pattern of the Country. It was emphasized that since DEC was an instrument to transact the regulatory role of IGNOU, despite dissolution of DEC, IGNOU was still a regulator of ODL system and it should not circumvent its authority by applying to UGC for recognition.

The members pointed out the critical issues with UGC (ODL) Regulation. The Council observed that having Learners Support Centres only in Govt Colleges; Examination Centres in only Government Schools and approved affiliated colleges; CCTV recording of the entire examination procedure and retaining all such CCTV recordings in archives for a minimum period of ten years; authenticating attendance in Examinations through biometric system; publishing name of 'Learner Support Centre' and of 'Examination Centre' on all the certificates or mark sheets issued to the students; differential value of Credits and disparity in number of Credits Semester-wise in Conventional and ODL mode were some issues that were likely to impact the growth of ODL system in the country and hamper movement of learners between ODL and conventional modes.

With regard to the Choice Based Credit Scheme of UGC, the Council was informed that Academic Council in its 64th meeting held on 10th July 2015 had considered and approved the adoption of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) of UGC and directed the Schools to devise strategies for



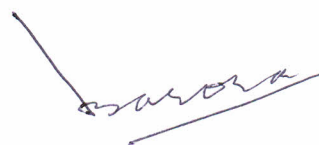
implementation of CBCS from Academic session (Jan/July 2016) in a phased manner. Since, the UGC CBCS Scheme was broadly designed keeping in view face to face programmes, there were some issues in the way of implementing it for ODL programmes, the Academic Council in its 66th meeting held on 08th September, 2016 decided that the University should start implementing CBCS as soon as possible but certainly by July 2018 session in all the undergraduate courses of the University (AC 66.19.2).

Consequent upon issuing of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 it was observed that CBCS Credit structure proposed by UGC in ODL Regulations for Undergraduate programmes was at variance with CBCS Credit structure of conventional system notified by UGC earlier and adopted by IGNOU. A detailed note on the major variations especially variance in Credit weightage between the earlier CBCS format and that given in ODL Regulations was presented before the 68th meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th July 2017. After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council in its 68th meeting had decided that University should continue to follow the existing CBCS Framework already approved by Academic Council for updating/revising its UG courses in CBCS format.

Director, SOSS presented a Resolution for consideration of the Council, a copy of which was provided to the members. Vide the said resolution it was emphasized that given the stature IGNOU has established nationally and internationally through its Academic pursuits, the University deserves to be treated differently as envisaged in the Act of IGNOU. Accordingly, the UGC may be urged upon to give IGNOU the desired autonomy to design and develop academic programmes and to have its own evaluation mechanism. The members appreciated the Resolution however, it was stressed upon that since IGNOU was outside the ambit of UGC, it should represent the matter to Visitor and MHRD directly. A copy of Resolution broadly adopted by the Council is placed as **Annexure 3**.

The Council was informed that vide Notification F.No. AD/2/NA/807, dated 2nd April 2018, a Committee has been constituted by the Vice Chancellor under the Chairpersonship of Prof Parvin Sinclair, SOS to review discrepancy of ODL regulations and IGNOU programmes. The Committee has had its first meeting and was likely to submit its recommendations soon. The Council resolved that the recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the next meeting of the Council and a decision on adoption or otherwise of UGC (ODL) Regulations would be taken thereafter.

Director, IQAC informed that consequent upon dissolution of DEC, the staff of DEC was only managing the affairs of distance education under



UGC and all the ODL functions of UGC (DEB) were being performed on the basis of guidelines and procedures of erstwhile DEC. However, this has been discontinued abruptly leading to present impasse in ODL system in the country. She further informed that IGNOU had applied to UGC for recognition in 2014 as well as in 2016, and even in 2017 it had registered on online portal of UGC.

After detailed deliberations, it was resolved that in order to safeguard the interest of the learners, but without circumventing its authority enshrined in IGNOU Act, as required by UGC (ODL) Regulations, the University would submit its application on online portal of DEB-UGC for existing programmes on offer/offered by the University as per existing norms and guidelines including Credit weightage followed by the University. A decision on re-structuring of courses and other norms with regard to UGC (ODL) Regulations, including learner support centres, learner support system, conducting examination, staff structure etc. would be taken up at a later stage after a decision is taken on adoption of UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 in view of the recommendations of ODL review Committee detailed above.

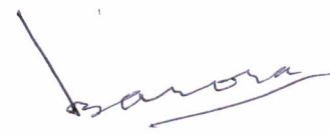
With above observations the Academic Council decided to approve the Programme Project Report of existing Degree Programmes on offer/offered by the University. The Council also approved the Self Learning Material (SLM) of these Programmes.

AC 69.3.3 After detailed deliberation and with above observations, the Academic Council decided the following:

1. Subject to not circumventing its authority enshrined in IGNOU Act 1985, IGNOU will apply to UGC-DEB for recognition for the session beginning July 2018 by uploading PPRs of existing programmes on offer/offered by the University as per existing norms and guidelines including Credit weightage followed by the University.
2. The Council approved the PPRs and SLMs of following programmes submitted by respective Schools of Studies, for uploading on the UGC website:

S. No.	Programmes	School of Studies	Annexure
1.	Master of Arts (English) (MEG)	SOH	4.1
2.	Master of Arts (Hindi) (MHD)	SOH	4.2
3.	Master of Computer Applications (MCA)	SOCIS	4.3
4.	Master of Business Administration	SOMS	4.4

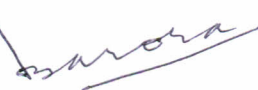
	(MBA)		
5.	Master of Business Administration (Banking & Finance)	SOMS	4.5
6.	Master of Science (Food Nutrition) (Specialization in Dietetics and Food Services Management) (MSCDFSM)	SOCE	4.6
7.	Master of Arts (Rural Development) (MARD)	SOCE	4.7
8.	Master of Science (Counselling and Family Therapy) (MSCCFT)	SOCE	4.8
9.	Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM)	SOTHSM	4.9
10.	Master of Social Work (MSW)	SOSW	4.10
11.	Master of Social Work (Counselling) (MSWC)	SOSW	4.11
12.	Master of Arts (Philosophy) (MAPY)	SOITS	4.12
13.	Master of Arts (Education) (MAEDU)	SOE	4.13
14.	Master of Arts (Economics) (MEC)	SOSS	4.14
15.	Master of Arts (History) (MAH)	SOSS	4.15
16.	Master of Arts (Political Science) (MPS)	SOSS	4.16
17.	Master of Arts (Public Administration) (MPA)	SOSS	4.17
18.	Master of Arts (Sociology) (MSO)	SOSS	4.18
19.	Master of Arts (Gandhi and Peace Studies) (MGPS)	SOSS	4.19
20.	Master of Arts (Psychology) (MAPC)	SOSS	4.20
21.	Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS)	SOSS	4.21
22.	Master of Arts (Anthropology) (MAAN)	SOSS	4.22
23.	Master of Arts (Development Studies) (MADVS)	SOEDS	4.23
24.	Master of Arts (Adult Education) (MAAE)	SOE	4.24
25.	Master of Arts (Gender and Development Studies) (MAGD)	SOGDS	4.25
26.	Master of Arts (Women's and Gender Studies) (MAWGS)	SOGDS	4.26
27.	Master of Arts (Distance Education) (MADE)	SOE	4.27



28.	Master of Commerce (MCOM)	SOMS	4.28
29.	Master of Science (Mathematics with Applications in Computer Science) (MSCMACS)	SOS	4.29
30.	Master of Arts (Translation Studies) (MATS)	SOTST	4.30
31.	Master of Commerce (Business Policy and Corporate Governance) (MCOMBPCG)	SOMS	4.31
32.	Master of Commerce (Finance and Taxation) (MCOMFT)	SOMS	4.32
33.	Master of Commerce (Management Accounting and Financial Strategies) (MCOMMAFS)	SOMS	4.33
34.	M.Sc. (Hospitality Administration)	SOTHSM	4.34

B. BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

S. No.	Programmes	School of Studies	Annexure
35.	Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) (BTS)	SOTHSM	4.35
36.	Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)	SOCIS	4.36
37.	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	SOSW	4.37
38.	Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences (BLIS)	SOSS	4.38
39.	Bachelor of Commerce (BCOM)	SOMS	4.39
40.	Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy & Finance)	SOMS	4.40
41.	Bachelor of Commerce (Corporate Affairs and Administration)	SOMS	4.41
42.	Bachelor of Commerce (Financial and Cost Accounting)	SOMS	4.42
43.	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Retailing)	SOMS	4.43
44.	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	SOSS & SOH	4.44
45.	Bachelor of Education (B. Ed)	SOE	4.45
46.	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)	SOS	4.46
47.	Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Post Basic)	SOHS	4.47



48.	B.Sc. (Hospitality & Hotel Administration)	SOTHSM	4.48
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Since BA (Philosophy) was a part of BA programme of the University and B.Sc. (Culinary Arts) was not currently on offer/ not offered in the past, the PPRs of these programmes would be considered at a later stage.

The Council also approved the PPRs of PG Diploma, Diploma and Certificate Programmes, to be offered from Academic session beginning in July 2018, as per list enclosed as **Annexure 5**. The Programme Project Report and SLM and other details of these programmes as submitted by respective Schools of Studies would be uploaded directly on IGNOU website.

After submitting application to UGC-DEB, IGNOU will issue advertisement for the session beginning July 2018.

3. The University will, simultaneously, take up the matter with the MHRD and the Visitor with regard to IGNOU's autonomy and authority enshrined in IGNOU Act 1985. The resolution as proposed by Director, SOSS would be appropriately submitted to MHRD in this regard.
4. The Choice Based Credit Scheme would be implemented w.e.f. Academic session beginning July 2019.
5. The Council noted that there was a committee constituted under the Chairpersonship of Prof Parvin Sinclair to review the UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017. The Council decided that the recommendations of the Committee would be placed before the Academic Council in its next meeting and a decision on UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and further necessary steps would be taken thereafter.

ITEM NO. 4 To consider and approve the CBCS Course Coding Scheme-P&DD.

AC 69.4.1 The Member Secretary informed that the University had decided to adopt Choice Based Credit System of UGC for its Bachelor's Degree Programme. As decided in previous Agenda, the proposed CBCS programme would be launched by July 2019 session.

The CBCS Committee of the University had decided that the University needed to work out new system of coding for courses to be developed under CBCS because in a new system the categories of courses have increased as well as every discipline was preparing two types of courses for B.A General and B.A Honours. The CBCS Committee decided a new scheme of codes for the CBCS based programmes. The Planning Board in its 45th meeting held on 22nd August, 2017 vide Item No. P.B. 45.4 has approved a system of allocation of codes for Choice Based Credit System

(CBCS) Courses. As per the CBCS coding Scheme, numerals have been assigned to each category of courses in such a way, that each course from a particular discipline would have a unique number, and no two courses would carry the same number.

- AC 69.4.2 The Academic Council approved the CBCS Coding Scheme as approved by the Planning Board and directed the Schools of Studies to follow this revised/re-worked scheme for all the courses of the CBCS programmes. The Coding Scheme for CBCS Courses approved by the Council is placed as **Annexure 6**.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider co-option of Members in the Academic Council under clause 1 (viii) of Statute 9 of IGNOU Act - Reg.,

- AC 69.5.1 The Member Secretary informed that the term of office of the following members of the Academic Council, co-opted under provisions of sub-clause (viii) of clause (1) of statute 9 of the University was expiring on 18.4.2018.

1. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Dean, Faculty of Science & Professor of Human Development, University of Jammu, Jammu.
2. Prof. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Central University, PO Box 21, Dharamshala, Dist. Kangra.
3. Prof. Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16 Kotla Marg, New Delhi.
4. Prof. Mandava Venkata Basaveswar Rao, Special Officer & Faculty of Sciences, Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
5. Prof. Makkhan Lal, Director, Delhi Institute of Heritage Research Management, 18-A, Satsang Vihar Marg, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi.
6. Prof. S.P. Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi University, V.P.O – Meerpur, Rewari, Haryana.
7. Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Former Vice-Chancellor, MANUU, D/194, Defence Colony, New Delhi.
8. Prof. A.N. Maurya (Retd.), Former Dean, Institute of Agriculture Sciences, BHU, Block No. 66, Saket Nagar, Post Office BHU, Varanasi.
9. Prof. M.M. Salunkhe, Vice-Chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Pune.
10. Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, Delhi.

The Member Secretary further informed that the provisions of Statute 9, Clause (1)(viii), regarding co-option of members were that "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.” Further the Academic Council in its 61st meeting had decided that at least 15 persons who are not employees of the University have to be 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.”

- AC 69.5.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Academic Council put on record its appreciation for the exemplary contribution made by these outgoing members in transacting the business of the Council in a meaningful manner.

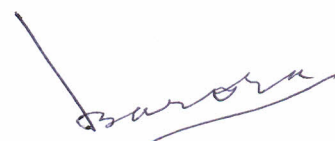
The Council further resolved that the members of Academic Council would submit the list of suggestive names to the Chairman, Academic Council before 30th April 2018, who was authorized on behalf of the Academic Council as its Chairperson to co-opt 10-15 Members to the Academic Council and report the names of co-opted members in the next meeting. The Council also opined that there may be due representation of Vice Chancellors of State Open Universities amongst the finalized list of the newly co-opted members.

- AC 69.5.3 With above observations, the Academic Council authorized the Chairman, Academic Council for co-opting 10-15 members in the Academic Council under clause 1 (viii) of Statute 9 of IGNOU Act and report the names of co-opted members in the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO.6 To consider and approve for the request for Doctoral Research Committee in Distance Education – STRIDE

- AC 69.6.1 The Member Secretary informed that the STRIDE has submitted a proposal for creating a separate Doctoral Research Committee in Distance Education at STRIDE. It was informed that as per the current arrangement, the Discipline of Distance Education was housed in School of Education and all the activities related to Ph.D & M.Phil in Distance Education were done through the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of School of Education (SOE) which, according to STRIDE, create difficulties and anxieties. Moreover, there was no representation from the Discipline of Distance Education in the DRC of Education.

- AC 69.6.2 The Council noted that as per decision of Board of Management and Academic Council, the academic programmes could be housed only in the Schools of Studies. Since STRIDE was an Institute, its academic programmes were housed in School of Education for all the academic activities. Since Distance Education was a sub-discipline of Education, the Doctoral Research Committee of SOE considers and decides on the



research activity of STRIDE.

Director, IQAC however was of the opinion that being a training and Research Institute in Distance Education, STRIDE was empowered to house academic programmes.

- AC 69.6.3 After detailed discussions, the Academic Council did not approve the proposal of STRIDE for a separate Doctoral Research Committee for Distance Education at STRIDE. It however, decided that the Doctoral Research Committee in SOE would have 2 – 3 members of STRIDE. It also suggested that STRIDE may place a proposal for conversion into a School of Study, before appropriate authorities of the University.

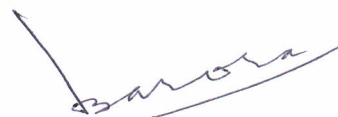
ITEM NO. 7 To consider examination of the cases and resolve the declaration of results of students of MBAHM programme – SED/SOTHSM

- AC 69.7.1 The Agenda was presented by Dr Paramita Suklabaidya, SOTHSM who was attending meeting on behalf of Director, SOTHSM. The Council was informed that the MBAHM programme was offered in face to face programme by IGNOU, the maximum duration of validity of admission/ registration for this programme for the affected students was June 2014. However, the exam results could not be declared by University in time due to some problem in one of the subject. Now there was no provision for re-admission in this programme as the MBAHM (face to face programme) was closed down by the Board of Management in 2013. There were only 12-15 students who could not clear the course and they are already in Job and facing lot of problems.

- AC 69.7.2 After detailed deliberation, the Academic Council resolved to give additional chance to the students to appear again in the examination in courses not successfully completed without any fee but the results would be declared prospectively. Since the SED has already taken necessary steps in this regard, the item may be considered as reporting item.

ITEM NO. 8 To consider and approve the Lateral Entry of Diploma in Culinary Arts (DCUL) into B.Sc. Hospitality And Hotel Administration (BHM) Programme of the School- SOTHSM

- AC 69.8.1 The Member Secretary informed that the B. Sc. Culinary Arts programme of SOTHSM is a modular programme with exit option after one year as Diploma in Culinary Arts (DCUL). The UGC has been requested for approval of the programme, however, an approval is awaited. Therefore, Director, Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) - Tirupati has requested for lateral Entry of existing ICI students (25) of Diploma in Culinary Arts into B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration with specialization (Food Production) programme of the School which is already on offer. The approval of the School Board has been taken by circulation.



- AC 69.8.2 After detailed deliberation, the Academic Council decided to refer the matter back to School Board for consideration and constitute a Committee to resolve the issue.

ITEM NO. 9 To report the MoC signed with Government of Jammu and Kashmir to provide training to approximately 20000 government sponsored in-service teachers through B.Ed. programme in Project Mode - SOE

- AC 69.9.1 The Member Secretary informed that School of Education has informed that IGNOU has signed an MoC with Department of School Education (DSE), Government of Jammu and Kashmir through SSA at Jammu on January 04, 2018 for providing professional training to untrained graduate in-service teachers of School Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir for two years' Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) programme through Open and Distance Learning mode.

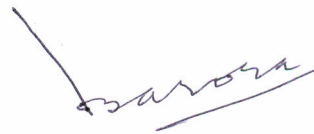
- AC 69.9.1 The matter was discussed in detail. Some Members pointed out that being a specialized programme in Education, in order to avoid any issues that may arise at a later stage, approval of National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) may be obtained for offering the programme at Jammu & Kashmir. However, Director, School of Education informed that since the programme is intended for in-service teachers of Jammu & Kashmir, where NCTE norms and guidelines are not binding, there was no need for NCTE approval.

- AC 69.9.3 With the above observations, the Council approved the MoC signed with Government of Jammu and Kashmir to provide training to government sponsored in-service teachers through B.Ed. programme in Project mode, enclosed as **Annexure 7**.

ITEM NO. 10 To consider the proposal for award of Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates to eligible students who have completed their programme during December, 2016 and June 2017 Term End Examinations in 31st Convocation of the University – SED

- AC 69.10.1 The Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that the 31st Convocation of IGNOU is likely to be held in July 2018. The main venue will be at IGNOU Headquarters, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. Simultaneously, the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates will also be awarded at various Regional Centres of the University.

The Registrar, Student Evaluation Division informed that the awardees of PhD/MPhil Degree and other Special awards will be invited at IGNOU Headquarters and the students of Masters Degree and Professional/



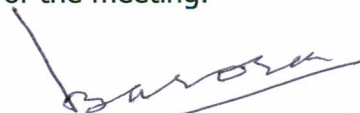
Bachelor Degree Programme will be invited at the Regional Centre concerned.

The Programme-wise list of eligible students for award of Ph.D., M.Phil., Masters, Bachelors Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates who were found successful in the Term End Examinations conducted in Dec. 2016 and June 2017 numbering 2,08,513 students was placed by the Registrar, Student Evaluation Division before the Academic Council for approval.

- AC 69.10.1 The Academic Council approved the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates to the eligible students, as per list enclosed as **Annexure 8**, in the 31st Convocation of the University. The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve the inclusion of the names of any other students who will be eligible for award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees subsequent to the current meeting of the Academic Council and before the convocation.

The Council put on record its appreciation for the work done by the Academic Coordination Division in successful coordination of the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Chair was endorsed by the Council at the end of the meeting.



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