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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE  
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD AT Y.M.C.A.  
CULTURAL CENTRE, JAI SINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI-110 031 ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1987 AT 1100 HOURS

The following members were present :-

- Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Vice-chancellor, Chairman
- Prof. E.V. Chitnis, Member
- Prof. M. Sentappa, Member
- Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti Trivedi, Member
- Prof. M.V. Pyles, Member
- Shri K. Narayanan, Member-Secretary
- Prof. Shahid Siddiqui, Member could not attend.

The following matters were considered.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Planning Board to the first meeting and desired the advice and assistance of the members in the challenging task of the development of the University, which was an innovative and pioneering effort in providing access to higher education to a large number of aspirants.

Before taking up the formal agenda for consideration the Chairman had requested the following persons to make a presentation of the subjects noted against each to assist the Planning Board of the academic programmes started.

- Prof. B.S. Sharma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor - General Education Programmes
- Prof. Bakshish Singh, Director School of Humanities - Undergraduate Programmes
- Prof. Bakesh Khurana, Director School of Management Studies - Diploma in Management

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Prof. B.N. Koul, - Diploma in Distance  
Director Education  
Distance Education  
Division  
Dr. S.N. Chaturvedi - Regional & Study Centres  
Director  
Regional Services  
Division

Clarifications/explanations were provided by the above persons to the several points raised by the members of the Board.

While appreciating the efforts made by the academic staff in starting the programmes, the Board suggested that it is necessary to plan for translating the pilot programme experience on to the national scale involving huge number of students distributed over the entire country. In this, it would be necessary to adopt "a total systems approach" to avoid failures.

The formal agenda was then considered.

ITEM No 1. TO NOTE THE PROGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY

1.1.1. The progress made by the University was noted. The likelihood of the ODA assistance from the U.K., the quantum of assistance and the areas in which the assistance would be provided over the next three years was indicated by the Chairman which was noted. Formal communication from the ODA authorities was awaited.

ITEM No 2. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COURSES COMMENCED BY THE UNIVERSITY

1.2.1. The Programmes commenced viz. Diploma in Distance Education and Diploma in Management as per details given in the agenda note and the annexures thereto were approved.

1.2.2. The Planning Board considered the extract of the minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Management held on January 30, 1987 and endorsed the same as per details given in Annexure III to the agenda note.

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ITEM No 3. TO NOTE THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY

- 1.3.1. The revised note on the pattern and structure of the Bachelor's degree programme placed on the table at the meeting was considered. The progress made so far in the undergraduate programmes was noted.

ITEM NO 4. TO NOTE THE PROGRESS IN STARTING OTHER PROGRAMMES OF STUDY (CONTINUING EDUCATION) BY THE UNIVERSITY

- 1.4.1. The Planning Board noted that in respect of other programmes of study in the continuing education areas expert committees had been constituted, which have met to decide on the syllabus etc. in respect of the following courses :

Early Child Care and Education.  
Nutrition and Health Education.  
Teacher's Proficiency Certificate.  
Aeronautical Engineering.  
Creative Writing.

- 1.4.2. The Planning Board also noted that a Language Policy Committee has been constituted for the purpose of advising the University about the languages in which the University can start formulating the courses.

ITEM No 5. TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ISSUE OF MIGRATION CERTIFICATES BY THE UNIVERSITY

- 1.5.1. The Planning Board considered the letter dated 9th January 1987 from the Association of the Indian Universities addressed to the Registrars of the member Universities in this behalf. It was felt that at this stage, it was too early to take a decision in this matter. The matter was, therefore, deferred.

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ITEM No 6. TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE REQUEST OF S J COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MYSORE FOR AFFILIATION TO THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SOME OF THE PROGRAMMES

1.6.1. The request of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, Mysore was considered by the Planning Board. The Planning Board expressed the view that in principle the University may accept such proposals. It was, however, decided that a small group is to be constituted for the purpose of examining such proposals in depth and make recommendations for the approval of the Planning Board. It was decided to defer the decision on the above till the University works out the details.

1.6.2. While on the subject, the Chairman informed the members of the Planning Board that an International Technological University was going to be set up/in which the IGNOU would be required to play a role. However, this required the appointment of a suitable person to start School of Technology. Also the Chairman informed the members of the proposal of the Commonwealth Secretariat for collaboration between Distance Education Institutions with the Commonwealth, the recommendations of which are to be submitted to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference to be held next.

ITEM No 7. TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE REQUEST FOR STARTING A DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

1.7.1. The request for starting of a Department of Buddhist Studies and Buddhist Culture in the IGNOU was considered and it was decided that for the present we may concentrate on the main thrust areas or objectives with which the University was formed.

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ITEM No 8. TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND THE SCALE OF FEE/REMUNERATION FOR COURSE WRITERS, EDITORS, CHIEF EDITORS, CO-ORDINATORS, COUNSELLORS, SUBJECT WRITERS, RESEARCHERS, EXPERTS ETC. FOR THE ACADEMIC WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY

1.8.1. The Planning Board considered the proposal and approved of the scale of fees payable to the various categories of personnel, as indicated in the agenda note.

ITEM No 9. TO ADVISE ON THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE UNIVERSITY

1.9.1. This item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

ITEM No 10. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO OPEN UNIVERSITIES/INSTITUTES/DEPARTMENTS OF CORRESPONDENCE COURSES IN UNIVERSITIES AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT STATUTES.

1.10.1. The Planning Board considered the paper on the subject which was placed on the table at the meeting. The need to avoid duplication of efforts in this area at the State level was emphasised. The Chairman indicated that this was already contained in the recommendations of the Committee which are now before the Planning Board for approval. The Planning Board approved of the recommendations of the Committee.

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ITEM No 11. ✓ TO CONSIDER THE NOTE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- 1.11.1. The Planning Board took note of the proposal for starting the Rural Development Programme as per the paper on the subject placed on the table.

ITEM No 12. ✓ TO CONSIDER THE NOTE ON THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE COURSE

- 1.12.1. The Planning Board took note of the proposal for starting the Library and Information Science Course as per the paper on the subject placed on the table.

ITEM No 13 TO NOTE THE ORGANISATION CHART OF THE UNIVERSITY

- 1.13.1. The Organisation Chart of the University placed on the table at the meeting was noted by the Board.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD

It was decided that the next meeting of the Planning Board shall be held on Friday June 26, 1987 at New Delhi.

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

Sd/-  
(Prof. G. Ram Reddy)  
Vice-Chancellor  
CHAIRMAN