

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF INDIA  
OANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD IN THE OFFICE OF INDIA  
UNIVERSITY AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI-110016 ON MONDAY, APRIL  
4, 1988 AT 1100 HOURS

The following were present :-

- Prof. G. Ram Reddy, V.C. - Chairman
- Prof. E.V. Chitnis, Member
- Prof. M. Santappa, Member
- Prof. Shahid Siddiqui, Member
- Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti H. Trivedi, Member
- Prof. M.V. Pylee, Member
- Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar - Member-Secretary

Prof. B.S. Sharma and Shri S.C. Vajpeyi, Pro-V.C.5 attended by special invitation.

At the outset, Prof. E. V. Chitnis congratulated the University on the quality of material produced. The question of use of our instructional material by other educational institutions was considered and the Planning Board felt that as a policy we may permit them to use the material subject to the condition that the users acknowledge that the material is from the IGNOU and that they have been permitted to use the same. In special cases, we may request also for payment of royalty.

The Board then considered the following items :-

- Item No. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 28TH DECEMBER, 1987
  - 6.1.1. The minutes of the fifth meeting of the Planning Board held on 28th December, 1987 were confirmed.
  - 6.1.2. The Chairman informed the members of the developments in regard to the setting up of a Commonwealth University for Co-operation in Distance Education which was being funded by Canadian Government. A Working Group has been set-up for recommending the organisational structure of this Project which may also have links with the Asian Association of Open Universities. In the next meeting of the Working Group, which will be held in June 1986, action to bring about the University of the Commonwealth for Co-operation in Distance Education will be taken.

ITEM NO 2 TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN ON EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

6.2.1. The following corrections on page 8 of the agenda were noted by the Board :

Under column action taken in line 5, the words "under consideration" be substituted by the word "awaited".

6.2.3 In regard to the action taken on item 5.4.1. of the minutes referred to in page 8 of the agenda, the following words be added after the words "noted for further action" :-

"Circulated to three State Open Universities"

6.2.4. The action taken on the earlier decisions was noted.

6.2.5. The Planning Board considered the minutes of the Expert Committee regarding courses to be started, in the School of Engineering & Technology which met on 5th February, 1988 and 8th March, 1988 which were tabled at the meeting. The recommendations of the Committee were considered and approved subject to the following :-

1. The quality of the programme should be kept in view to ensure that a graduate of the Open University is as good as the best graduate in the country.

2. This course will be available only at certain centres where facilities for practical training and workshop are available and the students will be informed that he/she should be prepared to take leave to attend contact programmes.

6.2.6. The Planning Board noted that the, course in Engineering and Technology would be meant for those working and who have some engineering background and grounding in theory.

6.2.7. The members noted that with the commencement of School of Engineering & Technology, the Indira Gandhi National Open University can become part of the International Technological University, which has now become a reality with exchange of course material and Indira Gandhi National Open University will be the Indian partner. It was noted that the International Technological University was being funded partly by UNESCO and

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partly by an Arab national with Lord Perry as Chairman.

6.2.8. The Planning Board also noted that the test for recruitment of Lecturers was being conducted at about 10 centres and about 3,400 candidates are being examined.

6.2.9. The Planning board also noted the change in the question paper proposed viz. that it now consists only of Paper I in two parts - (i) compulsory general objective type and (ii) subject orientation in which the candidate will have to answer 15 short questions of essay type.

ITEM NO 3 / TO CONSIDER THE INSTITUTION OF NEW PROGRAMMES

6.3.1. 1 Planning Board approved of the institution of the following programmes in the University:-

1. Diploma programme in Creative Writing (Hindi)

2. Certificate programme in Food & Nutrition

3. Diploma programme in Higher Education

6.3.2. It was noted that the academic Council will be approached after the Planning Board's approval for approval of the syllabus etc.

6.3.3. A suggestion that a course on Diet for Disease may be included in the certificate programme in Food & Nutrition was noted and the same is to be referred to the experts for their views.

6.3.4. The Planning Board also noted that the Certificate programme in Food & Nutrition will be launched in five languages viz. Hindi, English, Assamese, Gujarati and Telugu.

6.3.5. The Planning Board noted that the syllabus for Teachers Orientation Programme (Diploma programme in Higher Education) was well drafted.

ITEM NO 4 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR ON THE PROPOSAL TO SET-UP A DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN LABOUR LAWS RECEIVED FROM PROF. Z. M. SIDDIQUI, MEMBER, PLANNING BOARD

6.4.1. The Planning Board noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in regard to the proposal made by Prof. Shahid Siddiqui. Member, Planning Board regarding setting up of Diploma Programme in

Labour Laws. The matter was discussed in detail and in view of the fact that a similar Diploma exists in other institutions, it would be better to assess the need for the starting of this course before any commitments are made. The Planning Board will await the recommendations of the Expert Committee, which has been constituted for considering the above matter. and if necessary a survey will be instituted to assess the demand. //

ITEM NO 5 TO CONSIDER STARTING THE PROGRAMMES IN ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

6.5.1. The Planning Board considered the proposal and resolved that courses on Ecology and Environment which are part of Life Sciences could be started as electives of the undergraduate programme viz. B.A., B.Com. or B.Sc. //

ITEM NO 6 TO CONSIDER THE NOTE ON PROGRESS PREPARED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

6.6.1. The note titled 'Status and Projection as on 21st January, 1988' prepared by the Planning and Development Division of the University and tabled at the meeting was noted.

NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting will be held in the month of July, 1988 on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair

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(G. Ram Reddy)  
Vice-Chancellor  
&  
Chairman



J.D. GUPTA  
Joint Secretary  
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D.O.No.F.5-20/30-U.I(Desk)

May 17, 1988

Dear Prof. Reddy, .

You will kindly recall that the Sixth Meeting of the Planning Board held on April 4, 1988, members were informed that with the starting of the School of Engineering and Technology, the Indira Gandhi National Open University could become a part of the International Technological University which has become a reality with the exchange of course materials and IGNOU would be the Indian partner. The implications of such a statement are not clear.

I shall be grateful, if you could kindly spell out the implications of the collaborative effort envisaged. I also understand that the University has worked out certain collaborative ventures with some other Universities abroad. May I also request that a status paper on IGNOU's collaboration with Universities abroad is also made available at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J.D. Gupta*  
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Prof. G. Ram Reddy,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Indira Gandhi National Open University,  
YMCA Cultural Centre,  
Jai Singh Road,  
New Delhi

25th May 1988

Dear Shri Gupta,

I thank you for your DO. No.F.5-20/88-U.1(Desk) dated 17th May 1988 in regard to the recording of the minutes of the sixth meeting of the Planning Board held on April 4th. 1988, regarding IGNOU becoming a part of the International Technological University(IITU) etc.

I am sorry there has been an error in drafting the minutes of the Planning Board. What I actually said in the meeting was that IITU has come into existence and it was going to start its technology programmes. At the same time, the Commonwealth was going to set up a Network of distance education institutions which would provide opportunities for collaboration between distance education institutions within the Commonwealth. We will make the necessary corrections in the minutes.

No collaborative ventures have been worked out with any outside university except the Athabasca University, which has been done with the approval of the Government. The details relating to this collaboration are being reported to the Government from time to time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely.

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( G. RAM REDDY )

Shri J.D. Gupta  
Joint Secretary  
Department of Education  
Ministry Of Human Resource Dev.  
Shastri Bhavan  
NEW DELHI

cc: Registrar

Prof. G. Ram Reddy  
Vice-Chancellor

12/3/2/6  
May 24, 1988

Dear Shri Gupta,

I thank you for your EO No. F.S-20/88-U.I (Desk) dated 17th May, 1988 in regard to the recording of the minutes of the sixth meeting of the Planning Board held on April 4th, 1988 regarding IGNOU becoming a part of the International Technological University etc.

What was discussed at the meeting was the possibility of IGNOU collaborating with the International Technological University in its programmes. The minutes recorded do not reflect correctly the discussions at the meeting. This will be corrected with confirming the minutes at the next meeting of the Planning Board.

~~The error is very much regretted and I have already brought this to the notice of the Registrar that he should be more careful in recording the minutes.~~

*To be done by you, a status paper on the IGNOU's collaboration with I.T.U. should be prepared and sent to your office. With regards.*

(G. Ram Reddy)

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