

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY AT 1-76 HAUZ KHAS, ON OCTOBER 31, 1988 AT 11.00 HOURS.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. G. Ram hrdhv<br>Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman             |
| 2. Prof. M. Santappa                     | - | Member               |
| 3. Prof. Shahid Siddiqui                 | - | Member               |
| 4. Dr (Mrs) Jyoti H. Trivedi             | - | Member               |
| 5. Prof. M.V. Pylee                      | - | Member               |
| 6. Shri K. Narayanan<br>Registrar        | - | Member-<br>Secretary |

Professor E.V. Chitnis could not make it convenient to attend.

B.S. Sharma, Prof. D.D. Joshi and Prof. R.J. Garde, Pro Vice-Chancellors, attended the meeting by special invitation.

Shri. K.C.S. Prasada Rao, Deputy Registrar, assisted the member-Secretary.

The Chairman informed the members of the Planning board that the Board of Management in its meeting held on August 30, 1988 had, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appointed two more Pro-Vice-Chancellors, namely Prof. D.D. Joshi and Prof. R.J. Garde

have since joined and have been invited to attend meeting as special invitees. The Chairman and the Planning Board members welcomed the two new Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

The Planning Board considered the following items:

M NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON APRIL 4, 1988.

.1 The minutes of the sixth meeting of the Planning Board held on April 4, 1988, were confirmed with Resolutions 6.1.2 and 6.2.7 having been modified as given below:

"6.1.2 The Chairman informed the members that the Commonwealth of Learning for Cooperation in Distance Education is to be set up in Canada to which several Commonwealth Governments, including Canada and India, have promised substantial contributions. This was noted.

"6.2.7 The Chairman informed the members that the International Technological University has come into existence and it will be starting 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. This was noted by the Board."

ITEM NO.2

TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN ON DECISIONS OF SIXTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON APRIL 4, 1988.

7.2.1.

The Hoard noted the actions taken on its decisions of the sixth meeting of the Planning Board held on April 4, 1988.

7.2.2.

A suggestion was made that with a view to avoid repetition, it would be desirable if the action taken is shown against items of the minutes of the meetings. This was noted for compliance.

7.2.3.

Arising out of the action taken on the decision of the board in its sixth meeting, The Planning Board recorded its satisfaction for the efforts university has made for devising programmes of Water Resource Management, Energy Resource Management and General Awareness programmes in the School of Engineering and Technology. However, some members of the Board sought clarifications in regard to span period, eligibility criteria, strategy of launching, duration of courses etc. The Board was appraised of as under:-

i) The Water Resource Management and

the Energy Resource Management programmes are degree programmes of four years' duration. However, a student has the flexibility to complete it in 8 years.

- ii) As in other programmes, engineering and technology courses have been devised in a modular form.
- iii) These programmes shall be open to those who hold a Diploma from Polytechnics. In this context the Chairman informed the Hoard that the TTTI, Chandigarh, has evinced keen interest in the University playing a role in the upgradation of qualification of technical teachers which is being examined.
- iv) Broadly the university would follow an open policy. However, in the event of over subscription of programmes, final screening criteria for admission based on either academic merit, experience, utility of the courses or Entrance Test will be examined carefully.
- v) The weightages between continuous evaluation and terminal examination for the engineering and technology

programmes has been kept as 25 : 75 unlike the normal pattern of 30 : 70. This has been done with a view to bring parity with programmes run by conventional institutions/ universities offering such programmes.

vi) The General Awareness Programmes have been conceived at certificate level of 6 months' duration.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROGRAMMES.

3(1) The Degree of Bachelor in Science

7.3(1).1 The Board considered the proposed course structure for bachelor in Science programme. The Board was informed that the pattern of course structure for B.Sc programme is similar to that of other degree programmes being offered by the University carrying 96 credits. However, a student in B.Sc is expected to take application oriented course at least of 8 credits and if the student so wishes may offer upto 16 credits.

7.3(1).2 The Board deliberated upon the course structure, eligibility, foundation packages, laboratory work, fee structure, evaluation system etc. The

finally approved scheme has been given in  
Appendix I.

3(2) To consider the proposal on Diploma  
in Rural Development.

7.3(2).1 : The Board considered the proposal on  
Diploma in Rural Development and  
approved it with certain suggestions  
regarding medium of instruction,  
eligibility, course of study, fee, etc.  
The proposal on Rural Development, thus  
qudified, and approved is given in  
Appendix II.

7.3(2).2 ~~The~~ Board was informed that the method  
of evaluation has not yet been finalised  
and that the same will be sent to the  
members by circulation as soon as it is  
prepared.

3(3) Divlomo in Nutrition and Health  
Education

7.3(3).1 The Board considered the proposal on  
Diploma in Nutrition and Health  
Education and particularly deliberated  
upon the issues in relation to duration,  
eligibility, selection of students and  
priorities for target group. It was  
emphasised that assigning of credits to  
the courses, be referred to the expert  
committee. The Board approved the

proposal as per Appendix III.

3(4) Computer Programmes

7.3(4).1 The board considered the proposed  
Computer Programmes, viz.,

(A) Programmes with special objectives such as -

- i) Computer applications in Office Management;
- ii) Computer applications for teachers; and

(B) Courses compounding to building towards Certificate Courses, Advanced Diploma and Bachelor of Informatics Degree.

7.3(4).2 The Board approved the proposal as given in Appendix IV and suggested in view of the heavy investment on inputs, fee for the programme has to be Rs.300/- per course of 4 credits.

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3(5) Degree Programme in Law

7.3(5).1 The board considered the proposal made by Prof. Shahid Siddiqui regarding introduction of Degree Course in Law by IGNOU. Prof. Siddiqui stated the following explaining the need of offering Law Degree by IGNOU:-

- i) The Law Degree Courses in majority of conventional Universities, though full

- time, the students seldom attend classes;
- ii) The students usually depend on cheap bazar notes to get through the examinations;
  - iii) The distance teaching methods developed by IGNDU - be it print material or Audio-Video tapes and contact programmes - will be far more effective and it is possible for IGNDU to offer courses in law of a higher standard than what is obtaining in conventional Universities;
  - iv) The Bar Council of India should be impressed upon to recognize the products of IGNDU who graduate with a Law Degree through distance learning methods;
  - v) There is a great demand from not only fresh students but a lot of employees prefer to possess a law degree for better prospects in their jobs and also a law degree adds



security.

7.3(5).2

After careful consideration of the issues involved, the Hoard resolved that:-

- i) The feasibility aspects in view of the clientele be examined.
- ii) The Vice Chancellor may constitute a small Group of experts in the field who can not only work out the proposal but also take up the matter with Bar Council of India to recognize Law Degrees offered by the Open University system through distance learning methods.

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TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE INTAKE OF STUDENTS FOR 1989 AFTER THE ENTRTANCE TEST.

7.4.1

The Board considered the recommendations of the Committee constituted for the purpose fixing the intake limits in programmes where entrance tests have been held. The Board noted the recommendations of the Committee, for fixing the intake at 5,000, 15,000 and 1,000 for January.

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1989 admission in Diploma in Management (Module 1), Bachelor Degree Programme (Non 10 + 2 stream) and Diploma in Creative Writing (English) respectively. The Board further noted the statistical trends regarding the fact that about 10 to 15% of the students who are offered admission drop out at the time of depositing fee. Keeping this in view the Planning Board desired that, while offering admissions, provision should be made so that the limits suggested by the Committee are adhered to for purpose of final admission. The Board suggested that admission offers be made upto limits given as under:-

1. Preparatory Course upto 18,000-20,000  
Bachelor Degree Programme
2. Diploma in Management upto 7,000  
(Module I)
3. Creative Writing(English) upto 1,000

7.4.2

The Board also considered the issue of cut off point. The Board appreciated the concern of the University for limiting the admission particularly in view of the capacity developed in relation to student support services at study centres, availability of requisite

kind of counselling personnel etc. However, the Board emphasized that, in view of the purpose of the University, preference has to be given to categories like SC/ST, Women and remote areas including hill population. The Board desired that cut off be so chosen that these categories get a special preference and relatively better opportunity

ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CREDIT SCHEME FOR VARIOUS COURSES.

7.5.1 The Board considered the Report of the Academic Coordination Committee and approved the credit scheme for various courses recommended as below:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Duration</u> (month)	<u>Credits</u>	
		Min.	Max.
i) Certificate Course	6	12	16
ii) Diploma	10	24	32
iii) Degree	30-40	96	144
iv) Post Graduate Certificate	5	24	32
v) Master's Degree	20	48	72

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER ADMISSION POLICY FOR DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT.

7.6.1 The Board discussed at length the eligibility criteria concerning admission policy for Diploma in

Management. The Board also took note of the views of the Board of Management concerning the slight variation in the admission criteria laid down earlier by the Planning Board and the modification effected in the advertisement released owing to administrative and logistical reasons as also several representations received from the student community. The Board, after careful consideration, agreed that the following be the eligibility criteria for Diploma in Management:

7.6.2

"Enrolment in Diploma in Management is open to working persons with 3 or more years of Managerial or Supervisory experience in case of those who hold Bachelor's Degree and 6 or more years of experience in case of those who do not. The applicant's age should be 25 years or more as on 1st January, 1988".

7.6.3

While on the subject, a point was raised as to the categories of students who will be eligible to go for Master's programme who are doing Diploma in Management. The Board laid down the following criteria:

- a) Persons passing with 'C' in

the Diploma Programme; and

b) Non-graduates who successfully complete 1st and 2nd modules in the Diploma Programme can go for Master's programme. However, for enrichment purposes, one can offer a of the courses in any module depending upon the need of learner. and also the offerings made i available by the university.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON SYLLABII OF COMMERCE COURSES.

7.7.1 The Syllatii in Commerce Course evolved by the Expert Committee was considered and approved by the Board with a minor change in the nomenclature of course "Cour. O-II" which should read as "Planning and Economic Development in India". The syllabii in Commerce, as approved by the Board, is at Appendix V

ITEM NO.8 TO RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE IN CHEMISTRY REGARDING REARRANGEMENT OF ELECTIVE COURSES.

7.8.1 The suggestions made by the Expert Committee in Chemistry regarding some minor changes in the re-arrangement of elective courses, (The syllabii and course structure in chemistry was

approved by the Planning Board in its earlier meeting) as . below were approved by the Board:

- i) A 4-credit course as General Organic Chemistry in lieu of two credits course on Organic Molecules.
- ii) A 4-credit course on Organic Reactions Mechanism in lieu of 2-credit course on Organic Reactions.

ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF A COURSE ON DEFENCE STUDY AS ONE OF THE OPTIONAL SUBJECTS AT UNDER GRADUATE LEVEL.

7.9.1 The Board considered the proposal on introduction of a course on Defence Study as one of the optional subjects at Under Graduate level proposed by the University Grants Commission. The Board was of the view that courses of this nature are being offered in some conventional Universities and felt that it is too early for IGNOU to diversify to such areas at this stage.

ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON STARTING M.Ed PROGRAMME.

7.10.1 The Board considered the proposal to start M.Ed programme at IGNOU and opined that it is not necessary to go in for M.Ed programmes at this stage.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN EXPERT COMMITTEE ON DIVISING GENERAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES FOR GENERAL PUBLIC, FARMERS, RURAL POPULATION AND EXTENSION WORKERS (REGARDING WATER RESOURCE AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT).

7.11.1 the Board considered the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on General Awareness programmes to be organized by IGNOU for general public, farmers, rural population and extension workers. The board welcomed the idea. The Chairman pointed out that the IGNOU will enlist the assistance of voluntary agencies in this venture.

7.11.2 The Board approved the proposal and suggested that initially, the material may be produced in English. Later, depending upon demand may be translated into Hindi and other national languages. The proposal as well as the approved syllabi for the above courses is given at appendix VI.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER THE INSTITUTION OF MASTER'S DEGREE IN DISTANCE EDUCATION IN 1989.

7.12.1 The Board approved the proposal of introducing Master's Degree in Distance Education in 1989. The course structure for the above programme is at Appendix VII.

ITEM NO.13 ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTRE AT

COCHIN AND STUDY CENTRE AT LAKSHADWEEP.

Under any other item Chairman informed the Hoard that:-

- (i) the University has opened a new Regional Centre at Cochin and that one Asst. Registrar has already been posted there.
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor had visited Lakshadweep recently and had discussion with the Administrator about opening a Study Centre there. The Administrator has agreed to the proposal and a study centre is being established there shortly. Chairman further stated that due to non-availability of qualified personnel in Lakshadweep, it is proposed to appoint a full time Coordinator, possibly a suitable person from Head Quarters.

The above were noted.

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

Prof.G.Ram Heddy  
CHAIRMAN