

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERBITY HELD AT THE UNIVERBITY OFFICE, IQNOU CAMPUS (CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8), NEW DELHI - 110 068, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1995 AT 11.00 HRS.

The following were present:-

- 1. Prof. R.G. Takwale - Chairman
- 2. Prof. G.S. Rao
- 3. Prof. M.M. Pant
- 4. Dr. S. Kannan
- 5. Dr. ~~B.B. Khanna~~
- 6. Dr. S. Kacker
- 7. Dr. L.K. Deshpande
- 8. Prof. S.S. Dhillon
- 9. Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal
- 10. Prof. D.D. Joshi
- 11. Dr. Malavika Karlekar
- 12. Shri D.C. Pant, Acting Registrar - Secretary

Dr N.C. Nigam, Dr S. Ramachandran, Dr. A. Jamal **Kidwai** and Prof. J. Philip could not attend the meeting. Prof. B.N. Koul, Pro Vice Chancellor (STRIDE) and Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Plg. & TA) attended the meeting as special invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Dy. Registrar (Gov.) was **present** to assist the Secretary.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the **Chairman** extended a warm welcome to Prof. D.D. Joshi, new member of the Planning Board.

The following agenda items were considered:-

ITEM NO. 1. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON JUNE 29, 1994.

PB 17.1.1. The Chairman referred to the comments in the minutes received from **one of the members**. He stated **that the comments** received from members are normally considered in the next meeting when the item on confirmation of minutes is taken up. However, considering the fact that the **member had** suggested to have the point raised by her checked with other members, it would have been

appropriate if **the** comments sent by her had been circulated to members **in advance** for eliciting their views. **Since considerable** work on the programme is **under way**, it was agreed that **the** minutes as **recorded under the Resolution** No. PB 16.6.3. may stand. **The** second point mentioned by the member was that for members **to fully** understand the proposals, full details **including** selected readings should be circulated **along with** the agenda. **While on the** subject, a view was also expressed **that the** responsibilities and functions of the planning Board vis-a-vis other authorities like the Academic Council and **the** School Boards needs to be clearly specified so that there is no ambiguity. It was clarified that the Planning Board basically examines the proposals in the context of the concept, viability, and the client groups to whom the programme is **targetted** and whether the **programme** falls within the policy of the University **with** reference to its objectives. Once the Planning Board gives its approval to any proposal, it need not go back to it again with further details since the other related details will have to be dealt **with** by other authorities like the Academic Council and the School Boards. The Vice Chancellor stated that he **will** bring before the **next** meeting of the Planning Board a policy note dealing in specific terms **the** functions of the concerned **authorities, i.e., the Planning Board, the Academic Council and the School Boards.**

PB 17.1.2. With the above observations, the Planning Board confirmed the minutes of its 16th Meeting held on June 29, 1994.

ITEM NO. 2. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES.

PB 17.2.1 The Chairman requested **Shri C.R. Pillai** to introduce the item. **Shri Pillai** made a reference to the constitution and terms of reference of the Committee and briefly highlighted **the** salient features of the report as reflected in the summary of recommendations. A Statement indicating **the** views of the Management Faculty was also tabled.

PB 17.2.2 In ~~the~~ **discussion** that followed, **the following** views were expressed:

- When the University is offering so many programmes, why did the Management Programmes alone were singled out for a review?

- The idea of creating an autonomous school within **the system** may **create** complications.

- It should be ensured that the standard of **IGNOU Management** Programmes is comparable to MRA Programmes of **IIMs** and **other** reputed **universities**.

- The role of **IGNOU's** Management Programme is to enrich the knowledge and professional competence of the serving personnel and its standard has to be perceived in this context.

- Marketability trends of candidates completing IGNOU Management Programmes need to be studied to get a proper feed back.

- The evaluation methodology providing **for** a weightage of **10+30+60** may create problems as **the** proposed revision is in contravention to the evaluation methods accepted by the University.

PB 17.2.3 **Summarising** thr views expressed by various members, **the Vice Chancellor suggested that the** Planning Board may , in principle, accept the Report of the Review Committee and that the School Board of the School of Management Studies be requested to study the report and forward its observations, comments and recommendations to the Planning Board for further consideration. **The** suggestion of the Vice-Chancellor was accepted by the Planning Board.

ITEM NO. 3. TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES.

PB 17.3.1 The Vice Chancellor briefly explained the purpose and functions of the proposed Co-ordination Committee. He said the Co-ordination **Committee**, among others, would deal with matters **relating** to development of strategies for the **management** and co-ordination of academic, operational and administrative aspects of all the programmes of the University; Prepare and co-ordinate action ^{to} plans to improve efficiency at all levels: **develop** and **implement** appropriate procedures for better resource **management**; and initiate and administer effective quality assurance mechanisms.

PB 17.3.2 The Vice **Chancellor** also stated **that the proposals** for **launching new** programmes will be **first** considered by the Co-ordination Committee **which he** has constituted recently, before the **proposals** are submitted to the Planning Board.

PB 17.3.3 While accepting the proposal, the Planning Board decided that the term of the members of the Co-ordination Committee, other than ex officio members, may be for a period of two years.

ITEM NO. 4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

PB 17.4.1 The Planning Board was apprised of the status concerning the Review Committee appointed by it earlier in its meeting held on 20-10-1993. It was stated that for various reasons, including that of the absence of a regular Vice-chancellor for a considerable period, the work of the Committee is yet to be completed. It was also felt necessary to nominate another person as a member of the Review Committee in the place of Prof. R.G. Takwale who has since assumed the charge as Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU.

PB 17.4.2 The Planning Board nominated Dr A.S. Nigavekar in place of Prof. R.G. Takwale as a member of the Review Committee and desired that the Committee may expedite its work and submit its Report.

ITEM NO. 5. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME ON GERIATRIC MEDICINE.

PB 17.5.1 On a request from the Vice-chancellor, Prof. P.K. Dutta, who was called in for the purpose, briefly explained the salient features of the programme. He said that the proposal envisages an integrated educational package leading to a Certificate in Geriatric Medicine for family physicians. The enhanced skills help the general practitioners for providing specialised and enriched medical care to senior citizens of the society. It is expected that the population of senior citizens is likely to be more than 80 million by 2000 and that the existing doctors are not adequately equipped for giving proper guidance and health care to this group of persons. In this context he also stated that the Indian Medical Association, which has over one lakh members, a majority of whom are practising physicians, has shown keen interest in the proposal.

PB 17.5.2

In the **discussion** that followed, the **following** views were expressed:

- Whether the General Practitioners being busy persons will find time to attend to the **counselling** sessions;

- Since the **Counsellors** have to be from the **profession itself**, it may be desirable to undertake a **survey** to identify sufficient number of counsellors for the purpose;

- While there is felt need for such a programme, it may be advisable for the School to conduct a survey to make an assessment as to how many practising physicians could actively enrol themselves to the programme;

- The proposed certificate programme should be self supporting;

- In the client groups, there would always be "potential takers" and "real takers". It would be worthwhile to make some assessment of the "real takers" when the School undertakes the survey.

PB 17.5.3 With the above observations the Planning Board approved the proposed certificate programme in Geriatric Medicine. At the implementation level, the programme would have to conform to the provisions of the Ordinance.

ITEM NO. 6. TO **CONSIDER** THE PROPOSAL ON DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.

PB 17.6.1 Prof. P.K. Dutta briefly introduced the subject. He stated that the proposed **Diploma Programme** envisages the **training** of Medical Officers of Health Care Delivery System in India; Private Practitioners; and Medical Personnel in Public and other **organised** sectors. He also stated that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has agreed to provide US Dollars 51,000 for the **development** and delivery of the programme.

PB 17.6.2 The **Planning** Board approved the proposed **Diploma** Programme in Maternal and Child Health.

ITEM NO. 7. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON **POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME** IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT.

PB 17.7.1 On a request from the Vice **Chancellor**, Dr. (Mrs.) Madhulika Kaushik, who was called in for the **purpose**, briefly outlined the salient features of **the** PG Diploma Programme in Hotel Management. She explained that the programme was taken up based on a request received from the industry itself and the programme content is on modular pattern. The Programme will **have five courses** of six **credits** each and comprises of **the following five courses viz.**, Hospitality Sector in **India**; Managing the Human Resource for the Hospitality Sector; Marketing Management For the **Hospitality** Industry; Managing Finance and Accounts; and **Planning** and Control of Hotels.

PB 17.7.2 In the course of the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:

- It may be desirable to have an aptitude test for entrance instead of strict conditions of qualification.
- The fee structure may be in line **with** those of the management programmes.
- The Programme as devised seems mostly theoretical with a great deal of inputs of managerial skills. It would be desirable to incorporate more skills development specific to the hospitality sector in the programme.
- Whether the **Hotel** Industry could be asked to subsidise the developmental cost of the programme.

PB 17.7.3 The Planning Board approved the proposal and desired that the points made above may be suitably incorporated if they are not already done so.

ITEM NO. 8. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON THE DEGREE PROGRAMME IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (B.ED).

PB 17.8.1 The Vice Chancellor **requested** Prof. **M.B. Menon**, who **was** called in for the **purpose**, to introduce the proposal. **Prof. Menon explained the need** for the **B.Ed.** Programme and stated that, in the formulation of the proposal, the views of the National Council of Teacher Education concerning the **B.Ed.** Programmes offered through **distance** mode, were taken into account and that regular **interaction** will be maintained **with** that body, Prof. **Menon** also stressed the need for **adequate** manpower if the programme has to be launched and successfully maintained and monitored.

PB 17.8.2 After a detailed **discussion**, the **Planning Board**

- approved the programme of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.).
- ITEM NO. 9. TO REPORT THE PROPOBAL ON DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION.
- PB 17.9.1 The Planning Board noted the details of the Programme and ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in announcing the Diploma Programme in Early childhood Care and Education.
- ITEM NO. 10. TO REPORT THE HOLDING OF SIXTH CONVOCATION ON MAY 6, 1995.
- PB 17.10.1 The Planning Board noted that the Sixth Convocation of the University is **scheduled** to be held on Saturday, 6th May, 1995 at 3.00 P.M. and that **Shri Madhavrao Scindia**, Minister for Human Resource Development, will be the Chief Guest and deliver the convocation address.
- ITEM NO. 11. TO RECEIVE A NOTE ON ADMIBBIONB MADE TO VARIOUS PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE UNIVERBITY DURING THE 8TH PLAN PERIOD.
- PB 17.11.1 The Planning Board noted the **programmewise** admission figures of students for the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.

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

(R.G. TAKWALE)
VICE-CHANCELLOR