

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1997, AT 11.30 HRS. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor - chairman
2. Prof. S.S. Bhavikatti
3. Shri. R.P. Jagadeesh
4. Dr. T.R. Natesan
5. Smt. Pramila Dandavate
6. Dr. N.C.B. Nath
7. Dr. D. Gopal
8. Shri Akshay Kumar
9. Ms. Annu J. Thomas
10. Prof. V.R. Jagannathan
11. Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya
12. Shri S.A. Reddi
13. Prof. C.L. Anand
14. Dr. Tilak R. Kem, Registrar - Member Secretary

Prof. Abu Salim and Dr. S.K. Agrawala could not attend the meeting.

Dr. S.K. Gandhe, Prof. Rakesh Khurana, and Prof. Janardan Jha (Pro Vice-Chancellors) and Shri C.R. Pillai, Adviser to Vice-Chancellor on Planning and Development attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Dy. Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Board.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor extended a cordial welcome to all the new members of the Planning Board. Thereafter each member introduced himself/herself.

The Planning Board placed on record its appreciation of the contributions made by the following retiring members:

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| 1. Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal | | Term completed |
| 2. Dr. L.K. Deshpande | | on |
| 3. Dr. S.S. Dhillon | | 27-1b-1996 |
| 4. Mrs. Malvika Karlekar | | |
| 5. Prof. V.V. Mandke | | Term completed |
| 6. Prof. M.M. Pant | | on |
| 7. Dr. S. Kannan | | 04-11-1996 |
| 8. Dr. B.B. Khanna | | |

Before the items on agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor gave a brief account on the programmes and activities of the University. He mentioned the salient features of the 9th Plan proposals; the role and responsibilities of the IGNOU both as a National Open University and as an agency entrusted with the responsibility for the maintenance and determination of standards in the open and distance learning system; the efforts under way to establish and develop an Open Education Network - OPENET; development of common pool of programmes; initiatives in the areas of vocational education and training programmes; and establishment of national open institutes for specific purposes.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 1996 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

PB 20.1.1 The Planning Board was informed that no comments were received from any member. The Board confirmed the Minutes of its 19th meeting held on October 18, 1996. The Board also noted the action taken at the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER A NOTE ON STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE NINTH PLAN.

PB 20.2.1 The Vice-chancellor gave a brief introduction of the proposals made concerning the implementation of programmes and activities during the 9th Plan. This was further elaborated in some detail by Shri C.R. Pillai, Adviser to Vice-Chancellor on Planning and Development.

PB 20.2.2 In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:

(i) The issues outlined from Paras (i) to (ix) on Pages 2/3 and 2/4 of the Agenda Note are very important and require considerable involvement of the academics not only in the development of programmes but also in their delivery which in some respects needs to be further strengthened.

(ii) Care must be taken to mobilise infrastructure facilities required for the development of the new programmes.

- (iii) The document "Distance Education : Vision and Strategy" should be sent to all State Open Universities/Correspondence Course Institutions for their information.
- (iv) Some of the Open Universities (SOUs) are still following the pattern of correspondence course institutions in the matter of course design. IGNOU should take leadership role by assisting SOUs in the development of self-instructional material and multi-media, learning packages.
- (v) It may be worthwhile for the University to undertake concurrent evaluation of the existing programmes and activities while expanding its areas of operations into newer fields.
- (vi) University should give special emphasis to the development of appropriate programmes for women.

PB 20.2.3

Responding to the views expressed, the Vice-Chancellor stated that while the growth and development of the University has been rapid and substantial during the decade of its existence, the University is also conscious of its shortcomings; and constraints in its operations. Nevertheless, the initiatives taken by the University have great significance for the development of the open learning system and its effectiveness and credibility. It is necessary that programmes and courses are related to the life and work of the people; they are flexible and innovative to respond to the varying needs of a vastly heterogeneous student body; and the University is able to reach all parts of the country. It will not be possible for the University to achieve these objectives unless it makes conscious efforts in harnessing available technologies to strengthen its services and reach out to students. It is in this context, that the University has initiated decentralisation of its operations to the Regional Centres. There is also a need to reorient Correspondence Course Institutes and transform them into the open/distance education form. So, far as the programmes related to the development and empowerment of women are concerned, the School of Continuing Education has already launched certain programmes and some more are in the pipeline.

PB 20.2.4 The Planning Board considered and approved the strategies for implementation of programmes and activities during the 9th Plan as outlined in the Agenda Note.,

ITEM NO. 3 TO **RECEIVE** A NOTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AS AN AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY **UNDER** SECTION 16 OF THE **IGNOU** ACT.

PB 20.3.1 The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the proposal. The Planning Board approved the proposal and recommended that the Board may be established as a statutory body.

ITEM NO. 4 TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH OPEN INSTITUTES AT NATIONAL **LEVEL** IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND **ORGANISATIONS**.

PB 20.4.1 The Vice-chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the proposal on the establishment of Open Institutes at national level in co-operation with other Institutions and Organisations. The Planning Board welcomed the initiative taken by the University and approved the proposal outlined in the Agenda Note for the establishment of open institutes at the national level.

ITEM NO. 5 TO **RECEIVE** A NOTE ON STEPS TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR **DIVERSIFYING** THE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

PB 20.5.1 The Vice-chancellor briefly explained the various steps taken by the University in the diversification of its delivery mechanisms. These are:

- a) Distance Learning Facilitator (DLF) (single man Study Centres);
- b) Partner Institutes (PIs).
- c) Multi-Media Learning Centres (MMLC);
- d) Management Education through Interactive Delivery System (MEIDS); and
- e) Partners in Advance Learning System (PALSS);

- PB 20.5.2 The Planning Board received and endorsed the mechanisms outlined in the documents regarding diversification of delivery system.
- ITEM NO. 6 TO RECEIVE THE GUIDELINES FRAMED BY THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL (DEC) FOR PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSE INSTITUTES.
- PB 20.6.1 The Planning Board noted the guidelines framed by the Distance Education Council for extending support to State Open Universities and Correspondence Course Institutes.
- ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE CONCEPT PAPER ON CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME FOR TRAINING LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.
- PB 20.7.1 The Planning Board considered the proposal on Certificate Programme for training Laboratory Technicians. The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the proposal. The Planning Board also considered the Programme Concept Form (Phase I) and Programme Design Form (Phase II), tabled at the meeting.
- PB 20.7.2 The Planning Board approved the proposal on Certificate Programme for training Laboratory Technicians.
- ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN RURAL SURGERY.
- PB 20.8.1 The Planning Board considered the proposal on Certificate Programme in Rural Surgery along with the Programme Concept Form (Phase I) and Programme Design Form (Phase II). The Planning Board approved the proposal on the Certificate Programme in Rural Surgery.

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

(R.G. TAKWALE)
Vice-Chancellor

