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### MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1998 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

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| (i)    | Prof. Abdul W. Khan      | - Chairman         |
| (ii)   | Prof. S.S. Bhavikatti    |                    |
| (iii)  | Shri R.P. Jagadeesh      |                    |
| (iv)   | Dr. T.R. Natesan         |                    |
| (v)    | Dr. D. Gopal             |                    |
| (vi)   | Shri Akshay Kumar        |                    |
| (vii)  | Ms. Annu J. Thomas       |                    |
| (viii) | Prof. V.R. Jagannathan   |                    |
| (ix)   | Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya |                    |
| (x)    | Shri S.A. Reddi          |                    |
| (xi)   | Dr. S.K. Agrawala        |                    |
| (xii)  | Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao  | - Member Secretary |

Prof. Abu Salim, Smt. Pramila Dandavale, Dr. N.C.B. Nath and Prof. C.L. Anand could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Ram Pratap, Director, Planning and Development, attended the meeting as a Special Invitee.

Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Planning Board. In his introductory observations, he recalled his close association with the University and stated that he considers it a privilege to serve this organisation which has been built up by his illustrious predecessors as one of the mega universities in the world in the area of distance education. He stated that though he lacks the experience of his predecessors, this inadequacy on his part would be more than compensated by the wisdom, experience and expertise of the members and that his commitment and dedication to the cause and objectives of the University would be the source of his strength and guiding spirit.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members about the steps initiated in the last three and a half months. He informed the members that he has, among others things, identified three priority areas; firstly, the Student Support Services which include the despatch of study materials to students on time, conduct of examinations, counselling sessions, etc. In order to strengthen the Student Support Services, he informed the members, that a Task Force has been constituted for this purpose. Second priority, he told, is to fulfil the mandate given to the University in relation to the disadvantaged groups. He felt that there should be concerted effort to reach the benefits of the University programmes to the SCs/STs, women and the rural sector. The members were informed that a Task Force has been constituted to identify the programmes relevant to the disadvantaged groups and how to deliver these programmes to them. He informed that the third, but not the least, priority is the implementation of information technology. He informed the members that a group has been constituted to look into the issues and priority areas in the information technology. The Vice-Chancellor said that improvement in work culture and discipline was also one of the main areas of concern.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Planning Board, placed on record the appreciation for the services rendered by Prof. Ram ti. Takwale, former Vice-Chancellor and Chairman, Planning Board and Dr. T.R. Kem, Former Registrar and Member-Secretary of the Planning Board for their valuable contribution made by them to the cause of Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Prof Mihir Bhattacharya, on behalf of all the members of the Planning Board, extended a warm welcome to Prof. Abdul W. Khan, Vice-Chancellor and promised all cooperation on behalf of the members.

The following items were considered:

**ITEM NO. 1                      TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 20'  
MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD  
ON JULY 22, 1997 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION  
TAKEN THEREON.**

**PB.21.1.1                      It was noted that no comments were received on the  
Minutes. The Minutes were confirmed.**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND TO MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY IN THE FUTURE.**

**PB 21.2.1**

While considering this Item, it was informed that the Report of the last Review Committee, though met three or four times, could not be made for various reasons, one of them being reduction in the membership either due to resignation or death. Nonetheless, the significance of such a Report cannot be over emphasised because it is necessary to know as to what extent the given mandate of the University has been fulfilled and in what areas the University's performance has not been up to the expected level. One of the members said that such a review would help in making an assessment whether University has been fulfilling the mandate given to it to cater to large segments of population including the disadvantaged groups: what are its extension activities and in what directions the University has moved. In the course of discussion on the modalities and terms of reference of the Review Committee, it was felt that the role of the Planning Board may also be a part of the terms of reference of the Review Committee because as the organisation grows its internal system and structure also change and these internal changes should also be reviewed.

**PB 21.2.2**

With the above observations, the Board appointed a Review Committee with the following membership:

1. Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhar Rao, Chairman
2. Prof. M.V. Pylcc
3. Dr. Vina Mazumdar
4. Dr. Ashok Pradhan
5. Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya
6. Shri Kiran Karnik
7. Mrs. Rima Nanawati
8. Dr. D. Gopal
9. Dr. Ram Pratap, Secretary

It was agreed that Review Committee will submit its Report by March 15, 1999.

PB 21.2.3

The terms of reference of the Review Committee are as under:

1. To make an assessment of the performance of the University since its inception and of its achievements, and shortcomings, if any, in the fulfilment of its aims and objectives.
2. To examine whether the programmes and courses launched by the University so far have been able to contribute to the attainment of the aims and objectives of the University.
3. To make an overall assessment of the achievements of the University in providing a cost-effective and innovative system of education.
4. To make such recommendations as are necessary for the future development of the University in the fulfilment of its aims and objectives in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

ITEM NO. 3

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES TO BE LAUNCHED BY ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE (ERIPC).**

PB 21.3.1

The Vice-Chancellor gave a brief introduction and informed the Planning Board that the proposals have been brought before the Board without routing them through the Coordination Committee as EMPC does not have the status of a School of Studies. Prof. Devesh Kishore, who was invited to the meeting, explained the salient features of the four proposals and also responded to some of the queries made by members.

PB 21.3.2

While considering this item, it was decided that the Programmes proposed to be launched should include theoretical component if the courses are offered at the Master's degree level so that students acquire basic communication theories as part of the Master's degree programme.

PB 21.3.3 With the above observations, the Planning Board approved the following academic programmes of Electronic Media Production Centre (**Appendix - 1**):

1. Post Graduate **Diploma** in Audio Programme ,  
Production
2. Post Graduate **Diploma** in Videography
3. Post Graduate **Diploma** in Video Editing
4. **Advance** Diploma in Audio Video Technology

ITEM NO. 4 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PHASE 1 AND 2 FORMS FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.**

PB 21.4.1 The Board considered the proposal and approved the Phase 1 and 2 Fdrms (placed at **Appendix-2**) for Certificate Programme in Health and Environment under the School of Health Sciences, IGNOU.

PB 21.4.2 While on the subject, some members wanted to know the background of the Acts Ministries. The Vice-Chancellor had stated that this information will be furnished to the concerned members.

ITEM NO. 5 **THE MATTER CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF THE NINTH PLAN PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY AND THE OPEN LEARNING SYSTEM TO MIRD - A REPORT.**

PB 21.5.1 The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the Ninth Plan Proposals. While discussing the subject the following views were expressed:

- (i) Was the proposal discussed internally before the proposals were finalised? It was clarified by Dr. Ram Pratnp. Director, Planning & Development, that the proposals were extensively discussed with the Schools of Studies.

- (ii) Was the proposal discussed at the Academic Council? It was clarified that the powers and functions of various authorities have been specified in the Act/Statutes and the subject under discussion, it was stated that the Ninth Plan Proposal does not fall within the purview of Academic Council.
- (iii) To a query whether OPENET forms part of the proposal, it was clarified that the elements of OPENET is a part of 'Development of Interactive Educational Media and Technologies'.
- (iv) It was suggested that a clear-cut method be evolved for preparation of Plan proposals in future indicating the processes followed in the preparation and finalisation.

PB 21.5.2

The Board having noted the observations made above, approved the Ninth Plan Proposals for the development of Indira Gandhi National Open University and Open Learning System.

ITEM NO. 6

**THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO MHRD FOR ACTIVE ROLE OF OPEN LEARNING SYSTEM (OLS) IN NATIONAL AGENDA - FREE EDUCATION FOR GIRLS UP TO COLLEGE LEVEL - A REPORT.**

PB 21.6.1

The Board noted the Report concerning the proposal submitted to MHRD for active role of Open Learning System in National Agenda - Free Education for girls up to college level. Dr. Ram Pratap, Director, Planning & Development, gave a brief account of the proposal for the information of members. It was suggested that this information may be circulated to State Open Universities. A copy of the Report is placed at **Appendix - 3.**

ITEM NO. 7

**THE MATTER CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS DEVELOPED FOR SHARING OF IGNOU STUDY MATERIALS WITH STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES - A REPORT.**

PB 21.7.1

The Vice-Chancellor briefly outlined the need to develop a system for sharing of IGNOU study material with State Open Universities. A suggestion was made that University programmes/courses may be reviewed at least once in five years for which the Vice-Chancellor may appoint a Committee. One of the members suggested that the payment of royalty by State Open Universities may be waived for first and second year when they adopt IGNOU material. Alternatively, IGNOU may consider adjusting this royalty amount from the funds to be released by Distance Education Council to State Open Universities. The Vice-Chancellor said that this aspect will be examined.

PB 21.7.2

The Board ratified the action concerning the Agreement Documents (placed at **Appendix - 4**) developed for sharing of IGNOU study materials with State Open Universities as under:

1. Agreement for Bulk Purchase.
2. Acquisition of Reproduction Rights.
3. Acquisition of Adaptation Rights.
4. Acquisition for Translation Rights.

ITEM NO. 8

**THE PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR "FEE WAIVER TO SC AND ST STUDENTS" OF IGNOU AND SOUs SUBMITTED TO MIRD - A REPORT.**

PB 21.8.1

The Board ratified the action concerning the proposal (placed at **Appendix - 5**) for an additional grant for "Fee Waiver to SC and ST Students" of IGNOU and State Open Universities as submitted to MIRD.

**ITEM NO. 9**                    **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN CHANGING THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN TEACHER EDUCATION TO DIPLOMA IN PRIMARY EDUCATION.**

PB 21.9.1                    The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in changing the nomenclature of the Diploma Programme in Teacher Education to Diploma in Primary Education.

**ITEM NO.10**                **TO INFORM THE PLANNING BOARD ABOUT THE 9<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION HELD ON MARCH 7, 1998.**

PR 21.10.1                The Board noted the Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation held on March 7, 1998.

**ITEM NO.11**                **TO REPORT ON IGNOU'S EXPLORATION INTO INTERNET BASED LEARNING: SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PROGRAMME.**

PB 21.11.1                The Board noted the Report concerning IGNOU's exploration into INTERNET based learning under the School of Computer and Information Sciences Programme.

**ITEM NO.12**                **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PHASE -1 (PROGRAMME CONCEPT FORM) & PHASE - 2 (PROGRAMME DESIGN FORM) FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN LABOUR IN DEVELOPMENT.**

PB 21.12.1                The Board considered and approved the Phase-1 (Programme Concept Form) & Phase-2 (Programme Design Form) for the Certificate Programme in Labour in Development under the School of Social Sciences, IGNOU. A copy of the Phase -1 and Phase -2 Forms is placed at **Appendix - 6**.



**ITEM NO.13** TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LAUNCH OF "CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT" - A COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME ON PILOT BASIS: SUBMISSION OF COORDINATION COMMITTEE (I1/98)..

PB 21.13.1 The Board considered and approved the launch of "Certificate in Youth and Development" - a Commonwealth Youth Programme on Pilot basis by the University. The details of the Programme and Programme Structure are given at Appendix - 7.

**ITEM NO.14** TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PHASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS OF AOC AND CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ON AQUACULTURE.

PB 21.14.1 The Board considered and approved Phase-1 (Programme Concept Form) and Phase-2 (Programme Design Form) of Application Oriented course (AOC) and Certificate/Diploma Programme on Aquaculture under the School of Sciences. A copy of the Phase -1 and Phase -2 Forms is placed at **Appendix - 8.**

Before the Meeting came to a close, it was decided that the next meeting of the Planning Board may be held in the third week of March, 1999.

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

(ABDUL W. KHAN)  
Vice-Chancellor

