MINUTES OF TEE 22ND **MEETING** OF THE **PLANNING** BOARD OF **THE** INDIRA **GANDHI** NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY **HELD** ON FRIDAY, **MARCH 26,** 1999 AT 11.00 A.M. IN TEE **CONNFERENCE** ROOM, BLOCK ⁻ 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, **MAIDAN GARHI,** NEW **DELHI** ⁻ 110 068.

The following were present:-

1. Prof.**Abdul** W. Khan   ⁻ Chairman
2. Prof. S.S. Bhavikatti
3. Shri R.P. Jagadeesh
4. Prof. **Abu** Salim
5. Dr. T.R. Natesan
6. Dr. D. **Gopal**
7. Shri Akshay **Kumar**
8. Ms. **Annu** J. Thomas
9. Shri S.A. Reddy
10. Prof. C.L. **Anand**
11. Shri **K.J.S. Prasada** Rao, Registrar   Member Secretary

Smt. Pramila Dandavate, **Dr.** N.C.B. Nath, Prof. V.R. **Jagannathan, Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya** and Dr. S.K. Agrawala could not attend the meeting.

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

Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar **(Gov.)** was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset, the vice-chancellor welcomed all the members including Prof. Abu Salim who has attended the meeting of the Planning Board for the first time.

The following agenda items were considered:-

ITEM NO. 1   TO CONFIRM TEE **MINUTES** OF **THE 21ST MEETING OF** THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1998 **AND** TO NOTE THE ACTION **TAKEN THEREON.**

PB 22.1.1   The Minutes of the **21st** meeting of the Planning Board held on September 17, 1998 were confirmed 'with the following corrections/modifications:

The title of the Certificate Programme appearing in Annexure ⁻ A to Appendix-6 to Resolution No. PB 21.12.1 should read as **"Labour in Development".**

PB 22.1.2 '   A brief note on the background of the Acts Ministry in reference to Resolution No.PB 21.4.2 was circulated to members for information.

ITEM NO. 2   **TO RATIFY THE WORK-IN PROGRESS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE REQUEST FOR THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE SUBMISSION OF REPORT.**

PB 22.2.1   The Planning Board considered the report on the progress of the Review Committee and agreed to extend the time limit for the completion and submission of its Report by May 15, 1999.

ITEM NO. 3   **TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING BOARD UNDER STATUTE 16 READ WITH STATUTE 10(4) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY.**

PB 22.3.1   The Board considered the matter. Prof. Ram Pratap explained in brief the background and objective for setting up of the proposed Standing Committee of the Planning Board under Statute 16 read with Statute 10(4) of the Statutes of the University. Members agreed that given functions envisaged for the Planning and Development Division and the constraints of time gap between the decisions of the Coordination Committee and their implementation may be considered as major reasons for constituting a Standing Committee of the Planning Board as proposed replacing the present Coordination Committee.

PB 22.3.2   The Planning Board approved the proposal for constituting the Standing Committee of the Planning Board to be known as the "Academic Programme Committee" specifying its composition, functions, tenure quorum, etc., as detailed below;

    (1) Composition

    (i)   The Vice-chancellor - Chairman
    (ii)   Two members of the Planning Board nominated by it.
    (iii)   One Pro Vice Chancellor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
    (iv)   Two Directors of Schools nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
    (v)   Two **Heads/Directors** of Divisions, nominated by **the Vice-Chancellor**
    (vi)   Director, Planning & Development Division - Member-Secretary

(2) Functions

(i) development of strategies for __determining__ __priorities__ 'in the development of __new__ programme's;

(ii) co-ordination among all __the concerned__ __divisions__ __and schools for__ launching of new programmes and

(iii)to develop and implement appropriate systems __and procedures__ for improving __the operational__ management.

(3) __Tenure of__ the nom__inated members__ shall be for __two years__ from the—date of notification.

(4) ,__Five members__ of the Committee shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall meet at such interval as deemed expedient, but not less th__an four__ times a year.

PB 22.3.3   The Planning Board authorised the Vice-chancellor to nominate its members on the Committee under Clause **(1)(ii)** above.

| ITEM NO. 4 | **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON __NEED__ ASSESSMENT STUDIES BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.** |

PB 22.4.1   The Planning Board considered the proposal on need assessment studies. Members agreed that in order to have the academic programmes of the University to be more objective and dynamic, the need **assessment/trend** surveys will serve as the essential inputs for the development of the new programmes especially in the following ways:

(i)   Identification of training needs, competency development and knowledge upgradation in the **areas** of agriculture, health, communication, information technology, tourism, __telecom,__ automobile, __energy,__ etc. in **Public/Private** Sectors.

(ii) Educational and training **requirements** of the staff employed in Private and Public Sectors.

(iii) Need survey of the courses conceptualized by the Schools.

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The need assessment study will include survey design, estimating the survey cost, preparation of schedules and questionnaires, canvassing the schedules, data collection, analysis of data, and preparation of draft report.

PB 22.4.2   The members expressed a view whether the time frame proposed by the Planning and Development Division for completing the need **assessment/trend** survey is realistic.   This aspect may be looked into.

PB 22.4.3   The Planning Board agreed in principle that these surveys may be treated as short-term research projects.   The Planning and Development Division will formulate proposals, including expenditure involved, for consideration and approval by the Vice-Chancellor and will be responsible for implementation once the proposals are approved.

ITEM NO. 5   **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PHASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS OF THE MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY (M.A.).**

PB 22.5.1   The Planning Board considered the proposal. Prof. Kapil Kumar, who was invited to the meeting, explained the salient features of the proposal. The Planning Board approved the Phase-1 and **Phase-2** Forms as given in the agenda note relating to Master of Arts in History (**M.A.**) of School of Social Sciences.

ITEM NO. 6   **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PHASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS OF THE MASTERS IN TOURISM STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT (MTSM).**

PB 22.6.1   Prof. Kapil Kumar, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal. The Planning Board considered and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in the Agenda Note relating to the Masters in Tourism Studies and Management (**MTSM**) of School of Social Sciences.

ITEM NO. 7   **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PHASE-1 AND PEASE-2 FORMS OF THE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (DES).**

PB 22.7.1   Prof. Kapil Kumar, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal.   The Planning Board considered and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in the Agenda Note relating to the Diploma in Environmental Studies (**DES**) of School of Social Sciences.

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ITEM NO. 8   TO CONSIDER FOUR ELECTIVE COURSES TO PROVIDE **ELECTIVE** OPTION FOR POST **GRADUATE** DIPLOMA IN RURAL **DEVELOPMENT.**

PB **22.8.1**   Dr. Gracious Thomas of the School of Continuing Education who was invited to the meeting gave a brief account of the proposal. The Planning Board considered and apprwed the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in **the** agenda note relating to four elective courses to provide elective option for Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development. These four elective courses are as under:

,.,(i)   Rural Social Welfare
(ii)   Land Reforms and Rural Development
(iii)   Entrepreneurship in Rural Development
(iv)   Panchayati Raj in Rural Development

PB **22.8.2**   Planning Board suggested that the School may explore the possibility of adding a new **course/elective** - **"Intrastructure** and Rural Development".

ITEM NO. 9   TO CONSIDER **THE** PROPOSAL **FOR** TBB CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN PANCHAYAT LEVEL DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.

PB 22.9.1   The Planning Board considered and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 **Forms** as given in the agenda note relating to the Certificate Programme in Panchayat Level Development and Administration of the School of Continuing Education.

PB 22.9.2   While on the subject, the Vice-chancellor informed' the members of the distinction IGNOU earned by bagging 4 out of 10 awards of excellence presented by Commonwealth of Learning **(COL)** at a function organised in Brunei recently. The course **aterial** developed by Indira Gandhi Nationa **Open** University on Panchayati Raj Project **bagged** the award of excellence, the Commonwealth of **Learning** also awarded three other awards to IGNOU. **These** were:

(1)   To Prof. **G.Ram** Reddy, Posthomusly.

(2)   To **Prof.** V.C.Kulandai Swamy, former **Vice-** Chancellor of **IGNOU.**

(3)   To a student of IGNOU from Solomon Islands.

The Planning Board, while appreciating and congratulating the University on this,' suggested that this **information** may be shared with all the members of the Board'of Management, the Academic Council and the Planning Board.

ITEM NO. 10   **TO REPORT ON THE REVISE 'CURRICULUM OF THE BACHELOR'S DEQREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TO APPROVE PHASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS OF BLISc.**

PB **22.1Ô.1**   Prof. S.B. Ghosh, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal. The Planning Board noted the Report on the revised curriculum of the Bachelor's Degree in Library and Information Science and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in the agenda note relating to the said programme (revised) of the School of Social Sciences.

ITEM NO. 11   **TO CONSIDER THE PHASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS FOR ANM PROGRAMME OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES.**

PB 22.11.1   Prof. A.K. Agarwal, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal. The Planning Board considered and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in the agenda note relating to Auxilliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) **Programme** of the School of Health Sciences.

ITEM NO. 12   **TO REPORT ON THE 10TH CONVOCATION HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1999.**

PB 22.12.1   The Planning Board noted the Report on the **10th** Convocation of the University held on Sunday, March 14, 1999.

ITEM NO. 13   **TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR A CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME ON HIV AND FAMILY EDUCATION (PHASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS).**

PB 22.13.1   Dr. 'G. Thomas of the School of Continuing Education, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal. The Planning Board considered and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in the agenda note relating to a Certificate Programme on HIV and Family Education of the School of Continuing Education.

ITEM NO. 14	**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR A CERTIFICATE COURSE IN CONSUMER STUDIES/PROTECTION (PEASE-1 AND PHASE-2 FORMS).**
PB 22.14.1	The Planning Board considered and approved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 Forms as given in the agenda note relating to Certificate Course in Consumer **Studies/Protection,** of School of Social Sciences.
ITEM NO. 15	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF "VIRTUAL CAMPUS INITIATIVE TO OPPER COMPUTER PROGRAMMES USING TELBCONPPRENCING AND INTERNET BASED DELIVERY".**
PB 22.15.1	Prof. M.M. Pant, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal. The Planning Board considered the concept of "Virtual Campus Initiative to offer Computer Programmes using teleconferencing and INTERNET based delivery". The Coordination Committee in its meeting held on **March** 23, 1999 approved the academic programmes to be offered through Virtual Campus as given below:

(i)   Bachelor of Information Technology

(ii)   PG Diploma in Information Technology

(iii)   **Ph.D.** in Information Technology

(iv)   Diploma in Information System Security

(v)   Diploma in System Engineering

(vi)   PG Diploma in electronic Commerce

(vii)   Diploma in Learning Technologies

(viii) Diploma in Tele-Communications

(ix)   Certificatein Infomation Technology

(x)   Awareness Capsule in Internet, in Learning Technologies, and in E-Commerce.

PB 22.15.2	In response to the rapid growth of the IGNOU Computer programmes and on the basis of its experience, the School of Computer and Information Sciences started exploring the possibilities of electronic and network based delivery of learning. It was stated that it is now possible to have a practically implementable plan for offering the above mentioned courses in a virtual mode.

PB 22.15.3   The Board, having deliberated on the subject at some length, approved the concept of "Virtual Campus Initiative to offer Computer Programmes using Teleconferencing and Internet based delivery".

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

(ABDUL W. KHAN)
VICE-CHANCELLOR