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**MINUTES OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON JUNE 13, 2002
AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK NO-8, IGNOU
CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. K. Gopalan | |
| 3. | Prof. N.V. Narasimham | |
| 4. | Prof. Ram Pratap | |
| 5. | Dr. Anju Sehgal Gupta | |
| 6. | Dr. R.N. Salhan | |

Prof. D.M. Pestonjee, Prof. R. Chakrabarti, Sh. Vinod Dhall & Dr. Tribhuvan Kapur, could not attend the meeting. Shri Vikram Chandra, Registrar, Member-Secretary could not attend the meeting being on leave.

Prof. Tej Pratap Singh Vice-Chancellor, H.P. Agriculture University, Palampur attended the Meeting as a special invitee.

Shri D.C. Pant, Advisor, Prof. A.K. Agarwal & Prof. S.C. Garg also attended the meeting as special invitees.

Sh. M.S. Negi, Dy. Registrar (Admn) and Shri R.P.D Sinyh, Assistant Registrar (Governance), were present to assist the Chairman.

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members, and the special invitees. He introduced Prof. Tej Pratap Singh, Vice-Chancellor, H.P. Agriculture University, Palampur (H.P.), to the members of the Board. He informed the Board that Prof. Singh is an eminent scholar in the Field of Agriculture Sciences and he has requested Prof Singh to participate in the meeting so that the University benefits from his rich experience. There after the items were taken up for discussion and following decisions were arrived at:

**ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE
PLANNING BOARD HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2002 AND TO NOTE
THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

- PB 27.1.1 The minutes of the 26th meeting of the Planning Board were circulated to the members. The Chairman read out the action taken report on the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Planning Board held on 9.1.2002. The Action Taken Report on the decision taken was noted.

The members noted the comments received on item No. 26.2 of the 26th meeting and resolved to adopt the same.

PB 27.1.2 Regarding (para P.B. 26.2.1) item No. 2 of the minutes of the 26th Meeting, the Chairman clarified that as per the decision of the Planning Board, the Vice-Chancellor had constituted a committee. The clarification was noted by the Board.

Participating in the discussion Prof. K. Goplan, pointed out that there was long time gap between the two meetings of the Planning Board. It was therefore necessary that the present position with regard to the implementation of the various Resolutions of the Planning Board are recorded suitably in the minutes. This may supplement the approved minutes. With the above suggestion the minutes of the 26th meeting were confirmed by the Planning Board.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER AND CONFIRM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 13TH, 14TH & 15TH MEETINGS (ITEM TABLED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR) OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 1, 2002, FEBRUARY 28, 2002 & MAY 17, 2002, RESPECTIVELY.

PB. 27.2.1 The minutes of these meetings were considered by the Board

PB. 27.2.2 The Board resolved to confirm the recommendations of the 13th, 14th & 15th Meetings of the Academic Programme Committee.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT DOCUMENT ON 'VISION AND MISSION OF IGNOU'.

PB 27.3.1 The draft 'Vision and Mission' document was taken up for discussion. At the outset Prof. Ram Pratap, Director, Planning & Development Div., presented a brief outline of the 'Vision and Mission' document. The Vice-Chancellor requested Prof. S.C Garg to make a detailed presentation on the document, which Prof. Garg did.

Dr. R.N. Salhan, Member, appreciated the contents and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on bringing out such an excellent document. He, however, suggested that:

- i) The document should contain some statement towards steps taken by the University/contemplated in future to ensure that the quality of the product/students was comparable to that of any other institutions/university of higher learning .

- ii) The university should keep its systems upgraded. He advised that the draft document should contain suitable statement in this regard.
- iii) The University should have a system of people's participation in the activities, in the form of feed-back from the students, counsellors, study centres and so on, which should be supplemented by regular contact programmes/conferences/orientation programmes. The 'Vision and Mission' Document of the University may dwell on this aspect, suitably.

Prof. K. Gopalan stated that IGNOU has a national character and the Document, 'Vision and Mission' was likely to be scrutinized inside as well as outside the country. Though the document was well presented still there were several editorial errors, which need to be corrected. He noted that at several places abbreviations have been used in the document. To make the document comprehensible full form only should be used. Where, however acronyms, abbreviations are preferred they should be given in brackets alongwith full form. He further noted that there was a need to elaborate what the University has done so far towards development of Open and Distance Learning in the country and for the development of State Open Universities, in particular.

Appreciating the presentation of the document, 'Vision and Mission' document of IGNOU Prof. Tej Prasad Singh mentioned that the future belonged to Agriculture Sciences and Bio Technology. The IGNOU with its expertise and the vast resources at its disposal should seize opportunities and endeavour in this field through Distance Education mode. He felt that the 'Vision & Mission' document should incorporate IGNOU's plans in these areas in the coming years.

PB 27.3.2 After detailed discussion, the Board resolved to approve the 'Vision & Mission' document. The Chairman requested Prof. K. Gopalan & Prof. S.C. Garg to get the draft document revised by incorporating the suggestions made by the members and finalize the document for the consideration of the Board of Management. The revised draft document is placed as **Appendix**.

ITEM NO. 4 TO REPORT ON THE 13TH CONVOCATION OF IGNOU HELD ON 21.3.2032.

PB 27.4.1 The Advisor, IGNOU presented a brief report on the 13th Convocation of the University held on 21.3.2032, at the Head Quarters and at the Regional Centres of the University, simultaneously. He reported that in

all, 78074 Students were awarded Degree, Diplomas and Certificates, by the University.

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

Vikram Chander

Registrar-Member Secretary

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