

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD, IGNOU HELD ON APRIL 4, 2005 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. H.P. Dikshit		Chairman
2.	Prof. S.C. Garg		Special Invitee
3.	Prof. Kamlakar Singh	-	Member
4.	Prof. A.K. Sharma	-	Member
5.	Prof. S. Neelamegham	-	Member
6.	Prof. S.K. Aggarwal		Member
7.	Dr. D. Padmanaban	-	Member
8.	Prof.(Ms.) Anjoo Saran Upadhyaya	-	Member
9.	Prof. N.M. Quraishi	-	Member
10.	Prof. B.S. Saraswat		Member
11.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal	-	Member
12.	Dr. Masood Parveez	-	Member
13.	Ms. Poonam Bhushan	-	Member
14.	Prof. Beena Shah		Member Secretary

Prof. K.K. Agarwal, Dr. J.P. Singh and Prof. A.S. Narang could not attend the meeting.

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Deputy Director and Shri R. Sudarsan, Analyst were present to assist the Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Planning Board. The Board welcomed the new members, Prof. Kamlakar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, M.P. **Bhoj** (Open) University, Bhopal, and resolved to place on record appreciation for the contributions made by Shri Vinod **Dhall**, former Secretary, Department of Company Affairs, **Govt.** of India and Prof. R.K. Singh, former Vice-Chancellor, M.P. **Bhoj** (Open) University, Bhopal.

The Chairman requested Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro-Vice Chancellor to present the agenda items.

P.B.30.1 To confirm the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Planning Board held on July 14, 2004 and to note the action taken thereon

P.B.30.1.1 Prof. S.C. Garg apprised the members that minutes of the twenty ninth meeting of the Planning Board were circulated to the Members

and no comments had been received from the members. The Board **confirmed** the minutes as circulated.

- P.B.30.1.2 Presenting the action taken report on the minutes of the **29th** meeting of the Planning Board, Prof. S.C. Garg mentioned that the new School of Agriculture is developing programmes at three different levels: Awareness, **Certificate** and Diploma. The Awareness/ Certificate programmes are expected to be **put** on offer in July **2005/January** 2006. Prof. Garg informed that the suggestion of the Planning Board to change the nomenclature for 'Certificate in Health Care and Waste Management' has been referred to the School of Health Sciences for further necessary action. Prof. Garg highlighted the emphasis being given by the University in revising¹ overhauling the course contents developed prior to 1998. As a policy, the University has decided that every programme should be revisited for revision with an **interval** of every five years for upgradation and improvement. In the process, it was reported that the University has already revised some major programmes such as MCA, MLIS, MBA, **B.Sc.(N)**, PGDHHM, PGDMCH and PGDHE. In addition to this, 49 courses developed prior to 1998 have also been revised. A large number of **courses/programmes** are under revision. The details are available in the Convocation Report presented by the Vice-Chancellor, a copy of which was placed on the table.

- P.B.30.2 To consider and approve the recommendations of the **24th** and **25th** Meetings of the Academic **Programme** Committee (APC), a Standing Committee of the Planning Board, held on 15.10.2004 and 15.3.2005 respectively.

- P.B.30.2.1 The process of programme approval and the relevance of **Phase-II** (Programme Concept Form) and Phase-IV (Programme Launch Approval Form) was presented. It was reported that in the **24th** meeting of APC, **Phase-II** forms of six programmes and Phase-IV forms of three programmes were approved. In its **25th** meeting, APC approved **Phase-II** forms of three programmes and Phase-IV

forms of eleven programmes. The list of programmes approved is given in **Annexure-I**.

P.B.30.2.2 Prof. Garg informed that for PG Diploma in Australian Studies, partial financial support has been received from the Australia-India Council (AIC) and the programme is under development. The detailed curriculum framed by the expert committee of PG diploma in Bio-informatics has been approved by the Academic Council and course writers meetings for developing materials have been held for all but two courses. The programme is likely to be launched in January 2006. The PG Certificate in Copy Editing and Proof Reading and Bachelor in Nautical Science were put on offer from January 2005.

The Board specially appreciated the usefulness of 'Bachelor in Nautical Science' programme which was already launched and 'PG Diploma in Community Cardiology', which was being developed by **IGNOU** in collaboration with Narayan Hrudayalaya to train the general Physicians. The Board also noted that the programme is likely to be launched from January 2006.

During the discussions, it emerged that the University could consider the following initiatives for the future:

- (i) Development of a programme on Gender Studies at PG level;
- (ii) Translation of Certificate in Food Safety programme in regional languages.

It was informed that as a policy of DEC, respective State Open Universities are advised to take initiatives in translating the programme in regional languages. It was advised that as far as possible, subject experts should be associated for translation work.

The Board noted that M.A. programmes in Public Administration, Sociology and **Economics** and Certificate in ICT Applications in Libraries shall be put on offer from July 2005 session while Diploma in Dairy Technology and Diploma in Meat Technology are to be offered from January 2006.

- P.B.30.2.3 The Planning Board approved the **recommendations** of **24th** and **25th** meetings of APC.
- P.B.30.3** To present a report on the **16th** Convocation of IGNOU held on 5th March 2005.
- P.B.30.3.1 The Chairman highlighted the salient features of the progress made by IGNOU during the last one year as given in the Vice-Chancellor's Report presented at **16th** IGNOU Convocation, which was placed on table. He informed that IGNOU shall have 125 Satellite Interactive Terminals (**SITs**) for interactive teaching-learning supported by **EDUSAT**. In order to make the distance education accessible in remote, rural and less-developed areas, **IGNOU** has established six Sub Regional Centres as well.
- P.B.30.3.2 The Planning Board adopted the **16th** Convocation Report.
- P.B.30.4 To inform the Planning Board **regarding** the approval of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) of the **10th** Plan and the action taken thereafter.
- P.B.30.4.1 The Chairman informed the Board that in January 2004, the EFC met under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) to consider **IGNOU's 10th** Plan proposals. On the basis of the recommendations of the EFC, the University was informed by MHRD in October 2004, about the approval of an outlay of **Rs.510** crore for the **10th** Plan Period. Of this, the share of **Government** of India will be **Rs.380** crore and the remaining **Rs.130** crore will be met from **IGNOU's** internal resources. 10% of the total outlay is

earmarked for the development of education in North-Eastern States.

Prof. S.C. Garg made a brief presentation on the thrust areas of the 10th Plan proposals and the progress made in terms of approved activities. During the last three years of the Plan period (2002-03 to 2004-05), **IGNOU** has developed 27 programmes at various levels and in various disciplines. 13 more programmes are ready for launch during the current year and 14 more programmes are under development and are likely to be launched during the 10th Plan period.

The Board noted the following new initiatives:

- (i) Inter-University Consortium for Technology Enabled Flexible Education and Development (IUC-TEFED) to promote collaborative research and develop resource base by sharing experiences on a common platform for optimum utilization of IT in the ODL system;
- (ii) The National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education to provide intellectual and technological support for application-based research and plan for standardization of the system and development of resource materials.;
- (iii) The National Centre for Differently **Abled** (NACDA) in collaboration with Rehabilitation Council of **India** and other organizations to cater to the training and educational needs for the empowerment of the people with disabilities.

P.B.30.4.2 The Planning Board noted with appreciation the details of the approval of the 10th Plan proposal of the University.

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



(H.P. DIKSHIT)
Chairman