

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Planning and Development Division

**MINUTES OF THE 40th (FORTIETH) MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON
NOVEMBER 20th, 2012 AT 4.30 P.M AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR
BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI- 110068**

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. A. K. Singh, Director, SOTST | Member |
| 3. Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor, SOSS | Member |
| 4. Dr. Rampelli Satyanarayana, Associate Professor, STRIDE | Member |
| 5. Er. K.K. Bhatt, Regional Director, Jammu | Member |
| 6. Mr. U. S. Tolia, Registrar, (Admin) | Member |
| 7. Prof. T.U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD | Member Secretary |

Dr. K. D. Prasad, Deputy Director, RSD was invited as Special Invitee being the Convener for preparing XII Five Year Plan Document, however he could not attend the meeting.

Dr. R. Sudarsan, Deputy Director, and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Senior Analyst, Planning and Development Division were present in meeting to assist the member secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the 40th Meeting of the Planning Board. He introduced and welcomed newly nominated members i.e. Prof. A.R. Khan, Prof. A.K. Singh, Dr. R. Satyanarayana and Er. K.K. Bhatt and said that he looked forward to their guidance and cooperation for taking IGNOU new heights. The new members expressed thanks and gratitude to the chairperson for nominating them for the Planning Board. The Chairman thanked and acknowledge outstanding contributions to the Planning Board of the following out going members i.e. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, Prof. K. Elumalai, Prof. Savita Singh, Prof. Kalyan K. Dutta, Dr. Deepak Sood, Prof. Udai Pratap Singh, Prof. Rupa Shah, Prof. B.P. Sanjay, Prof. Kiran Karnik, Prof. A Sukumar Nair, Shri Anil K. Agarwal, Prof. S.P. Narang, Prof. J. Sasidhar Prasad and Prof. A. K. Jha.

After the welcome address the Member Secretary Prof. T.U. Fulzele gave a brief note about the main focus of this Planning Board meeting and also stated that there are four tabled items that shall be considered with the permission of the Chair. The Member Secretary also reasoned the importance of this meeting and the need for calling the meeting within a short notice. Subsequently, the chairperson requested to the Member Secretary to present items on the Agenda.

The following items on the Agenda were taken up:

PB 40.1 To Confirm the minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Planning Board held on 22nd September 2011 and the Action Taken Report(s)

PB 40.1.1 The member Secretary submitted that the minutes of the 39th meeting of Planning Board were circulated to the members and stated that no comments were received from the members. The minutes of the said meeting is placed as Annexure-1/1.

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- PB 40.1.2 The Member Secretary informed that the Planning and Development Division has not received Action Taken/Follow up Reports on items approved in previous meetings of the Planning Board.
- PB 40.1.3 The Chairman and Mr. U.S. Tolia suggested that Planning and Development should take necessary steps to collect the Action Taken Report on the decisions made in the 39th Planning Board at the earliest and further suggested that there shall be an exclusive meeting to discuss upon various Action Taken Reports before calling for the next Planning Board Meeting.
- PB 40.2 To Present the XIIth Five Year Plan document of IGNOU for approval before submitting it to the Planning Commission.
- PB 40.2.1 The Member Secretary informed the members that Vice Chancellor nominated a committee under the chairmanship of Sh. C. R. Pillai, former Director, Planning and Development Division; vide letter no IG/Admn (G) Not/2011/2687 dated 16th January, 2012 (copy is annexed I/2) to draft XIIth Five Year Plan. The member secretary informed the members about the main terms of reference of the committee and informed that DPR (item wise) and EFC memo for the XIIth Five Year Plan are still awaited from the committee).
- PB 40.2.2 The members expressed the views that the XIIth Five Year Plan is full of typographic mistakes and even basic information about the university (name of schools and chairs etc.) was typed wrongly in the document. There are arithmetic mistakes in the document i.e. sum of figures are not correct. They expressed concern that such document will give bad reputation to the IGNOU to outside agencies.
- PB 40.2.3 The Committee expressed displeasure with the draft proposal of the XIIth Five Year Plan and members suggested that the convener of the committee may be asked to make a brief presentation of the features of the XIIth Five Year Plan. The committee also suggested that the finance officer IGNOU may be invited as a special invitee in the next Planning Board Meeting. Thus, this item was deferred.
- PB 40.3 To Consider and Confirm the Minutes of 41st Academic Programme Committee (APC) meeting held on 30th January, 2012 and the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the APC.
- PB 40.3.1 The member secretary placed the minutes of the 41st Meeting of APC held on 30th January, 2012 for consideration and approval of the Planning Board (Annexed I/3). Members noted that annexure and relevant documents related to minutes of the 41st Meeting of APC have not been placed for reference. The committee suggested that all the relevant annexures/documents should be placed along with the minutes of the APC Meeting so that members can have holistic view of the recommendations of the APC while approving the minutes.
- PB 40.3.2 The item is noted with above observation and confirmed the minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee.

Tabled Items:**PB 40.4 Approval of the proposal for the establishment of "Centre for Modern Indian Languages and Mother Tongues"**

PB 40.4.1 Prof. A. K. Singh, Director of School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST), the member of the Planning Board presented the Item in detail justifying the need for the establishment of the Center for Modern Indian Languages and Mother Tongues. He also explained the relevance of the society's expectations of the center and the programmes that would be housed in the center.

PB 40.4.2 The Registrar informed the members that the Vice Chancellor has nominated a committee under the chairmanship of Shri C. R. Pillai, former Director Planning & Development Division, IGNOU to formulate policies regarding establishment and functioning of Centres at IGNOU. The members felt that deliberation on establishment of "Centre for Modern Indian Languages and Mother Tongues" may be deferred till the approval of recommendations of the committee by the Board of Management.

PB 40.4.3 The committee decided to defer the item and directed the member secretary that item may be re-submitted to the Planning Board once the recommendations of the committee would be approved by the Board of Management.

PB 40.5. Approval of the proposal for establishment of "Center for Sindhi Language & Culture"

PB 40.5.1 Prof. A. K. Singh, Director of School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST), the member of the Planning Board presented the Item in detail justifying the need for the establishment of the "Center for Sindhi Language & Culture".

PB 40.5.2 The committee decided to defer the item in light of decision taken for the item PB 40.4 and directed the member secretary that item may be re-submitted to the Planning Board once the recommendations of the committee would be approved by the Board of Management.

PB 40.6 Approval of the Phase-III 'Programme Launch Approval Form' for "Post-Graduate Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development".

PB 40.6.1 The Programme coordinator Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOA, made a brief presentation about the readiness of the programme for launching it in July 2013 session. This programme would be offered through online mode.

PB 40.6.2 The Members were pleased with the readiness of the programme and approved the Phase-III 'Programme Launch Approval Form' for "Post-Graduate Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development" for July 2013 academic session.

PB 40.7 Approval for defining the autonomy of Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC).

PB 40.7.1 The Director, ISLRTC; Prof. P. R. Ramanujam was invited to give a presentation on the Agenda Item. Prof. P. R. Ramanujam quoted decisions taken by the Board of

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Management in its 109th, 110th and 111th Meetings held on 27th August, 7th October, and 29th December, 2011 respectively (Annexed I/4).

109th Meeting of the Board of Management:

"The Board approved the proposal for establishment of the Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) at IGNOU, as sponsored Project of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MOSJ & E), Govt. of India.

The Board objective of the Centre as well as implementation of the Project shall be as per the MOSJ&E order No. 4-12/2009 NI dated 21/07/2011. A copy of said order is enclosed as Appendix-9.

The Board approved the endorsement of the Govt. order implementation in the University".
(refer item no. BM 109.41.2)

110th Meeting of the Board of Management

"The Board appreciated the efforts of the University to establish the ISLRTC at IGNOU and approved the appointment of the Professor Madan M. Vasishta as the Professor and Director of the project of MOSJ&E at IGNOU, for a period of five year as per the terms and condition of the MOSJ&E project.

The Board further authorized the Chairman to nominate a member on the Board of ISLRTC, from amongst the members of the BOM, IGNOU."

(refer item no. BM 110. 17.2)

111th Meeting of the Board of Management

The Board decided that since the ISLRTC has already been established and notified in the IGNOU with funding from Govt. of India, there is no need for establishment of IGNOU Institute of Sign Language in the University which is ultimately to serves the same purpose and the same clientele" (refer item no. BM 111. 10.1)

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The members felt that the item can not be considered at this stage by the Planning Board. The committee directed Prof. P. R. Ramanujam to take the matter to Board of Management for necessary guidance and direction.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

G. Pradhan
(Prof. Gopinath Pradhan)
Vice Chancellor,
Chairman Planning Board,
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