INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY Planning & Development Division

Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 29.08.2001 at 11.00 AM in Block No. 8, Board Room, IGNOU

The twelfth meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) was held on 29.08.01. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. H.P.Dikshit, Vice Chancellor,	Chairman
2.	Prof. A.K. Agarwal, Director, SOHS,	Member Member Member Member Member Member
3.	Prof. S. C. Garg, Director, SOS,	
4.	Dr. R. N. Salhan, Consultant, Pediatrics, DGHS	
5.	Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE	
5.	Dr. (Mrs.) Anju Sehgal Gupta, Reader, SOH	
6.	Prof. Ram Pratap, Director, PD&D	

Dr. P.K. Mehta could not attend this meeting because of his engagement for another meeting in MHRD. The following faculty members also attended the meeting as special invitees for participating in the discussion on the programmes with details provided in the respective forms:

- 1. Dr. Alka Dhameja, SOSS
- 2. Dr. Uma Medury, SOSS
- 3. Dr. D. Gopal, SOSS

The member-secretary welcomed the Chairman and members of the Committee. The agenda items were taken in seriatim.

APC 12.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting held on 1.6.2001.

- APC 12.1.1 The minutes were approved with the following observation:
 - i) An Action Taken Report on the minutes of the previous meeting should be placed along with the minutes.
 - ii) The correction may be made in the para APC 11.3.1, 11.4.1 & 11.5.1. The sentence "...and one North-East language (Manipuri)" may be read as "...and one North-East language-Manipuri.
 - iii) A sub-committee may be constituted by the Advisory Committee to periodically monitor the progress of programmes related to Rehabilitation /Physically Challenged persons.
 - iv) The systems of having "Standing Committee of the Academic Council" as per practice in the several other universities could be considered.
 - v) The tentative schedule of the APC meeting may be redrawn keeping in view the schedule of Academic Council Meetings.

APC 12.2 Phase II form - Post Graduate Programme: MA (Public Administration, School of Social Science)

- APC 12.2.1. Dr. Alka Dhameja, one of the Programme Coordinators, made a presentation of the programme proposal covering the rationale, objectives and main features of the programme.
- APC 12.2.2 The issues related to the i) theory and practical ratio, ii) identification of institutions for imparting practical components, iii) fee of the programme, iv) expected enrolment -method estimation v) collaboration with Centre of Excellence/ Centre of Advance studies in Public Administration identified by the UGC, National research centres, IIPA, L.B. Academy of Administration, IITs. IIITs and other national institutes, etc; for development of programme structure,

curriculum and study material, vi) Collaboration with SOUs & CCIs for sharing, adaptation and development of course material and vii) costing aspects were discussed.

APC 12.2.3 The Committee approved the programme with the following observations:

- i) Collaboration may be made with the following institutions for development of programme structure, curriculum and study material.
 - Centres of Excellence/Centre of Advance studies identified by the UGC in the area of Public Administration;
 - b) National Institutes /Research centres;
 - c) IIPA;
 - d) L.B. Academy of Administration and
 - e) National Institute like IITs/IIITs, etc.
- collaboration with SOUs & CCIs for sharing, adaptation and development of the course material. The Discipline faculty may take the exercise to identify the courses which could be adapted from the SOU & CCIs and develop the programme by incorporating the new & innovative aspects.
- iii) The objective should be to develop self-instructional material so that core component could be used by all the institutes receiving DEC support.
- APC 12.3 Phase II form Post Graduate Programme: MA (Political Studies), School of Social Sciences.
- APC 12.3.1 Dr. D. Gopal, Programme Co-ordinator of the programme made a presentation of the programme proposal covering the rationale, objectives and main features of the programme.
- APC 12.3.2. The committee approved the programme with the observation that the Discipline faculty may take leadership and co-ordinate with the SOUs & CCIs to develop a common Post Graduate Programme of quality. The study material could then be made available to all SOU and CCI. The objective should be to develop self-instructional material so that core component could be used by all institutes receiving DEC support
- APC 12.4 A Report on the proposal of Veterinary Council of India for Post-graduate Diploma in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service Management based on Brain storming session held on 15-16th March, 2001.
- APC 12.4.1 The item was deferred due to paucity of time.

APC General Issue

The Chairman made the following general observation:

- a) The time lag in development of programmes should be minimized.
- b) The programmes & study material should be developed by involving the National institutes/research institutes/Centre for Advance Studies/Centre of excellence, etc. This would give credibility to the material and the time lapse would also be less.
- c) The University may take lead in collaboration with SOUs and CCIs for sharing of material and development of common programmes.

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