

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION)**

MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 13th JULY, 2015 (MONDAY) AT 12.00 NOON. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR OFFICE, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068.

The following were present:

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	-	Chairman
Dr. P. Prakash, Pro-Vice Chancellor	-	Member
Prof. Sushma Yadava, Pro-Vice Chancellor	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. A. R. Khan, SOSS	-	Member
Prof. (Mrs.) Srilatha, Director, SOMS	-	Member
Prof. P. Srinivas Kumar, Director, SOET	-	Member
Prof. Debal.K. Singharoy, Director, ACD	-	Member
Prof. M S Nathawat, Director, RU	-	Member
Prof. Ravindra Kumar, SOSS	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD	-	Member Secretary

Sh. Pankaj Khanna and Dr. Sunil Kumar were present to assist the Member Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the APC to its 47th Meeting. The Member Secretary informed the Members and Special Invitees that secretariat of APC had received five Agenda Items for consideration of the Academic Programme Committee. The Member Secretary sought permission from the Chair to place Agenda Items in the 47th Meeting of the APC.

A.P.C. 47.01 To consider and confirm the minutes of the 46th meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 15th April, 2015 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs)

A.P.C. 47.1.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the minutes of the 46th meeting of the APC held on 15th April, 2015 were circulated to the Members. No comments on the minutes of the 46th meeting were received from the Members. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 46th meeting of the APC; thereafter action taken on (Annexure...ATR) the recommendations of the APC were placed for consideration of the Committee.



APC.47.1.2

Refer item number APC.46.8 Phase I Post Graduate Certificate in Inventory Planning and Warehouse System: The APC advised that curriculum of the programme should be focused on academic and training needs of Graduate Engineers who are employed in any warehouse. The nomenclature of the programme should reflect catchment area of the programme. The APC in its 46th meeting, deferred approval of the programme with direction to resubmit proposal with desired changes.

The School of Engineering and Technology informed that the word 'Engineers' has been added to the nomenclature of the programme and revised curriculum focuses on academic and training needs of Graduate Engineers employed in warehouses. Revised nomenclature of the programme is 'Post Graduate Certificate in Inventory Planning and Warehouse System for Engineers'.

The School submitted Phase I Form of 'Post Graduate Certificate in Inventory Planning and Warehouse System for Engineers' with desired changes for consideration of the APC. The Programme Coordinator made a brief presentation about the programme and outcomes of need assessment study. Conventional sampling method is used for conducting need assessment study. The School estimated that 500 students annually would be enrolled in this programme.

The APC took note of the deliberation and recommended for approval of Phase-I of Post Graduate Certificate in Inventory Planning and Warehousing System for Engineers.

APC.47.1.3

Refer APC.46.9 Phase-I of Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Anthropology: The Committee advised the School to explore possibility of collaboration with School of Health Sciences (SOHS), IGNOU for design of the programme. The Committee also advised to explore the possibility whether admission in the programme can be offered to the Graduates other than Science stream. . The programme may be offered on pilot basis, only through laboratories of Anthropology Department of other Universities. The Committee deferred approval of Phase-I with directions to re-submit the proposal with desired changes.

The programme coordinator in its Action Taken Report informed members that the faculty of SOSS and SOHS will jointly design the programme. However, the School was of the opinion that admission in the programme should not be offered to Graduates other than Social Sciences Discipline. The Programme Coordinator apprised the Committee that seven laboratories of Anthropology Department in different Universities agreed to work as Programme Centres for delivery of practical component. Phase I of Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Anthropology was placed for



consideration of the Committee with aforesaid changes.

The APC was satisfied with the action taken by the School on its suggestions and recommended for approval of Phase-I of Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Anthropology.

APC.47.1.4

Refer APC.46.1.4: APC in its 45th Meeting directed to constitute a Committee to examine issue of low enrollment. The Member Secretary informed the Members about constitution of Committee for this purpose under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Prakash. The Committee urged the Member Secretary to request the Committee to expedite the matter.

The Member Secretary shared difficulties faced by the Secretariat in getting Action Taken Reports on the recommendations on the APC. The APC directed the Member Secretary to issue a notification in this regard informing that reporting of action on the recommendations of the APC is a mandatory requirement. The concerned School/Programme Coordinators should intimate Action Taken Report at the earliest to the Committee.

APC.47.02

To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Industrial Safety, Health and Environment Management.

APC.47.2.1

A presentation about the programme was made by Prof. Subhasis Maji and Dr. Sanjay Agarwal, Programme Coordinators. It is a 16 credits course having four theory courses and one project work based course. They highlighted knowledge and training requirements of the Target Group. The School estimated 500 to 600 enrolment annually in this programme. The fee of the programme would be approximately Rs. 5000/-. The programme will be introduced through 8 to 10 Centres in the initial phase on a pilot basis.

The Committee suggested that health and environment management are broad concepts which cannot be covered in six months certificate programme along with industrial safety. The Committee also suggested to change the nomenclature of the programme and drop 'Health and Environment Management' from the nomenclature.

The Committee recommended for approval of Phase-I and rename it as Post Graduate Certificate in Industrial Safety.

APC.47.03

To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education

APC.47.3.1

Dr. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator, made a brief presentation about the programme and its relevance in development of children. It is a

modular programme with minimum duration of two year with exit point after first year. She informed the Committee regarding change in nomenclature of the programme by the School i.e. 'Education' is excluded from the nomenclature She informed that the revised nomenclature of the programme is 'Diploma in Early Childhood Development'.

She, further, mentioned that Academic Council's Standing Committee in its 40th meeting held on 10th July, 2015 had directed to place the proposed programme for approval of School Board.

The APC deferred deliberation on the proposal in light of recommendation of the Standing Committee of Academic Council.

APC.47.04

To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Geospatial Analysis and Modelling

APC.47.4.1

Prof. M.S. Nathawat, Programme Coordinator, made a brief presentation about academic and training needs in Geospatial area. He stressed that this programme would have good job potential. About 17 Universities in India have been offering courses in the field of Geospatial Analysis and Modelling.

The Committee took note of deliberation and recommended approval of Phase-I programme of Post Graduate Diploma in Geospatial Analysis and Modelling.

APC.47.05

To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Drawing and Painting

APC.47.5.1

Shri Mohd. Tahir Siddiqui, Programme Coordinator, made a brief presentation about need of the programme and knowledge and training requirements in the field of drawing and painting. The School estimated 500 enrollment annually in this programme.

Shri Siddiqui shared problems faced by the School in identifying work Centres for delivery of practical component in academic programmes offered by the School. He perceived that it may be one of the prime reasons for low enrolment in academic programmes offered by the School. The Chair assured help to the School in establishing work Centres for academic programmes offered by the School.

The Committee opined that the University has already constituted a Committee for examining the low enrolment issue. The APC urged the Committee to expedite finalization of its report.

The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Phase-I programme of Diploma in Drawing and Painting.

Tabled Item

APC.47.06

To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of B.A. in Journalism and New Media

APC.47.6.1


Dr. Ramesh Yadav and Dr. K. S. Arul Selvan Programme Coordinators made a brief presentation about learning objectives, qualifications of Target Group and delivery mechanism of the programme. The programme in initial phase will be launched in Hindi language and later on, it will be translated in English. The School estimated 6000 enrollments per annum in this programme.

The APC appreciated the efforts of the School in conceiving B.A. Journalism.

1. The APC decided that it is a job oriented programme should be simultaneously offered in English and Hindi languages. The requirements of Journalism in Hindi and English languages are entirely different hence, simply translation of instructional materials from Hindi to English will not serve the purpose.
2. The programme should focus on Electronic Media as most of the jobs requirements in the Journalism sector are from Electronic Media. The Committee noted 16 % weightage for new social media in the curriculum of the programme.
3. The Committee recommended for enhancement of weightage for social media component in the curriculum due to rapid growth of social media in recent time.

The Committee took note of deliberations and recommended with above observations, for approval of Phase-I of B.A. in Journalism and New Media.

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


(Prof. Nageshwar Rao)
Chairperson
Academic Programme Committee