

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

MINUTES OF THE 49th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 13th APRIL, 2016 (WEDNESDAY) AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR OFFICE, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068.

The following were present:

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	-	Chairman
Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW	-	Member
Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOGDS	-	Member
Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD	-	Member
Sh. K. Ravi Kant, Director, EMPC	-	Member
Prof. B.S. Saraswat, SOS	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. Ravindra Kumar, SOSS	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. M.S. Raju, SOMS	-	Spl. Invitee
Sh. S.K. Sharma, Registrar, Admin & SRD	-	Spl. Invitee
Sh. N.P. Singh, Registrar, SED	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD	-	Member Secretary

Prof. B.G. Tilak, NUEPA, could not attend the meeting. Sh. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director, P&DD and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Sr. Analyst, P&DD were present to assist the Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Members and Special Invitees of the APC in its 49th Meeting. The Chairperson briefed the recent development including progress in implementation of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and development of B.Voc. programme. The Member Secretary enlightened the Members and Special Invitees that secretariat of the APC received twelve agenda items for consideration in this meeting. The Member Secretary sought permission from the Chair to place the Agenda Items.

A.P.C. 49.1	To consider and confirm the Minutes of the 48th meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 17th November, 2015 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs) thereon
A.P.C. 49.1.1	The Member Secretary informed to the Committee that the minutes of the 48 th meeting of the APC held on 17 th November, 2015 were circulated to the Members. No comments on the minutes of the 48 th meeting were received from the Members. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 48 th meeting of the APC; thereafter actions on the recommendations of the

	APC were placed for consideration of the Committee.
A.P.C. 49.1.2	<p>Refer Item No APC.48.13 to consider the strategy for development of a bridge programme for Ayurvedic Doctors to train mid level health professionals –</p> <p>The School proposed an alternative approach for designing of the bridge course for Ayurvedic Doctors in collaboration with the National Health System Resource Centre in project mode. The APC in its 48th Meeting considered the proposal of the alternative approach and recommended for constituting a Committee to examine the alternative approach for development under the purview of IGNOU's system.</p> <p>The School in its ATR informed that it could not conceive the proposed Committee. Prof. T.K. Jena and Dr. Ruchika Kuba expressed their inability to work as Programme Coordinator to manage design of the proposed programme due to pre-occupation with responsibility of coordination of existing academic programmes in offer by the School.</p> <p>The APC suggested to Director, SOHS to expedite the designing of such a flagship programme which can improve credibility of IGNOU in the society and Government of India. The Committee felt the urgency to expedite development of this programme. Curriculum, design and delivery of the programme is set by Government of India, hence there is no need to constitute a Committee to examine the alternative approach as was decided by the APC in the its meeting. The APC revoked the decision of formation of committee as School has made inordinate delay in formation of committee and recommended that a School may nominate Prof. S.B. Arora as Programme Coordinator to coordinate design of this programme and expedite the development</p>
APC.49.2	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Sc. in Environmental Science
A.P.C. 49.2.1	Dr. S.K. Yadav, Director SOA and Dr. Shachi Shah made a brief presentation about the rational and relevance of this programme in the society and job market. The eligibility criterion for admission in the

	<p>programme is Science Graduate under (10+2+3) system. In the initial stage of offering of this programme, the School will identify one work centre in capital of each State of India for imparting practical component. They informed that the School of Agriculture can offer academic programmes at Bachelor and Master levels through distance mode in disciplines housed in the School. Presently, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University has been offering similar type of academic programmes through distance mode, which are recognized by the ICAR.</p>
A.P.C. 49.2.2	The Committee recommended for approval of Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Sc. in Environmental Science.
APC.49.3	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development
A.P.C. 49.3.1	<p>Dr. S. K. Yadav, Director SOA and Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan made a brief presentation about the scope and relevance of this programme for the society and job market. The eligibility criterion of the admission is graduation in any discipline from a recognized University.</p> <p>The APC noted that few Universities in India have upgraded similar type of certificate programmes into master level programmes as they could not enroll sufficient number of students at the certificate level. The APC cautioned the School about poor chances of survival of the proposed programme in terms of strength of enrollment. The APC suggested that the School may develop the proposed programme in modular approach with advance level courses may be offered as diploma level programme. The School may invite subject experts from renowned academic/research institutions in the discipline of Environmental Studies such as MSSRF, and TERI – The Energy and Resources Institute, for designing of the programme.</p>
A.P.C. 49.3.2	The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

APC.49.4	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Performing Arts (Dance)
A.P.C. 49.4.1	<p>Dr. Govindaraju Bharadwaja, Director, SOPVA and Dr. P. Radhika made a brief presentation about the rational and relevance of the proposed programme. The minimum duration for completion of this programme is four years. The programme will be designed and delivered on the CBCS guidelines issued by the UGC. The eligibility criteria of the admission in the programme are 10+2 from any recognized Board or BPP from IGNOU. The programme is comprised 80% practical component. It will be a challenging task to offer on academic programme with more than 80% practical component through distance mode.</p> <p>The APC noted that the University enrolled only 18 students in the current admission cycle in Certificate level programme in Dance and expressed concern of low enrolment in other academic programmes offered by the University in the fields of Performing and Visual Arts. The curriculum of the proposed programme should be based on knowledge and skill needs of target group. The Committee advised to invite experts from the Sudheendra Kala Kendra, Kuchipudi Village for designing of programme.</p>
A.P.C. 49.4.2	The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Performing Arts (Dance)
APC.49.5	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Community Health for Nurses
A.P.C. 49.5.1	Prof. Pity Koul and Ms Reeta Devi made a brief presentation about rational and relevance of this proposed programme. It is a 18 credit academic programme aim at training of in service nurses to enable them to function at health and wellness centre. This programme is being developed under a MoU with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). The development and delivery of the programme is funded by the MoHFW. She enlightened the progress in designing of this programme.
A.P.C. 49.5.2	The Committee appreciated the progress in designing of this programme. The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme

	Proposal Form) of Certificate in Community Health for Nurses.
APC.49.6	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate on Life and Thought of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
A.P.C. 49.6.1	<p>Prof. Ravindra Kumar made a brief presentation about rational and relevance of the proposed programme on behalf of Dr. Rabindra Kumar the programme coordinator. The designing and development of the programme is being funded by the Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.</p> <p>The APC appreciated the efforts made by the School. The life and thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar have lot of relevance in the modern society. The society will be revolutionized and entered into a new era of equity, untouchability, harmony and peace by following the thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar.</p>
A.P.C. 49.6.2	The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate on Life and Thought of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
APC.49.7	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Russian Language
A.P.C. 49.7.1	Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta, Director, SOFL made a brief presentation on rational and relevance of the programme. The delivery of academic programme is strengthened with unique multimedia embedded approach so that students would practice accent of Russian language at their home. She informed that Phase-I, Phase-II and Phase-III of the academic programme were approved in the 18 th meeting of the School Board held on 7 th September, 2015.
A.P.C. 49.7.2	The APC advised that School must follow the established practice for approval of new academic programme. The Phase-II of the programme must be approved by the Academic Council or its Standing Committee before launching of the programme. The credit load of a course in the programme is ten credits. The Committee suggested that credit load of this

	course must be aligned with established practice of the University.
A.P.C. 49.7.3	The Committee recommended for conditional approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Russian Language; subject to approval of Phase-II of the programme by the Academic Council.
APC.49.8	To consider monitoring mechanism for revision of the academic programmes (B.Com-School of Management Studies)
A.P.C. 49.8.1	Prof. M.S. Raju expressed the necessity of a monitoring mechanism for revision of academic programmes.
A.P.C. 49.8.2	The APC noted that the Board of Management directed a policy decision for revision of course within a period of five years. The School of Studies should strictly adhere to this recommendation. Monitoring of design and revision of courses is one of the powers of the School Board, vested by the Statutes of IGNOU. Hence, the Planning Board cannot intervene in the autonomy and power of the School Board.


TABLE ITEMS

APC.49.9	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Tribal Studies
A.P.C. 49.9.1	<p>Prof. G. Thomas, Director, SOSW on behalf of Dr. Rose Nembiakkim, Programme Coordinator made a brief presentation on rational and relevance of the proposed programme. This programme would provide basic information about development of Tribes of India. The programme would train professionals would be engaged in development of tribal society. The designing of the programme is funded from the CBCI Chair. The programme would be launched in the English medium in July 2017 admission cycle.</p> <p>The Committee directed that School to explore the possibility of launching this programme simultaneously in Hindi and English mediums so that developmental needs of tribal community residing in the Hindi belt can also be addressed with this programme.</p>

A.P.C. 49.9.2	The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Tribal Studies.
APC.49.10	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health
A.P.C. 49.10.1	Dr. B. Rupini made a brief presentation on rational and relevance of the proposed programme. The programme will impart knowledge about impacts of physical, chemical, biological and environmental hazards on human health. The programme will provide up-to-date knowledge about policies, laws, standards, measurement techniques and applications in environmental safety. The programme will be designed in collaboration with School of Health Sciences (SOHS); School of Sciences (SOS) and School of Engineering and Technology (SOET).
A.P.C. 49.10.2	The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health.
APC.49.11	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Infrastructure Development and Environmental Planning
A.P.C. 49.11.1	<p>Mr. Anuj Kumar Purwar made a brief presentation on rational and relevance of the proposed academic programme. The eligibility criteria of the admission are degree/diploma in Engineering, Architecture and Planning with relevant work experience.</p> <p>The Committee noted that courses proposed in the programme are integral component of Bachelor degree programme in Civil Engineering. So, there is scant scope of success of this programme. The level of understanding, knowledge and skill of Graduate Engineers and Diploma holders can not be the same so the School needs to revise the eligibility criteria of admission in the programme.</p>
A.P.C. 49.11.2	The Committee recommended deferring the approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Infrastructure Development

	and Environmental Planning.
APC.49.12	To consider the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Solar Photovoltaic Installer
A.P.C. 49.12.1	Dr. Sanjay Agarwal made a brief presentation on rational and relevance of the proposed programme. The programme will impart skill and knowledge needed for installation of Solar PV system. The eligibility criterion of the admission in the programme is 8th Class passed. The Committee noted that the curriculum of the proposed programmes is comprised only theory courses. The School may revise the curriculum and add practical and hand on practice components. The NIOS has already been offering similar type of academic programme for the same target group (8th Pass) as being proposed by the School. Hence, the eligibility criteria of the admission in the programme may be considered as 10+2 and the programme may be developed accordingly.
A.P.C. 49.12.2	The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Solar Photovoltaic Installer.

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



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Member Secretary
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