

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
(Planning & Development Division)

MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 31st AUG. 2016 (WEDNESDAY) AT 02:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VCO BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068.

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, SOMS	Member
3.	Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOGDS	Member
4.	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD	Member
5.	Sh. K. Ravi Kant, Director, EMPC	Member
6.	Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITDS	Member
7.	Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Registrar, MPDD	Special Invitee
8.	Shri S.K. Sharma, Registrar, SRD	Special Invitee
9.	Shri N.P. Singh, Registrar, SED	Special Invitee
10.	Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD	Member Secretary

Prof. Santosh Mehrotra, Professor, JNU, Member of the APC could not attend the meeting.

Shri Pankaj Khanna, Dy. 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 Chairman, Members and Special Invitees to the 50th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee. He then requested the Chairperson to make his opening remarks.

The Chairperson welcomed Members and Special Invitees and made a special mention of newly joined Members of the APC Prof. Santosh Mehrotra, JNU; Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, SOMS and Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITDS. The Chairman on behalf of the APC placed on record the appreciation for valuable contributions made by outgoing members Prof. J.B.G.Tilak, NUEPA and Prof. Gracious Thomas, SOSW, IGNOU.

The Chairperson briefed the members about the recent matters regarding admission in Ph.D. programme and Kendriya Vidyalaya working as Term End Examination (TEE) Centres. The Members congratulated the Chairperson on new developments, these initiatives shall provide stimulus for the academic growth of the University.

The Member Secretary thereafter presented the Agenda Items with the permission of the Chair.

A.P.C. 50.1 **To confirm the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 13th April 2016 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs).**

A.P.C. 50.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 49th meeting of the Academic Programme Committee were circulated to the Members of the Committee. As no comments were received, the Member Secretary proposed for confirmation of the same.

A.P.C. 50.1.2 The Committee confirmed the Minutes of its 49th meeting. Thereafter, the Committee took note of the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on the recommendations of the APC.

A.P.C. 50.1.3 *Refer Item No A.P.C.49.2 - Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Sc. in Environmental Science;*
Refer Item No A.P.C.49.3 - Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development; and
Refer Item No A.P.C.49.10 - Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health.

Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITDS informed the Committee that the above three academic programmes which were being developed in the School of Agriculture earlier; has now been shifted to the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITDS). The Committee noted the shifting of these academic programmes.

A.P.C. 50.2 **To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication.**

A.P.C. 50.2.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Journalism & New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication (MA-JMC). The phase form of the programme was approved in the 15th meeting of School Board of SOJNMS with a recommendation that Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) may be adopted for the development of MA-JMC programme.

A.P.C. 50.2.2 The Committee was briefed about the UGC-CBCS Scheme. In

view of it, the MA-JMC programme be developed in a modular structure. The School may like to refer the curriculum suggested by UNESCO and UGC for Master level programme in Journalism and Mass communication discipline.

The Committee observed that the School has proposed practical course fee of Rs. 2000/-, for conducting the practicals 80% of it will be paid to centres, engaged in conducting of practicals. The Committee noted that curriculum and delivery structure of the programme is yet to be finalised, hence it is too early to propose fee for the practical centres. The remuneration and payment norms of practical centres will be as per established norms of the university for payment to Programme Study Centres (PSC).

A.P.C. 50.2.3 After detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended to refer the phase 1 of M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication proposal to the CBCS Committee of the university for further examination and recommendation.

A.P.C. 50.3 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Event Management.

A.P.C. 50.3.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Event Management. The objective of this programme is to professionalize, educate and train workforce for the event management industry.

A.P.C. 50.3.2 The Committee observed that the event management is relatively new field hence the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) may like to explore the possibility of collaboration and consultation with the School of Management Studies (SOMS). It will strengthen the design, development and delivery of the proposed management programme with the expertise available in the SOMS.

A.P.C. 50.3.3 The Committee suggested that a list of discipline-wise internal and external experts be prepared by P&DD. Further, a mechanism may also be evolved wherein; the advice of these discipline experts can be sought on the new programme proposal, if desired by the APC. The experts' advice will provide strength and improve the design, development and delivery of the proposed new academic programmes by the Schools.

A.P.C. 50.3.4 The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Event Management.

- A.P.C. 50.4 To consider the Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Diploma in Teaching German Language.**
- A.P.C. 50.4.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that 'Diploma in Teaching German Language programme was very popular in the year 2010. Approx 494 students were enrolled in this programme during that period. The School has submitted Phase-3 form for re-launch of the programme. The Phase III was approved in the 18th meeting of School Board of the SOFL held on 7th September 2015.
- The Committee was informed that the study material (275-copies) for Diploma in Teaching German Language (DTG) programme is ready. The Max Mueller Bhawan has assured to provide a consultant in a German language for the time being who would assist the school in coordination of programmes. The cost for of consultant shall be borne by the Max Mueller Bhawan.
- A.P.C. 50.4.2 The committee took note of the readiness of the functional Divisions for launching of the programme and recommended for approval of the Phase-3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Diploma in Teaching German Language.
- A.P.C. 50.5 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Japanese Language.**
- A.P.C. 50.5.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Japanese Language.
- The Committee after going through the proposal; felt the need for imparting knowledge and competency of Japanese language.
- A.P.C. 50.5.2 The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Japanese Language.
- A.P.C. 50.6 To consider the collaboration between IGNOU and National Stock Exchange, Mumbai for developing and launching various Academic Programmes.**
- A.P.C. 50.6.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has proposed to develop academic programmes in collaboration of National Stock Exchange (NSE). Academic programmes in the areas of Capital

Markets shall be jointly designed and delivered at various levels lead to Certificate and Diploma in Capital Markets. This proposal was approved in the 36th meeting of the School Board of SOMS held on 20th July 2016.

A.P.C. 50.6.2 The Committee noted 'Financial Economics' is major areas of study in the proposed programme. The SOMS may develop in collaboration/consultation with the Economics discipline of the School of Social Sciences.

A.P.C. 50.6.3 The Committee noted the proposal and advised that legally vetted MoU between National Stock Exchange, Mumbai and IGNOU would be first approved by the School Board of SOMS and subsequently by the Planning Board. Phase Forms of Collaborative Academic Programmes will be subsequently approved by the Statutory Body as per the practice.

A.P.C. 50.7 To consider the collaboration between IGNOU and Administrative Training Institute, West Bengal for developing and launching MBA programme for the Bureaucrats.

A.P.C. 50.7.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has proposed to develop academic programmes in collaboration with the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), West Bengal. The ATI and IGNOU will jointly develop MBA Programme for the bureaucrats (Class A1 officers) of the Central and State Government. This proposal was approved in the 36th meeting of School Board of SOMS held on 20th July 2016.

A.P.C. 50.7.2 The Committee noted that 'Public Administration' is one of major areas of study of this programme. The SOMS may develop in collaboration/consultation with the 'Public Administration' discipline of the School of Social Sciences.

One of the Members pointed out that the programme structure of this proposed programme is exactly same as MBA (HR) of IGNOU except for one course and suggested to work out the structure afresh.

A.P.C. 50.7.3 The Committee noted the proposal and advised that legally vetted MoU between Administrative Training Institute, West Bengal and IGNOU would be first approved by the School Board of SOMS and subsequently by the Planning Board. Phase Forms of Collaborative Academic Programmes will be subsequently approved by the Statutory Body as per the practice.

- A.P.C. 50.8 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media.**
- A.P.C. 50.8.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Journalism & New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media. The Phase-1 form of the programme was approved in the 15th meeting of the School Board, SOJNMS held on 10th May 2016.
- A.P.C. 50.8.2 After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the proposed post graduate diploma programme may be designed and developed as a specialization module of the M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication which was already deliberated in this meeting at item No. 50.2. The Committee suggested that there is no need to seek separate approvals of modular components of an academic programme, as being practiced in approval of modular programmes.
- A.P.C. 50.8.3 The Committee recommended to defer the Phase -1 form of PG Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media and decided that the School may integrate the proposed programme as a module of the M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication programme.
- A.P.C. 50.9 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Electronic Media.**
- A.P.C. 50.9.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Journalism & New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Electronic Media. The Phase-1 form of the programme was approved in the 15th meeting of the School Board of SOJNMS held on 10th May 2016.
- A.P.C. 50.9.2 After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the proposed post graduate diploma programme may be designed and developed as a specialization module of the M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication of PG Diploma in Electronic Media which was already deliberated in this meeting at item No. 50.2. There is no need to seek separate approvals of modular components of an academic programme.
- A.P.C. 50.9.3 The Committee recommended to defer the Phase -1 form and decided that the School may integrate the proposed Post Graduate Diploma programme as a module of the proposed M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication programme.

A.P.C. 50.10 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Media.

A.P.C. 50.10.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Journalism & New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Media. The Phase-1 form of the programme was approved in the 15th meeting of the School Board of SOJNMS held on 10th May 2016.

A.P.C. 50.10.2 After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the proposed post graduate diploma programme may be designed and developed as a specialization module of the M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication, which was already deliberated in this meeting at item No. 50.2. There is no need to seek separate approvals of modular components of an academic programme.

A.P.C. 50.10.3 The Committee recommended to defer the Phase -1 form of PG Diploma in Digital Media and decided that the School may integrate the proposed as a module of the M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication programme.

A.P.C. 50.11 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in French Language.

A.P.C. 50.11.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Foreign Language (SOFL) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in French Language. The Phase-1 form of the programme was approved in the 19th meeting of the School Board of SOFL held on 27th May 2016.

The Committee felt the need for imparting knowledge and competency of French language.

A.P.C. 50.11.2 The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in French Language.

A.P.C. 50.12 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Modern Arabic.

A.P.C. 50.12.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Foreign Language (SOFL) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Modern Arabic. The Phase-1 form of the programme has the approval of the 19th

meeting of the School Board of SOFL held on 27th May 2016.

The Committee felt the need for imparting knowledge and competency of French language.

A.P.C. 50.12.2 The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Modern Arabic.

A.P.C. 50.13 To consider the Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Certificate in Russian Language.

A.P.C. 50.13.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) submitted the Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Certificate in Russian Language. The Phase-3 form of this programme was approved in the 18th meeting of the School Board of the SOFL held on 7th September 2015.

A.P.C. 50.13.2 The committee took note of the readiness for launching of the programme and recommended for approval of the Phase-3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Certificate in Russian Language.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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(Prof.T.U. Fulzele)

Member Secretary, Academic Programme Committee (APC)