

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
(Planning & Development Division)

MINUTES OF THE 52nd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 08th FEBRUARY 2017 (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. Kapil Kumar, Director, EMPC	Member
3.	Prof. Santosh Mehrotra, JNU	Member
4.	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, SOMS	Member
5.	Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOGDS	Member
6.	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD	Member
7.	Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS	Member
8.	Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Registrar, MPDD	Special Invitee
9.	Prof. S. Srilatha Registrar, SRD	Special Invitee
10.	Shri N.P. Singh, Registrar, SED	Special Invitee
11.	Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD	Member Secretary

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 52nd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee. The Member Secretary thereafter presented the Agenda Items with the permission of the Chair.

A.P.C. 52.1 **To confirm the Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 09th November 2016 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs).**

A.P.C. 52.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 51st 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. 52.1.2 The Committee confirmed the Minutes of its 51st meeting. Thereafter, the Committee took note of the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on the recommendations of the APC.

A.P.C. 52.1.3 *Refer Item no. A.P.C. 51.1.3 and 51.1.4:-* M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication.
The Member Secretary informed the Committee that design and development of MA(JMC) programme through ODL mode was initiated by the SOJNMS and the decision related to UGC-CBCS framework for MA(JMC) would be taken in the forthcoming School Board Meeting.

The Committee observed that the UGC-CBCS syllabi is applicable only for Undergraduate programmes as on date and for post-graduate programmes (MA-JMC), the School should have appropriately deliberated its relevance and decided about it in view of past suggestions given by this Committee, the School Board and the Academic Council. The Committee suggested that, since MA(JMC) is an important programme, its complete development status with the proposed launch date may be furnished by the School.

A.P.C. 52.2 **To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bridge Programme in Community Health (Certificate) for Ayurvedic Practitioners.**

A.P.C. 52.2.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Health Science Sciences (SOHS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bridge Programme in Community Health (Certificate) for Ayurvedic Practitioners.

The Director, SOHS informed that the programme was an outcome of the MoU signed with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). IGNOU has also received financial grant from the MoHFW for the design and development of the said programme, which was aimed to strengthen Community Health and enhance skills of the Ayurvedic Practitioners.

A.P.C. 52.2.2 After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the proposed Bridge programme may be designed and developed as a University Certificate programme. It was suggested that the nomenclature of the programme should be "Certificate in Community Health (Ayurvedic Practitioners)" rather than "Bridge programme". Further, the suggested Certificate level programme should be open to a wider target group and it should include other eligibility qualifications (MBBS etc.) in order to strengthen the capacity building of National Community Health functionaries at all levels.

The Director (SOHS) was advised that the decision on the change in the nomenclature, be discussed in respective Expert Committee and School Board, and finalized.

A.P.C. 52.2.3 The Committee recommended for approval the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bridge Programme in Community Health (Certificate) for Ayurvedic Practitioners.

A.P.C. 52.3 **To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science.**

A.P.C. 52.3.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science.

The Director, SOITS informed that the programme was on offer through online mode under School of Agriculture and later it was withdrawn due to

policy on online / e-learning programmes. The Director, SOITS submitted that the SLMs for programme have already been printed.

- A.P.C. 52.3.2 On the query of enrollment figures of the online programme, Director SOITS informed that sufficient number of learners were enrolled in the online programme and assured that the proposed ODL programme will attract sustainable enrollment numbers.
- A.P.C. 52.3.3 The Committee recommended for approval the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science.
- A.P.C. 52.4 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Science - B.Sc. General Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi for 8-disciplines namely, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biochemistry, Geology, Geography and Statistics.**
- A.P.C. 52.4.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Phase -1 (Programme proposal Form) of Bachelor of Science - B.Sc. General Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi for 8-disciplines namely, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biochemistry, Geology, Geography and Statistics. This proposal was approved in the 57th School Board Meeting of SOS held on 03rd November 2016. The proposed B.Sc. programme will be developed as per the UGC-CBCS framework and will be launched by July 2018.
- A.P.C. 52.4.2 The Committee recommended for approval the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Science - B.Sc. General Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi for 8-disciplines namely, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biochemistry, Geology, Geography and Statistics.
- A.P.C. 52.5 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of B.Sc. (Hons.) Geography - Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.**
- A.P.C. 52.5.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Phase -1 (Programme proposal Form) of B.Sc. (Hons.) Geography - Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.
- A.P.C. 52.5.2 The Committee recommended for approval the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of B.Sc. (Hons.) Geography - Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.
- A.P.C. 52.6 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry - Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.**

- A.P.C. 52.6.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry - Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi. This proposal was approved in the 56th School Board Meeting of SOS held on 20th May 2016.
- A.P.C. 52.6.2 The Committee recommended for approval of the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry - Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.
- A.P.C. 52.7 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Commerce- B.Com. Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.**
- A.P.C. 52.7.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Commerce- B.Com. Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi. This proposal was approved in the 37th School Board Meeting of SOMS held on 15th December 2016. The proposed B.Com. programme will be developed as per the UGC-CBCS framework and will be launched by July 2018.
- A.P.C. 52.7.2 The Committee recommended for approval the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Commerce- B.Com. Under Graduate programmes developed as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabi.
- A.P.C. 52.8 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Research Methodology.**
- A.P.C. 52.8.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Research Methodology. This proposal was approved in the 16th School Board Meeting of SOJNMS held on 11th November 2016.
- A.P.C. 52.8.2 The Committee observed that the proposed programme may be designed and developed as a “Diploma in Media Research” so that it can be related the School discipline. Since it will be a capacity building programme for the working journalists and communication professionals, the sustainability of this type of programme in terms of curriculum, enrollment and target group need to be ensured by the School after examining the current media industry requirements.
- A.P.C. 52.8.3 After detailed deliberations, , the Committee opined that the decision on the change in the nomenclature, need requirements, and sustainability of this programme may be deliberated with a detailed report by the respective School Board. The School may re-submit its Phase-1 proposal.

- A.P.C. 52.9 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Digital Media.**
- A.P.C. 52.9.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Digital Media.
- A.P.C. 52.9.2 The Committee observed that the School was also developing similar kind courses in Advertising, Digital and Electronic Media as components of its undergraduate(B.A.) and post-graduate (M.A.) programmes in Journalism and New Media Studies. It was suggested that the School should discuss the programme structure, concept, target group need and course contents for proposed Diploma level programmes in Advertising, Digital and Electronic Media programmes with the other coordinators in the School to avoid duplication of the courses between the School programmes.
- A.P.C. 52.9.3 After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the School may furnish a detailed report in its School Board and re-submit the Phase-1 proposal for the proposed three Diploma level programmes.
- A.P.C. 52.10 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Electronic Media.**
- A.P.C. 52.10.1 The Committee had already deliberated on it with the previous Item no. 52.9.
- A.P.C. 52.11 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media.**
- A.P.C. 52.11.1 The Committee had already deliberated on it with the previous Item no. 52.9.
- A.P.C. 52.12 To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Ph.D in Environmental Science.**
- A.P.C. 52.12.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Ph.D in Environmental Science.
- On the query of eligibility of SOITS faculty members as Research Supervisors for the proposed Ph.D programme, Director, SOITS informed that all the teachers at the School are eligible to take research students as per the UGC (*Minimum standards and procedure for award of M.Phil. /Ph.D. degrees*) Regulations, 2016. Further, the related details of the teachers have been submitted in the Research Unit.
- A.P.C. 52.12.2 The Committee recommended for approval the Ph.D programme in Environmental Science.

A.P.C. 52.13	To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Environmental Science.
A.P.C. 52.13.1	The item was withdrawn.
A.P.C. 52.14	To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Geography.
A.P.C. 52.14.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Geography. This proposal was approved in the 57 th School Board Meeting of SOS held on 03 rd November 2016.
A.P.C. 52.14.2	The Committee recommended for approval the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Geography.
A.P.C. 52.15	To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Chemistry.
A.P.C. 52.15.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Chemistry. This proposal was approved in the 57 th School Board Meeting of SOS held on 03 rd November 2016.
A.P.C. 52.15.2	The Committee recommended for approval the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Phil in Chemistry.


TABLED ITEM(s)

A.P.C. 52.16	To consider the Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Bridge Programme (Certificate) in Community Health for Nurses.
A.P.C. 52.16.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that School of Health Science (SOHS) has submitted Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Bridge Programme (Certificate) in Community Health for Nurses. The Phase-3 form of this programme was approved by circulation to Members of the School Board.
A.P.C. 52.16.2	After deliberations, it was suggested that the nomenclature of the programme should be "Certificate in Community Health (Nurses)" rather than "Bridge programme" as discussed in Item no. 52.2.

The Committee also observed that this programme was developed as per the MoU signed with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Joint Secretary & CVO (MoHFW) vide its D.O. letter dated 27th January 2017 has requested for roll out of this Certificate Programme in Community Health for Nurses in March 2017, since this rollout is being monitored by the PMO on regular basis.

- A.P.C. 52.16.2 The Committee took note of the readiness and recommended for approval the Phase – 3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Certificate in Community Health for Nurses.
- A.P.C. 52.17 **To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Restructuring of Management Programme (MP) and Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) Post Graduate Diploma (Specialization) programmes.**
- A.P.C. 52.17.1 The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of restructuring of Management Programme (MP) and Post Graduate Diploma (Specialization) programmes. This proposal was approved in the 37th School Board Meeting of SOMS held on 15th December 2016.
- Prof. Srilatha made a brief presentation explaining the need for re-structuring of the management programmes. It was informed that several universities were offering management programmes through ODL and the enrollment for the IGNOU programme has reduced tremendously in the last five years. She assured that the proposed re-structuring will strengthen the enrollment and curriculum of the Management programmes of the University.
- A.P.C. 52.17.2 The Committee recommended for approval the Phase-1 form (Programme Proposal Form) of Management Programme (MP) and Post Graduate Diploma (specialization) programmes. APC suggested that necessary steps may be initiated in this regard.
- A.P.C. 52.18 **To report the signing of an MOU between IGNOU and National Stock Exchange Academy Ltd. for offering various academic programmes with a specialization in Capital Markets.**
- A.P.C. 52.18.1 The Committee noted the item.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


 (Prof. T.U. Fulzele)
 Member Secretary-APC