

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
(Planning & Development Division)

MINUTES OF THE 53rd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 26th APRIL 2017 (WEDNESDAY) AT 11:00 A.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. Santosh Mehrotra, JNU	Member
3.	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, SOMS	Member
4.	Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOGDS	Member
5.	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD	Member
6.	Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS	Member
7.	Shri Ravi Kant, JD (<i>representing Director, EMPC</i>)	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.	Dr. Vandana Varma, AD (<i>representing Director, ACD</i>)	Special Invitee
12.	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 53rd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee. The Member Secretary thereafter presented the Agenda Items with the permission of the Chair.

A.P.C. 53.1	To confirm the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 8th February 2017 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs).
A.P.C. 53.1.1	The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 52 nd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee were circulated to the Members of the Committee. As no comments on the Minutes were received from the Members, the Member Secretary proposed for confirmation of the same.
A.P.C. 53.1.2	The Committee confirmed the Minutes of its 52 nd Meeting. Thereafter, the Committee took note of the Action Taken Reports

	(ATR) on the recommendations of the APC.
A.P.C. 53.1.3	<p><i>Refer Item no. A.P.C. 52.4.2: Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Bachelor of Science –B.Sc. General Under Graduate Programmes developed as per CBCS.</i></p> <p>Prof. Geeta Kaicker and Prof. Jaswant Sokhi from School of Sciences informed that the Life Sciences discipline consists of two subjects / streams namely Botany and Zoology. They requested to include both these subjects / streams in the approvals of Phase – 1 form of Bachelor of Science –B.Sc. General programmes being developed as per UGC-CBCS.</p>
A.P.C. 53.1.4	After deliberations, the Committee opined that the School of Sciences may develop the courses for B.Sc. General for all subjects housed in the School including Botany and Zoology.
A.P.C 53.1.5	<p><i>Refer Item no. A.P.C. 52.8: Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Research Methodology</i></p> <p>The Committee noted the action taken report.</p>
A.P.C 53.1.6	<p><i>Refer Item no. A.P.C. 52.9: Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Digital Media.</i></p> <p><i>Refer Item no. A.P.C. 52.10: Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Electronic Media.</i></p> <p><i>Refer Item no. A.P.C. 52.11: Phase – 1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media.</i></p> <p>Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SOJNMS) informed that the School had agreed with the recommendations of the APC for the proposed diploma programmes.</p> <p>The Director (SOJNMS) submitted that the three Diploma programmes were in no way linked with the Master level Journalism programmes; though certain basic concepts may get repeated, which were due to academic structure of the respective diploma programmes.</p> <p>The Director, SOJNMS assured that due care would be taken at every stage of design and development of these programmes unique and cater to the niche audience. Further, the expected enrolment in the programmes would be around 2000-2500 annually.</p>

A.P.C 53.1.7	The Committee suggested that the Phase - 1 of these three programmes may be re-submitted after incorporating above suggestions by SOJNMS in Planning and Development Division for its records.
A.P.C 53.1.8	After detailed deliberations and assurance provided by the Director (SOJNMS), the Committee recommended for approval as follows: Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Digital Media; Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Electronic Media; Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media.
A.P.C. 53.1.9	<i>Refer Item no. A.P.C. 52.16:</i> Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Bridge (Certificate) Programme in Community Health. Prof. Pity Koul, Director, School of Health Sciences informed that as per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MH&FW) the Bridge programme was launched and about 350 students were admitted in the programme from the health departments various states. The Committee opined that the APC recommended nomenclature, " <i>Certificate in Community Health for Nurses</i> " may be considered to expand its target groups and strengthen the capacity building of Community Health functionaries at all levels i.e. private, public and state levels.
A.P.C. 53.1.10	The Committee advised to Director, SOHS that the programme should be launched as a University Certificate programme with the recommended nomenclature as " <i>Certificate in Community Health for Nurses</i> ". The School may take up the issue of nomenclature of the programme with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for further amendment and its ratification.
A.P.C. 53.2	To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Korean Language and Culture.
A.P.C. 53.2.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Foreign Language (SOFL) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Korean Language and Culture. The Phase-1 form of the programme was approved in the 20 th Meeting of School Board held on 6 th February 2017.

A.P.C. 53.2.2	The Committee recommended for approval the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Korean Language and Culture
A.P.C. 53.3	To consider the Phase -I (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Apparel Merchandising.
A.P.C. 53.3.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted Phase -I (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Apparel Merchandising. The Phase-I form of the programme was approved in the 55 th Meeting of School Board held on 15 th February 2017.
A.P.C. 53.3.2	The Committee recommended for approval the Phase-I (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in the Apparel Merchandising.
A.P.C. 53.4	To consider the Phase -I (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Gender and Science.
A.P.C. 53.4.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Gender Development Studies (SOGDS) has submitted the Phase -I (Programme proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Gender and Science. Director, SOGDS briefed that the programme was an outcome of four exploratory meetings of the Expert Committee, wherein it was suggested that an academic programme on feminist science studies, science and ethics need to be developed since a few universities were offering an introductory course in feminist critique of science.</p> <p>The Committee had concerns over the rationale of placing Post Graduate in the programme nomenclature. Director (SOGDS) and Programme Co-ordinator, informed that it was due to the eligibility qualification for this Certificate programme.</p>
A.P.C. 53.4.2	After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the proposed programme being a socially relevant gender programme it may be made available at levels. It was suggested that the nomenclature of the programme will be "Certificate in Gender and Science" rather than "Post Graduate Certificate in Gender and Science" as was proposed by the School. Gradually with the success of this Certificate programme, it may be upgraded to Diploma and other higher level programmes. The decision on the change in the nomenclature, eligibility etc. be discussed in respective Expert Committee and School Board, before getting it finalized.

	The Director (SOGDS) and Programme Coordinator(s) agreed to develop Certificate level programme at this stage.
A.P.C. 53.4.3	The Committee recommended for approval the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) with the revised nomenclature Certificate in Gender and Science.
A.P.C. 53.5	To consider the Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Sciences.
A.P.C. 53.5.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that School of Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Phase -3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Sciences. The Phase-3 form of this programme was approved in the 20 th Meeting of the School Board held on 21 st October 2016. The print study material and other resources were almost ready and all the divisions (SRD; SED; EMPC; RSD and MPDD) have given their consent for launch of the programme in the year 2017.
A.P.C. 53.5.2	The committee took note of the readiness for launching the programme and recommended for approval the Phase-3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Sciences.
A.P.C. 53.6	To consider the Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Persian.
A.P.C. 53.6.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Foreign Language (SOFL) has submitted Phase -1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Persian. The Phase-1 form of the programme was approved in the 20 th Meeting of the School Board held on 6 th February 2017.
A.P.C. 53.6.2	The Committee recommended for approval the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Persian. ∞
	OTHER MATTERS
	The Committee during the Meeting also deliberated and decided on the following matters:
A.P.C. 53.7	The Committee suggested developing new mid-level career and skill based programmes. In order to quickly develop these programmes,

