

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**(Planning & Development Division)**

**MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 (TUESDAY) AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VCO BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068.**

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Prof. Ravindra Ramachandra Kanhere, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	Member
3.	Prof. Satyakam, Director, SOH	Member
4.	Prof. M.S.Senam Raju, Registrar, MPDD	Member
5.	Dr. Jagdish Sharma, Director, SOTST	Member
6.	Dr. M. Shanmugam, Director, RSD	Member
7.	Dr. Seema Chandok, Librarian	Member
8.	Prof. Swaraj Basu, Chairman, CBCS Committee	Special Invitee
9.	Prof. S. Srilatha, Registrar, SRD	Special Invitee
10.	Dr. V.B.Negi, Jt. Registrar ( <i>representing Registrar, SED</i> )	Special Invitee
11.	Dr. Purnendu Tripathi, Dy. Director, VCO	Special Invitee
12.	Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, P&DD	Member Secretary

Prof. Vijayaraghavan M. Chariar, IIT-Delhi, Member of the Academic Programme Committee could not attend the meeting. Dr. M. C Nair, Deputy Director, P&DD, Dr. 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 Chairman, Members and Special Invitees to the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee. Thereafter the Chairman formally welcomed the new Member(s), Prof. Ravindra R. Kanhere, PVC, IGNOU. He also placed on record appreciation for the former member secretary Prof. T.U. Fulzele who superannuated from IGNOU on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The Chairperson observed that there is a provision of two nominated representatives of the Planning Board in the APC. The Planning Board nominated Dr. M. Shanmugam, Director, RSD and Prof. Vijayaraghavan M. Chariar, IIT-Delhi to the APC. After deliberations, it was opined that the representation of the Planning Board may be expanded in APC meeting. Further, one/two external subject experts may also be invited in the APC meeting based on the agenda item. The members of the APC expressed their consent for this and suggested the Member Secretary to take up the matter in forthcoming Planning Board Meeting.

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The Member Secretary thereafter presented the agenda items with the permission of the Chair.

**A.P.C. 57.1**      **To confirm the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and action Taken Reports (ATRs).**

**A.P.C. 57.1.1**      The Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> 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.

The committee took note of the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on the recommendations of the Academic Programme Committee.

**A.P.C. 57.1.2**      The APC in its 56<sup>th</sup> meeting recommended for constitution of a committee to devise a policy guidelines for the nomenclature of degrees having minimum entry qualifications, credit structure and duration of the programme in view of recent UGC regulations. In this regard, the committee submitted its report to the APC. The APC deliberated on the report and recommended for its approval for notification with the deletion of the following clause:

*"In case School of Studies wants to introduce new nomenclature other than mentioned in table 10 at Certificate or Diploma level, it shall have approval of the concerned School Board and Academic Council".*

**A.P.C. 57.1.3**      The committee confirmed the Minutes of its 56<sup>th</sup> meeting with above observations.

**A.P.C. 57.2**      **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Solar Energy System.**

**A.P.C. 57.2.1**      The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Vocational Education (SOVET) has submitted PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Solar Energy System. He informed that a similar academic programme at Certificate level were already been offered by School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) and School of Agriculture (SOA).

Dr. Rachna Aggarwal and Dr. R.S.P. Singh, Programme Coordinators(s) from SOVET briefed the need and genesis of the proposed programme.

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- A.P.C. 57.2.2 The committee observed that the SOVET has no technical expertise in the Solar energy area and has not conducted any detailed need assessment survey for seeking opinion of prospective students. The design of this programme will also result in duplication of the efforts as Certificate level programme was already been offered by SOET. —
- A.P.C. 57.2.3 The committee directed that the School may re-work with the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) for the technical curriculum development of the proposed programme.
- A.P.C. 57.3 **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Vocational Education and Training.**
- A.P.C. 57.3.1 The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Vocational Education (SOVET) has submitted PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Vocational Education and Training. The Member Secretary informed that the School has proposed development of B.Voc. in 2008, which is still under development.  
Prof. Ashok Gaba and Ms. Asha Yadav Programme Coordinators(s) from SOVET briefed about the PG Diploma and B.Voc programme.
- A.P.C. 57.3.2 The committee observed that the School was proposing similar vocational educational programme in various areas of study. It was opined that the SOVET should prioritize the design and development of already approved B.Voc. programme rather proposing new academic programme in the same area.
- A.P.C. 57.3.3 The committee deferred the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Vocational Education and Training.
- A.P.C. 57.4 **To ratify the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Fashion Design (Pattern and Garment Development).**
- A.P.C. 57.4.1 The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Vocational Education (SOVET) has submitted PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Fashion Design (Pattern and Garment Development). Prof. Ashok Gaba, Dr. R.S.P. Singh and Ms. Urshla Kant were the Programme Coordinators(s) for this programme. It was informed that the Programme has already been launched in January 2019 with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
- A.P.C. 57.4.2 The committee ratified the approval of the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Fashion Design (Pattern and Garment

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**A.P.C. 57.5 To consider the revised PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of MFA (Drawing and Painting).**

A.P.C. 57.5.1 The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA) has submitted PPF (Programme Proposal Form) / Phase-1 form of MFA (Drawing and Painting).

Prof. Sunil Kumar, Programme Coordinator from SOPVA made a brief presentation about the MFA (Drawing and Painting) programme and outcome of need assessment survey.

A.P.C. 57.5.2 The committee observed that the SOPVA has also sent PPF forms for consideration and approval of the APC for the following programmes at Item no. 57.6 to 57.9:

- i) BA/BPA (Music / Dance / Theatre Arts);
- ii) Diploma in Theatre Arts;
- iii) Diploma in Dance; and
- iv) Diploma in Hindustani Music

It was also observed that the SOPVA enrolment in academic programmes was very dismal. As on date around 190 learners admitted in SOPVA academic programmes in the year 2018-19. The admission data for the last five years also needs serious deliberations as none of the seven on-offer programmes had good two digit learners though considerable expenditure had been occurred on the special arrangements and PSCs, face to face sessions etc. at the Study Centres.

A.P.C. 57.5.3 The committee after deliberations opined that a meeting of SOPVA faculty members may be convened to deliberate on the regulatory requirements (UGC recognition for BA/BPA/MFA programmes), administrative and financial feasibility of the proposed five programmes. The APC also suggested inviting and taking assistance from one or two external experts in this area from Delhi. The proposed meeting may held at the earliest on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.

A.P.C. 57.5.4 The committee with above observations deferred approval of PPF (Programme Proposal Form) for the following five programmes listed at Item no. 57.5 to 57.9 and suggested that the outcomes of the meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 be placed before the APC / Planning Board.

- i) MFA (Drawing and Painting);
- ii) BA/BPA (Music/Dance/Theatre Arts);

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- iii) Diploma in Theatre Arts;
- iv) Diploma in Dance; and
- v) Diploma in Hindustani Music.

**A.P.C. 57.6**      **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of BA/ BPA (Music / Dance / Theatre Arts).**

**A.P.C. 57.6.1**      Dr. Mallika Banerjee and Dr. P.Radhika, Programme Coordinators(s) from SOPVA briefed about the programme. The committee had already deliberated on it with the previous Item no. 57.5.

**A.P.C. 57.7**      **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Dance.**

**A.P.C. 57.7.1**      The committee had already deliberated on it with the previous Item no. 57.5.

**A.P.C. 57.8**      **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma in Theatre Arts.**

**A.P.C. 57.8.1**      The committee had already deliberated on it with the previous Item no. 57.5.

**A.P.C. 57.9**      **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Diploma Hindustani Music.**

**A.P.C. 57.9.1**      The committee had already deliberated on it with the previous Item no. 57.5.

**A.P.C. 57.10**      **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate Programme in Yoga.**

**A.P.C. 57.10.1**      The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Health Sciences (SOHS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate Programme in Yoga.

Prof. S.B. Arora, Director and Programme Coordinator from SOHS briefed about the programme being developed with S-VYASA University, Bangalore. He informed that the programme will be launched in July 2019.

**A.P.C. 57.10.2**      The Member Secretary apprised the committee that the School of Vocational Education (SOVET) had already developed a Diploma level programme in Yogic Sciences and four blocks of study material

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were already developed for the programme. The committee requested Prof. S.B. Arora, Programme Coordinator to ensure and check the feasibility of adapting this academic material in course writing of other yoga programme.

A.P.C. 57.10.3 The committee recommended for approval of PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate Programme in Yoga.

A.P.C. 57.11 To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Advertising and Integrated Communication.

A.P.C. 57.11.1 The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Advertising and Integrated Communication with an exit option as Certificate in Advertising and Integrated Communication. Dr. Padmini Jain, Programme Coordinator and Dr. O.P. Dewal, Director, SOJNMS briefed about the proposed programme. It was informed that APC in its 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 had recommended approval of Diploma in Advertising and Persuasive Media. Now, the School has proposed change in the nomenclature and also adapted modular structure in the design of programme on the recommendation of the experts committee.

A.P.C. 57.11.2 The committee advised that the major portions of Unit writing work for the proposed programme may be taken-up by the faculty members of the respective Schools. The SLM course materials may be provided initially through digital medium/Online mode (website /app) to the students. The Programme Coordinator(s) agreed to develop and provide SLM through digital medium to the learners, initially.

A.P.C. 57.11.3 The committee recommended for approval of PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Advertising and Integrated Communication with an exit option as Certificate in Advertising and Integrated Communication, keeping the earlier date of approval of the proposed programme in Advertising and Persuasive Media.

A.P.C. 57.12 To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of B.A. General (Philosophy).

A.P.C. 57.12.1 The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of

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Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of BA (Philosophy). Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Programme Coordinator from SOITS briefed that the proposed programme shall be developed as per UGC-CBCS pattern and curricula.

A.P.C. 57.12.2

The Committee after deliberations observed that there was no faculty available for this core area (Philosophy) in the School. It was suggested that a group of Philosophy subject experts may examine the proposed curricula as per UGC-CBCS pattern and re-submit its detailed proposal before the respective School Board and the APC.

A.P.C. 57.12.3

The committee deferred the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of B.A. General (Philosophy) as per UGC-CBCS pattern.

A.P.C. 57.13

**To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) CBCS Generic Elective Course: Disability, Society and Culture.**

A.P.C. 57.13.1

The Member Secretary informed the committee that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of CBCS Generic Elective Courses: Disability, Society and Culture.

Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Programme Coordinator from SOITS briefed about the course and submitted that it will be offered as generic elective course.

A.P.C. 57.13.2

The committee recommended for approval of PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of CBCS Generic Elective Course: Disability, Society and Culture.

A.P.C. 57.14

**To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education.**

A.P.C. 57.14.1

The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education.

Prof. Rekha Sen, Programme Coordinator from SOCE briefed about the readiness of the programme. It was in advanced stage of development and she informed that the School had already taken approval for this programme from statutory bodies in existing Phase-I and Phase-II forms in the year 2015. Since the Academic Coordination Division (ACD) had introduced new approval forms vide notification dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, she in-view of this re-

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submitted PPF for administrative approval.

- A.P.C. 57.14.2 The committee recommended for approval of PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education, keeping the earlier date of approval of Phase-1 form for the proposed programme.

#### **TABLED ITEM**

- A.P.C. 57.15 **To consider the PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Ph.D. in Food Technology.**

- A.P.C. 57.15.1 Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, School of Agriculture (SOA) make a brief presentation about the programme and submitted that there are two faculty members namely, Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra and Dr. P. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Professor(s) for the food technology area in the School. The School also has a state-of-art laboratory for conducting practical and hand-on practice for the students.

- A.P.C. 57.15.2 The committee recommended for approval of PPF (Programme Proposal Form) of Ph.D. in Food Technology.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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25/4/2019

(Dr. Pankaj Khare)  
Member Secretary-APC