

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**ELEVENTH MEETING**  
**of the**  
**RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
**held on**  
**APRIL 9, 2008**



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
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The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V. N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor      | - | <b>Chairman</b>         |
| 2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor          | - | Member                  |
| 3. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice Chancellor           | - | Member                  |
| 4. Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor          | - | Special Invitee         |
| 5. Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro Vice-Chancellor                | - | Special Invitee         |
| 6. Prof. Shafiq Parveen,, Member, Board of Management   | - | Member                  |
| 7. Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Member Board of Management   | - | Member                  |
| 8. Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE                    | - | Member                  |
| 9. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Member, Planning Board         | - | Member                  |
| 10. Dr. C.K.Ghosh, Director, Regional Services Division | - | Member                  |
| 11. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law  | - | Member                  |
| 12. Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, SOE                       | - | Member                  |
| 13. Prof. Anjila Gupta, School of Social Sciences       | - | Member                  |
| 14. Dr. Masood Parveez, Regional Director (Sr. Scale)   | - | Member                  |
| 15. Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian                             | - | Member                  |
| 16. Prof. Joseph Dorariraj                              | - | Member                  |
| 17. Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, ACD                 | - | <b>Member-Secretary</b> |

Dr. D.K.Choudhry, PVC, Prof. Vijay Kapur, Prof. V.M.Shah, Prof. S.B.Arora could not attend the meeting. Sh. K.D.Sharma, Assistant Registrar, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He endorsed a special welcome to Prof. Shafiq Parveen, Director, Centre for Distance Education, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir who was nominated as Board Member to the Council and attended the meeting for the first time. He then informed the Council that consequent upon taking over the additional charge of Director, Academic Coordination Division, Prof. N.V.Narasimham is now the Member-Secretary of the Research Council and welcomed him. The Research Council appreciated the efforts and taken on record the contributions made by Prof. B.S.Saraswat, outgoing Director, ACD as its Member-Secretary. After brief introduction of Members, the Chairman requested the Member-Secretary to present the items on agenda of the meeting.

The following items were taken up:

**ITEM NO. 1    To confirm the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Research Council held on 31.12.2007 and note the action taken thereon.**

**RC.11.1.1**        It was presented that the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on December 31, 2007 were circulated to the members and no comments were received. The action taken report on the Minutes was placed at Annexure-2 of the agenda.

**RC.11.1.2**        The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007 (**Annexure-1 without appendices**) and noted the action taken thereon.

**ITEM NO.2    To consider for approval the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on April 9, 2008.**

**RC.11.2.1**        The Member-Secretary informed that the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee was held today the April 9, 2008 at 11.30 A.M. Due to paucity of time, the Minutes of the same could not be finalized and presented to Research Council. However, the Member-Secretary apprised the Council briefly about the item-wise discussions and decisions taken by the Research Council's Standing Committee.

**RC.11.2.2**        The item-wise decisions taken by the RCSC were as follows:

1. Approved the list of five candidates (Mr. Murali Srinivasacharya, Mr. Gurprit Singh, Mr. K.Shankar, Mr.Krishna Murari, Mr. Ramadas K.) for admission to the Ph.D. in Management subject to the condition that the consent of the proposed joint guides be obtained.
2. Approved the proposal of Mr. S.C.B.Samule Anbu Selvan, a student registered for Ph.D. in Commerce that Dr. S. David Amritha Rajan would be his external guide subject to the condition that the consent of Dr. S. David Amritha Rajan, be obtained, if not submitted by the candidate already.
3. Approved the proposed list of 4 candidates (Mr. Venkatesh C.K., Ms. R. Kavitha, Ms. S. Shanthi Merlin, Mr. B.K. Sathyanarayana) for admission to Ph.D. Programme in Commerce. However, the formal acceptance from the external joint guide proposed by the candidate at Sl. No. 3, (Ms. Shanthi Merlin) be obtained.

4. Approved the list of 8 experts (Dr. R.S.Malik, Dr. Rajinder Kaur Kalra, Dr. A.K.Singh, Dr. Ranjit Singh, Dr. (Mrs.) Jancy Gupta, Dr. L.V.Hirevenkanagoudar, Dr. G.Selvaraj, Dr. Joginder S.Malik) to act as External Research Supervisors for Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. The Director, SOA shall obtain the acceptance of the experts, if it was not already obtained.
5. Approved Dr. Deepika, Lecturer (Sr. Scale) in Mathematics as a Research Supervisor in Mathematics.
6. The RCSC observed that the progress reports of Mr. Ramesh Gandotra are not in the prescribed proforma. Approval of the progress reports of Mr. Ramesh Gandotra was deferred and the school was advised to obtain the same again in the prescribed proforma. The progress reports of the students Mr. Mehar Singh and Mr. S.Shyam Sunder Rao have been approved. It was decided to inform all Directors of the Schools to ensure that the progress reports of the students are submitted in the prescribed proforma.
7. Approved the research proposals of all the four candidates (Ms. Laltan Puli Rokhum, Ms. Shalini Luthra, Mr. Hari P. Padatte, Ms. U.N.Nina Rani) for admission in Ph.D. in Sociology. It was further decided that both internal and external supervisors may be suggested to ensure that the Ph.D. students, when admitted without M.Phil. degree, have necessary exposure in research methodology; wherever a student is found lacking in research methodology, they may suggest appropriate readings to bring them up-to-the required level of exposure in Research Methodology.
8. The RCSC observed that the candidate Ms. Moumita Bagchi seeking admission in Ph.D. in Economics is not fulfilling the eligibility condition of M.Phil. or 5 years work experience. Therefore, the item was deferred and the School Board of SOSS was suggested to re-examine the application.
9. Approved the research proposal of Ms. Shamima Akhtar subject to the condition that the C.V. and acceptance letter of the proposed external joint guide be obtained. The RCSC approved the research proposals of all the remaining six applicants (Sh. P. Kannappan, Sh. Syed Damsaz Ali, Sh. Ashfaq Ahmad Jagir, Sh. R.Sathis Kumar, Sh. Apam Muivah and Sh. Sanjay Kumar) for admission in Ph.D. in History.
10. Approved the research proposal of Mr.Jnanendra Narayan for admission in Ph.D. in Library & Information Sciences.
11. Approved Mr. B. Govindaraja for admission in Ph.D. in Political Science.

12. Approved the request of Ms. Taruna Joshi, a Ph.D. student of Library and Information Science for the extension of time for submission of Second Progress report of Ph.D. up to July, 2008.

**RC.11.2.3** The Research Council approved the decisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on April 9, 2004, as informed by the Member-Secretary. The Minutes of the said meeting are placed at **Anneuxre-2**.

**Item No.3** **Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

**RC.11.3.1** After transaction of the business, the Chairman invited suggestions from the Members to improve the research activity in the University.

1. The Chairman informed that the University had received about 3500 applications for Research and Teaching Assistantship. Candidates having consistent first division through-out from 10<sup>th</sup> Class to PG level and aged below 25 years were short-listed and interviewed. Out of which 91 candidates were selected and offered the Research and Teaching Assistantship. He also read out the offer letter being issued by him to the candidates.
2. It was clarified that the RTAs will have to undertake full-time research work leading to Ph.D. under an approved supervisor as per the rules of the University. In addition, they will get the unique opportunity to assist in the teaching/preparation of course materials and design new courses/programmes in the Open and Distance Learning for a minimum of 5 hours per week. They also will have the exposure to use ICT in teaching and research.
3. Consequent upon revision of the rates for JRF and SRF by the UGC, the University had also revised monthly remuneration for RTAs. The revised remuneration is Rs. 2000/- p.m. more than the revised rates of UGC.
4. Prof. Shafiqa Parveen informed that the students in the Jammu & Kashmir had a perception that the Research Programmes have been restricted/banned in Distance Education. The Chairman clarified that offering of the Ph.D. and M.Phil. programmes by IGNOU through Distance Education is very much in place in the Valley also.

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

**(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)**  
**Chairman**