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of the
TWELFTH MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COUNCIL
held on
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MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL, HELD ON JULY 9, 2008 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK- 8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V. N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice Chancellor | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, IUC | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. S.B.Arora, Director, School of Health Sciences | - | Member |
| 7. Dr. Masood Parveez, Director, RSD | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. C.K.Ghosh, Head, Student Services Centre | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. Vijay Kapur | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian, | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. Joseph Dorairaj, | - | Member |
| 12. Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, ACD | - | Member-Secretary |

Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Former Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata attended the meeting as a Special Invitee. Prof. C.B.Sharma attended the meeting on behalf of Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, School of Education.

Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shafiq Parveen, Prof. V.M.Shah, Prof. Anjila Gupta, and Prof. S.K.Panda, 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 apprised the Research Council that Prof. Surabhi Banerjee has taken over the charge as Vice-Chancellor, Gour Banga University, West Bengal. The Research Council congratulated Prof. Banejee for taking over the new assignment. Consequent upon her demitting the office of the Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, she ceases to be the member of the Research Council. The Research Council taken on record the contributions made by Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, outgoing member in the deliberations of the Council.

The Chairman then 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 Eleventh Meeting of the Research Council held on 9th April, 2008 and note the action taken thereon.

RC.12.1.1 It was presented that the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Research Council held on April 9, 2008 were circulated to the members and no comments were received. The action taken report on the Minutes was also annexed to the agenda.

RC.12.1.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 11th Meeting held on April 9, 2008 (**Annexure-1 without appendices**) and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO.2 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on 9th April, 2008 and note the action taken thereon.

RC.12.2.1 The Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the RCSC held on April 9, 2008 were circulated to the members along with the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Research Council. No comments have been received. A copy of the Minutes along with the action taken report was annexed to agenda.

RC.12.2.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 4th Meeting held on April 9, 2008 (**Annexure-2 without appendices**) and noted the action taken thereon.

Item No.3 To consider and approve the matter relating to the award of Ph.D Degree to Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrol. No. 024957627) in Education.

RC. 12.3.1 It was presented that Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrolment No. 024957627) has completed her Ph.D in Education and submitted her thesis entitled "**A Comparative Study of Formal and Distance Mode of Teacher Education Programme (B.Ed) on the Development of Professional Efficiency among Secondary School Teachers**". The same was examined by the Board of Examiners and recommended for the award of Ph.D in Education. The provisional certificate and notification to this effect have already been issued by the Registrar, SRED. The Degree will be conferred on her at the forthcoming Convocation of the University.

RC. 12.3.2 The Research Council considered and approved the matter relating to the award of Ph.D Degree to Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrol. No. 024957627) in Education.

- Item No. 4 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for finalizing the procedure for enrolment of students in the Ph.D Programme and their follow up once after enrolment in consonance with the Ordinance of Research Degree Programme.**
- RC. 12.4.1 It was presented that the Vice-Chancellor had constituted a four members Committee with Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice-Chancellor as Chairperson to re-look into the guidelines and procedures relating to Research Degree Programmes, and suggest the procedure for enrolment of students in the Ph.D and M.Phil Programmes and their follow up after enrolment in consonance with the Ordinance of Research Degree Programme. The Committee prepared the draft guidelines for M.Phil and Ph.D programmes separately, and circulated among the Schools/Divisions/Centres for their comments. The comments received from the Schools were considered and discussed at its meetings held on 11th and 19th June, 2008.
- The guidelines for Ph.D and M.Phil programmes prepared by the committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor were annexed to the agenda
- RC. 12.4.2 The Research Council discussed the guidelines in detail and suggested the following two modifications:
- 1) Point no. 5 of Ph.D guidelines and point no. 3 of M.Phil guidelines, to be modified to enable the candidates to undergo the course work and dissertation work simultaneously.
 - 2) Each student shall give atleast two seminars during the whole duration of the programme before the Doctoral Committee, instead of atleast one seminar every year, as stated under point 8 of Ph.D. guidelines.
- RC. 12.4.3 The Research Council considered and approved the guidelines for M.Phil and Ph.D programmes with the above two modifications. The modified guidelines are placed at **Anneuxre-3.**

RC 12.5.1 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

RC 12.5.2 The Member Secretary informed that the 5th meeting of the RCSC was held on 8th July, 2008 at 2.00 p.m., and considered the following 14 agenda items:

- Item No. 1** To note the action taken report on the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on 9th April, 2008
- Item No. 2** To consider and approve the research proposal of Ms. Nita Kumari for Ph.D. in Social Work.
- Item No. 3** To consider and approve the research proposal of Ms. Ranjita Chritstie Borgoary for Ph.D. in Social Work.
- Item No. 4** To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for evaluating the thesis of Ms. Arundhati Mishra.
- Item No. 5** To consider the request relating to the recognition of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development as a Research Institution – launching M.Phil/Ph.D. programmes.
- Item No. 6** To consider and approve the guidelines prepared for Research and Teaching Assistants (RTAs) on placement in the IGNOU Regional Centre and other Institutions.
- Item No. 7** To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for evaluating the thesis of Ms. Dipti P. Bhatt.
- Item No. 8** To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting the Board of Examiners for evaluating the thesis of Mr. Surendra Singh Rana.
- Item No. 9** To consider and approve the Academics of the University working in Divisions/Units/Centres as Research Supervisors for Ph.D. Programme in Management and Commerce Disciplines.
- Item No. 10** To consider and approve the Research Proposal of Ms. Moumita Bagchi for admission in Ph.D. in Economics.

- Item No. 11** To consider the Recognition of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kochi- 683104, Kerala.
- Item No. 12** To consider and approve the six monthly progress reports of Ms. Arti Kaushik, a Ph. D. Student.
- Item No. 13** To consider and approve the Ph.D proposals of different disciplines of School of Social Sciences.
- Item No. 14** To consider and approve the Ph.D. proposals of eight Research and Teaching Assistants (RTAs) of School of Social Sciences.

RC 12.5.3 The Member Secretary further informed the decisions taken on all the above items. The Research Council noted the decisions taken and approved the same. Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the RCSC is placed at **Annexure-4 (without appendices).**

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman