

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 26.12.2005 at 12.00 hrs. in Board Room, Block 8, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068

Members Present:

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| 1. | Prof. S.C. Garg, PVC | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. S.K.Panda, STRIDE | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. J.M.Parakh, Director, SOH | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Gayatri Kansal, Director, SOET | - | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Manoj Kulshrestha, Coordinator, B.Tech Prog. | - | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Nayantara Padhi, Coordinator Management Prog. | - | Member |
| 7. | Shri I.P.Goel, Section Officer, AIU | - | Special Invitee |
| 8. | Registrar, SRE | - | Member Secretary |

Director, SOMS, SOSS, SOCIS and SOS and Prof.A.R.Khan, Programme Coordinator, B.A., could not attend the meeting. Dr. S.V.Hussain represented School of Management Studies.

Shri K.K. Kutty, Asstt.Registrar, SRED, was present to assist the Member Secretary.

The Committee noted that the recommendations of the 2nd meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 03.06.2005 have been approved by the Academic Council and also the action taken thereon.

Item No.1

The Committee recommended that the issue of equivalence of Vardhman Mahaveer Open University's Bachelor's Preparatory Programme (BPP) with IGNOU's BPP be kept pending till such time that VMOU provides the required clarification on evaluation methodology.

Item No.2

The Equivalence Committee was informed that the Vice-Chancellor has kindly reviewed his decision of treating IGNOU's BIT as a 'professional qualification' for admission to Management Programmes and has sought the suggestion of Equivalence Committee. The Committee resolved to recommend **withdrawal of IGNOU's BIT** as a '**professional qualification**' for purpose of admission to Management Programmes for future.

Item No.3

The Equivalence Committee noted that a meeting of the School Board of School of Management Studies has not been convened for quite some time. The Members suggested that Director, SOMS, be requested to convene a meeting of the School Board at an early date as the matter pertaining to recognition of '**Associate Membership Examination of Indian Institute of Metals, Kolkata**', was pending with the School for quite some time now.

Item No.4

In response to the resolution No.ACSC 15.5.2 of the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 15th meeting held on 29.06.05, the Equivalence Committee re-considered the matter and resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that the **Bachelor Degree holders under 'non-formal stream'** who wish to seek admission to IGNOU's academic programmes where the minimum eligibility criteria is 10+2 or its equivalent, may be admitted; **provided that no additional requirement is prescribed at 10+2 level.**

Shri I.P.Goel of AIU informed that recently the Gujarat High Court at Ahmedabad has passed a judgement on **non-recognition of IGNOU's B.A. Degree (non-formal stream)** for admission to LL.B course of Gujarat University (eligibility criteria prescribed 10+2+3). The members suggested that a copy of the judgement be obtained and the matter be taken up with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, in the larger interest of ODL system.

The committee also recommended **not to recognize the Master's Degree awarded with out first degree** by the Open Universities and the Directorate of Distance Education of different Universities in the country.

Item No.5

The Equivalence Committee recommended to the Academic Council to recognize the **'one time' Bachelor Degree Programmes** of all the Indian Universities which fulfil UGC's stipulation, i.e. **'those registered up to the year 1995-96 and have completed their Bachelor degree up to the year 1998-99'**.

Item No.6

Recommended **not to accept** the **'Hindi courses'** offered by Institutions not empowered by Central/State Legislation to award Degrees for admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

Further resolved to recommend recognition of the degrees awarded by **'Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai'** in view of the status of the institution as **'Institute of National Importance'**. The Degrees include M.A.Hindi (2 yrs.), B.Ed. (1 yr.), Shiksha Snatak (1 yr.), M.Phil (1 yr.), Ph.D (2 yrs.)

Item No.7

Recommended recognition of the following Programmes of Kurukshetra Univ., Kurukshetra and Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes in view of the clarification furnished by KU and AIU:

Kurukshetra University

- (i) **'Visharada'** – equivalent to +2
- (ii) **'Shastri'** of **three year** duration as equivalent to B.A.

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak

- (i) **'Shastri'** of **three year** duration as equivalent to B.A.
- (ii) **'Shastri'** of **two year** duration of **'old scheme'** passed up to April, 1994 for purpose of admission to B.Ed. only; provided the candidates fulfil the stipulation made by MDU, i.e. **'pass in the examination in the subject of English and one elective subject of the Shastri Part-I & II simultaneously'**.

Item No.8

The Committee resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing four year **'Bachelor of Arts'** Degree of **Yangon University, Myanmar** for purpose of admission to IGNOU's Master's Degree Programme; provided that candidates have passed the Matriculation/High School Education Examination of the Myanmar Examination Board in **five subjects (except Myanmar language), of which 'English' should be one.**

Item No.9

Recommended **not to accept** two year full time 'PG Diploma in Business Management' of Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management & Technology, Bareilly, for purpose of admission to Management Programmes.

Item No.10

Referred the matter of equivalence of '**two year Diploma**' awarded by the College of Military Engg.(CME), Pune to the School of Engineering and Technology with the recommendation that the syllabi of CME and IGNOU's Engg. Diploma Programmes be compared. Further resolved that Registrar, SRED, should obtain a copy of the letter from AICTE with regard to the recognition granted to the '**two year Diplomas**' of CME, Pune.

Item No.11

Recommended **not to accept** the two year '**Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technician**' awarded by All India Council for Paramedical Education, New Delhi, for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

Item No.12

Recommended **not to accept** the Matriculation of '**Board of Adult Education**', Delhi and further qualification(s) acquired based on this Matriculation, for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

Item No.13

Resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to recognize the '**Army Senior School Certificate Examination (Class XII)**' as equivalent to 10+2 for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic Programmes. Further resolved to obtain from Army Headquarters a copy of the CBSE's letter No.Genl./P.94/174 dated 21.07.1998 equating the said qualification with Senior Secondary Certificate.

Item No.14

Resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to recognize the '**Grade-12 Examination of Higher Secondary Education, Nepal**' as equivalent to 10+2 for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic Programmes.

Item No.15

Resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to recognize the '**High School Diploma (Grade-12)**' of the International School of Geneva as equivalent to 10+2 for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic Programmes.

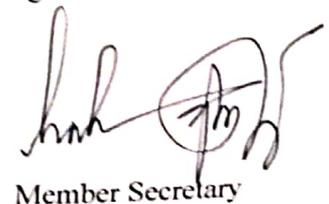
Item No.16

Resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to recognize the '**Secondary General Education**' of the Ministry of Russian Federation as equivalent to 10+2 for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic Programmes. Further resolved to seek clarification from MHRD, with copy to AIU, about the protocol agreement with the former Soviet Union pertaining to mutual recognition of academic qualifications.

Item No.17

Recommended **not to accept** the '**Madhyama Pariksha**' of '**Shrimad Dayanand Arsha Vidyapeeth**', Rothak for purpose of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

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



Member Secretary