

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the re-constituted Equivalence Committee held on 12.12.2006 at 11.00 a.m. in Board Room, Block 8, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

Members Present:

1.	Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2.	Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, SOSS	-	Member
3.	Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE	-	Member
4.	Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Director, SOS	-	Member
5.	Prof. J.M.Parakh, Director, SOH	-	Member
6.	Prof. A.R.Khan, Convenor, BDP Coordinator Committee	-	Member
7.	Prof. P.C.Basak, Director (I/c), SOMS	-	Member
8.	Shri Shashi Bhushan, Reader, SOCIS	-	Member
9.	Dr.B.I.Fozdar, Coordinator, B.Sc. Programme	-	Member
10.	Shri M.P.Mishra, Coordinator, BCA Programme	-	Member
11.	Shri I.P.Goel, Section Officer, AIU	-	Special Invitee
12.	Dr.Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SRE	-	Member Secretary

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

Item No.1

Action Taken Report on the 4th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 09.06.2006:

The Committee noted the action taken on the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee.

With regard to **non-recognition of IGNOU's B.A.Degree (non-formal stream) for admission to LL.B. course**, the Chairman has ordered to send the letter to Secretary to Govt. of India, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, immediately in the light of the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee.

Item No.2

The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to consider CISCE's (Council of Indian School Certificate Examination) Sr. Secondary Examination [passed with **four core subjects** in external examination, in addition to passing grade in the Internal Assessment in the Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW)] for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes where the eligibility criteria prescribed is 10+2 or its equivalent. The Equivalence Committee further resolved that such candidates may be advised to simultaneously pursue Sr.Sec. Examination from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in order to fulfil the condition of passing in minimum **five core subjects** imposed by CBSE and other State Boards of Examinations. The Student Handbook & Prospectus of IGNOU should be made clear in this regard.

The Equivalence Committee also resolved to gather information from other sister Universities with regard to the policy adopted by them on the Sr.Sec. Exam. of CISCE (passed with four core subjects).

Item No.3

The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to consider the '*Four year Artificer Apprenticeship Training (Electrical)*' and '*Four year Artificer Apprentice Course in Ship Construction and Naval Architecture*' conducted by Indian Navy (INS Valsura, Jamnagar and Shipwright School, Visakhapatnam) as equivalent to 10+2 for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **B.Sc.** and **BCA** Programmes also (in addition to B.A/B.Com Programmes already considered by the Equivalence Committee at its 3rd meeting held on 26.12.2005), subject to the following conditions:

- i) **B.Sc. -** The cases of the candidates who joined the said two programmes of Indian Navy prior to **Feb.2004** will be examined by the School of Sciences on case by case basis in order to bridge the short fall of the +2 level science subjects.
- ii) **BCA -** Candidates have to **concurrently pursue MTE-03** in the first year as per stipulation imposed for non-Maths students.

Item No.4

The Equivalence Committee noted and endorsed the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing the '**Intermediate Examinations (+2)**' conducted by Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC), Ranchi.

Item No.5

The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that the candidates possessing the Certificates in **Urdu Courses** [**Alim (Hons.)**, **Adeeb Exam.**, **Adeeb-e-Mahir**, **Adeeb-e-Kamil**, **Moslim-e-Urdu**, **Mahir-I-Urdu**, etc.] offered by Madrasa Education Boards and Jamia Urdu, Aligarh & Jamia Urdu, Kashmir may join IGNOU's Bachelor's Degree and other academic Programmes **through BPP** wherever the eligibility criteria prescribed is 10+2 or BPP from IGNOU.

Item No.6

The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to accept the Graduation **CERTIFICATE** awarded by the Naval Training Centre (under Ministry of Defence, USSR) and award the Diploma(s)/MBA Degree to Shri Surjit Singh Phalla, Enrol.944370296, provided he had successfully completed the combination of courses. The Equivalence Committee further resolved that this will be a 'one time measure' and will have no precedence.

Item No.7

The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council not to accept the '**Bachelor of Theology Degree**' awarded by Theological Colleges for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes. The holders of such qualification may join IGNOU's Bachelor's Degree and other academic Programmes **through BPP** wherever the eligibility criteria prescribed is 10+2 or BPP from IGNOU.

Item No.8

The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that the holders of '**Uttar Madhyama**' from U.P. Madhyamik Sanskrit Shiksha Parishad may join IGNOU's Bachelor's Degree and other academic Programmes **through BPP** wherever the eligibility criteria prescribed is 10+2 or BPP from IGNOU.

Item No.9

The Equivalence Committee noted the recognition of IGNOU's Degrees by sister Universities and Govt. of Tripura. The Equivalence Committee also resolved that the Circular issued by the Kerala Public Service Commission in Malayalam vide No.9/2005 dated May 7, 2005 regarding recognition of Degrees under Open and Distance Learning System for purposes of employment in the services of Govt. of Kerala be got translated in English and circulated among all concerned.

Regarding non-reconition of IGNOU's MCA (Lateral Entry) Programme by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, the Equivalence Committee resolved to write to the Vice-Chancellor, GNDU, once again.

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

Sd/-
(Chairman)