

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the re-constituted Equivalence Committee held on 28.11.2007 at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room, Block 7, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

Members present:

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| 1. | Prof. Basheer Ahmad Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, SOMS | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH | - | Member |
| 4. | Dr.P.Srinivas Kumar, Director, SOET | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. A.R.Khan, Convenor, BDP Coordination Committee | - | Member |
| 6. | Prof. B.B.Khanna, Coordinator, Management Programmes | - | Member |
| 7. | Shri I.P.Goel, Section Officer, AIU | - | Special Invitee |
| 8. | Prof. Ravinder Kumar, SOSS (represented Director, SOSS) | - | |
| 9. | Dr.Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SRE | - | Member Secretary |

Prof. S.K. Panda, Director, STRIDE, could not attend the meeting being out of station.

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

Item No.1

Action Taken Report on the 5th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 12.12.2006.

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

Item No.2

Recognition of **B.Sc. (Honours) Degree of University of Bradford**, U.K, offered in India through 'off campus' by IILM Institute for Higher Education, New Delhi, for purpose of **admission to IGNOU's Master's Degree Programmes.**

The credentials awarded for the 'On campus' and 'Off campus' programmes could not be checked on the face of the Certificate and/or Transcript.

In the absence of any Government policy to accredit the collaborative programmes of any accredited Foreign Universities/Institutions offered in India through 'Off Campus', the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that the candidates possessing the Degrees/Diplomas of Foreign Universities and seeking admission to IGNOU's academic programmes may be asked to submit the following at the time of admission:

- (i) Transcript having information on eligibility for admission, duration of the Programme,
- (ii) Recognition of the Degree by AIU and other Statutory bodies like NCTE, AICTE, ICAI, ICWAI, BCI, NCI, MCI and other similar bodies.

Item No.3

Recognition of Bachelor of Engg. in Mechanical Design and Technology of the University of Northumbria at New Castle, U.K. for purposes of admission to **IGNOU's MBA Programme.**

The degrees awarded by the Accredited Universities in UK are equated with the corresponding degrees of Indian Universities; provided that the eligibility requirement and duration of the programme remain the same as that of Indian Universities.

Since the Bachelor of Engg. in Mechanical Design and Technology obtained by Mr. Richard Anton does not conform with the eligibility criteria (having completed 1st and 2nd yr. of study at the Northern Territory University (which is not a recognized university by Commonwealth countries), the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council **not to accept** the Bachelor of Engg. in Mechanical Design and Technology awarded by the University of Northumbria for purpose of admission to IGNOU's Post-graduate programmes.

Item No.4

Recognition of **Sections 'A' & 'B' Exams. of The Institution of Engineers (India), Kolkata – IEI-** for purposes of admission to **IGNOU's Management Programmes.**

The University has been admitting students to Management Programmes, who passed **Sections 'A' & 'B' Exams. of IEI, Kolkata,** for the last four years. This is mainly because of the fact that the holders of such qualification are eligible to appear ⁱⁿ GATE.

The Equivalence Committee, therefore, resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to recognize **Sections 'A' & 'B' Exams of The Institution of Engineers (India), Kolkata,** as a **'professional qualification'** for purposes of admission to **IGNOU's Management Programmes.**

Item No.5

Recognition of **'Graduateship Exam.'** of the Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering, Navi Mumbai, for purposes of admission to **IGNOU's Management Programmes.**

Since the 'Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering, Navi Mumbai' is a private Institution, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **'Graduateship Exam.'** of the said Institution **can not be accepted** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes.

Item No.6

Recognition of **'International Baccalaureate Diploma'** awarded by **International Baccalaureate Organization, Geneva,** Switzerland for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes where the eligibility criteria prescribed is **10+2 or its equivalent.**

In the light of the recognition accorded by AIU, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **'International Baccalaureate Diploma'** awarded by **International Baccalaureate Organization, Geneva,** Switzerland be **accepted** as equivalent to **10+2** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

Item No.7

Recognition of **'Kamil' (3 yr. Honours)** degree of Calcutta Madrasah College, Kolkata as equivalent to B.A. (3 yr. General) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **Master's Degree programmes** in the light of the equivalence granted by Calcutta University as equivalent to B.A. (3 yr. General) for purposes of admission to its M.A. Courses of Studies under: (i) Islamic History and Culture, and (ii) Arabic.

Since IGNOU is not offering any courses in (i) Islamic History and Culture, and (ii) Arabic, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **'Kamil' (3 yr. Honours)** degree of Calcutta Madrasah College, Kolkata, **can not be accepted** as equivalent to B.A. (3 yr. General) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **Master's Degree programmes**.

The Equivalence Committee further resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that as and when IGNOU launches courses in Islamic History & Culture and Arabic, the **'Kamil' (3 yr Honours)** degree of Calcutta Madrasah College, Kolkata, may be accepted for purposes of admission to such Programmes, at the appropriate time.

Item No.8

Recognition of **'Professional Degrees'** awarded by **Chartered Institute of Management Accounts (CIMA), Sri Lanka**, as a **'professional qualification'** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **MBA programme**.

Based on the recommendations of the Faculty of SOMS, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the **'Professional Degrees'** awarded by **'Chartered Institute of Management Accounts (CIMA)'** as a **'professional qualification'** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **Management Programmes**.

The Equivalence Committee, therefore, resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting recognition to the **'Professional Degrees'** awarded by **Chartered Institute of Management Accounts (CIMA), Sri Lanka**, as a **'professional qualification'** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **Management programmes**.

Item No.9

Equivalence of **'Associate Membership Examination'** of **The Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka** with **'Graduation'** or a **'Professional Degree'** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **Management programmes**.

Since **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** has not given recognition to the said qualification, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that the **'Associate Membership Examination'** of **The Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka** **can not be accepted** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic Programmes.

Item No.10

Recognition of the following degrees for purposes of admission to IGNOU's **Management Programmes**:

- (i) **BBA - Belford University, USA**
- (ii) **B.Sc(Civil Engg)–Kensington University, USA**
- (iii) **Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engg. – An-Najah National Univ., Palestine.**
- (iv) **B.Sc.(Engg. Technology) – Al-Balqa Applied University, Jordan**

In the light of the observation of AIU, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council not to recognize the BBA and B.Sc. (Civil Engg.) awarded by Belford University and Kensington University, USA.

The Equivalence Committee further resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to recognize the **Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering** awarded by **An-Najah National University, Palestine** and **B.Sc.(Engineering Technology)** awarded by **Al-Balqa Applied University, Jordan**, for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes as these Degrees are recognized for admission to Post-graduate programmes in British Universities.

Item No.11

Recognition of '**ALBERTA High School Diploma**' awarded by **Alberta Education, Ministry of Education, Province of Alberta, Canada**, for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes where the eligibility criteria prescribed is **10+2 or its equivalent**.

In the light of the recognition accorded by AIU, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to Academic Council that '**ALBERTA High School Diploma**' (12 year) awarded by **Alberta Education, Ministry of Education, Province of Alberta, Canada**, may be accepted as **10+2 or its equivalent for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes**.

Item No.12

Recognition of '**UTTAR MADHYAMA**' (XII Std) awarded by **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi (Deemed to be University)** along with its eight multi-campus located at Allahabad, Garli (HP), Jaipur, Jammu, Lucknow, Puri, Sringeri and Trichur for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes where the eligibility criteria prescribed is **10+2 or its equivalent**.

Vide Notification No.6.31/2001(CPP-I) dated **13.06.2002**, UGC has accorded '**Deemed to be University**' status to **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi**, along with its eight multi-campus located at Allahabad, Garli (HP), Jaipur, Jammu, Lucknow, Puri, Sringeri and Trichur.

The Equivalence Committee, therefore, resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that '**Uttar Madhyama**' (XII Std) awarded by **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi**, along with its eight multi-campus located at Allahabad, Garli (HP), Jaipur, Jammu, Lucknow, Puri, Sringeri and Trichur, **be treated as 10+2 or its equivalent for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes**. However, the recognition will be from the date of issue of UGC's Notification.

Item No.13

Recognition of **Bachelor's DIPLOMA in Journalism** awarded by **Uzbek State World Languages University, Tashkent** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Post-graduate programmes.

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In the light of the recognition accorded by AIU, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to Academic Council that **Bachelor's DIPLOMA in Journalism** awarded by **Uzbek State World Languages University, Tashkent** be treated as equivalent to the **Bachelor's Degree in the corresponding field** of an Indian University for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

During the course of deliberation, it was strongly felt that the matter pertaining to Equivalence of Degrees/Diplomas is a continuous process and requires **creation of a separate 'Equivalence Cell'** within SRED. The Committee also felt that appropriate staff needs to be posted in order to carry out the work smoothly.

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


Chairman