

Minutes of the Seventh meeting of the re-constituted Equivalence Committee held on 08.04.2011 at 3.30 p.m. in Room No.2, Convention Centre, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068.

Following members were present:

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| 1. | Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. A.K. Agarwal, SOHS | - Member |
| 3. | Prof. Nawal Kishore, Director, SOMS | - Member |
| 4. | Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, SOSS | - Member |
| 5. | Prof. Bimla Kapoor, Director, SOHS | - Member |
| 6. | Prof. B.B.Khanna, MBA Programme Coordinator, SOMS | - Member |
| 7. | Dr. S. Vijaysekhar Reddy, B.A. Prog. Coordinator, SOSS | - Member |
| 8. | Dr. Sonia Sharma, Ph.D. Co-Programme Coordinator, SOTHSSM | - Member |
| 9. | Shri Sambhav Srivastava, Evaluation Officer, AIU | - Special Invitee |
| 10. | Dr.Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD | - Member Secretary |

Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Director, SOH, and Dr.Harkirat Bains, Director(I/c), SOTHSSM, could not attend the meeting.

Shri K.K.Kutty, Dy.Registrar, who is handling with Equivalence/Recognition matters in SRD, was present to assist the Member Secretary.

This was the first meeting of the Equivalence Committee under the present Chairman and at the outset he welcomed the Members of the Committee. The Chairman placed on record the efforts put in by SRD in re-constituting the Equivalence Committee, Gazetted the Notification and convening the meeting. The efforts and work done by Shri K.K.Kutty was very much appreciated and is put on records.

The following items were taken up for consideration and decision.

Item No. VII.1

VII.1.1 To note the Action Taken Report on the 6th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 28.11.2007.

VII.1.2 The Equivalence Committee expressed its concern over the delay in convening the meeting because of **non-creation of Equivalence Cell in SRD**. It was informed to the Committee that a large number of items were pending for consideration, but agenda items for 13 cases only could be prepared for placing it before the Equivalence Committee. The Committee strongly recommended to create an **Equivalence Cell in SRD** and urgently post the required staff - a **Section Officer** and a **Sr.Assistant** - from the existing staff as was resolved by the **Finance Committee** at its 60th meeting held on 21.07.2008 (FC 60.9.1) and approved by the **BOM** at its 95th meeting held on 04.08.2008 (BM 95.3.1).

VII.1.3 The Committee noted the Action Taken Report on the 6th meeting held on 28.11.2007 and resolved to reiterate that '**Off Campus**' programmes of Accredited Foreign Universities offered in India in collaboration with any Academic Institution are **not recognized** and **not accepted** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes in the absence of any Government Policy to accredit such collaborative programmes.

- VII.2.1 Re-consideration of recognition of '**GRADUATESHIP**' Examination of **Indian Institute of Industrial Engineering (IIIE)**, Navi Mumbai, for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes.
- VII.2.2 The matter was deliberated at length. The Equivalence Committee, at its 6th meeting held on 28.11.2007, considered the item and based on AIU's letter No. EV/II(356)/2007/1093 dated 02.11.2007, resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that '**Graduateship Examination of IIIE, Navi Mumbai, can not be accepted** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes. The matter came up for re-consideration based on representations received from various quarters including IIIE stating that '**Graduateship Examination of IIIE is accepted for Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)** conducted by IITs and other universities for admission to Post-graduate programmes in Engineering. The Member Secretary of the Committee informed that one candidate possessing the said qualification has already completed IGNOU's MBA and two are about to complete.
- VII.2.3 The Members were of the opinion that the syllabus of '**Graduateship**' Examination of IIIE may be examined by a Sub-Committee consisting of Internal Faculty and external members and submit its report to the Equivalence Committee for consideration.
- VII.2.4 The Equivalence Committee, therefore, resolved to authorize the Chairman of the Equivalence Committee to take appropriate action in constituting the Sub-Committee and submit its recommendations to Equivalence Committee.
- VII.3.1 Equivalence of **State High School Diploma**, awarded by **Department of Education, State of Connecticut, USA** with 10+2 for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Bachelor's Degree Programmes.
- VII.3.2 Letter No.EV/11(21)/2008/831 dated August 28, 2008, states that AIU has not given recognition to **High School Diploma**, i.e. **GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT Tests (GED)** awarded by the **State of Connecticut** and other examining Bodies in **USA**. But, **12th Grade High School Diploma of USA** (12 years of Schooling) is recognized by AIU as equivalent to +2 examination for purposes of higher studies in India.
- VII.3.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **12th Grade High School Diploma of USA** (12 years of Schooling) be recognized as equivalent to 10+2 for purposes of higher studies in IGNOU.
- VII.3.4 The Equivalence Committee further resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **High School Diploma**, i.e. **GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT Tests (GED)** awarded by the **State of Connecticut** and other examining Bodies in **USA be not accepted** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes. Further information on GED will be obtained to determine the value of GED.
- VII.4.1 Equivalence of Bhutan "**Higher Secondary Education Certificate**" (BHSEC) with 10+2 awarded by the **Bhutan Board of Examination, Thimpu** for admission to IGNOU's Bachelor Degree Programmes.
- VII.4.2 In the light of AIU's letter No.EV/II(461)2008/1155 dated 30.9.2008, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that "**Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate**" awarded by **Bhutan Board of Examinations, Thimpu**, be granted equivalence with +2 stage qualification for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.

- VII.5.1 Equivalence of **'Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computing'** awarded by **University of Portsmouth, U.K.** (Member of Association of Commonwealth Universities) with corresponding degree of an Indian University for purpose of admission of IGNOU's Management Programmes.
- VII.5.2 AIU, vide its letter No.EV/II(281)/2008/1493 dated 12th December 2008, has informed that the **'Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computing'** awarded by **University of Portsmouth, UK** (an Accredited University in UK) for the full time Programme **offered on the Campus** in UK, are equated with the corresponding degrees of Indian Universities; provided the eligibility requirement and duration of the Programme are same as that of the Indian Universities.
- VII.5.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **recognition may be granted** to **'Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computing'** awarded by **University of Portsmouth**, subject to fulfillment of the condition that the eligibility requirement and duration of the Programme remain the same as that of IGNOU/Indian Universities.
- VII.6.1 Recognition of **10th & +2 level Exam. conducted by Council of Secondary Education, Mohali**, Punjab for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.
- VII.6.2 **Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE)**, vide its letter No. COBSE/C/99/2009 dated 05/10/2009, has informed that they are **not aware of existence of Council of Secondary Education, Mohali**, Punjab, and have not given recognition.
- VII.6.3 It is a **Private examining body** not created by an Act or Notification by either the Centre or State Government. The Equivalence Committee, therefore, resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **10th & +2 level Exam. conducted by Council of Secondary Education, Mohali**, Punjab, **be not recognized** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes as on date.
- VII.6.4 The Equivalence Committee further resolved that the matter may also be taken up with the Department of Education, Govt. of Punjab, and the findings be submitted to Equivalence Committee.
- VII.7.1 Recognition of **3 year Bachelor of Arts (Defence Studies) Degree of "General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University"** (KDU) Ratmalana, Sri Lanka (Member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities) for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes.
- VII.7.2 AIU, vide its letter No.EV/II(40)/2008/1434 dated 26.11.2008, has informed that **General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka**, is an accredited University in Sri Lanka, and its **3 year Bachelor of Arts (Defence Studies) Degree** is considered equivalent to B.A. Degree in the corresponding field of an Indian University.

- VII.7.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that **recognition be granted to 3 year Bachelor of Arts (Defence Studies) Degree** awarded by **General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka**, for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Post-Graduate Programmes wherever the eligibility criteria is a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent qualification.
- VII.8.1 Recognition of the qualification "**Doctor of Medicine**" (**Alternative Medicine**) as **professional qualification**, awarded by **Indian Board of Alternative Medicines, Calcutta**, for purposes of admission to IGNOU's MBA Programme.
- VII.8.2 Since the qualification of **Doctor of Medicine (Alternative Medicine)** awarded by the **Indian Board of Alternative Medicine, Calcutta**, is not approved/recognized by the Medical Council of India, the Equivalence Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Council that qualifications awarded by the said Board **be not recognized** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes.
- VII.9.1 Equivalence of **High School Diploma (12th Grade) of Richmond Hill High School, New York** with 10+2 for purpose of admission to IGNOU's B.A. Programme
- VII.9.2 It is a similar case of item No.3. AIU's Handbook also states that **12th Grade Exam. (12 years Schooling) and 12 years High School Diploma from Accredited Schools in USA are considered equivalent to 10+2 Examination in India.**
- VII.9.3 The Equivalence Committee resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting recognition to **12th Grade High School Diploma of USA** (12 years of Schooling) on the same lines of item VII.3.3.
- VII.10.1 Ratification of the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognising the examinations of '**The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants**' - '**CIMA Strategic level**' - as '**professional qualification**' for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes.
- VII.10.2 The '**Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)**' is a **professional accountancy body** with Headquarter in London, having Offices in Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and other countries. The Equivalence Committee at its 6th meeting held on 28.11.2007 had **granted recognition** to the **Examinations of CIMA for Sri Lanka** under IGNOU's PI, as a **Professional qualification** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes.
- VII.10.3 The Equivalence Committee ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under Clause-3 of Ordinance 5 in granting recognition to the examinations of '**CIMA Strategic level**' as a **professional qualification** regardless of the country that it is awarded for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes.

REPORTING ITEM

VII.11.1 The Equivalence Committee noted the recognition of IGNOU's Degree of "**B.Sc. (Hospitality and Hotel Administration) (BHM)** - a collaborative programme of NCHMCT - granted by **Panjab University, Chandigarh** for purposes of admission to such courses where the minimum qualification is a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline.

VII.12.1 The Equivalence Committee noted the recognition granted by **Kannur University, Kerala**, to the following Post-graduate degrees of IGNOU as equivalent to the corresponding degrees of the former for higher studies and employment:

Name of IGNOU's degree and mode of study	Degree of Kannur University to which equated
M.Com (Distance mode)	Recognized as equivalent to M.Com degree of Kannur University for Higher Studies and employment , provided the candidate attained the P.G. Degree in 10+2+3 pattern of study.
MBA (Distance mode)	Recognized as equivalent to MBA degree of Kannur University for Higher Studies and employment , provided the candidate attained the P.G. Degree in 10+2+3 pattern of study.

With Permission of the Chair

VII.13.1 **Admission to Ph.D programme offered by SOTHSSM: Case of Mohd. Sultan Mohideen.**

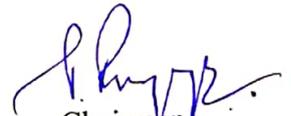
VII.13.2 The item taken up with the permission of Chair. Mohd. Sultan Mohideen possesses **B.Sc. Zoology** from Madras University and **3 year Diploma in Hotel Management and Catering Technology** from the State Board of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Eligibility criteria for admission to 3 year Diploma in Hotel Management and Catering Technology is 10+2 or its equivalent. Besides, he had undergone **two year skill training (Kitchen)** at **Oberoi School of Hotel Management (OSHM)**, New Delhi. He does not have Master's Degree, which is mandatory for admission to Ph.D programmes offered by IGNOU. But, he has vast experience and documentation in the field of Culinary Art.

VII.13.3 Sub-clause(i) of Clause-2 of Ordinance 5 reads:

"The Equivalence Committee shall recognize and determine the weightage to be given to the examinations conducted by other Universities or other examining bodies." Since no formal examinations were conducted and no marks were awarded by OSHM for the said skill training, the subject matter does not come under the purview of the Equivalence Committee.

VII.13.4 Relaxation of eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D is to be examined by the Research Council. The Members of the Equivalence Committee were of the view that the case may be referred to Research Council to take an appropriate decision on merit of the case considering the exceptional talents of the candidate in Culinary Art and his aptitude for research and documentation in the field.

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


Chairman