



**REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI NEW DELHI – 110 068**

**Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Student Services Committee
held on 10th November 2015 at 12 noon in the Board Room, VCO, IGNOU**

The 37th Meeting of the Student Services Committee (SSC) was held on 10th November 2015 at 12 noon in the Board Room, VCO, IGNOU. The meeting was attended by the following officers:

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| 1. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC | : Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Sushma Yadav, PVC | : Member |
| 3. Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, RD, RC, Delhi-2 | : Member |
| 4. Prof. D. Gopal, Director, SOSS | : Member |
| 5. Prof. Neerja Chadha, Director, SOCE | : Member |
| 6. Prof. T.U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD | : Special Invitee |
| 7. Ms. Vidya Sonal, FO | : Special Invitee |
| 8. Mr. N. P. Singh, Registrar, SED | : Special Invitee |
| 9. Mr. S. K. Sharma, Registrar, SRD | : Special Invitee |
| 10. Mr. Sudhir Reddy, CPO, CMD | : Special Invitee |
| 11. Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD | : Member Secretary |

Dr. Anil Wali, Member and Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Special Invitee could not attend the meeting. Dr. K. D. Prasad, Dr. Bini Toms and Dr. Purnendu Tripathi, Deputy Directors, RSD attended the meeting to assist the Member Secretary.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson, SSC welcomed the members including new members nominated to SSC and asked the Member Secretary to begin the proceedings. The Chairperson informed the members that the University had introduced on-line admission for July, 2015 for selective programmes for fresh students. This has given ample opportunity to prospective students, registering more than 45,000 students through online admissions.

The Chairperson also informed that University had made substantial growth of more than 25% in fresh enrolment for July, 2015. He further complimented SOSS for their major share in the overall student enrolment for January and July 2015.

Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD and Member Secretary, SSC once again welcomed the Chair, all members and special invitees to the 37th Meeting of SSC. With the permission of the Chair, the Agenda points were presented and the proceedings were as follows:

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Item No. 37.1To report the Minutes of 36th Meeting of SSC and ATR

The Minutes of the 36th meeting of the SSC were placed for perusal of the Committee. Dr. Reddy briefed the salient points of the Action Taken Report. The Student Services Committee considered the Action Taken Report and confirmed the Minutes.

Item No. 37.2

To report the Minutes of Sub Committee Meetings

Four Sub-Committee Meetings were held from May to October, 2015 recommending establishment of new LSCs, closure of existing LSCs and activation of programmes at existing LSCs.

Notification Nos. 0044 dated 02.06.2015, 0045 dated 16.07.2015, 0046 dated 21.08.2015, 0047 dated 22.09.2015 and 0048 dated 16.10.2015 were issued to this effect, as per details placed below.

SC Meet- ing No.	Meeting held on	Notification No. & date	LSCs established	LSCs closed	Programme activation proposals approved
8	28.05.2015	0044 dated 02.06.2015	28	10	65
9	07.07.2015	0045 dated 16.07.2015	16	-	42
10	19.08.2015	0046 dated 21.08.2015	17	23	76
11	01.10.2015	0047 dated 22.09.2015 & 0048 dated 16.10.2015	22	12	59

The item was ratified by the Committee.

Item No. 37.3

To consider and approve the reorganization of jurisdiction of Regional Centres

Proposals for shifting of districts/cities/towns from the jurisdiction of one RC to the other were considered one by one. After detailed deliberations, proposals placed below were considered and approved for re-organization of jurisdiction of Regional Centres.

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S. No.	Name of the District(s)/ Cities/ Towns proposed to be shifted	From Regional Centre	To Regional Centre
1.	Khammam (Telangana)	Vijayawada	Hyderabad
2.	Thiruvarur (Tamil Nadu)	Chennai	Madurai
3.	Ariyalur (Tamil Nadu)	Chennai	Madurai
4.	Yanam (Puducherry, UT)	Chennai	Vishakhapatnam
5.	Mahe (Puducherry, UT)	Chennai	Vatakara
6.	Malappuram (Kerala)	Cochin	Vatakara
7.	Belgaum and Dharwad	Panaji	Bijapur
8.	Dantewada, Bastar, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Bijapur and Sukuma, being from Chhattisgarh State are proposed under RC Raipur.	Koraput	Raipur

Item No. 37.4

To consider and approve the creation of Regional Centre Delhi-4

Detailed deliberations were held on creation of 4th Regional Centre in Delhi, bifurcating RC Delhi-2 into RC Delhi-2 and RC Delhi-4, taking into consideration the number of LSCs and huge enrolment (76,000 students for January and July 2015). It was felt that managing and offering effective student support for such large numbers of LSCs and students, with the existing infrastructure/staff could be a challenging task for RC Delhi-2.

Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, RD, RC, Delhi-2 and member of the SSC described the operational challenges being confronted by the RC Delhi 2 and recommended for bifurcation. The Chair advised that a committee be constituted to examine the proposal for creation of new Regional Centre/s for Delhi NCR from all angles including financial implications, manpower requirement, jurisdiction etc.

Item No. 37.5

To consider and approve the shifting of Sub-Regional Centre Pithoragarh to Haldwani district, Almora under mentor RC, Dehradun

The Committee considered and deliberated on the proposal for shifting of Sub-Regional Centre Pithoragarh to Haldwani under mentor RC, Dehradun. It was felt that the matter be recommended for examination by the Committee recommended above at 37.4.

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Item No. 37.6	To consider and approve the proposal of SOS for change of nomenclature of Programme Facilitator (PF) to Programme In-charge (PIC) for MACS (M.Sc.) programme												
The proposal of SOS for change of nomenclature of Programme Facilitator (PF) to Programme In-charge (PIC) for MACS (M.Sc.) programme with the same remuneration as paid to PICs of PSCs was considered and approved by the Committee.													
Item No. 37.7	To consider and approve the relaxation of norms for establishment of IGNOU LSCs and appointment of Coordinators/PICs/Academic Counsellors in difficult areas												
<p>The proposed Working Committee as given below for relaxation of norms for establishment of IGNOU LSCs and appointment of Coordinators/PICs/Academic Counsellors in difficult areas was considered and approved by the Committee.</p> <table data-bbox="268 981 1120 1214"> <tr> <td>Director (RSD)</td> <td>Chairperson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Directors of School or their nominees</td> <td>Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 RDs</td> <td>Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1BOM Member</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Academics (RSD)</td> <td>Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Academic (RSD)</td> <td>Convenor</td> </tr> </table>		Director (RSD)	Chairperson	2 Directors of School or their nominees	Members	2 RDs	Members	1BOM Member	Member	2 Academics (RSD)	Members	Academic (RSD)	Convenor
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Item No. 37.8	To consider and approve the establishment of 04 Sub Regional Centres under different Regional Centres												
<p>The proposal for establishment of 04 Sub Regional Centres at Bastar, Doda, Leh and Nizamabad/Warangal under mentor RCs Raipur, Jammu, Srinagar and Hyderabad respectively was considered and deliberated in detail.</p> <p>It was felt that the Committee advised to be constituted for creation of new RC, Delhi-4 (37.4) and shifting of Sub-RC Pithoragarh (37.5) above may also examine the feasibility of the proposal for establishing of Sub-RCs (SRCs) at the four proposed regions, from all angles. It was also suggested that the Committee to be constituted will examine similar proposals for SRCs, if necessary, across all regions.</p>													
Item No. 37.9	To consider the proposal for resolution of administrative issues of RC Bhopal												
The item was withdrawn as the matter was administrative in nature.													

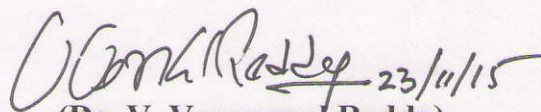
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Tabled Item No. 37.1	To consider the proposal for establishment of Regular Study Centre at RCs having own buildings
<p>The proposal for establishment of a Regular Study Centre at RCs having own buildings was considered and approved in principle by the Committee. It was advised that proposals in this regard be invited from concerned Regional Centres, examined thoroughly and finalized in consultation with concerned RDs. The proposals may then be submitted for approval of the Competent Authority.</p> <p>The Committee felt that if implemented, these proposed Study Centres at RCs where IGNOU has its own building, would go a long way in effective utilization of buildings and resources in strengthening the Student Support Services of the University.</p>	

Before concluding the discussions, the following points were brought up for discussion by the Committee:

1. There was discussion on the status of MeLT vans given by MHRD. It was decided to write to the concerned for the remaining two out of the twelve vans given by MHRD.
2. The Chair advised to monitor the status and take necessary action in case of Study Centres kept in abeyance. At this juncture, Dr. Sanjeev Pandey clarified that there are no financial implications in the case of Study Centres in abeyance. Dr. Reddy added that a communication should necessarily go to LSCs before they are kept in abeyance so that LSC functionaries will get to know that the LSC is in abeyance and that they will not be entitled for remuneration.
3. Prof. D. Gopal proposed for establishment of a Regional Centre at Gulbarga to cater to the population of the area. It was also discussed that the RC at Bijapur could be converted to a Sub-RC. The matter was referred to the Committee to be constituted for creation of RC, Delhi-4 (37.4), shifting of SRC Pithoragarh (37.5) and establishment of SRCs (37.8).
4. It was decided to conduct an emergency meeting in the next two-three weeks to resolve the issue of fee concession for educational upliftment of SC/ST students.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks, wishing Happy Diwali by the Member Secretary to the Chair and all members and special invitees present.


(Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy)

Director, RSD & Member Secretary