

I.G.N.O.U

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL
HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON 13TH JANUARY, 2005 IN THE CONFERENCE
ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. H.P.Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor	-	Member
3. Dr. N.S. Ramegowda	-	Member
4. Prof. C.L.Anand	-	Member
5. Prof. Ravi Kulkarni	-	Member
6. Prof. A.K.Sharma	-	Member
7. Prof. A.K.Agarwal	-	Member
8. Prof. M.C.Sharma	-	Member
9. Prof. Pradeep Sahni	-	Member
10. Dr. Ved Goel	-	Member
11. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik	-	Member
12. Prof. Parvin Sinclair	-	Member
13. Dr. (Mrs.) Anju Sehgal Gupta	-	Member
14. Dr. C.G.Naidu	-	Member
15. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director,	-	Member-Secretary

Prof. T. Pati could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members. He specially welcomed the new members Prof. C.L.Anand, Prof. Ravi Kulkarni, Dr. N.S.Ramegowda, Prof. A.K.Agarwal, Prof. M.C.Sharma, Prof. Madhulika Kaushik and Dr. C.G. Naidu. The Chairman also placed on record appreciation of the services and guidance rendered by the outgoing members of the Research Council, Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Prof. Lokesh Kaul, Prof. J.S.Grewal, Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary, Prof. S.K.Panda, Dr. K.Soundravalli who have completed their tenure and Prof. P.N.Pandit who has been relieved from the services of the University.

At the request of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro-Vice-Chancellor initiated the proceedings of the meeting. He informed the members that the meeting of the Research Council has been delayed because the guidance of the Academic Council and the Board of Management was sought. However, he assured that henceforth the frequency of the meetings of the Research Council would be quarterly. Following this, the Research Council took up the following items for consideration:

ITEM NO. 01 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2004

RC 6.1.1 The Minutes of the meeting were circulated to the members on 24.02.2004. The members were apprised that due to a typing mistake, Resolutions of the meeting were numbered in the Minutes as RC 4.1, RC 4.2,.....RC 4.7, which should be read as RC 5.1, RC 5.2,.....Rc 5.7, respectively. The Research Council also considered and accepted the comments offered by one of the Members and took note of the Action Taken Report on the Minutes.

RC 6.1.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Council held on 10.02.2004 after incorporating the amendments proposed above.

ITEM NO.02 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH

RC 6.2.1 The Council considered the proposal submitted by the English discipline for offering the Ph.D. programme as per the scheme approved by the Research Council. It was clarified that initially the programme will be available to only those who hold a M.Phil. degree in English.

RC 6.2.2 The Research Council discussed the proposal and approved it in principle subject to the following changes so that it is in line with the Ordinance and the scheme approved by the Academic Council:

- (i) The course work shall comprise Research Methodology: 6 - 8 Credits, Information Technology for Research 4 - 48 credits, and Discipline Based Courses 16 - 26 credits.
- (ii) The School shall also consider under Ph.D. Programme by English Faculty, the topics in linguistic and creative writing.

ITEM NO. 03 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME IN HINDI.

RC 6.3.1 The Council considered the proposal submitted by the Hindi discipline for offering the Ph.D. programme in Hindi as per the approved scheme for M.Phil. degree holders.

RC. 6.3.2 The Research Council discussed and approved the proposal subject to be changed to be in line with the Ordinance and scheme approved by the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. 04 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY COL. RAHUL KESHAVRAO BHONSLE.

RC 6.4.1 Col. Rahul Keshavrao Bhonsle who was registered in the Ph.D. programme on the topic "Developing a Model for Prediction of Social and Political Strife, Divisive and Insurgent Movements in India" has decided to change the topic of his research. He has submitted a new research proposal entitled "Addressing India's Security Concerns".

RC 6.4.2 The proposal was considered by the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 32nd Meeting held on 19.08.2003. The School Board decided to obtain the advice of the Research Council on whether the candidate be allowed to change the topic which is altogether new or he be advised to re-register himself.

RC 6.4.3 The Research Council discussed the proposal and decided that the candidate be advised to register afresh, if the topic is approved by the School Board.

ITEM NO. 05 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY MS. ARTI BHATNAGAR AND TRIPTI DHALLA FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. IN EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

RC 6.5.1 The Research Council considered the proposals submitted by the two candidates and decided as follows:
"An Explorative Study of the Teaching Learning Strategies for Developing the Essential Skills among Student Teachers through Distance Education" by Ms. Arti Bhatnagar - The Council discussed the proposal in detail and made the following observations:

- The word 'explorative' should be dropped from the title.
- References cited in the proposal have not been listed.
- A proposal on a similar topic has been approved by the M.P.Bhoj Open University.

Since Jamia Millia Islamia has launched the B.Ed. programme through distance mode only this year, it may not be worthwhile to include Jamia in the study.

RC 6.5.2

The Research Council decided that the following Sub-Committee of the Research Council may review the proposal and submit its recommendations to the Chairman for consideration on behalf of the Research Council:

Prof. C.L.Anand - Member
Prof. A.K.Sharma - Member
Prof. M.C.Sharma - Convenor

RC 6.5.3

The proposal entitled "A Study of Enrichment Programmes to Foster Creative Thinking" by Ms. Tripti Datta was considered by the Council. The Research Council made the following observations:

- The references cited by the candidate in the body of the proposal have not been listed in the list of references whereas those listed have not been quoted in the proposal.
- The 'Mega trends' quoted in the proposal were identified by Nasbitt in 1982 and not by Navisbitt and are more than 20 years old. There have been several new developments in this direction.
- The proposal is not well-structured.

RC 6.5.4

The Research Council decided that the proposal could not be approved in the present form. The Council advised that the proposal be examined carefully by the School Board and should be error free before it is re-submitted to the Research Council for approval.

ITEM NO.06

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED PH.D. SYNOPSIS OF MR. R.SRINIVASAN.

RC 6.6.1

On the recommendations of a Sub-Committee, the Research Council had advised Mr. R.Srinivasan to revise his research proposal titled "Consumer Awareness Programmes and Public Broadcasting in India: A Study of three cities Delhi, Chennai and Pondicherry". The revised proposal submitted by the candidate was forwarded to the external expert, who was a member of the Sub-Committee for his comments, which are placed at **Annexure-1**.

RC 6.6.2

The Research Council, in view of the comments of the expert, did not approve the revised proposal for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

ITEM NO.07 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF RESEARCH COUNCIL ON PH.D. PROGRAMMES IN MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS.

RC 6.7.1 To examine the programme structure of Ph.D. Programme in Mathematics and Physics, the Research Council at its Fifth Meeting had constituted a Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee met on 21st June, 2004 and submitted its recommendations which are placed at **Annexure-2**.

RC 6.7.2 The Research Council after a brief discussion accepted the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

ITEM NO.08 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF RESEARCH COUNCIL ON PH.D PROGRAMME IN HISTORY, TOURISM STUDIES ECONOMICS AND LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE.

RC 6.8.1 To examine the structure of Ph.D. Programme in Economics, History, Tourism Studies and Library & Information Science, the Sub-Committee appointed by the Research Council met on 12.8.2004 and gave its recommendations which are placed at **Annexure-3**.

RC 6.8.2 The Research Council after a brief discussion approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

ITEM NO.09 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY PROF. PARVIN SINCLAIR ON HER VISIT TO HRI, ALLAHABAD.

RC 6.9.1 Prof. Parvin Sinclair had visited the Harishchandra Research Institute, Allahabad for participating in interviews for selecting candidates for IGNOU-HRI Integrated Doctoral Programme in Mathematics. The interviews were held on July 1 & 2, 2004. The report of Prof. Sinclair's visit is placed at **Annexure-4**.

RC 6.9.2 The Research Council considered and approved the report of Prof. Sinclair's visit to HRI, Allahabad.

ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORT OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS ADMITTED TO THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

RC 6.10.1 The Research Council was apprised that as per the provisions of clause 9 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes, commencing from the date of registration, a student shall submit progress reports periodically (once in six months) in the prescribed format to the supervisors who shall forward them along with his/her remarks about the assessment of the work done in that period to the Research Council through the School Board or the Area Committee concerned for review. The Research Council in its meeting held on 10.02.2004 advised that the progress of all candidates registered for Ph.D. be closely monitored and they be asked to submit six monthly reports with the comments/observations of supervisor and presented before the Council. Accordingly, the Director, School of Social Sciences was requested to forward the six monthly progress reports of all the fifteen registered students.

RC 6.10.2 The Research Council considered the progress reports of the following candidates:

1. Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti – 024957706 – Public Admin.
2. Mrs. Priti Sharma – 024957784 – Political Science.
3. Ms. Latha Manichavasagam–024957777- Lib. & Inf.Sc.
4. Mr. Rishi Pal – 024957760 – Political Science.

The Research Council also noted that Mr. M.Sivakumar and Ms. Tanvishree have not been maintaining any contact with their supervisor, Prof. Swaraj Basu, and have not submitted any progress report to him.

RC 6.10.3 The Research Council noted with concern non-adherence of relevant provisions on appraising it of their report. The Council decided that the students who have not been submitting their six monthly progress reports as per the requirements of the Ordinance, be given notice for cancellation of their Registration as per the provisions of Clause 3.6 (ii), (iii) of the Ordinance.

**ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS REPORT
SUBMITTED BY THE STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR
PH.D PROGRAMMES IN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.**

RC 6.11.1 The Research Council was informed that of the seven candidates registered for the Ph.D. degree in Education, one candidate Mrs. Bimla Kapoor had submitted her Ph.D. thesis and the progress reports of the remaining six candidates have been received.

RC 6.11.2 While taking note of the progress reports, the Research Council advised that the proforma for submission of progress reports should have a column for the topic of the thesis.

RC 6.11.3 While perusing the progress report of Ms. Poonam Bhushan, the Research Council observed that her supervisor Prof. M.B.Menon has left the University and no other internal supervisor has been associated with Ms. Poonam Bhushan. The Council desired that the School of Education should deliberate on the issue and submit a proposal for consideration of the Research Council.

**ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REMUNERATION
TO BE PAID TO THE EVALUATORS OF PH.D.
THESIS.**

RC 6.12.1 The Research Council was apprised that a candidate had submitted her Ph.D. thesis to the SR & E Division for evaluation. However, the honorarium for evaluation of thesis and for conducting the *viva-voce* examination has not yet been decided.

RC 6.12.2. The matter was discussed in detail. Keeping in view the prevailing rates in most of the universities in the Country, the Research Council recommended that in addition to the actual postage charges, an honorarium of Rs. 1000/- may be paid to each examiner for evaluating the Ph.D. thesis, and Rs 500/- be paid to the examiner for conducting the *viva-voce* examination.

TABLED ITEMS

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO CONSIDER RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

RC 6.13.1. The Council was apprised that the School of Social Sciences had forwarded three revised proposals from the following candidates for their registration in the Ph.D. programme in Public Administration:

1. Sh. B.Jawaharlal Nehru
2. Sh. Niranjana Sahoo
3. Sh. V.L.Sateesh

The revised proposals were considered by a Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor in a meeting held on 11.01.2005. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee are placed at **Annexure-5**.

RC 6.13.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Minutes of the Committee. Accordingly, it approved the following revised research proposals for registration for Ph.D. programme in Public Administration:

1. "Natural Disaster Management Planning with Special Reference to the Orissa Super Cyclone 1999 – A Study" by Sh. Niranjana Sahoo.
2. "Organizational Changes in the Infrastructure and Administration of Mental Hospitals in India" by Sh. V.L.Sateesh.

RC 6.13.3. The Research Council did not approve the proposal "Social Welfare Schemes in Tamil Nadu : 1990-2000 with Special Reference to Schedule Caste – A Study" by Sh. B.Jawaharlal Nehru as the candidate did not revise the proposal as recommended by the Committee.

ITEM NO.14 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF OVERSEAS STUDENTS FOR REGISTRATION IN PH.D.PROGRAMME.

RC 6.14.1 The Research Council considered the research synopsis submitted by Mr. Calawatee Rangoonundum who holds a Master's degree in Distance Education from IGNOU. The Council noted that so far the University has launched the Ph.D. programme for M.Phil. degree holders in the form of Phase-I of the Ph.D. programme.

RC 6.14.2 The Council took note of the provisions of Clauses 6.2 and 6.3 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes. The Council advised that the requests of candidates having only a Master's degree for registration in the Ph.D. programme may be considered by the respective School Boards or the Area Committee as the case may be in the light of the provisions of Clauses 6.2 and 6.3 of the Ordinance.

ITEM NO.15 TO CONSIDER THE RE-LAUNCH OF PH.D. PROGRAMME FOR M.PHIL DEGREE HOLDERS.


RC 6.15.1 The Research Council was apprised that the University in the year 2001 had launched the Ph.D. Programme Phase-I for M.Phil. degree holders in Education and various disciplines of Social Sciences. The Research Council in its meeting held on 15.02.2003 decided that the programme be discontinued till it is launched simultaneously for Master's as well as M.Phil. degree holders.

RC 6.15.2 The Research Council noted that the development of the programme for Mater's degree holders in various disciplines is in different stages and may take some more time before it is launched.

RC 6.15.3 Considering the requests being received by the Schools for offering the programme at least for the M.Phil. degree holders, the Research Council decided that the programme be continued again for M.Phil. degree holders.

Before concluding the meeting, the Chairman desired that the Research Council may set apart at least an hour in each meeting for discussion on thrust areas and future directions of research in various areas of studies. The members appreciated the idea.

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


(Prof. H.P. Dikshit)
Chairman