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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Abdul W. Khan, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Prof. V.S. Prasad
3. Prof. V.R. Jagannathan
4. Prof. Shobita Jain
5. Prof. M. Aslam
6. Prof. V.V. Mandke
7. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik
8. Prof. A.K. Agarwal
9. Prof. M.M. Pant
10. Prof. Pandav Nayak
11. Dr. G. Thomas
12. Dr. Neela Jagannathan
13. Shri D.C. Pant
14. Dr. P.K. Mehta
15. Dr. Asad Nizam
16. Dr. B.B. Khanna
17. Ms. Rita Sarkar
18. Prof. Pradeep Saini
19. Dr. S. Kannan
20. Ms. Poonam Bhushan
21. Prof. Ram Pratap
22. Ms. Kumud Sharma
23. Dr. J.S. Yadava
24. Prof. D.C. Surana
25. Shri K.K. Muthu
26. Dr. C.K. Ghosh
27. Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Registrar - Member-Secretary

Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Council.

Prof. K.N. Tripathi, Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Prof. D.K. Dasgupta, Prof. P.V. Indiresan, Dr. S. Ramani, Dr. N.H. Antia, Dr. Gerson da Cunha, Shri P.R. Swarup, Prof. Krishna Kumar, Mr. D.W.F. Raja Singh, Prof. K.N. Panikkar, and Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah could not attend the meeting.

• At the outset the Vice-Chancellor expressed a note of appreciation in respect of Prof. Janardan Jha and Prof. Asha S. Karwar for their valuable contribution to the Council during their term of membership.

The Vice-Chancellor also welcomed Prof. V.S. Prasad and Prof. K.N. Tripathi. Pro Vice-Chancellors to the membership of the Academic Council.

**ITEM NO. 1** TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 1998 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

AC 20.1.1 The Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Academic Council held on October 12, 1998 has been considered.

AC 20.1.2 In reference to the comments of a member on the decision vide Resolution No.AC 19.11.1, the Vice-Chancellor clarified that the recording of Resolution No.AC 19.11.1 was as per the decision of the Council and needs no revision. However, if the School of Health Sciences is of the view that entrance test is not necessary in view of limited number of applicants, a decision to this effect can be considered by the Academic Council afresh. Prof. Agarwal stated that due to problems of logistics and cost, etc. vis-a-vis the number of students for B.Sc. (Nursing) Entrance Test, it would be appropriate to have screening of student applications may be considered as a criteria for admission by dropping the idea of holding an entrance test. The Academic Council, accordingly, accepted the suggestion not to have entrance test for admission to B.Sc. (Nursing) Programme.

AC 20.1.3 With the above observations, the Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Academic Council were confirmed.

**ITEM NO. 2** TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DETAILED PROGRAMME REPORT FORM (PHASE 3) FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN TEACHING OF PRIMARY MATHEMATICS.

AC 20.2.1 The Council considered the Detailed Programme Report Form (Phase 3) for Certificate Programme in Teaching of Primary Mathematics. Dr. Parvin Sinclair, the Programme Coordinator of this Programme, who was invited to the meeting, presented a summary of the background and the objectives for the launching of this Programme by the School.

AC 20.2.2 Some members desired that a programme of this nature need to be made available in regional languages also so as to make it more wider. It was also stated that some incentive be worked out so that the target groups would be encouraged to take up such Programme.

AC 20.2.3 With the above observations, the Council approved the proposal submitted in the Detailed Programme Report Form (Phase 3) for Certificate Programme in Teaching of Primary Education.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DETAILED PROGRAMME REPORT FORM (PHASE 3) FOR THE REVISION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE (BLISC).

AC 20.3.1 The Council considered the Detailed Programme Report Form (Phase 3) for the revision of Bachelor's Degree Programme in Library & Information Science (BLISC). Prof. S.B. Ghosh, the Programme Coordinator of this Programme, who was invited to the meeting, presented a brief summary of the rationale and background for proposing the revision of the Bachelor Degree Programme in Library & Information Science. It was informed that the aim of the revision is to impart skills and training necessary for the effective organisation and management of Library and Information units in the country. The Programme is scheduled to be launched in January, 2000.

AC 20.3.2 It was pointed out by a Member that in the changing scenario of Libraries in the country, there is a necessity for practical course in computerisation of Library. In fact, the modern day concept of Library Sciences has gone beyond computerisation and brought information technology in its place. Another Member desired that computing facility not only in respect of Library Courses but as a general facility for use by the students needs be encouraged at every Study Centre in the country.

AC 20.3.3 With the above observations, the Detailed Programme Report Form (Phase 3) for the revision of Bachelor's Degree Programme in Library & Information Science (BLIS) was approved.

- ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EVALUATION METHODOLOGY FOR BACHELOR IN TOURISM STUDIES (BTS).
- AC 2D.4.1 The Council considered and approved the evaluation methodology for Bachelor in Tourism Studies (BTS).
- ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISION, FEE STRUCTURE AND EVALUATION PATTERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME AS PER DIRECTIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL.
- AC 2D.5.1 The Council considered the note on revision, fee structure and evaluation pattern for the Human Rights Programme together with a note suggesting certain modifications in the note circulated earlier.
- Prof. Pandav Nayak, the Programme Coordinator for this Programme, presented a brief summary of the proposal. It was stated that the Course AOC 2 stands withdrawn.
- AC 2D.5.2 It was pointed out by members that the Course in Human Rights : "What we can do?" (CHR-03) needs to be re-examined and designed in a manner to include diverse groups/clientele. It was also agreed that the delivery mechanism of this Course and the evaluation criteria are to be streamlined before final launch of the programme.
- AC 2D.5.3 Subject to the above observations, the Council approved the proposal, in principle, on the revision, fee structure, etc. for the Human Rights Programme.
- ITEM NO. 6 TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL RELATING TO AWARD OF HONORIS CAUSA DEGREE AT THE DECENNIAL CONVOCATION BY CIRCULATION.
- AD 2D.6.1 The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the proposal on Honorary Degree circulated to the members received overwhelming response in approving the proposal. The Council formally approved the proposal relating to the award of Honoris Causa Degree at the Decennial Convocation to be held on Sunday, March 14, 1999 on the following persons:
- (i) Dr. Julius K. Nyerere, First President of United Republic of Tanzania.
  - (ii) Smt. Manasveta Devi, Eminent Writer and Social Worker.

ITEM NO. 7 TO NOTE THE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 1(3) OF THE ORDINANCE ON ELIGIBILITY, ADMISSIONS, DURATION AND STRUCTURE OF VARIOUS DEGREES/DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES AND COURSES.

AC 20.7.1 The Council noted and approved the modifications made by the Board of Management to the proposed amendment to Clause 1(3) of the Ordinance on Eligibility, Admissions, Duration and Structure of various Degrees/Diploma and Certificate Programmes and Courses which is placed at Appendix - 1.

ITEM NO. 8 TO NOTE THE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 7(A)(1) OF THE ORDINANCE ON CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION OF STUDENTS PERFORMANCE.

AC 20.8.1 The Council noted and approved the modifications made by the Board of Management to the proposed amendment to Clause 7(A)(1) of the Ordinance on Conduct of Examinations and Evaluation of student's performance which is placed at Appendix - 2.

ITEM NO. 9 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING OF THE SCARFS TO ACADEMIC GOWNS FOR THE CONVOCATION.

AC 20.9.1 The Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the proposal for changing over to academic gowns for the Tenth Convocation to be held on Sunday, March 14, 1999.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AWARD OF DEGREES/DIPLOMAS AND GOLD MEDALS AT THE DECENNIAL CONVOCATION ON MARCH 14, 1999.

AC 20.10.1 The Council considered and approved the award of Degrees/Diplomas and Gold Medals at the Decennial Convocation scheduled to be held on March 14, 1999, as per the list at Appendix -3.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENCE FOR POINT GRADE AVERAGE IN THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME.

AC 20-11-1 The Council considered and approved the percentage equivalence for point grade average in the Management Programme as given in the agenda note.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE OPTION OF REPLACING COMPUTER MARKED ASSIGNMENT (CMA) WITH TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA) FOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (MP).

AC 20-12-1 The Council considered and approved the proposal on the option of replacing Computer Marked Assignment (CMA) with Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for Management Programme (MP).

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME : SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

AC 20-13-1 The Council considered the Research Degree Programme : School of Social Sciences. Prof. Sanni of the School of Social Sciences gave a brief summary of the proposal. Some members wanted to know whether this proposal has been approved by the Research Council as per the provisions of the Ordinance on the subject.

AC 20-13-2 It was informed by Registrar that the Research Council was constituted but the Council has not been made operational. The Vice-Chancellor was emphatic on the point that any Programme, be it research oriented or otherwise, should be ensured that all information relating to the Programme be made available with the concerned School so that the decision taken is sound before launching of the Programme. He further stressed that the Schools should weigh its faculty capabilities in order that any course/programme can go through each stage of its launching in a time bound and effective way.

AC 20-13-3 With the above observations, the Council agreed in principle to the proposal for Research Degree Programme for the School of Social Sciences and asked the concerned Schools to get it further examined in the light of the above discussion for placing it before the Research Council for its recommendation to the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL REGARDING B.TECH. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (MANUFACTURING MANAGEMENT) AND THE DETAILED PROGRAMME REPORT (DPR) FORM (PHASE III) ON THE PROPOSAL.

AC 20.14.1 The Board considered the proposal regarding B.Tech Mechanical Engineering (Manufacturing Management) and the Detailed Programme Report (DPR) Form (Phase III) on the proposal.

AC 20.14.2 Dr. Majhi of the School of Engineering and Technology, who was invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the proposal regarding its objective, the target group, the duration, etc. The Vice-Chancellor stated that there exists certain lacunae with regard to the existing programmes of School of Engineering and Technology. Hence, an exercise to consolidate the existing programme is more desirable before launching any fresh programme. It was pointed out by a member that there are certain difficulties for engineering courses so far its operation aspect is concerned.

AC 20.14.3 The Council finally made the following suggestions:

- i) the existing programmes of the School of Engineering and Technology be consolidated;
- ii) print materials of the proposal regarding B.Tech/Mechanical Engineering/Manufacturing Management be made ready; and
- iii) the delivery mechanism for the Programme be streamlined.

AC 20.14.4 It was decided that the proposal may be brought before the Council after fulfilling the above conditions.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON FEE TO BE CHARGED FOR THE B.ED. PROGRAMME.

AC 20.15.1 The Council considered and approved the proposal on fee to be charged for the B.Ed. Programme as indicated below:

a) Theory Courses

Academic Counselling: Print/Audio-visual material: Evaluation of Assignments: etc. 2,000/-

b) Practical Courses

Practice Teaching: Face to face interaction through two workshops (each of 12 days duration) Orientation of Resource persons Teleconferencing, Supervision, monitoring and Evaluation of practical work 8,000/-

Total 10,000/-

ITEM NO. 16 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE FEE OF RS.1,000/- PER STUDENT FOR THE FIRST MODULE OF DIPLOMA IN PRIMARY EDUCATION.

AC 20.16.1 The Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the fee of Rs.1,000/- per student for the first module of Diploma in Primary Education.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR FHD - 2 IN HINDI.

AC 20.17.1 The Council considered and approved the Proposal for FHD - 2 in Hindi.

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



(ABDUL W. KHAN)  
Vice-Chancellor