

## IGNOU

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 23, 2002, AT 11.00  
A. M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8,  
IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following members were present:

- (1) Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
- (2) Prof. A.K. Agarwal
- (3) Shri Ashish Aggarwal
- (4) Dr. S.B. Arora
- (5) Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary
- (6) Prof. S.C. Garg
- (7) Dr. (Mrs.) Neela Jagannathan
- (8) Prof. (Mrs.) Shobhita Jain
- (9) Dr. (Mrs.) Zeba Khan
- (10) Prof. Kapil Kumar
- (11) Dr. (Ms.) Lalita S. Kumar
- (12) Prof. Manohar Lal
- (13) Dr. P.K. Mehta
- (14) Prof. N.V. Narsimham
- (15) Prof. Ram Pratap
- (16) Prof. P.R. Ramanujam
- (17) Ms. Rekha Sen
- (18) Dr. Shashi Bhushan Sharma
- (19) Dr. (Mrs.) K. Soundravalli
- (20) Shri Vikram Chandra, Registrar - Member Secretary

Prof. P.N. Pandit, Prof. (Mrs.) Prabha Chawla and Prof. B.B. Khanna could not attend the meeting.

Shri D.C. Pant, Advisor attended the meeting as a Special Invitee.

Shri R.P.D. Singh, Assistant Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the Committee for the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor also placed on record his appreciation for the services rendered by the following retiring members:

1. Mr. V. Suresh
2. Mr. M.S. Verma
3. Prof. Abad Ahmad
4. Dr. Ila Pathak
5. Prof. M.C. Kapilashrami
6. Dr. George John
7. Prof. M. Khajapeer
8. Mr. N. Ram
9. Dr. George Mathews
10. Ms. Anuradha Mohit
11. Mr. C.R. Prasad
12. Mrs. Vibha Parthasarathi
13. Mrs. Usha Rai
14. Dr. Sarala Gopalan
15. Prof. Asha S. Kanwar
16. Dr. M.C. Sharma

The agenda items were then taken up for consideration and following decisions were arrived at:

**ITEM NO. 1** TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 03, 2001.

**AC 27.1.1** The Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on September 03, 2001 were circulated to the members. No comments were received on the Minutes. The Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on September 03, 2001 were confirmed.

**ITEM NO. 2** TO NOTE THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETINGS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2001, JANUARY 25, 2002 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2002 RESPECTIVELY.

AC 27.2.1 The Council noted the decisions taken by the Academic Council's Standing Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings held on November 16, 2001, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 respectively.

**ITEM NO. 3** TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON IGNOU COURSE MATERIAL FROM GENDER POINT OF VIEW.

AC 27.3.1 The recommendations contained in the "Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to examine and suggest measures to promote gender sensitivity in the course materials of IGNOU were considered. Initiating the discussion on the item the Vice-Chancellor gave a brief account of the proposal and invited the members to offer their comments/suggestions on the recommendations of the Committee. During the discussions, it was emphasized that there was a need to review the IGNOU course material from the gender angle but the issue should be considered by the Schools to incorporate the suggestions of the Sub-Committee.

AC 27.3.2 After discussions, the Council resolved that the recommendations made by the Committee be adopted for implementation. The Council also agreed to the suggestions of the Chairman, requiring the Schools to review and revise their course material wherever called for, to ensure gender sensitivity.

**ITEM NO. 4** TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE WITHDRAWAL OF BACHELOR IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS (BBE) PROGRAMME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE 'INDIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM' AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE OF THE EXISTING BDP PROGRAMME.

AC 27.4.1 Prof. Kapil Kumar, Director, School of Social Sciences gave a brief description of the proposal. It was clarified that the proposal to withdraw the Programme entitled 'Bachelor in

Business Economics (BEE), was considered earlier by the Academic Council in its 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on September 09, 2001. As per the recommendations of the Academic Council, a Sub-Committee was constituted and the Sub-Committee has recommended the withdrawal of the Programme. The Programme initiated in 1996 had not been launched so far and, many changes have taken place in the case of business economics with the result that the curriculum decided in 1996, had become out-dated.

AC 27.4.2

The Council noted the delay in the finalization of this Programme and felt that there was a need to bring some dynamism in our system of programme development. It was resolved that the processes of launching of a programme should ordinarily not take more than a year.

AC 27.4.3

With the above observations, the Council approved the proposal. The Council also constituted a Committee with the following members to examine the matter of delays involved in the process of launching of a programme, from Phase I to IV, and suggest ways to ensure that the process is completed in one year's time.

The Chairman nominated the following members for the Committee:

- (i) Prof. Kapil Kumar, Director, SOSS
- (ii) Prof. S.C. Garg, Director, SOS
- (iii) Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE
- (iv) Prof. Ram Pratap, Director, Planning & Development
- (v) Mrs. Rekha Sen, Sr. Lecturer, SOCE

Shri D.C. Pant, Advisor, IGNOU, will be the Convener of the Committee.

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE DETAILED PROGRAMME REPORT (DPR) FORM (PHASE-3) RELATING TO POST GRADUATE PROGRAMME M.A. (POLITICAL STUDIES).**

AC 27.5.1

Prof. Kapil Kumar, Director, School of Social Sciences gave a brief outline of the proposal and its coverage. Prof. D. Gojal, Programme Coordinator, School of Social Sciences was invited to give a detailed account of the proposed Programme. As regards the course structure, members noted that the course

distributions from Block I onward, was uneven in as much as, the learner-student would be required to study Block I, in 4 units and Block VI in 10 units, in the case of MPS-01, 4 units in Block I and 18 units in Block V of MPS-02. This needed a review for a possible restructuring before the final launch of the programme.

It was also suggested that while reviewing the course structure, the concerned School should follow as far as possible the structure and syllabi provided by the University Grants Commission which is already being followed by many universities.

AC 27.5.2

Prof. D. Gopal clarified that the course structure was so designed that even if the number of units may be varying in different blocks, it has been ensured that the load is actually similar in terms of the number of words, which are generally about 4000, in every block.

AC 27.5.3

The Council also noted that there was, apparently some overlapping of the courses in courses III and IV, which needed to be looked into.

AC 27.5.4

After detailed discussion on the course structure and the content of the Post Graduate Programme, M.A. (Political Studies), the Council desired that the School may review the course-design and structure to see if there was any anomaly in the load content in the course material from Block-I - Unit 1 to Block-V - Units 18 to 35 for rationalizing them, if necessary.

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS UNDER CLAUSE (I)(VIII) OF STATUTE 9.**

AC 27.6.1

The Council resolved to co-opt the following persons as members on the Academic Council under Clause (I)(viii) of Statute 9 for a term of two years:

- (i) Prof. S.K. Joshi, Former Director General, CSIR and Director, National Physical Laboratory.
- (ii) Prof. P. Ramarao, Former Secretary, Department of Science & Technology and Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad.
- (iii) Prof. A. N. Maheshwari, Chairman, NCTE.

- (iv) Prof. Kuldeep Mathur, Former Director, NIEPA and Former Rector, JNU, New Delhi.
- (v) Prof. (Mrs.) Rupa B. Shah, Vice-Chancellor, Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University, Mumbai.
- (vi) Shri Udai Verma, Director, V.V. Giri National Institute for Labour Development, Sector - 24, Noida (UP).
- (vii) Dr. S.P. Narang, Secretary, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi.
- (viii) Dr. Ashok Kolaskar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Pune, Pune.
- (ix) Dr. Tej Partap Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Ch. Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur, H.P.
- (x) Prof. Ashok Misra, Director, IIT Bombay.
- (xi) Prof. D.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, UPROU, Allahabad.

**ITEM NO. 7 AWARD OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, CERTIFICATES -  
ITEM DISCUSSED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE  
CHAIR.**

**AC 27.7.1** The Item regarding conferment of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates at the 13<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University was also discussed with the permission of the Chair.

**AC 27.7.2** The Council noted that a total of 78074 students have been awarded, Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates by the University at the 13<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University held on March 21, 2002 at the IGNOU Headquarters and simultaneously at the Regional Centres as per details appended. (Appendix-1).

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

*Vikram Chandra*  
Registrar