

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY EIGHTH (SPECIAL) MEETING
of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
held on
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY EIGHTH (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006 AT 2.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, VC - **Chairman**
2. Prof. Pardeep Sahni
3. Prof. J.M.Parakh
4. Prof. M.C.Sharma
5. Prof. S.B.Arora
6. Prof. Gayatri Kansal
7. Prof. B.S.Hansra
8. Prof. A.S.Narang
9. Prof. Vijayshri
10. Sh. Shashi Bhushan
11. Dr. T.K.Jena
12. Dr. Annu J.Thomas
13. Shri S.K.Arora
14. Dr. C.K.Ghosh
15. Dr. Kamal Vagrecha
16. Dr. Eisha Kannadi
17. Prof. S.K.Panda
18. Sh. V.K.Arora
19. Dr. S.K.Mohapatra
20. Dr. T.R.Srinivasan
21. Dr. O.P.Dewal
22. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD - **Member-Secretary**

Prof. S.C.Garg, Prof. M.Asalam, Prof. B.B. Khanna and Ms. Suneet Kashyap attended the meeting as representatives of the Directors of respective Schools. Prof. Renu Bhardawaj and Mr. N. Venkateshwarlu could not attend the meeting.

Sh. K.D.Sharma, Section Officer, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 38th Meeting of the Academic Council and informed that the special meeting had been convened to consider the matters relating to conducting of examination for MHI-07.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATING TO OFFERING A COMPLETELY REVISED, ALTERNATIVE COURSE AND EXAMINATION IN RESPECT OF MHI-07 STUDENTS.

AC 38.1.1 The Chairman informed the members that the University has been receiving requests from a number of students of M.A. (History)/ M.A. (Political Science) for conducting examination in the MHI-07 course as the delay is hampering their career prospects. Many of them want to pursue further studies and have qualified in NET examination also. But due to non-completion of their MA Degree, they are not able to avail those opportunities. The Chairman observed that the members are aware of the circumstances under which the University withdrew the course and decided not to hold examination in December 2006. As informed by the Registrar, Student Registration and Evaluation Division, 2019 students had requested for appearing in December 2006 TEE in the course. In the genuine interest of the students already enrolled in the course, the Academic Council may take an appropriate decision in the matter.

AC 38.1.2 The Academic Council considered the matter and debated various alternatives suggested by the members. After detailed discussion, the following decisions were taken:

- i) Revision of the MHI-07 course incorporating the inputs given by the members of the committee appointed by the University be expedited and revised material be sent to these students at the earliest. Extreme caution be exercised while translating the material in Hindi.
- ii) A new course code MHI-107 may be given to the course.
- iii) The Academic Council authorized the Chairman to take appropriate decisions required, if any, in the matter on behalf of the Academic Council.
- iv) The University may hold a special examination for these students in March, 2007.
- v) The students may be allowed to submit assignments up to May 31, 2007.
- vi) Regular examinations in the course may be held in June, 2007 as per the decision of the Academic Council at its 36th meeting.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THREE ELECTIVE COURSES OF BSW AS OPTIONALS IN BDP PACKAGE.

AC 38.2.1 Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Member Secretary informed the members that the Ministry of HRD has suggested the inclusion of courses related to HIV/AIDS and family education in the BDP package of IGNOU. This is also one of the areas of concern listed in the Millennium Development Goals of the UN. There are three elective courses of 8 credits each in the BSW programme developed by SOCE. The courses are available both in English and Hindi along with audio and video programmes.

AC 38.2.2 During the discussion, it was pointed out that a student of BDP may opt for elective courses from 8 different disciplines and up to a maximum of 64 credits. However, Social Work is not a separate discipline in the University. In addition to elective courses, the students are also required to take foundation courses worth 24 credits and application oriented courses worth 8-16 credits compulsorily. It was also pointed out that the BDP was launched in 1987 and the disciplines have been allocated on the basis of requirement at that time.

AC 38.2.3 After detailed discussion on the matter, the Academic Council resolved to refer the matter to the Bachelors' Degree Programme Coordination Committee for consideration and an overall review of the BDP structure, and to suggest, the action to be taken in the matter.

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

(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman