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The following were present:

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| 1. | Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Ex-officio Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 3. | Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 4. | Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 5. | Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director SOSS | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 6. | Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, SOE | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 7. | Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 8. | Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOCE | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 9. | Prof. S.B. Arora, Director, SOHS | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 10. | Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, SOL | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 11. | Prof. B.B.Khanna, SOMS | - | Member |
| 12. | Prof. Bimla Kapoor, SOHS | - | Member |
| 13. | Dr. Neerja Chadha, Reader, SOCE | - | Member |
| 14. | Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SOA | - | Member |
| 15. | Dr. Sutapa Bose, SOA | - | Member |
| 16. | Shri M.P. Mishra, Lecturer, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 17. | Shri Z. Yanthan, SOSS | - | Member |
| 18. | Sh. V.V.Subrahmanyam, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 19. | Sh. S.K.Arora, Librarian | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 20. | Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, , Director (I/c), IUC | - | Member |
| 21. | Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director (I/c), NCDA | - | Member |
| 22. | Prof. S.S.Rathi | - | Member |
| 23. | Prof. Kamlesh Mohan | - | Member |
| 24. | Prof. Vijay Kapur | - | Member |
| 25. | Prof. Anil Bhattacharya | - | Member |
| 26. | Shri Ravi Kanth, Joint Director, EMPC | - | Member |
| 27. | Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Registrar, SRE | - | Ex-officio Member |
| 28. | Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director (I/c), ACD | - | Ex-officio Member Secretary |

Prof. Ajit Kumar attended the meeting on behalf of Prof. P. Srinivas Kumar, Director, SOET.

Dr. D.K.Choudhry, PVC, Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH, Prof. Manoharlal, Director, SOCIS, Prof. B.S.Hansra, Director, SOA, Prof. M.Aslam, Director, NCIDE, Prof. N.Balakrishnan, Prof. Trilochan Pradhan, Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian, Prof. K.K.Mohammed Yusuff, Prof. Sridhar Gadre, Prof. S.Sadagopan, Prof. Kapila Vatsyayan, Prof. Arvind Kumar, Prof. S.Siva kumar, Prof. C.Thangamuthu, Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, RD, RC-Delhi-1 could not attend the meeting.

Shri K.D. Sharma, Assistant Registrar, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 44th meeting of the Academic Council. He informed the Council that consequent upon the promotion of Dr. Pushplata Tripathi, as Professor, she ceases to be a member of Academic Council under Clause (1) (iv) of Statute 9 of the Statutes of the University. The Academic Council appreciated the contributions made by Prof. Pushplata Tripathi, the outgoing member. The Chairman then requested the Member-Secretary to present the items on agenda of the meeting.

The following items were taken up:

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Academic Council and to note the action taken thereon.

AC 44.1.1 It was presented that Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Academic Council were circulated to the members. Comments were received from one of the members which are re-produced as under:

ACSC 25.2.3: Regarding establishment of two new disciplines viz; (i) Nutritional Sciences and (ii) Child Development, in SOCE, ACSC in principle approved the proposal. While according approval, the ACSC recommended that the matter relating to housing of these disciplines be examined by the Academic Council after considering the objectives of the other schools, including newly established schools.

Academic Council has taken up the matter for discussion regarding the housing of these two new disciplines. Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOCE suggested to defer the item as the faculty of SOCE would like to discuss this issue first in the School Board of the SOCE.

The Academic Council agreed with the suggestion of the Director, SOCE and decided as under:

- (i) The item has been deferred, and
- (ii) The matter will be first discussed in the School Board of SOCE and thereafter the matter will be discussed in the School Board of School of Gender and Development Studies.

The following comments in respect to (ii) were offered:

Since, the disciplines of Child Development and Food Nutrition do not fall within the scope of the School of Gender and Development Studies, the reference to the latter School seems to be inadvertently made, and if so, may kindly be deleted.

AC 44.1.2 The Academic Council considered the comments of the Director, SOCE and resolved that the Minutes have been correctly recorded and confirmed the Minutes of its 43rd Meeting (**Anneuxre-1 without appendices**) and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the matter relating to the award of Ph.D Degree to Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrol. No. 024957627) in Education.

AC 44.2.1 It was presented that Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrolment No. 024957627) completed her Ph.D in Education on **“A Comparative Study of Formal and Distance Mode of Teacher Education Programme (B.Ed) on the Development of Professional Efficiency among Secondary School Teachers”**. The same was examined by the Board of Examiners and recommended for award of Ph.D in Education. The provisional certificate and notification to this effect were already issued by the Registrar, SRE. The Degree will be conferred on her at the forthcoming Convocation of the University. The Research Council at its 12th Meeting held on 9th July, 2008 approved the award of Ph.D in Education to Ms. Nisha Peshin.

AC 44.2.2 The Academic Council considered and approved award of Ph.D in Education to Ms. Nisha Peshin (Enrol. No. 024957627).

ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for finalizing the procedure for enrolment of students in the Ph.D Programme and their follow up once after enrolment in consonance with the Ordinance of Research Degree Programme.

AC 44.3.1 It was presented that the Vice-Chancellor constituted a committee with Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice-Chancellor as Chairperson for finalizing the procedure for enrolment of students in the Ph.D and M.Phil Programmes and their follow up after enrolment in consonance with the Ordinance of Research Degree Programme. After consultations with the Schools/Divisions/Centres, the Committee made its recommendations and the same are now presented for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

It was further informed that the recommendations of the committee were placed before the Research Council at its 12th Meeting held on 9th July, 2008. The Research Council suggested two modifications: (1) Point no. 5 of the Ph.D guidelines and point no. 3 of the M.Phil guidelines to be modified to enable the candidates to undergo course work and dissertation work simultaneously and (2) Point no. 8 of Ph.D guidelines shall indicate two seminars during the whole duration of Ph.D programme in place of ‘atleast one seminar in a year’.

AC 44.3.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the guidelines for M.Phil and Ph.D programmes after modifications as suggested by the Research Council (**Annexure-2**).

ITEM NO. 4 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (DME) programme.

AC 44.4.1 It was presented that the School of Engineering and Technology has submitted the Phase-3 Form for Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (DME) programme. The Phase-3 Form was approved by the School Board of SOET at its 30th Meeting held on May 30, 2008.

AC 44.4.2 Mr. N.Venkateshwarlu, Programme Coordinator explained the salient features of the programme. During the discussion, Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice Chancellor pointed out the following:

- (i) As per the University norms, if the minimum duration is three years, the maximum duration of the programme should be 6 years. In the present case maximum duration is indicated as 5 years which should be corrected as 6 years and
- (ii) In evaluation methodology for project course, it is suggested to give 70% weightage for project report and 30% weightage for *Viva-Voce*.

Both these suggestions were approved by the Academic Council.

AC 44.4.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Form for Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (DME) programme (**Annexure-3**) with the two modifications: (1) Maximum duration of the programme should be 6 years. (2) In the evaluation of project course, 70% weightage for project report and 30% weightage for *Viva-Voce*.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider and approve the proposal for Affiliation of Colleges of Nursing for Regular B.Sc. Nursing Programme with IGNOU

AC 44.5.1 Prof. Bimla Kapoor, explained that the University had received a request from College of Nursing of Indraprastha Medical Corporation Ltd., New Delhi for affiliation of its B.Sc. Nursing programme with IGNOU. A core group was formed by the Vice-Chancellor to examine the possibilities and work out the modalities for affiliation of regular College of Nursing with IGNOU. The core group, after detailed deliberations, drafted the norms for affiliation of College of Nursing with IGNOU and application form for such affiliation. These were also considered and approved by the School Board of SOHS at its 34th Meeting held on 29th May, 2008.

AC 44.5.2 The Council expressed its apprehensions whether the affiliation is permissible under the IGNOU Act. It was expressed by the Chairman that the IGNOU Act does not provide for affiliation, but it provides for recognition of the Colleges for admitting them to the privileges of the University. Further, the issue of convergence was also discussed. The Council felt that the scheme of affiliation requires a thorough examination in the light of the provisions of IGNOU Act and the new scheme of convergence introduced recently.

AC 44.5.3 The Academic Council authorized the Chairman to constitute a committee to examine the issue of affiliation in the light of the provisions of the IGNOU Act and the new scheme of convergence. The committee shall examine thoroughly the ramifications of the proposal in view of the existing provisions of the Act/Statutes of the University.

ITEM NO.6 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for Certificate Programme in Community Radio.

AC 44.6.1 It was presented that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies has submitted the Phase-3 Form for Certificate Programme in Community Radio. Mr. Hisamuddin Farooqui, Programme Coordinator presented the salient features of the programme. It was further informed that the Government of India is encouraging Community Radio and propose to issue 4000 licenses in the near future. Therefore, there is demand for trained manpower in this sector. CEMCA also proposed to offer 150 scholarships for the students of this programme.

AC 44.6.2 The Council suggested that the expertise from the Deutsche Welle, Germany, with which the University had already signed an MOU, shall be made use of in the development and delivery of this certificate programme.

AC 44.6.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Form for Certificate in Community Radio (**Annexure-4**).

ITEM NO.7 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for M.A in Mass Communication.

AC 44.7.1 It was presented that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies has submitted the Phase-3 Form for M.A in Mass Communication. Dr. Kiron Bansal, Programme Coordinator presented the main objectives and salient features of the programme. Dr. Bansal also informed that M.A. in Mass Communication is proposed in a modular structure, whereby on completion of first year courses, PG Diploma in Mass Communication shall be awarded and on completion of all courses of two years, M.A. in Mass Communication shall be awarded.

AC 44.7.2 During the discussion, it was pointed out that there is a PG Diploma in Mass Communication which is on offer by the University. The present proposal is to award the PG Diploma in Mass Communication to those students who complete the first year courses of the proposed M.A. Programme in Mass Communication. It was noted that the courses offered in the existing PG Diploma and the first year courses of the proposed M.A. in Mass Communication are almost similar. Further, the courses of the existing PG

Diploma are under major revision. Therefore, the Council suggested that the coordinators for the PG Diploma in Mass Communication and M.A. in Mass Communication should avoid any duplication or overlapping of efforts in both the programmes, rather the efforts should be supplement to each other.

AC 44.7.3 With the above directions, the Academic Council approved the Phase-3 Form (**Annexure-5**) in principle for M.A in Mass Communication.

ITEM NO.8 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for B.A in Fashion Design.

ITEM NO.9 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for B.A in Textile Design.

ITEM NO.10 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for B.A in Fashion Merchandising and Production.

AC 44.8-10.1 The Item Nos. 8 to 10 were considered together. It was presented that the School of Vocational Education and Training has submitted the Phase-3 Forms for (i) B.A in Fashion Design; (ii) B.A. in Textile Design, and (iii) B.A. in Fashion Merchandising and Production, all four year degree programmes. Dr. C.G.Naidu, Programme Coordinator explained the salient features of the programmes proposed to be offered in collaboration with the Pearl Academy of Fashion (PAF). Prof. Oberoi representative of PAF presented the profile of the Pearl Academy and informed that these programmes are proposed to be offered as part of the MoU signed between IGNOU and the Academy. These programmes are to be offered in modular structure as indicated below:

First year	:	(i) Certificate in Fashion Design; (ii) Certificate in Textile Design; and (iii) Certificate in Fashion Merchandising and Production
Second year	:	(i) Diploma in Fashion Design; (ii) Diploma in Textile Design; and (iii) Diploma in Fashion Merchandising and Production
Third and Fourth Years:	:	(i) B.A. in Fashion Design; (ii) B.A. in Textile Design; and (iii) B.A. Fashion Merchandising and Production

In the case of all the three programmes, the fees will be charged Rs. 55,000/- in first semester and Rs. 40,000/- in second semester i.e. Rs.95,000/- annual for each programme. The fee sharing by IGNOU and PAF will be as per the MoU. The University's share would be 30% of the fee collected. The responsibility of developing and delivery of the programmes lies with the Pearl Academy of Fashion. The Phase-3 Forms were approved by the School Board of School of Vocational Education and Training at its 4th Meeting held on 8th July, 2008.

AC 44.8-10.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Forms of all the three programmes viz (i) B.A in Fashion Design; (ii) B.A. in Textile Design; and (iii) B.A. in Fashion Merchandising and Production proposed under Item Nos. 8, 9 and 10, respectively (**Annexure-6**).

ITEM NO.11 To consider the recommendations of School Board, School of Journalism and New Media Studies on Implementation of the MoU between IGNOU and Deutsche Welle (DW), Germany.

AC 44.11.1 It was presented that School Board of School of Journalism and New Media Studies approved a draft MoU between IGNOU and Deutsche Welle (DW), Germany at its meeting held on April 11, 2008. The MoU was signed on May 8, 2008. One of the significant components of the MoU is that DW will conduct three courses of one month duration each. The first course viz ‘On-line Journalism’, with a bit web development added to it, will be held in mid September to mid October, 2008 at EMPC, IGNOU, New Delhi. The other two courses viz. Radio and TV Management course and Training the Trainers Programme will be held in other cities at the convenience of IGNOU and DW, and feasibility of conducting the courses.

AC 44.11.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the MoU and the recommendations of the School Board of SOJNMS (**Annexure-7**).

ITEM NO.12 To consider the recommendations of School Board, School of Vocational Education and Training on a proposal for vocational programmes in collaboration with City & Guilds (South Asia) Pvt. Ltd.

AC 44.12.1 It was presented that the School Board of School of Vocational Education and Training at its 4th Meeting held on July 8, 2008 had submitted its recommendations on a proposal for vocational programmes in collaboration with City & Guilds (South Asia) Pvt. Ltd. Shri Ravi Pillai from City & Guilds (South Asia) Pvt. Ltd. explained that the City & Guilds had identified the four sectors i.e. Security, Spoken English, Travel & Tourism and Construction. He also explained the features of delivery of the programme. It was informed that the security related courses can be offered involving PremierShield Risk Management Enterprise, New Delhi and the courses related to spoken English can be offered through the existing Colleges/IGNOU Centres where the required facilities are available. The Partner Institutes for Travel and Tourism and Construction will be identified later. The entry qualification for security related courses will be Class 10 pass.

AC 44.12.2 The School Board also recommended that specific expert groups for each sector could be constituted for designing programmes related to above identified sectors. A MoU can be signed between IGNOU and City & Guilds and other Partner Institutes.

AC 44.12.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the recommendations of the School Board of School of Vocational Education and Training on the proposal for vocational programmes in collaboration with City & Guilds (South Asia) Pvt. Ltd. (**Annexure-8**).

ITEM NO.13 To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for Certificate in Performing and Visual Arts.

AC 44.13.1 It was presented that the School of Performing and Visual Arts had submitted the Phase-3 Form for Certificate in Performing and Visual Arts. Dr. C.G.Naidu, Programme Coordinator explained the salient features of the programme. The Phase-3 Form and the Course Structure had been approved by the School Board of School of Performing and Visual Arts at its third meeting held on July 8, 2008.

AC 44.13.2 During the discussion, it was pointed out that the fee of the programme is on the higher side and the possibility of reducing the fees to Rs. 12,000/- p.a. be considered to popularize this certificate programme. The Programme Coordinator explained that the fee has been fixed on the basis of delivery cost of the programme, hence not feasible to reduce the fee.

AC 44.13.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase-3 Form for Certificate in Performing and Visual Arts (**Annexure-9**).

ITEM NO.14 To consider the Minutes of expert Committee Meeting regarding IGNOU-SACAR Collaboration.

AC 44.14.3 It was presented that a meeting of the expert committee regarding IGNOU-SACAR collaboration was held on July 8, 2008 in India International Centre, New Delhi under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Karan Singh. Dr. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools of Studies explained that discussions were held earlier between IGNOU and SACAR about collaboration in launching Sri Aurobindo Studies, with SACAR, being the coordinating centre of IGNOU to offer various academic programmes at Certificate, Post-Graduate Diploma, MA, M.Phil and Ph.D levels.

AC 44.14.1 The expert committee recommended to launch Sri Aurobindo Studies on August 15, 2008 and emphasized that IGNOU will work with SACAR in drafting the MoU to formulize the partnership.

AC 44.14.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting regarding IGNOU-SACAR Collaboration (**Annexure-10**).

Item No. 15

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

AC 44.15.1

It was informed that the 26th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee was held on July 10, 2008 and considered the following agenda items:

- ITEM NO. 1** To note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC).
- ITEM NO. 2** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration and Development Programme.
- ITEM NO. 3** To consider and approve the proposal for creation of a Centre for Para-Medical Sciences in the University.
- ITEM NO. 4** To consider and approve the proposal for preparing at least two assignments for each course of BSCHOT Programme.
- ITEM NO. 5** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of Certificate in Spanish Language.
- ITEM NO. 6** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of B.Com. with Major in Corporate Affairs and Administration, a joint programme with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as per the MoU.
- ITEM NO. 7** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of M.Com. in Management Accounting and Financial Strategies, a joint programme with the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).
- ITEM NO. 8** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of M.Com. in Business Policy and Corporate Governance, a joint programme with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as per the MoU.
- ITEM NO. 9** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of B.Com. with Major in Financial and Cost Accounting, a joint programme with the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI).
- ITEM NO. 10** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of the Diploma in Legal Literacy.
- ITEM NO. 11** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for PG Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sales Management.
- ITEM NO. 12** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for Competency Certificate in Power Distribution.
- ITEM NO. 13** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for PG Diploma in Analytical Chemistry.
- ITEM NO. 14** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for PG Diploma in Acupuncture.
- ITEM NO. 15** To consider and approve the guidelines for credit transfer for the courses in M.Sc. (MACS) programme.

- ITEM NO. 16** To consider and approve the modalities and methodology of submission and evaluation of project report of “Project (BCEP-060) course” of DCLE (G) programme.
- ITEM NO. 17** To consider and approve the proposal for launching a one year Certificate for Diabetes Community Worker programme from January, 2009.
- ITEM NO. 18** To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of Post Graduate Certificate in Project Management (PGCIPM) to be launched online.
- ITEM NO. 19** To consider and approve the Re-structuring of Programme Structure of DCLE (G) Programme.

AC 44.15.2 The Chairman further informed the decisions taken on all the above items. The Academic Council noted the decisions taken and approved the same. The Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the ACSC is placed at **Annexure-11 (without appendices)**.

AC.44.15.3 The Chairman invited suggestions from the members.

Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, SOSS suggested that on joining of RTAs in the School, the disciplines like Psychology and Anthropology may be started in the School of Social Sciences. Prof. P.R.Ramanujam suggested that the disciplines like Geography in School of Sciences, Philosophy and Astrology in School of Humanities may also be started. The Courses like Videography may also be launched through School of Journalism and New Media Studies. It was suggested that a committee may examine the matters relating to introduction of new disciplines and housing them in the Schools of Studies concerned. The Chairman desired that members may send suo motto suggestions to him and actively participate in developing new academic activities in the University.

Prof. O.P.Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor suggested that the University should involve those people who were associated with the University at its initial stages in developing the courses and IGNOU should make a network of the persons associated with the University during the last 20 years.

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman