

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**FIFTIETH MEETING**  
**of the**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**held on**

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**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
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### MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2009 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8 IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Ex-officio <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC                      | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 3. Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC (I/C ACD)                | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 5. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC                            | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 6. Prof. K. R. Srivasthan, PVC                      | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 7. Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director, SOH               | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 8. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, SOSS               | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 9. Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS             | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 10. Prof. M. Aslam, Director, SOCE                  | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 11. Prof. Bimla Kapoor, Director, SOHS              | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 12. Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS              | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 13. Prof. Ajit Kumar, Director, SOET                | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 14. Prof. Srikrishnadeva Rao, Director, SOL         | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 15. Prof. G. Subbayamma, Director, SOMS             | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 16. Prof. Savita Singh, Director, SOGDS             | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 17. Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS          | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 18. Dr. Deo Shankar Navin, Director (I/c), SOTST    | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 19. Dr. Sushant Kumar Mishra, Director (I/c), SOFL  | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 20. Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapoor, Director (I/c), SOITS | - | Ex-officio Member          |
| 21. Dr. S. K. Arora, Librarian,                     | - | Ex-officio                 |
| 22. Prof. N. Mukunda                                | - | Member                     |
| 23. Prof. K. P. Singh                               | - | Member                     |
| 24. Dr. K. V. Peter                                 | - | Member                     |
| 25. Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy                        | - | Member                     |
| 26. Prof. K. Ramamohan Rao                          | - | Member                     |
| 27. Dr. Srikanth Mohapatra, Registrar (SED)         | - | Member                     |
| 28. Sh. K. Laxman, OSD (SRD)                        | - | Member                     |

Prof. N.K. Dash, Prof. B.S. Hansra and Dr. Paramita Shuklavaidya attended the meeting as representatives of the Directors of SOE, SOA and SOTHSM respectively.

Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, Prof. C.Gajendra Naidu, Director, SOVET, Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS, Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW, Prof. Sunil Kumar, Director, SOPVA, Sh. V.V. Subramanyam, Lecturer, SOCIS, Prof. Mahendra Dev, Prof. George Mathew, Prof. N.K. Jain, Prof. Uma Alladi, Prof. S.N. Maheshwari, Dr. D.K. Dutta Majumdar, Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Prof. Kannan Modugalya, Prof. Devi Singh, could not attend the meeting.

Pending the notification of their membership of the Academic Council, Prof. Pandav Nayak, SOSS, Prof. T.K. Jena, SOHS, Dr. Ashok Kr. Gaba, Reader, SOVET, Dr. Nehal A.

Farooquee, Dr. Babu P. Ramesh, Dr. R.R. Rausaria Registrar (MPDD) attended the meeting as special invitees.

Shri K. D. Sharma, Assistant Registrar, ACD was present to assist Council.

At the outset, the Chairman extended warm welcome to the members to the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council. He informed the Council that UK based Indian scientist Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan has won the 2009 Nobel Prize for Chemistry along with American Thomas A Steitz and Israeli scientist Ada E. Yonath. The trio was awarded for their Study of the structure and function of the Ribosome, one of life's core processes. Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan was born in 1952 in Chidamabram, Tamilnadu. Dr. V. Ramakrishnan completed his Ph.D. in Physics in 1976 from Ohio University US and his work in Chemistry achieved him the highest award. He is the leader at the Structural Studies Division, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge UK. His work shows that Ribosomes produce Protein which in terms controls the Chemistry in all living organisms. Ribosomes are crucial to life, they are also a major target for new antibiotics. Their work showed what the Ribosomes looks like and how it functions at atomic level. Inside every cell in an organism there are DNA molecules they contain the blue prints for how a human being, a plant or a bacterium, looks and functions. But the DNA molecule is passive. If there was nothing else there would be no life. The blue prints transformed into living matter through the work of Ribosomes. Based upon the information in DNA, Ribosomes make proteins: oxygen-transporting haemoglobin, antibodies of the immune system, hormones such as insulin, the collagen of the skin, or enzymes that break down sugar. These are tens of thousands of proteins in the body and they all have different forms and functions. They build and control life at the chemical level.

The Academic Council applauded the work done by Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan and his team, which led to his winning the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and taken on record its appreciation on for the great achievements of Dr. Ramakrishnan.

Then the Chairman requested Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC (in charge ACD) to present the agenda. The following agenda were taken up:

**ITEM NO. 1      To confirm the Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council and to note the action taken thereon.**

AC 50.1.1      The Member Secretary presented that the Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June was circulated to the Members. Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting are placed at **(Annexure 2)** & **(Annexure 3)** for information of the members of the Council.

AC 50.1.2      It was presented that the comments have been received from Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS (Item No: 1) Sh. K. Laxman, OSD (SRD) (Item No: 2), Prof. P.R.R. Nair, OSD & Coordinator, CCETC (Item No: 10) and Prof. M. Aslam, Director, SOCE (Item No: 27).

The Academic Council noted the comments received on Item No: 1 and Item No: 2 which were due to typographical errors in the Resolutions and accepted the amendments as mentioned in the comments for the following

items:

**Item No: 1:** Resolution No: 49.1.2 the resolution numbers mentioned as 46.1.2 and 46.1.3 may be read as 46.14.2 & 46.14.3.

**Item No: 2:** Resolution No: 49.2.3 the clause 1 (iv) should be corrected to Clause 1 (v).

**Item No: 27:** The Academic Council agreed with the modified nomenclature of 'Centre for ODL Capabilities in Local Governance' to 'National ODL Centre for Local Governance'.

AC 50.1.3 The Academic Council considered the comments and confirmed the Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting (**Annexure 1** without appendices) with the above modifications. The Academic Council also noted the Action Taken Report on its 48<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the proposal for Creation of Additional Faculty positions in the School of Agriculture**

AC 50.2.1 It was presented that the School of Agriculture has proposed for creation of additional faculty positions in the school. Prof. B.S. Hansra, explained that at the time of conceptualization of the School six disciplines viz. Agriculture Production System, Agriculture Policy and Agribusiness Management, Livestock and Fisheries Production System, Natural Resource Management, Product Technology and Value Addition and Extension and Communication System were identified. All the faculty members have been recruited and currently the School is operative under only one discipline i.e. Agriculture with the total strength of seven faculty members. The Academic Council at its 46<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 approved the proposal for creation of three new disciplines i.e. i) Agriculture Production System (ii) Agriculture Economics and Extension and (iii) Food Science Technology in the School of Agriculture. Since the faculty members are working under a common discipline they are finding difficulty in handling the programmes because of specializations. The School has developed and launched one Ph.D. Three PG Diplomas, Four Diplomas, Five Certificates and Two Awareness Programmes. It is also conducting Research Extension and Training programmes in the country. In view of the above the School proposed for the creation of positions of Professor – 1 (Crop Production), Associate Professor – 2 (Agriculture Extension (ICT Specialization) and (Horticulture one each), and Assistant Professor – 4. (Food Technology, Soil Science, Plant Breeding / Biotechnology and Agriculture Economics one each).

AC 50.2.2 During the discussion the members expressed the views that the discipline for the above posts should be Agronomy and the specialization should be defined against each of the positions in the advertisement only.

AC 50.2.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for creation of the additional positions of Professor – 1, Associate Professor – 2 and Assistant Professor – 4 in the discipline of Agronomy with above specializations in the School of Agriculture.

**ITEM NO. 3 To consideration and approval of the College of Nursing as Academic Institution maintained by the University under Section 2(d).**

AC 50.3.1 It was presented that the School of Health Sciences has submitted proposal for College of Nursing to be maintained as Academic Institution of the university under Section 2(d). Prof. Bimla Kapoor explained that the University has received a request for affiliation from College of Nursing of Indraprastha Medical Corporation, New Delhi for regular B.Sc. Nursing Programme. The organization had obtained approval from in the Nursing Council, Delhi Nursing Council and Directorate of Health Services Govt. of NCT Delhi for starting the B.Sc. Nursing programme. The Vice-Chancellor had constituted a core group to finalize the norms for affiliation and application form for affiliation. However, the Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute the committee to examine the issue of affiliation. In the light of provisions of the IGNOU Act and Scheme of the Convergence. Accordingly a Committee was constituted under Chairpersonship of Dr. D.K. Choudhary (PVC). In the mean time the University had received the request from Apollo Hospital. After deliberations it is proposed that the Apollo Hospital be considered as Academic Institution maintained by the University under Section 2(d).

AC 50.3.2 During the discussion Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC raised the point that his name from the Committee and Core Group as mentioned in the note be removed as he was never associated in the matter. Prof. M. Aslam, Director, SOCE suggested that the University should have a Policy in place for Affiliation/maintaining of Colleges/Institutions.

AC 50.3.3 In view of the above discussion, the Academic Council resolved that a Policy in the matter is required to be in place. It also decided that the University may sign a Memorandum of Understanding with concerned Institution/Colleges and Joint Consultative Committee of the signing Institutions/Colleges and the University should deliberate on the issues involved and for the time being the programme of B.Sc. (Nursing) in face to face mode should be offered from these Colleges/Institutions.

**ITEM NO. 4 To consider and approve the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Council held on June 23, 2009.**

AC 50.4.1 It was presented that the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council of the University was held on June 23, 2009. The Research Council is an authority of the University under over all supervision of the Academic Council, therefore, the Minutes of the Research Council are placed before the Academic Council for approval.

AC 50.4.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Minutes (**Annexure 2 without appendices**) of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council.

**ITEM NO. 5 To report for ratification the commencement of Diploma in Teaching German as a Foreign Language.**

AC 50.5.1 It was presented that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) has presented the Phase 3 form for Diploma in Teaching German as a Foreign Language in collaboration with Goeth Institute (MMB) University of Vienna. Ms. Shatabadi Ghosh Lashkar explained the salient feature of the Programme. She also apprised the members that programme will meet the need of professionals of German Language teachers in class room Management, Lesson Planning, Teaching Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar, Pronunciation and Assessing and Motivating the students. The programme will be offered in Pilot Phase from January 2010 and will be launched in July 2011. The Course Structure for the Programme has been approved by the School Board of SOFL at its meeting held on 23.06.2009.

AC 50.5.2 The Academic Council noted and approved Phase 3 form (**Annexure 3**) for Diploma in Teaching German as a Foreign Language in ODL with practical components from Jan. 2010 in Pilot Phase and the same will be launched from July 2011.

**ITEM NO. 6 To consider and approve the proposal to put on offer the Diploma Programme in Aquaculture (DAQ) from Jan, 2010.**

AC 50.6.1 It was presented that the School of Sciences had proposed to put on offer the Diploma Programme in Aquaculture (DAQ) from January 2010 which was put on hold by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting for one/two years due to less enrolment. Prof Sunita Malhotra, Director, School of Sciences explained that of late School had been receiving the requests from students/ Study Centres for the programme.

AC 50.6.2 During the discussion, the members suggested that the University should take initiative for more clientele for the Programme by approaching different agencies such as Panchayats, Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. It was also suggested since it is an agriculture based programme it can be offered jointly with the School of Agriculture.

AC 50.6.3 The Academic Council resolved to approve the proposal to put on offer the Diploma Programme in Aquaculture from January 2010.

**ITEM NO.7 To consider and approve the proposal for allowing the students of Diploma in Meat Technology (DMT) to write the examination in Bengali.**

AC 50.7.1 It was presented that School of Agriculture on the request received from the Students of Diploma in Meat Technology (DMT) of the PSC at WBUAFS, Kolkata submitted a proposal for allowing the students to write the examination in Bengali.

AC. 50.7.2 The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the proposal for allowing the students to write their examination in Bengali with the condition that the University will neither provide material nor question papers in Bengali.

**ITEM NO.8 To note for information the Status Report in respect of on-going activities of the Centre for Corporate Education, Training and Consultancy**

AC 50.8.1 It was presented that the Status Report in respect of on going activities the Centre for Corporate Education, Training and Consultancy is placed for the information of the Academic Council. Prof. P.R.R. Nair, OSD, CCETC explained the salient features of the Report and the ongoing activities of the center in detail.

AC 50.8.3 During the discussions Prof. G. Subbyamma, Director, SOMS, has raised the issue relating to the Master in Business Entrepreneurship programme and stated that the discipline of Master in Business Administration is located in the School of Management Studies and hence the programme can be offered only through the School of Management Studies. At this juncture Prof Nair, stated that the clients are not interested to go to the School with their programmes. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, participating in the discussions suggested that the faculty of the Management discipline should be proactive and any academic programme from them is welcomed. The suggestion was made that while launching the programmes it should be ensured that there is no duplication and conflict between the two programmes. Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, PVC, stated in the present scenario all the disciplines are inter-disciplinary and therefore, the contention of the School of Management Studies for offering the Master in Business Degree is not acceptable. There was also a suggestion to make a Committee to have more clarity in the matter so that any such disputes can be resolved before the matter is placed before the Academic Council.

AC 50.8.2 The Academic Council noted the status report on the on-going activities of the Centre for Corporate Education, Training & Consultancy and appreciated the work done by the centre with in less than a year of its establishment in Dec. 2008.

**ITEM NO.9 To consider and approve the Phase 3 form of Certificate in PC Hardware and Networking.**

AC 50.9.1 It was presented that the Computer Division of the University had proposed the Phase 3 form for a six months Certificate Programme in PC Hardware and Networking. Dr V.S.P. Srivastva, Head, Computer Division explained the salient features of the Programme. He explained that the Programme will be offered on Pilot basis initially in face to face as the programme has been more practical oriented which contains 6 credits of theory and 10 credits of the Lab/Hand on work.

AC 50.9.2 During the discussion members appreciated the efforts of the Service Division in offering the Programmes based on their experience in providing services and suggested that these Divisions may offer more such programmes in collaboration with Schools concerned. Dr. Srivastava also clarified the doubts raised by the members on Video Programmes and Evaluation Methodology of the Programme relating to the percentage of continuous assessment and TEE in both theory and practical the components. The Programme Coordinator agreed that the percentage will be rounded of to 30% and 70 %.

AC 50.9.3 The Academic Council constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof K. R. Srivathsan, PVC, with Prof. Manohar Lal, Director SOCIS and Dr. V.S.P. Srivastava, Head, Computer Division as its members to deliberate on the viability of such Programmes.

The Academic considered and approved the Phase 3 form (**Annexure 4**) of Certificate in PC Hardware and Networking with the above suggestions to take offered in face to face mode initially from the Head Quarters and thereafter, in Regional Centres, initially from one RC in each Region.

**ITEM NO.10 To consider the concept paper for Post Graduate Diploma in Corporate Governance.**

AC 50.10.1. It was presented that the Centre for Corporate Education Training and Consultancy based on the approval of the Academic Council for Diploma in Corporate Governance proposed the one year PG Diploma Programme from the ensuing academic session. A concept note prepared by the Centre along with tentative course outline for PG Diploma was approved by the Expert Committee with minor amendment in course structure and is to be placed before the Centre Management Committee.

AC 50.10.2 The Academic Council considered and resolved that the concept note may be placed before the Centre Management Committee first and after its approval it may be placed again before it with the recommendations of the Centre Management Committee.



**ITEM NO.11 To consider the issue of updating Ordinance 7 on Degrees/Diploma and Certificates under Section 5(1)(iii) of the Act.**

AC 50.11.1 It was presented that the Academic Council at its 48<sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009 considered the issues relating to updating the Ordinance on Degrees/Diploma and Certificates under Section 5(1)(iii) of the Act. The Academic Council vide Resolution No. 48.27.2 desired to update the Ordinance. The Member Secretary vide its letter IG/ACD/AC-48-Spl/2009/1902 dated 23.06.2009 requested the Directors of Schools, Head of Academic Divisions to furnish the information regarding Degrees/Diplomas and Certificates for updating the Ordinance. On the basis of the information received from the concerned Schools/Divisions/Centre the Revised Ordinance is placed before the Academic Council.

AC 50.11.2 During the discussion some of the members mentioned that their programmes are not reflected in the Ordinance. The Chairman asked the members to send their programmes to ACD for updation of the Ordinance.

AC 50.11.3 The Academic Council approved the updated the Ordinance on Degrees/Diploma and Certificates under Section 5(1)(iii) of the Act (**Annexure 5**) provisions of Clause 2 of the Ordinance which provide that the University may add new degrees/diplomas/certificates to those mentioned in Clause 1 or delete any of them, with the approval of the Academic Council from time to time.

**ITEM NO.12 To consider the Academic Programme booklet for the July, 2009 and January, 2010 Sessions**

AC 50.12.1 It was presented that the Academic Programme booklet giving the details of the Programmes being offered by the University for the July 2009 and January 2010 sessions along with the eligibility and other details is placed before the Academic Council for information. It was explained that the University will be offering 312 Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Doctoral Programmes comprising around 1700 courses through 21 Schools of Studies/Centres/Institutes and a network of 60 Regional Centres, at more than 2,241 Learner's Support Centres and 52 overseas institutions in 33 countries during July 2009 and January 2010.

AC 50.12.2 Shri Sudhir Kr. Arora, Librarian, pointed out that in the Academic Programme booklet there is no mention of the information relating to Library Services, new initiatives of the University like face to face and Community Colleges.

AC 50.12.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the Programme Academic Booklet along with the Programmes mentioned in it.

**ITEM NO.13 To consider and approve the Revised Version of the Course Globalization and Environment (MED-008) for the PG Diploma in Environment and Sustainable Development (PGDESD)**

AC 50.13.1 It was presented that the School of Sciences has proposed the revised version of the Course Globalization and Environment (MED-008) for the PG Diploma in Environment and Sustainable Development (PGDESD). Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS, explained that the contents of Course MED-008 has been revised by the course team members and one block i.e. Block 4 (Unit 13 to 16) has been added on the suggestion of the Expert Committee. The PGDESD programme team had also suggested that the revised course may also be adopted for PGDESD programme. The School Board had also approved the revised version of MED-008 and the proposal for its adoption for PGDESD.

AC 50.13.2 The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the Revised Version of the Course Globalization and Environment (MED-008) (**Annexure 6**) for the PG Diploma in Environment and Sustainable Development (PGDESD).

**ITEM NO.14 To consider the “Nomenclature of the Integrated Ph.D. Programme in Physics” offered by School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS)**

AC 50.14.1 It was presented that the School of Sciences had submitted the proposal relating to “Nomenclature of the Integrated Ph.D. Programme in Physics” offered by School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS). Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Director, SOS explained in detail the reasons for the proposal. She stated that at 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting when the proposal for Ph.D. in Astrophysics was being considered by Academic Council the School of Sciences had apprised the Council that the programme structure and contents for the proposed M.Sc. degree in Physics in the programme are heavily biased towards the specialized area of Astrophysics (comprising more than 50% of the contents). In contrast, the structure and course contents of M.Sc. (Physics) outlined in the model UGC curriculum and offered by the Central Universities, IITs and other reputed Universities in the country has only 25% weightage allotted to the specialized areas with 75% weightage given to the core courses. The matter was discussed in the meeting of Expert Committee in Physics held on January 07, 2009, and it was recommended that “Master’s Degree in this program should be offered as M.Sc. in Astrophysics”. The Physics Discipline is developing the M.Sc. (Physics) programme to be offered by the School of Sciences, the Phase – 1 form for which was approved by the School Board of School of Sciences on 10.04.2007 – much before the Integrated Ph.D. Programme in Physics offered from SOITS was planned and proposed, and its programme structure and contents are in accordance with the UGC model curriculum and on par with the M.Sc. (Physics) being offered by other Universities and Institutes. Further, any Universities should not offer the same degree with two different programme structures and course contents. As per the recording of the Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting (46.14.2), the Academic Council was convinced that the programme be renamed as M.Sc. (Astrophysics). The Academic Council

while ratifying the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in regularizing the matter at its 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting decided to locate the said programme in SOS if the Physics faculty so desires.

AC 50.14.2 The Academic Council deliberated in detail on issues involved and decided to defer its decision and suggested that the matter may be resolved in consultation with Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Coordinator of the Integrated Ph.D. Programme in Physics” offered by School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS).

**ITEM NO.15 To consider and approve the proposal for launch of Certificate programme in Performing and Visual Arts in Indigenous art forms of North Eastern States (Guru Parampara Scheme, Government of India) from January 2010.**

AC 50.15.1 It was presented that the School of Visual and Performing Arts had submitted a proposal for launch of Certificate programme in Performing and Visual Arts in Indigenous art forms of North Eastern States under (Guru Parampara Scheme, Government of India) from January 2010. The Certificate Programme will have 16 Credits-2 Credits for Theory (60 Study Hours) and 14 Credits for Practical having 480 study hours Counseling for 6-8 hours will be offered in face to face mode.

AC 50.15.2 The Academic Council approved the proposal for launch of Certificate programme in Performing and Visual Arts in Indigenous art forms of North Eastern States (Guru Parampara Scheme, Government of India) (**Annexure 7**) from January 2010 and course structure for the programme.

**ITEM NO.16 To consider and approve the proposal for Starting of (1) Five Year Integrated Programme in Business & Entrepreneurship, leading to Award of MBE Degree & (2) Starting of Certificate Programme by M/S. Reach Technology, Bangalore.**

AC 50.16.1 It was presented that the Centre for Corporate, Education, Training and Consultancy had proposed for (1) Five Year Integrated Programme in Business & Entrepreneurship, leading to Award of MBE Degree and (2) Starting of Certificate Programmes (Credit Training Programmes and Non-Credit Training Programmes by M/S. Reach Technology, Bangalore under MoUs and collaborations. Prof. P.R.R. Nair, OSD & Coordinator, CCETC, explained the details of the proposals. He informed that the proposals were forwarded to the concerned schools and Pro Vice-Chancellors for their observations.

AC 50.16.2 During the discussion on this item a reference was also made to the discussion of item no.8. The Academic Council considered the comments and observations of the concerned Schools and Pro-Vice-Chancellors in which the School and the PVC had given the following comments:  
School of Management Studies observed that :

- ❖ whether IILM has the programme already existing;
- ❖ what are the resources available with IILM in developing the said programme; and

❖ what will be the role of IILM and IGNOU

The Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice-Chancellor observed that to ensure the quality and standard of the programmes, the same may also be assessed by the experts in the areas from all over the country

AC 50.16.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the concept note for (1) Five Year Integrated Programme in Business & Entrepreneurship, leading to Award of MBE Degree in collaboration with IILM & (2.) Starting of Certificate (Credit Training and Non-Credit Training Programmes) by M/S. Reach Technology, Bangalore (**Annexure 8**) in principle and suggested that the details of both programmes may be designed and assessed by the experts in the area drawn from all over the country before placing them before the Expert Committees and Statutory Bodies of the University.

**ITEM NO.17 To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting the students of the Integrated BCA-MCA programme of he batches of July 1998 and afterwards to appear in examination up to December 2010**

AC 50.17.1 It was presented that the School of Computer and Information Science had submitted a proposal for ratification of the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting the students of the Integrated BCA-MCA programme of he batches of July 1998 and afterwards to appear in examination up to December 2010. Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS, explained the item and stated that the item was ratified by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Of late the suggestion made by SRD has been included in the Agenda and taken care by the School.

AC 50.17.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting the students of the Integrated BCA-MCA programme of batches of July 1998 and afterwards to appear in examination up to December 2010 with the terms and conditions mentioned in (**Annexure 9**).

**ITEM NO.18 To consider and approve the case of Mr. Kailash More for discussion in Academic Council.**

AC 50.18.1 It was presented that the Faculty of Library and Information Science, SOSS has submitted the case of Mr. Kailash More whose request is received has been received from Regional Director, Mumbai regarding admission of the candidate in MLISc Programme of IGNOU. The candidate had already done his MLISc from Pune University which is a two year integrated programme after graduation. The minimum requirement for admission in IGNOU for Master in Library and Information Sciences is Bachelor Library and Information Sciences degree.

AC 50.18.2 During the discussion, the members of the Council were of the view that the University should not have any objection if a Student desires to study the same programme which he had completed successfully from other University.

AC 50.18.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal of the Faculty for admission of Mr. Kailash More for admission to MLISc by exempting the eligibility of BLISc in lieu of his Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Pune University as a special case. Further, it decided that for similar other cases in future necessary provisions should be made in the Prospectus also.

**ITEM NO.19 To ratify the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor for online examination evaluation and Certification of performance of students in the VET stream.**

AC 50.19.1 It was presented that the proposal is for ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor for online examination, evaluation and Certification of performance of students in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) stream under Regional Institute of Vocational Education (RIVET-EZ). Prof. Pandav Nayak, Coordinator of the project explained the proposal in detail.

AC 50.19.2 During the discussion Registrar (SED) raised the issues relating to the certification of the courses by the University, whether the programmes and the course structure has been approved by the Statutory bodies or not. He also mentioned that unless the programmes have been approved by Statutory bodies Certification will not be possible by Student Evaluation Division. Prof. Pandav Nayak, informed the Council that the School Board of Vocational Education and Training at its Seventh Meeting held on 22.4.2009 approved the proposed collaboration of Regional Institute of Vocational Education and Training (RIVET) for East Zone at Phulbani. . The Vice-Chancellor's approval for the courses and online examination in the absence of regulations for on line evaluation etc. was taken.

AC 50.19.3 The Academic Council suggested that Prof. Pandav Nayak, OSD for the RIVET should discuss the matter in detail with Registrar (SED) and then submit the detailed proposal to the Vice Chancellor for consideration. It was further decided that a Committee may be constituted to look into the matter and frame a detailed policy note/ regulations for online examination by the University. The Academic Council approved the proposal in principle.

**ITEM NO.20 To consider and approve the recommendations arrived at National Workshop On 'Development of Text-books and Training Manuals for the Community Colleges'**

AC 50.20.1 It was presented that National Workshop was organized during 15-17 September, 2009 on '*Development of Text-books and Training Manuals for the Community Colleges*'. It was attended by several National Experts

in the area of Community Colleges and also some internal members of the National Expert Committee of Community Colleges and Senior Teachers and Academics of IGNOU. The Workshop was chaired by Hon'ble VC.

AC 50.20.2 After detailed discussions on the recommendations arrived at the Workshop, the Academic Council approved the recommendations (**Annexure 10**).

**ITEM NO.21 To report the syllabus structure of B.A (H) International Culinary Arts -4 Years Programme**

AC 50.21.1 It was presented that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Management had submitted the syllabus structure of B.A. (H) International Culinary Arts a 4 Years Programme offered as per the MOU between IGNOU and Federation of Hotel Restaurant Association of India Educational Trust (FHRAI-ET) in face to face mode.

AC 50 .21.2 Dr. Parmita Shuklavaidya, Lecturer explained the details of the proposal. The Expert Committee recommended to frame the final syllabus structure of the programme taking into account the syllabus as proposed by FRAI-ET. The Expert meeting was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009 wherein a panel consisting of industry experts and academics deliberated on the syllabus proposed by FHRAI-ET and recommended the same.

AC 50 .21.3 The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the curriculum design and final syllabus structure (**Annexure 11**) of B.A. (H) International Culinary Arts and authorize the School Board to approve the course structure for the programme after detailed discussions.

**ITEM NO.22 To report the syllabus structure of B.Sc. (Hons) International Hospitality Administration – 4 Years Programme**

AC 50.22.1 It was presented that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Management had submitted the syllabus structure of B.Sc. (H) International Hospitality Administration, 4 Years Programme being offered as per the MOU between IGNOU and Federation of Hotel Restaurant Association of India Educational Trust (FHRAI-ET) in face to face mode.

AC 50.22.2 Dr. Parmita Shuklavaidya, Lecturer explained the details of the proposal. She informed that the Phase 3 form for the programme had already been approved by the School Board and Academic Council at their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Meetings respectively held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2009 and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The Expert Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009 deliberated on the syllabus structure proposed by FHRAI-ET.

AC 50.22.3 The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the curriculum design and final syllabus structure (**Annexure 12**) B.Sc. (Hons) International Hospitality Administration – 4 Years Programme in principle and authorized the School Board to approve the course structure for the programme after detailed discussions.

**ITEM NO.23 To report the syllabus structure of MBA in Hospitality Management – 2 Years Programme**

AC 50.23.1 It was presented that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Management had submitted the syllabus structure of MBA in Hospitality Management – 2 Years Programme being offered as per the MOU between IGNOU and Federation of Hotel Restaurant Association of India Educational Trust (FHRAI-ET) in face to face mode from the academic session of 2009 onwards.

AC 50.23.2 Dr. Parmita Shuklavidya, Lecturer explained the details of the proposal. She informed that an Expert meeting was recommended by the Vice-Chancellor to frame the final syllabus structure for the programme, taking into account as syllabus proposed by FHRAI-ET. The Expert Meeting was conducted in workshop mode on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 and 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, wherein a panel consisting of industry of industry experts and academics deliberated on the syllabus structure proposed by FHRAI-ET and suggested a final curriculum.

AC 50.23.3 The Academic Council noted and approved the curriculum design and syllabus structure (**Annexure 13**) structure of MBA in Hospitality Management – 2 Years Programme in face to face mode and authorized the School Board to approve the curriculum degree and syllabus.

**ITEM NO.24 To report the syllabus structure of Executive MBA (Hospitality Management) – 1 years programme**

AC 50.24.1 It was presented that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Management had submitted the syllabus structure of Executive MBA (Hospitality Management) a 1 Year Programme being offered as per the MOU between IGNOU and Federation of Hotel Restaurant Association of India Educational Trust (FHRAI-ET) in face to face mode.

AC 50.24.2 Dr. Parmita Shuklavidya, Lecturer explained the details of the proposal. She informed that an Expert meeting was conducted in workshop mode to frame the final syllabus structure for the programme, taking into account as syllabus proposed by FHRAI-ET. The Expert Meeting was conducted in workshop mode on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 and 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 wherein a panel consisting of industry of industry experts and academics deliberated on the syllabus structure proposed by FHRAI-ET and suggested a final curriculum.

AC 50.24.3 The Academic Council noted for information the curriculum design and syllabus structure (**Annexure 14**) structure of Executive MBA in Hospitality Management – 1Year Programme in face to face mode in principle and authorized the School Board to approve the course structure for the programme after detailed discussions.

**ITEM NO.25 To report admission of students in July 2008, January 2009 & July 2009 cycle.**

AC 50.25.1 It was presented that the OSD (SRD) has submitted the details of the students admitted during admission cycle July, 2008, January,2009 and July, 2009 respectively.

AC 50.25.2 During the discussion Dr. S.K. Moahapatra, Registrar (SED) informed there was large difference between the figures submitted by the Registrar (SRD) and number of Examination forms received December, 2009 TEE. He stressed for the better co-ordination between the Registration Division and Examination Division for the smooth functioning. The OSD (SRD) informed that there was an increase of about 1.5 lakh students.

AC 50.25.3 The Academic Council noted the report on admission of students in July 2008, January 2009 & July 2009 cycle.

*At the request of Dr. S.K. Mohapatra, Registrar (SED) and Prof Sunita Malhotra, Director SOS the items relating to Decentralization of evaluation of Answer Scripts at identified Regional Centre at (Item No. 28) and concept note for M.Sc. (Life Sciences) (Item No.30) respectively were also taken up.*

**ITEM NO.28 To report the Decentralization of evaluation of Answer Scripts at identified Regional Centres.**

AC 50.28.1 It was presented that the University has been conducting examination twice a year i.e. in June and December every year at about 550 Examination Centres covering 1500 course in 330 programmes. The total number of answer scripts being evaluated in each TEE is about 14 lacs. It gigantic task to handle at Head Quarters alone.

AC 50.28.2 Dr. S.K. Mohapatra, Registrar (SED), explained the operational difficulties in handling the answer scripts, evaluation and declaration of results in time. During the discussion the Chairman, mentioned that due operational difficulties he had agreed to the proposal to decentralize the evaluation of answer sheets at one of the Regional Centres in each zone so that the evaluation can be completed within a maximum period of 60 days and result can be declared before the commencement of the date of submission of Examination Forms for the next term end examination. The details of the scheme are placed at **(Annexure 15)**

AC 50.28.3 The Academic Council approved the proposal for decentralization of evaluation of Answer scripts at one Regional Centre of each zone as proposed in the note. It suggested that a Committee be constituted to look into the details of the scheme for implementation from next examination.



**Item No. 30 To consider and approve the face to face M.Sc. Programme in Life Sciences**

AC. 50.30.1 It was presented that the Vice-Chancellor in his meeting with the faculty of Life Sciences, School of Sciences discussed the modalities of offering M.Sc. Life Sciences in face to face mode from January, 2010. After the discussions on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 the faculty of Life Sciences prepared a concept note for offering the M.Sc. Life Sciences.

AC 50.30.2 The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the concept **(Annexure 16)** of the faculty for Master's Degree in Life Sciences in face to face mode.

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

**(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)**  
**Chairman**