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FIFTY SIXTH MEETING
of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Held on

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 27TH MAY 2011 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8 IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
3. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
4. Prof. K.R. Srivasthan, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
5. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, PVC	-	Ex-officio Member
6. Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Director, SOH	-	Ex-officio Member
7. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, SOSS	-	Ex-officio Member
8. Prof. Vibha Joshi, Director, SOE	-	Ex-officio Member
9. Prof. Naval Kishore, Director, SOMS	-	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. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL	-	Ex-officio Member
15. Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SOA	-	Ex-officio Member
16. Prof. C. Gajendra Naidu, Director, SOVET	-	Ex-officio Member
17. Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS	-	Ex-officio Member
18. Dr. Harkirat Bains, Director (I/c), SOTHSSM	-	Ex-officio Member
19. Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW	-	Ex-officio Member
20. Prof. Savita Singh, Director, SOGDS	-	Ex-officio Member
21. Prof. G. Choudhary, Director, SOFL	-	Ex-officio Member
22. Prof. V. Saravanan, Director, SOITS	-	Ex-officio Member
23. Sh. S.K. Arora, Librarian	-	Member
24. Dr. Kusum Sharma, Director, ID	-	Member
25. Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Director, NCIDE	-	Member
26. Prof. Pushplata Tripathi, Registrar, SED	-	Member
27. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD	-	Member
28. Prof. T.K. Jena, SOHS	-	Member
29. Prof. Anjila Gupta, SOSS	-	Member
30. Dr. Nehal A Farooque, Reader, SOEDS	-	Member
31. Dr. A.K. Gaba, Reader, SOVET	-	Member
32. Dr. Kamalika Banerjee, Asst. Prof., SOS	-	Member
33. Dr. Arvind Kr. Dubey, Asst. Prof., SOTHSSM	-	Member
34. Prof. M.S. Senam Raju	-	Member Secretary

Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Director SOEDS, Prof. Sunil Kumar, Director, SOPVA, Prof. K. Satchidanandan, Director, SOTST, Dr. Babu P. Ramesh, Reader, SOITS, Sh. P.V. Suresh, Lecturer, SOCIS, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director, DEC, Sh. Ravi Kanth, Director, EMPC could not attend the meeting.

Prof. B.S. Saraswat, attended the meeting on behalf of Director, School of Sciences.

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

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Academic Council to the 56th meeting.

The Chairman informed that the 23rd convocation of the University was held on 26th May, 2011 in which the Degree/Diploma/Certificates were awarded to the students who have successfully completed the programmes of the University in December 2010. It was informed that the University has started the practice of conducting two Convocations in a year, one in April for December TEE's and another in October for June TEE's in order to avoid waiting of students so many months for getting their Degrees. He also appreciated the steps taken to streamline the Evaluation related activities such as decentralization of Evaluation and creation of required positions to meet the targets in time, ensuring the submission of assignments by the students before registering for appearing in term end examinations, conduct of meetings with the Regional Center for ensuring timely submission and evaluation of the assignments of the students, uploading all the assignments marks in time. The number of students who are eligible for the various degrees and diplomas in the 23rd Convocation was also reported to the Academic Council.

Due to above steps, and strict implementation, the University declared the results of the June Term-End Examinations by 14th February 2011, this has achieved the statutory of declaration of results within 45 days after completion of term end examinations. He also urged the Director, Schools of Studies to send the list of evaluators, programme/course wise to the Registrar of SED by 1st June 2011. The Chairman requested that the Director of the Schools, Registrar SED and Director, RSD to coordinate with each other to ensure that the lists of duly approved evaluators for all the courses should be available in the Evaluation Division at the Head Quarter and at Evaluation Centers in order to avoid any delay for declaration of results of June 2011 term end examinations. The Academic Council also resolved to approve the entire list of evaluators submitted by the Registrar, SED for the June 2011 examination along with the already approved list for the December 2010 examination.

The Chairman appreciated all the concerned faculty/staff for achieving the targets of result declaration which will enhance the credibility of the University. This is now witnessing through most of the students are submitting their assignments to appear the TEE which indicates that the students are preparing themselves and ready to appear the TEE.

The Chairman informed the members that Mr. Karthik Gurunathan Iyer from Bangalore, a student of IGNOU, secured seventh rank (first attempt) in the All India Civil Services Examination 2010. The Chairman received a mail from Mr. Karthik Gurunathan Iyer which was read in the meeting. In his message Mr. Karthik Gurunathan Iyer has appreciated the Open and Distance Learning System, high quality of Study material and teachers who had prepared the Study Material. The Chairman also informed the Council that University will like to place on record the appreciation of the exemplary achievement of Mr. Iyer. The members of the Council placed taken record its appreciations of the exemplary achievement of Mr. Karthik Gurunathan Iyer, who is pursuing M.A Political Science from the University.

The Chairman then asked the Member Secretary to present the Agenda. The following agenda items were taken up:

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the minutes of the 55th meeting of the Academic Council held on 05th April 2011 and to note action taken there on

AC 56.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that the copy of the minutes of the 55th meeting of the Academic Council held on 05th April 2011(without appendices) were circulated among the members in the meeting.

AC 56.1.2 The members requested that they require some time to go through the minutes and send their comments. The Chairman agreed the request and asked the members to forward their comments on the minutes to Member Secretary by 1st of June 2011, in case no comments are received the minutes will stand confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 08th April, 2011 – SRD

AC 56.2.1 It was presented that the 7th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 08th April, 2011. The equivalence Committee considered the cases relating to equivalence received from different quarters and made among other things, the following recommendations.

1. While considering the ATR on the 6th meeting held on 28.11.2007, the Equivalence Committee reiterated that ‘**Off Campus**’ programmes of Accredited Foreign Universities offered in India in collaboration with any Academic Institution are not recognized and not accepted for purposes of admission to IGNOU’s academic programmes in the absence of any Government Policy to accredit such collaborative programmes.
2. To recognize **12th Grade High School Diploma of USA** (12 years of Schooling) as equivalent to 10+2 for purpose of admission to IGNOU’s academic programmes.
3. To recognize “**Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate**” awarded by **Bhutan Board of Examination, Thimpu**, as equivalent to +2 stage qualification for purposes of admission to IGNOU’s academic programmes.
4. To recognize ‘**Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Computing**’ awarded by **University of Portsmouth**, for purpose of admission to IGNOU’s academic programmes, subject to fulfillment of the condition that the eligibility requirement and duration of the programme remain the same as that of IGNOU/India Universities.
5. To recognize **3 year Bachelor of Arts (Defence Studies) Degree** awarded by **General Sir John Kotelawala Defence**

University, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka, for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Post-Graduate Programmes wherever the eligibility criteria is a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent qualification.

6. Ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing the examination of '**CIMA Strategic level**' as a **professional qualification** for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Management Programmes, regardless of the country that it is awarded

AC 56.2.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the above recommendations and minutes of the Equivalence Committee (ANNEXURE 1).

ITEM NO. 3 To consider and approve the one-time provision of two years from July, 2011 to June 2013 to take fresh admission with credit transfer of the courses to the old registered students in B.Ed. Programme who had not completed the programme in the prescribed duration due to the one or the other reasons- SOE

AC 56.3.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Education has submitted a proposal for the one-time provision of two years from July, 2011 to June 2013 to take fresh admission with credit transfer of the courses to the old registered students in B. Ed. Programme, who have not been completed successfully so far within the maximum duration.

AC 56.3.2 During the discussions it was informed that the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 12th meeting approved the re-admission policy of all the programmes of the University. But due the School of Education, to some reservations was not expressed its ascent for extending the re-admission facility to the B. Ed. Students, however, in 14th meeting of ACSC Meeting held on 29.04.2005 approved the policy for re-admission and Credit Transfer for B. Ed. learners. In view of this decision the facility could not be extended for the previous batches.

The policy was also approved by the Academic Council at its 33rd Meeting held on 05th July 2005.

AC 56.3.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal as follows:

1. The old registered students, who have not completed the B. Ed. programme and could not avail the benefit of re- registration shall be given the facility of fresh admission along with credit transfer facility subject to remittance of pro-rata programme fees.
2. This facility is only one time provision to all the old registered students of B. Ed. programme who could not get the re-registration facility in order to complete the programme successfully during July 2011 to June 2013.

ITEM NO. 4 To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for making DLC of Microsoft as one of the eligibility conditions for admission to CIT – SOCIS

AC 56.4.1 It was presented that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved Digital Literacy Certificate (DLC) as one of the eligibility criteria for admission to CIT programme. Prof. Manohar Lal informed that DLC is a certificate issued by Microsoft Corporation, when a person secures 80% or more. The test can be taken by any person, across the World from any Computer. The Certificate is generated immediately online. The proposal of DLC as one of the eligibility conditions for admission into CIT was approved by the School Board of Computer Information Sciences. Accordingly, the eligibility condition for CIT programme from July 2011 onwards shall be 10th Standard or SSC or IGNOU's BPP or Microsoft's DLC or equivalent. While discussion the issue of minimum age of 15 years for admission into Certificate Programmes came up, by participating in the discussion, the Chairman stated that all the skill development programmes, the minimum age should be 15 years since these programmes are alternative root to higher education without compromising the learning capabilities. Such programmes would be a mix of Vocational (hands on experience), academic skills and knowledge can be achieved. Since, only about 15% population entered and complete higher secondary standards. When the University allows the minimum age 18 years for admission into Graduation, for the certificate programme, the minimum age shall be 15 years. This is also recommended for all the skill development programmes in Community Colleges and for the Bachelor Preparatory Programme (BPP).

AC 56.4.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the following revised eligibility conditions for admission to CIT:

10th Standard or SSC or IGNOU's BPP or Microsoft's DLC or equivalent with a minimum age of 15 years for admission to CIT.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider and approve the Royalty rates to the authors whose literary texts are prescribed as course material and printed as a part of study material or Reader-SOH.

AC 56.5.1 The Council considered the proposal of Paying royalty to the Authors @ Rs.10,000/- for one piece of writing i.e. a short story/essay, one act play, critical essay, public poem or a few poems and also the remuneration to the translators as per IGNOU norms i.e. 50% of the rate of original text subject to the permission of the author. The Academic Council approved the proposal in principle with the directions to the School for standardization of payment norms on case to case basis and subject to the approval of Finance Committee.

AC 56.5.2 The Academic Council approved the proposal in principle with the directions to the School for standardization of payment norms on case to case basis and subject to the approval of Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 6 To consider and approve the Phase Zero Form for module of four new courses of short stories as an optional module in M.A. Hindi (MHD) – SOH

AC 56.6.1 It was informed the School of Humanities submitted Phase Zero Form for four new elective courses for M.A. Hindi(MHD) based on short stories comprises of 16 credits. The School Board has been approved the Phase Zero Form at its 42nd meeting held on 22nd September 2010.

AC 56.6.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase Zero Form along with the syllabus of the course (**ANNEXURE 2**).

ITEM NO. 7 To consider and approve the report of the Review Committee on the Convergence Scheme – Convergence Unit

AC 56.7.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Convergence Unit has submitted the report of the Review Committee on the Convergence Scheme. He informed that a Review Committee on the Scheme has been constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. C. Thangamuthu. The committee has submitted its report for the consideration of Academic Council.

AC 56.7.2 During the discussions the Director, School of Health Sciences informed that there are number of issues relating to programmes SOHS has not been discussed Deputy Director, Convergence Unit and her. She also not aware of the steps being taken under the Scheme for ensuring that how the quality control is being ascertained about the infrastructure facility etc available in the institution under this scheme.

AC 56.7.3 Participating in the discussion the Chairman appreciated the report of the Review Committee and advised the School of Health Sciences to discuss the same in the School and then suggestions of the Schools may be forwarded to the Director, Academic Coordination Division. He also insisted that there should be 100% interaction with the teachers under this scheme. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, PVC appreciating the scheme and insisted that University should not make any compromise regarding infrastructure and quality of education being provided by the Institution under the Convergence Scheme.

The members insisted that to strengthen the Convergence Scheme and there should be a task force may be constituted, which should involve Director from each School of Studies, heads of Service Division i.e. Registrar SRD, Registrar SED and Director RSD and Deputy Director, Convergence Unit may be the Secretary of the task force. The Task force may decide and look into the matters relating fees to be charged by the institutions under Scheme.

AC 56.7.4 The Academic Council approved the report of the Review Committee in principle and decided to constitute Convergence Task Force with one representative from each School, Director (ACD), Registrars (SRD & SED) and Head Computer Division and decided the first meeting will be held on 15th June 2011.

ITEM NO. 8 To consider and approve Emerging Trends in the Community College Scheme

AC 56.8.1 Dr. C.K. Ghosh informed that the Community College Scheme was launched on 4th July 2009. At present there are 540 Community Colleges offering 2,358 different programmes with total enrollment of 46,450 students. Besides, the progress, significant progress has been made in respect of Army IGNOU Community College Scheme (Gyandeeep) and AIRFORCE-IGNOU Community College Scheme (Akashdeep). MP Govt. has taken an initiative of opening 51 Community Colleges in the premises of prime Government Colleges. Haryana Govt. has launched its Community College at Manesar in collaboration with IGNOU. The academic framework of the programmes under Community Colleges as approved by the Academic Council held on **8th October, 2009**.

AC 56.8.2 During the discussions the Chairman informed that the Government of India is also taking initiative for expanding the scheme of Community Colleges. There are number of people and States who are very keen to implement the Community Colleges Scheme. Dr. T. K. Jena insisted that University should insure the quality control and standards of its programmes being offered through these Community Colleges. The members also insisted for strengthening of the partnership between open Universities and Community Colleges for disseminating the seamless education to the masses.

AC 56.8.3 The Council noted the emerging trend in the Community College Schemes and resolved that the proposal may be placed before the Community College's Academic Board for wider deliberation and the resolution of the Academic Board, Community Colleges may be placed in Academic Council for consideration.

ITEM NO. 9 To Consider and approve the format for Final Certificate of I-Ph.D Programme

AC 56.9.1 The Director, NCIDE has informed that the University is offering integrated Msc.-PhD in Physics and Astro-Physics in collaboration with institute of Astro-Phycis as per the MoC signed between the University and IIA that the Degree Certificate provided to the students will bear the usual logo of IGNOU and also have a mention of the name of the collaborating institution, i.e. Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore.

During the discussions the Registrar, SED informed that here is no practice of awarding the Degree by mentioning the name of the Collaborative institution in the Degree issued by the University so far.

AC 56.9.2 The Academic Council resolved that the Director, NCIDE and Registrar, SED should sort it out the issue of mentioning the name of the collaborative institute in the Degree Certificate. Accordingly the format should be redesigned and place before the BOM for consideration.

ITEM NO. 10 To consider the location of certain teaching positions

AC 56.10.1 The Member Secretary informed that the following are the sanctioned positions in the School of Social Sciences, School of Continuing Education and EMPC.

1. Reader in History – Tourism in School of Social Sciences
2. Reader in Social Work in School of Continuing Education
3. Deputy Director , ERT in EMPC

Later on the School of Tourism Hospitality Service and Sectoral Management and the School of Social Work were established. Further, the Education Research and Training unit of EMPC has been shifted along with the incumbent Professor and the Research Officer attached with the ERT unit of EMPC.

Under these circumstances, a decision has to be taken whether the afore mentioned positions be continued in the respective schools or be shifted to the new schools or be abolished in the light of the sanctioned strength following new Schools:

1. SOTHSSM- 01 Professor, 03 Associate Professors, 04 Asstt. Professors
2. SOJNMS- 2 Professors, 2 Readers, 4 Lecturers, 01 Research Officer
3. SOSW - 01 Professor, 02 Associate Professors, 08 Asstt. Professors.

AC 56.10.2 After due deliberations it was decided that the positions of Deputy Director in ERT can not be shifted to the School of SOJNMS as it is a academic position but not the teaching position. The position of Reader (Social Work) is to be retained in the SOCE. The position of Reader (Tourism) shall be shifted to the SOTHSSM.

ITEM NO. 11 To consider and approve Phase 3 Form for PG Diploma in Women’s and Gender Studies - SOGDS

AC 56.11.1 It was informed that the School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS) has submitted Phase 3 Form for PG Diploma in Women’s and Gender Studies (ODL Mode). It is proposed to be launched in January 2012. The Curriculum for the PG Diploma is identical with the first year curriculum of the MA programme in Women’s & Gender Studies. The second year curriculum for the MA programme is currently under development and the complete MA programme will be launched at a later date upon finalization of course development. The curriculum for the PG Diploma has been approved by the School Board of SOGDS and was approved by the Academic Council at its 53rd meeting held on 27th

September, 2010. The Phase 3 Forms was approved by the School Board at its meeting held on 25th April 2011.

AC 56.11.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Phase 3 Form along with the rational and concept note for PG Diploma in Women's and Gender Studies (ANNEXURE 3).

ITEM NO. 12 To consider and approve the proposal for Modular Approach to offer of Programmes in Gender and Development Studies with inclusion of an Internship/Research Project Component in the Distance Mode.

AC 56.12.1 The Council considered the proposal from the School of Gender and Development Studies proposed to offer its programmes in Gender and Development Studies with inclusion of an Internship/Research Project Component in the Distance Mode. It was informed that the proposal has been made on the basis of the feedback obtained from the potential and existing learners, employers, institutions and agencies etc. The Phase 3 Form for MA in Gender and Development Studies with an exit option after successful completion of first year course was approved by the Academic Council at its 49th meeting held on 29th June 2009. In view of the perceive need of learners and other concern stakeholder for enriching the experimental component School has proposed include compulsory internship and research project component in the both first and second year of MA programme in ODL made as well as in internship. It is also proposed to offer the following three programmes independently (multiple entry with the multiple exist points) (ANNEXURE 4).

AC 56.12.2 (1) PG Certificate in Gender and Development Studies 16 credits (proposed to be offered from July 2011)

(2) PG Diploma in Gender and Development Studies 36 credits with Internship/Field-based Research Project component (with exit point for Postgraduate Certificate in Gender and Development Studies) (Proposed to be on offer from July 2011)

(3) M.A. in Gender and Development Studies (72 credits) with Internship/Field-based Research Project component (with exit point for Postgraduate Diploma in Gender and Development Studies)

AC 56.12.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for Modular Approach to offer of Programmes in Gender and Development Studies with inclusion of an Internship/Research Project Component through Distance Mode.

ITEM NO. 13 To consider and approve the Regulation for the Accreditation and Certification of Prior Learning across various disciplines of Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS)

AC 56.13.1 It was presented that the Center for Traditional Knowledge Systems (CTKS) has proposed the Regulation for Accreditation and Certification of

Prior Learning across various disciplines of Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS).

AC 56.13.2 Dr. Debjani Roy explained the salient feature of Regulation and procedures before the members of the Academic Council in detail. While discussion the Chairman suggested the members to go through the report of the Knowledge commission in order to appreciate the concept for the above proposal and initiate innovative methodologies for Certification of Prior Learning in various fields of knowledge.

AC 56.13.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the Regulation for the Accreditation and Certification of Prior Learning across various disciplines of Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS) (**ANNEXURE 5**). The recommended actions of the meeting of the National Advisory Board for the CTKS were also approved in this regard.

ITEM NO.13i To consider and approve Accreditation and Certification of Prior Learning (ACPL) for the Centres of Learning and their Guru/s of the Traditional Martial Art Practices

AC 56.13i.1 It was presented that the Center for Traditional Knowledge Systems (CTKS) has proposed ACPL for the Centres of Learning and their Guru/s of the Traditional Martial Art Practices.

AC 56.13i.2 It was informed that the frame work for ACPL for Traditional Knowledge System (TKS) in various disciplines across the country was approved by the 55th Academic Council held on 5th April 2011. There after, the Advisory Committee of CTKS approved the Regulations for ACPL of TKS in its meeting on 20th May 2011.

AC 56.13i.3 The Academic Council considered and approved the following strategy.

(i) In respect of programmes of Prior Learning IGNOU will accept the standards for knowledge and skills for particular streams of Traditional Knowledge as set by Collegiums of Traditional Experts in those particular streams. The members of the Collegium would be involved in evaluation of certifying agencies as well as individuals seeking certification.

(ii). The Collegiums may be discipline and/or region specific.

(iii). The standards for Personnel Certification of certifying agencies should be based on the norms stipulated by QCI under ISO 17024

The introduction and implementation of ACPL for the Centers of learning and their guru of Traditional Martial Arts Practices initially for the states of Manipur and Kerala. (**ANNEXURE 6**)

ITEM NO. 14 Consider and Approve the Phase 3 Forms for the Certificate and Diploma programme for Traditional Martial Art Practices

AC 56.14.1 The proposal of Phase 3 Forms for the Certificate and Diploma programme for Traditional Martial Art Practices from the Centre for Traditional Knowledge Systems (CTKS) was considered. Prof. Debjany Roy explained that there are many who learn Traditional Martial Art but there is no curriculum based activity which certifies the knowledge imparted by the Gurus to their shishyas. Thus systematic dissemination of the knowledge along with academic certification would help the shishyas not only to develop their physical health, agility, inculcating the sense of discipline, power of concentration of mind, capacity for self defense, morality and patriotism but the training and certification in Traditional Martial Art Practices besides the promotion, preservation and popularization of the traditional knowledge, it will be of great help for the trainees to join the Armed Forces since they would acquire skills for contact fight for any conventional warfare. The proposed Certificate and Diploma Programme has been approved by the Advisory Committee of Centre.

AC 56.14.2 The Academic Council approved the Phase 3 Forms (**ANNEXURE 7**) for the Certificate and Diploma programme for Traditional Martial Art Practices to be launched from July 2011.

ITEM NO. 15 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving Phase-3 form for the programme “Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Statistics with specializations in Industrial Statistics and Bio-Statistics” proposed by Discipline of Statistics, School of Sciences.

AC 56.15.1 The School of Sciences has submitted the Phase 3 Forms for the PG Diploma in Applied Statistics with specializations in Industrial Statistics and Bio-Statistics. The programme coordinator, Dr. Manish Trivedi explained the salient feature of the programmes of both the programmes and informed that these programmes have been approved by the Vice Chancellor and are to be placed before the School Board at its forthcoming meeting.

AC 56.15.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Phase 3 Forms for the PG Diploma in Applied Statistics with specializations in Industrial Statistics and Bio-Statistics to be launched from July, 2011 (**ANNEXURE 8**).

ITEM NO. 16 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving Phase 3 Form for Diploma in Chinese Language and Culture (On-Campus Programme).

AC 56.16.1 The School of Foreign Languages has submitted the Phase 3 Form for Diploma in Chinese Language and Culture (On-Campus Programme). The programme is aimed at teaching basic Chinese with special flavor of communicative skills for those who have completed Certificate programme in Chinese. Special emphasis to be paid to those who would like to involve

in Chinese tourism etc. The School Board of the School of Foreign Languages has approved the Phase 1 Form at its 6th meeting held on 4th January 2011. The Vice Chancellor has approved the Phase 3 Form.

AC 56.16.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving Phase 3 Form for Diploma in Chinese Language and Culture (full time programme) to be launched from July 2011 (**ANNEXURE 9**).

ITEM NO. 17 To consider and approve the internship programme of IGNOU and National Council of Rural Institutions (NCRI) Hyderabad to be launched by SSC & SOEDS.

AC 56.17.1 The School of Extension and Development Studies submitted the proposal for the internship programme of IGNOU and National Council of Rural Institutions (NCRI) Hyderabad. Collaborative Internship Programme of IGNOU and National Council of Rural Institutions (NCRI) Hyderabad to be launched through Rural Institute. 10 internship courses formulated by various Rural Institutions were approved by the School Board, SOED at its 10th meeting held on 19th May 2011. Accordingly, the following programmes will be proposed to launch.

- 1) Internship programme on Organic Agriculture
- 2) Internship programme on Water Management
- 3) Internship programme on Basic Horticulture
- 4) Internship programme on Fishery
- 5) Internship programme on Dairy Farming
- 6) Internship programme on Goatery
- 7) Internship programme on Piggery
- 8) Internship programme on Food Processing
- 9) Internship programme on Rural Tourism
- 10) Internship programme on Integrated Watershed Management

All the above programmes are non credit and residential for 6 months.

During the deliberation the Director, SOA informed that the School of Agriculture also offering a programme on Food Processing. It was suggested that this programme may be considered, if feasible for adoption.

AC 56.17.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the above proposal as per details given in (**ANNEXURE 10**).

ITEM NO. 18 To consider and approve the launching of M.A. Political Science (online) Programme.

AC 56.18.1 The School of Social Sciences has submitted the Phase 3 Forms for the launching of M.A. Political Science (online) Programme. The objectives of the programme are to offer high quality education with the help of “the latest scientific knowledge and new educational technology” which is an object of the University under the IGNOU Act, Section 2 of the First

Schedule. Accordingly, the M.A. Political Science Programme is being made available to students who have advanced access to learning in a virtual environment. The Vice Chancellor has approved the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the School Board of SOSS held on 19th May 2011.

AC 56.18.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the above proposal as per details given in **(ANNEXURE 11)**.

ITEM NO. 19 To consider and approve the Masters Programme in International Studies.

AC 56.19.1 The School of Social Sciences has submitted the Phase 3 Forms for Masters Programme in International Studies. The objectives of the programme would be:

1. Current Political Science tools of understanding have fallen short for reasons of which, additional inputs like climate change, food security, migration, human rights, energy efficiency, water management etc. are to be included in so far as they impact genuine understanding of global reality.
2. Preparing students of International relations with such knowledge and skill covering quantitative techniques, trade and development, international law, human security etc. to make the above possible.

The Vice Chancellor has approved the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the School Board of SOSS held on 19th May 2011 in which this programme was approved.

AC 56.19.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Masters Programme in International Studies to be launched from July 2011 as per details given in **(ANNEXURE 12)**.

ITEM NO. 20 To consider the proposal for establishment of a Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies.

AC 56.20.1 The School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies submitted a proposal to the Vice Chancellor for relocating the academic programmes to appropriate Schools along with the setting up of a Centre of Gandhian Studies. The Gandhi and Peace Study programmes are coordinated and initially launched through the School of Inter disciplinary and trans-disciplinary Studies. As the programmes on Gandhi and Peace Study are in the advance phase and there is a scope for further expansion of these programmes in collaboration with institution such as Gandhi Smriti and Darashan Samiti and National Council of Rural Institute, Hyderabad. The School of SOITS proposed to set up a separate center for Gandhi and Peace Study at the University with independent and earmarked budget for the centre.

AC 56.20.2 The Academic Council considered and recommended to establish the Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies subject to the approval of the Board of Management of the University.

ITEM NO. 21 To consider the proposal for affiliation with IGNOU for conducting PG Diploma in Urban Governance, Environment and Sustainable Development, Rural Development as well as M. A. in Development Studies Programme.

AC 56.21.1 The Member Secretary informed that The All India Institute of Local Self-Government, Mumbai submitted a proposal for affiliation with IGNOU for conducting of PG Diploma in Urban Governance, Environment and Sustainable Development, Rural Development as well as M.A. in Development Studies Programme vide its letter no. 37/2011/AIILSG/BBSR through its Regional Centre Bhubaneswar. A copy of the letter which is self explanatory is placed at (**ANNEXURE 13**).

AC 56.21.2 The Academic Council considered and decided that the proposal for affiliation may be referred to the Committee consisting of Prof. M. Asalam, Director SOCE, Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, School of Sciences, Prof. Salooja, Director SOA to examine the issues involved in the proposal and submit of proposal to the Academic council at its next meeting.

ITEM NO. 22 To consider the Phae 3 Form for PG Diploma in Clinical Research Monitoring and Site Management

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ITEM NO. 23 To Consider the Phase 3 Form for PG Diploma in Clinical Data Management and Biostatistics with SAS

AC 56.22&23.1 Both items were presented together and it was informed that the Centre of Paramedical Sciences submitted Phase 3 Form for PG Diploma in Clinical Research Monitoring and Site Management and for PG Diploma in Clinical Data Manaxgement and Biostatistics with SAS. One of the members raised the point regarding the approval of the School Board for the above programmes. The Director, CPMS informed that there is no School Board for the Centre. The Director, School of Health Sciences stated that School is ready to consider any of the programmes being offered by the Centre in the School Board, SOHS

AC 56.22&23.2 The Academic Council in view of the Director, SOHS remarks, referred the Phase 3 forms for both the Programmes to the School Board, SOHS for consideration and approval for placing before the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. 24 To consider and provide concessions to the Kashmiri migrants in the matter of admission during the Academic Session 2011-12

AC 56.24.1 The Member Secretary informed that the University has received a letter from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher

Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi have forwarded a communication to the Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU regarding to consider and provide following concessions to the Kashmiri Migrants students in the matter of their admission during the Academic session 2011-12. As Kashmiri migrants continue to face hardships, it is necessary to provide concessions to their wards for their admission related matters as follows:

1. Extension in date of admission by about 30 days.
2. Relaxation in cut-off percentage upto 10% subject to minimum eligibility requirement.
3. Increase in intake capacity upto 5% course-wise.
4. Reservation of at least one seat in merit quota in technical/professional institutions.
5. Waiving of domicile requirements.
6. Facilitation of migration in second and subsequent years.

AC 56.24.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the matter of providing the above concessions to the Kashmiri migrants for the Academic Session 2011-12.

ITEM NO. 25 Proposal for Establishment of Gyan Deep Centre of Excellence (GCE) in collaboration with Additional Directorate General of Personnel Services Adjutant General's Branch Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defense (Army), New Delhi.

AC 56.25.1 The Member Secretary informed that the University has received a proposal for Establishment of Gyan Deep Centre of Excellence (GCE) in collaboration with Additional Directorate General of Personnel Services Adjutant General's Branch Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defense (Army), New Delhi. It was proposed to set up at IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi The Chairman explained the salient features, aims, objectives, organizational set up, implementation of the project Budget and other related matters in the proposal in detail.

AC 56.25.2 The Academic Council approved the proposal and recommended to the Board of Management for Establishment of Gyan Deep Centre of Excellence (GCE) in collaboration with Additional Directorate General of Personnel Services Adjutant General's Branch Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defense (Army) and recommended to the Board of Management for approval for the establishment of the Centre and the approval of budget allocation of Rs. 25.3 Crore for setting up of the Gyan Deep Centre for Excellence (GCE) as proposed in the proposal **(ANNEXURE 14).**

ITEM NO. 26 To consider the minutes and recommendations of the Sub - Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to access the requirement of additional faculty in the School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies.

AC.56.26.1 The Chairman informed that a Sub-Committee has been constituted to consider under the chairmanship of Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Pro Vice Chancellor to evaluate the activities and to access the requirement of additional faculty in the School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies.

The Committee after examining the various issues involved and the needs of existing programmes as well as various proposed programmes on the Inter-Disciplinary Studies, the Director, SOITS (Convener of the Sub-Committee) submitted the proposal for six more (2 Professors, 2 Associate Professors and 2 Assistant Professors) positions in the School.

The Committee after discussing the matter in detail and felt that already proposals made for four positions(2 Associate Professors and 2 Assistant Professors) by the School Board, Two more position at the Professor level may be sanctioned to develop the School over the period of 5 years. For the present one Professor, one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor with Inter-Disciplinary experience may be appointed.

The minutes of the Sub-Committee are placed at **(ANNEXURE 15)**.

AC.56.26.2 The Academic Council noted the following recommendations of the Sub-Committee and resolved to recommend the following for creation of positions in the specialization recommended.

one Professor, one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor with Inter-Disciplinary experience may be appointed.

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

(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman