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of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTY EIGHTH (URGENT) MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2012 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, NEW V.C. BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. M. Aslam, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Director, SOH	-	Ex-officio Member
3. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, SOSS	-	Ex-officio Member
4. Prof. Vibha Joshi, Director, SOE	-	Ex-officio Member
5. Prof. Geeta Kaicker, Director, SOS	-	Ex-officio Member
6. Prof. Naval Kishore, Director, SOMS	-	Ex-officio Member
7. Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Director (I/c), SOCE	-	Ex-officio Member
8. Prof. T.K. Jena, Director, SOHS	-	Ex-officio Member
9. Shri Shashi Bhushan, Director (I/c), SOCIS	-	Ex-officio Member
10. Prof. Subhasis Maji, Director, SOET	-	Ex-officio Member
11. Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL	-	Ex-officio Member
12. Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SOA	-	Ex-officio Member
13. Prof. C. Gajendra Naidu, Director (I/c), SOVET	-	Ex-officio Member
14. Prof. Shubhash Dhuliya, Director, SOJNMS	-	Ex-officio Member
15. Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW	-	Ex-officio Member
16. Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Director, SOGDS	-	Ex-officio Member
17. Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS	-	Ex-officio Member
18. Prof. Sunil Kumar, Director(I/c), SOPVA	-	Ex-officio Member
19. Dr. Sushant Kumar Mishra, Director (I/c), SOFL-	-	Ex-officio Member
20. Prof. A.K. Singh, Director, SOTST	-	Ex-officio Member
21. Prof. V. Saravanan, Director (I/c), SOITS	-	Ex-officio Member
22. Sh. S.K. Arora, Librarian	-	Ex-officio Member
23. Prof. Pushplata Tripathi, Registrar, SED	-	Ex-officio Member
24. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD	-	Ex-officio Member
25. Prof. D. Victor	-	Member
26. Dr. Santosh Choubey	-	Member
27. Lt. Gen. S.P. Kochhar	-	Member
28. Prof. K. Kunhikrishnan	-	Member
29. Prof. Vijay Khole	-	Member
30. Prof. Anil Bhattacharya	-	Member
31. Prof. Ordetta Mendoza	-	Member
32. Dr. Darlie O Koshy	-	Member
33. Prof. Sridhar Gadre	-	Member
34. Prof. K.K. Mohammed Yusuff	-	Member
35. Prof. M.S. Senam Raju	-	Member Secretary

Prof Anand Deb Mukopadhyay; Fr. Jose Alex; Prof. C. Thanganuthu; Prof. Cynthia Pandian; Prof. Nirmala Vaz; Prof. N. Ravichandran; Prof. Lalit K. Deshpande; Prof. Vimla Veeraraghavan; Prof. K.P. Kannan; Prof. Yathindra; Prof. K. Satchidanandan; Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao; Prof. R. Ramanujam; Prof. Vinod Kumar Singh; Prof. P.T. Manoharan and Dr. Harkirat Bains, Director (I/c), SOTHSSM could

not attend the meeting. However, Dr. Sonia Sharma, Assistant Professor attended as representative of SOTHSSM.

Shri D.V.S. Shastri, Deputy Registrar, ACD was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Academic Council to its 58th meeting.

The Chairman appreciated and thanked for the contributions made by its outgoing Chairman; Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Former Vice-Chancellor and the members; Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC; Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC; Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, PVC and Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, PVC on completion of their term of office. He also thanked Director, SOCE; Director, SOGDS on completion of their term as Director of the School of Studies and Prof. G. Chaudhary, Director, SOFL and Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SOCIS on their superannuation; Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director, DEC, Dr. Kusum Sharma, Director, ID; Sh. Ravi Kanth, Director (I/c), EMPC; Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Director, SSC; Prof. Anjila Gupta, SOSS; Dr. Nehal A. Farooque, Reader, SOEDS; Dr. Babu P. Ramesh, Reader, SOITS; Dr. A.K. Gaba, Reader, SOVET; Sh. P.V. Suresh, Lecturer, SOCIS; Dr. Kamalika Banerjee, Lecturer, SOS and Shri Aravind Kumar Dubey, Lecturer, SOTHSSM on completion of their membership term of the Academic Council. The Academic Council suggested that appreciation of the Council for the above mentioned outgoing members be recorded. The Academic Council welcomed Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, as its Chairman. The Chairman also welcomed new members viz., Prof. Deeksha Kapoor, Director (I/c), SOCE; Shri Shashi Bhushan, Director (I/c), SOCIS; Prof. Annu J, Thomas, Director (I/c), SOGDS and Dr. Sushant Kumar Mishra, Director (I/c), SOFL.

After brief introduction of the members of the Academic Council with the new members, before taking up the agenda, some of the members desired that item No. 2 on the “Interim recommendations of the High Power Committee” be deferred till the full report based on which the interim recommendations are made available to the Academic Council to take a view. On the request of the Members, the Chairman deferred this agenda item. He also stated that he would place the sentiments/suggestions of the members before the Board of Management at its ensuing meeting. Thereafter, the Member Secretary presented the remaining Agenda items with the permission of the Chair.

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the action taken on the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council held on 24th August 2011.

AC 58.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Academic Council were circulated to the members and the following comments were received:

Prof. M. Aslam, (the then Director, SOCE) observed that the Chairman, while considering the item no.1 i.e. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 55th Meeting at its 56th Meeting held on 27.5.2011 desired that the confirmation of minutes be deferred and members could send their comments by 30th May, 2011.

During the confirmation of the minutes of 55th and 56th meetings of the Academic Council at its 57th meeting held on 24th August 2011, there was no discussion on the comments received on the minutes of the earlier two meetings. It was given to understand by the Chairman that all the comments received have been incorporated. The minutes now circulated state that “only typographical errors in the recording of the minutes have been corrected”, which is not a correct statement. Therefore, the comments received earlier need to be discussed before these minutes are confirmed”. These included the following:

- i) **Item No. 12:** Regarding establishing “Centre for Philosophy and Theology”, a detailed discussion was held and the Academic Council desired that an Expert Committee be constituted to look into the desirability of establishing the Centre and its nomenclature. The minutes do not reflect the correct decision taken by the Academic Council.
- ii) **Item No. 15:** It was decided to charge a fee of Rs. 150/- from General/OBC candidates and Rs. 50/- from SC/ST candidates.
- iii) **Item No. 18:** Phase 3 form for launching MA in Christian Theology, the Academic Council did not agree to launch any MA Programme in Christian Theology. This matter was also referred to the Expert Committee to be constituted under agenda item no. 12.

Prof. A.K. Singh, Director, SOTST

- i) **Item No. 2:** After the presentation on Centre for Modern Indian Languages and Mother Tongues, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor & Chairman informed the House that in consonance with the initiative of MHRD, Government of India to promote study of Sindhi Language & Culture, the University has decided to start ‘Centre for Sindhi Language & Culture’. The SOTST will take care in its initial stage. The House appreciated the initiative with its consent.”

AC 58.1.2

The Academic Council noted the comments received on the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council held on 24.03.2012 and the Action Taken Report, and confirmed the minutes of 57th meeting of the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider the interim recommendations of the High Power Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

AC 58.2.1 The item was deferred as recorded above.

ITEM NO. 3 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in waiving off the Admission, Registration/Re-registration fees and Examination fees for the earthquake victims in Sikkim and Darjeeling.

AC 58.3.1 It was informed that the Vice Chancellor approved the proposal for fee waiver for the victims of the earthquake in Sikkim and Darjeeling i.e. Admission, Registration/Re-registration fee for January 2012 session and Exam fee for December 2011 session as one time measure.

AC 58.3.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in waiving off the Admission, Registration/Re-registration fees for the session January 2012 and Exam fee for December 2011 session as one time measure in respect of earthquake victims in Sikkim and Darjeeling.

ITEM NO. 4 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor to keep the Certificate Programmes in Performing Arts (Manipuri, Odissi, Mohiniattam, Kathakali and Kuchipudi) in abeyance.

AC 58.4.1 The Director, SOPVA informed the Council that there was no enrollment in the Certificate Programme in Performing Arts (Manipuri, Odissi, Mohiniattam, Kathakali and Kuchipudi) for the last 3 years and the School Board decided to revise the scheme of all certificate programmes offered by SOPVA. The Vice Chancellor approved the recommendation of the School Board to keep all the said certificate programmes in abeyance till they are revised and upgraded.

AC 58.4.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in this regard.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider inclusion of 'Adult Education' as an Area of Specialization (i.e. as an additional Optional Area of Specialization) under M.A. (Education) programme.

AC 58.5.1 It was informed that the Master of Arts (Education) programme being offered by the School of Education (SOE) has four specialization areas of 24 credits each, viz., (i) Higher Education, (ii) Distance Education, (iii) Educational Technology and (iv) Educational Management, under Group D courses. A proposal was placed before the School Board of SOE to include the 'Adult Education' as one of the areas of specialization in M.A.(Edu) Programme. The proposal was approved by the School Board at its 50th Meeting.

AC 58.5.2 The Academic Council approved the proposal to include ‘Adult Education’ as another area of specialization in M.A. (Education) programme besides the existing four areas of specialization, along with Course Structure, Codes, Titles and Credits as approved by the School Board (**Annexure 1**)

ITEM NO. 6 To consider the Phase Zero forms for Elective courses in MA (English)

AC 58.6.1 The School of Humanities submitted phase Zero forms for the following elective courses in MA English (MEG):

1. Indian Folk Literature in English
2. Comparative Literature: Theory and Practices, and
3. Writings from the Margins.

The Phase Zero forms of the above elective courses were approved by the School Board at its 43rd meeting held on 15th July, 2011.

AC 58.6.2 The Academic Council approved the Phase Zero forms of the three elective courses viz. Indian Folk Literature in English; Comparative Literature: Theory and Practices; and Writings from the Margins (**Annexure 2**) in the programme M.A. English (MEG).

ITEM NO. 7 To consider and approve the Phase 3 form for Post Graduate Diploma in Bio-ethics (On-line) - SOHS

AC 58.7.1 It was informed that the School of Health Sciences (SOHS) submitted Phase 3 Form for Post Graduate Diploma in Bio-ethics (online) (PGDBE). The main objective of the programme is to provide solid scientific and technical knowledge required to prepare professionals capable of undertaking, with responsibility and professional qualification, wide range of activities connected to research, elaboration, control and dispensation of pharmaceutical products, medicine, diet food, cosmetics and other products for health care and illness relief or cure. The Phase 3 Form along with the syllabus has been approved by the School Board at its 42nd Meeting held on 07th December 2011.

AC 58.7.2 The Academic Council approved the Phase 3 form (**Annexure 3**) for the Post Graduate Diploma in Bio-ethics (online) programme.

ITEM NO. 8 To ratify the action taken by Vice Chancellor in approving the fee concession for Haryana Police Personnel for Certificate Programme in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT) in Haryana – SRD

AC 58.8.1 The Council was informed that the Vice Chancellor approved the proposal for 50% fee concession for Certificate Programme in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT) to the Haryana Police Personnel in Haryana. Accordingly, it was notified by the Student Registration Division (SRD).

AC 58.8.2 During discussions, the Director, School of Law informed the Council that the facility for 50% fee concession for admission to the Haryana Police Personnel for the above mentioned programme was also extended to all the students across the country as notified with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

AC 58.8.3 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by Vice Chancellor (i) in approving the 50% fee concession for Certificate Programme in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT) in Haryana to the Haryana Police Personnel and also (ii) in extension of such concession to all the students seeking admission in the said programme across the country.

ITEM NO. 9 To consider the proposal for the collection of Registration fees, Examination fees and Degree fees from the overseas Partner Institutions at the time of Admission of International Students - ID

AC 58.9.1 The Director, International Division explained the difficulties for collection of Examination fees and Degree fees from the overseas Partner Institutions. Therefore, it proposed to collect the Registration fees, Examination fees and Degree fees at the time of the admission itself.

AC 58.9.2 The item was discussed in detail and the Academic Council approved the proposal for collecting the Registration fees, Examination fees and Degree fees from the overseas Partner Institutions at the time of Admission of International Students with the following directions:

- i. The University shall ensure that the Partner Institution (PI) is registered with the Indian Embassy / High Commission / Consulate, whatever the case may be, to safeguard the interest of the University.
- ii. The University shall ensure that the Partner Institution is approved or recognised by the Higher Education Dept. of the respective country.
- iii. The University shall also ensure that the PI produces NOC from the concerned Embassy for entering into agreement with the University.

ITEM NO. 10 To Consider and Adopt Norms to conduct practical examinations for courses BFDI-061, BFDI-062, BFDI-063, BFDI-064 under the Certificate in Jewellery Designing (CJD) programme. – SOVET

AC 58.10.1 The Council was informed that the School of Vocation Education and Training (SOVET) submitted the following proposal for consideration of the School Board:

The **Regional Director shall appoint the Exam Centre Superintendent, External examiner, and an Attendant on the following terms** for conduct of practical examinations for the courses BFDI-061, BFDI-062, BFDI-063, BFDI-064 under the Certificate in Jewellery Designing (CJD) programme:

- (i) Centre Superintendent shall be paid remuneration at the rate of Rs. 250/- per session including conveyance but not the remuneration per batch.
- (ii) The examiner may be appointed for a batch of maximum 20 students in all the courses. The remuneration of Rs. 350/- shall be paid to the examiner per batch in addition to the conveyance. However the same Examiner cannot be appointed for more than two batches in a day. Thus the conveyance will be paid only once in a day irrespective of appointment to different batches in the same day. Conveyance shall be paid as per actual.
- (iii) An attendant shall be paid remuneration of Rs. 100/- per session including conveyance.

Criteria for appointment of Examiner:

As far as possible, persons engaged as counselor or project evaluator in any centre should not be appointed as an Examiner in the same centre. However, if the students are inter-changed between centers in big cities, counselors need not be inter-changed. Regional Directors may engage a counsellor approved for CJD only as an examiner. If the above criteria is not adhered to, Regional Director has to inform Registrar (SED) and seek the approval before appointing an Examiner for CJD Term End Practical Examinations.

It was also informed that the above norms are adopted from the norms and rules of CIT/BCA/MCA Programmes in School of Computer and Information Sciences.

The School Board of SOVET at its 17th meeting approved the above proposal.

AC 58.10.2 The Council discussed the proposal. During the discussion, the Registrar, SED suggested that there is an alternative model of having continuous Practicals at the identified Centre followed by the examination, which School may like to follow, if it is felt convenient in respect of the said courses subject to the condition that the payment shall be as per the University norms.

AC 58.10.3 The Academic Council approved the procedure to conduct practical examinations for courses BFDI-061, BFDI-062, BFDI-063, BFDI-064 under the Certificate in Jewellery Designing (CJD) programme of School of Vocational Education and Training as approved by its School Board subject to the condition that SOVET follows the existing norms of payment of the University.

ITEM NO. 11 To consider and approve revised qualifications for admission to PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) - SOVET

AC 58.11.1 The Council was apprised that the School of Vocational Education and Training is offering PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) since July, 2011 and the eligibility for the programme is as follows :

A. B.Sc (Computer Science)/ B.C.A/ B.Tech (Computer Sc.)/ B.Tech (IT) or its equivalent

or

B. Bachelor Degree in any discipline or its equivalent from the recognized University/ Institute with CIT/CIC from IGNOU

or

C. Bachelor Degree in any discipline or its equivalent from the recognized University/ Institute with 1 year working experience in Computer application/IT.

The Council was further informed that on the recommendation of an Expert Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, the School Board of School of Vocational Education and Training in its 16th meeting held on December 14, 2011 approved the revised qualification replacing the criteria 'B' above as follows:

“B. Bachelor Degree in any discipline or its equivalent from a recognized University/ Institute with CIT/CIC/ACISE/CISE from IGNOU or a Certificate in Computer Science/Computer Application from a Govt. recognized institute with a minimum duration of 6 months or studied Computer Course as part of the curriculum in Bachelor/PG Degree.”

The qualifications mentioned as the other criterion 'A' and 'C' will remain the same.

AC 58.11.2 The Academic Council approved the revised qualifications under criteria 'B' for admission to PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) of School of Vocational Education and Training as recommended by the Expert Committee.

ITEM NO. 12 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in shifting of the two programmes (i) Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy [M.Sc.(CFT)] and (ii) Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) from NCDS to SOCE

AC 58.12.1 The Council was informed that keeping in view the requirement of faculty and administrative convenience, the Vice-Chancellor approved the shifting of the programmes i.e. Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy [M.SC(CFT)] and PG Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) from NCDS to SOCE, with the same programme coordinators as existing.

AC 58.12.2 The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in shifting these programmes from NCDS to SOCE, subject to change of the Nomenclature of the programmes as:

- i) Master of Science in Counselling and Family Relationship and
- ii) Post Graduate Diploma in Counseling and Family Relationship.

ITEM NO. 13 To consider and approve the revised Evaluation Methodology for the Executive MBA IT Management programme (EMBA), a joint programme of IGNOU with U21Global, Singapore – ACIIL

AC 58.13.1 The Academic Council was informed that the University is offering Executive MBA IT Management programme (EMBA), a joint programme of IGNOU with U21Global, Singapore and that there is a deviation in the evaluation methodology for the programme. Prof. Uma Kanji Lal, Director(I/c), ACIIL explained the details of the Evaluation Methodology for the Executive MBA IT Management programme (EMBA), approved by the 52nd Academic Council as follows:

Theory: U21 Global Component:

- a) Continuous assessment: 70% (weightage)
- b) Term-end-examination: 30% (Weightage)

While processing the results of 1st batch students by the Student Evaluation Division (SED), it was found that the Evaluation Methodology had not been followed as approved by the Academic Council at its 52nd meeting. Hence, SED could not declare the results.

During the discussion, it was observed that:

- Violation of Evaluation Methodology as approved by the Academic Council may not be accepted.
- The ACIIL should be asked for an explanation and to state the reasons for such violations.
- The students who were not made aware about the evaluation methodology may, however, not be made to suffer.

AC 58.13.2 After the detailed discussion on the matter, the Council resolved as under:

- i. The evaluation methodology as approved by the 52nd Academic Council be communicated to the students with a direction to fulfill the requirements and after fulfilling such requirements only results be declared and Certificates issued.
- ii. In future the evaluation methodology and other conditions of the programme should be made part of the MoUs in order to avoid any ambiguity or hardship to students. Accordingly, the amendments be made in the existing MoU's.
- iii. The information brochure containing all the particulars of the programmes be provided to the students.

ITEM NO. 14 To consider and approve the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 15th February, 2012 – SRD

AC 58.14.1 The Council was informed that the 8th meeting of the Equivalence Committee was held on 15th February, 2012. The Registrar, SRD informed the Council about the salient features of the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee in detail.

AC 58.14.2 The Academic Council considered and discussed at length the minutes of 8th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 15th February, 2012 and decided as under:

- i. The minutes of the Equivalence Committee cannot be approved in its present format.
- ii. However, the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee which are in conformity with the UGC / AIU pattern, be taken as approved.
- iii. The recommendations of the Equivalence Committee

where there is a deviation from the established pattern laid down by the UGC / AIU, such cases may be brought before the Academic Council at its next meeting as a separate agenda item with full justification for taking necessary decision in the matter.

- iv. In particular the Academic Council referred to the items 16.2 where the status of NIFT has been upgraded to that of a Statutory body, no date of such upgradation is given; 17.2 where a bridge course has been given recognition; 17.5 where the Equivalence Committee exceeded its jurisdiction and 18.2 where 10+2+2 stream was given equivalence.

ITEM NO. 15 To consider and approve the revised syllabus of Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) Programme – SOE

AC 58.15.1 The Director, School of Education (SOE) informed that the SOE has submitted several draft syllabi of D.El.Ed. Programme to the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE – A Regulatory Body in Teacher Education) and MHRD, New Delhi for approval after discussion in a number of meetings with the representatives nominated by the NCTE and MHRD. The NCTE finally accorded approval for the syllabus of the D.El.Ed. Programme on February 22, 2012. The same was approved by the the School Board of School of Education at its 34th Meeting held on February 2, 2012.

AC 58.15.2 During the discussion, the issues pertaining to non- delivery of the study materials to the existing students and delay in conduct of examination were raised. The Chairman informed, in detail, the facts of the issue and the remedial steps taken by the University in overcoming the lapses in the best interest of the students.

AC 58.15.3 The Academic Council approved the revised syllabus of Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) Programme as placed at **Annexure 4.**

ITEM NO. 16 To consider and approve the admission to the M.Ed. through Entrance Test – SOE

AC 58.16.1 The Council was informed that the M.Ed. programme designed and developed jointly by the Distance Education Council (DEC), IGNOU and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) is a two-year programme. This is a professional teacher education programme regulated by norms and standards of NCTE. The purpose of the programme is to prepare quality teacher educators and teacher administrators who will be creative thinkers to develop strategy for quality education in the country. Presently candidates are being admitted to M.Ed programme on merit basis i.e. marks obtained in B.Ed. It is observed that in the recent past fresh candidates having more percentage of marks than the older candidates who are having long teaching

experience are admitted to this Programme. By considering various representations and the practical aspects of the issue, the School proposed to change the existing policy of admission to M.Ed i.e. on the basis of marks obtained in B.Ed to the mode of Entrance Test. The proposal was considered and approved by the School Board of SOE at its meeting held on February 2, 2012.

AC 58.16.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the modified mode of admission to the M.Ed. programme through Entrance Test from January 2013 session.

ITEM NO. 17 To consider and approve the syllabus of the revised courses “ES-221: Understanding Children (प्राथमिक विद्यालयी बच्चों को समझना)” and “ES-222: Education in Emerging Indian Society (समकालीन भारतीय समाज में शिक्षा)” for the Second Year students of Diploma in Primary Education (DPE) offered by IGNOU for the trained/ untrained teachers sponsored by the State of Bihar

AC 58.17.1 The Council was informed that the School of Education submitted a proposal for the revision of courses “ES-221: Understanding Children (प्राथमिक विद्यालयी बच्चों को समझना)” and “ES-222: Education in Emerging Indian Society (समकालीन भारतीय समाज में शिक्षा)” for the Second Year students of Diploma in Primary Education (DPE) offered by IGNOU for the trained/ untrained teachers sponsored by the State of Bihar. The revised syllabus of the above courses was approved in the 34th meeting of the School Board of School of Education held on February 2, 2012.

AC 58.17.2 The Academic Council approved the syllabus of the revised courses “ES-221: Understanding Children (प्राथमिक विद्यालयी बच्चों को समझना)” and “ES-222: Education in Emerging Indian Society (समकालीन भारतीय समाज में शिक्षा)” for the Second Year students of Diploma in Primary Education (DPE) offered by IGNOU for the trained/ untrained teachers sponsored by the State of Bihar. The details of the approved syllabus of the revised courses are placed at **Annexure 5**.

ITEM NO. 18 To consider and approve the establishment of the Centre for Sindhi Language & Culture at IGNOU

AC 58.18.1 Prof. A.K. Singh, Director, School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST) informed the Council that subsequent to the meeting of the delegation of National Council for the Promotion of Sindhi Language & Culture (NCPSL), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, with the then VC, IGNOU on 10th August 2011, the then VC consented to the proposal of the delegation for establishment of the Centre for Sindhi Language and Culture. The SOTST was entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the Centre. The Expert Committee was also constituted by the then Vice-Chancellor.

Subsequently, a proposal was made for creation of “Centre for Sindhi Language and Culture”. The said Centre was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Minister for HRD, Communication and Information Technology, Shri Kapil Sibbal on 4th October, 2012.

AC 58.18.2 During the discussion, it was pointed out that IGNOU should also keep in view preservation of other languages which are disappearing. The Council was informed that another Centre for Modern Indian Languages and Mother Tongues has already been approved by the Academic Council’s Standing meeting at its 33rd meeting held on July 18, 2011 and approved by the Academic Council in its 57th meeting of the held on 24th August 2011.

AC 58.18.3 The Academic Council appreciated and approved the proposal for establishment of the Centre for Sindhi Language & Culture at IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 19 Qualifications of various academic positions in ISLRTC – Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

AC 58.19.1 The Item was withdrawn.

ITEM NO. 20 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the Equivalence Committee to examine the programmes and courses offered through the Community Colleges under Defence Unit and their equivalence to IGNOU programmes and courses.

AC 58.20.1 The Council was apprised that the Equivalence Committee at its 8th meeting held on 15.02.2012 had resolved to constitute a Sub-Committee to examine the programmes and courses offered through the Community Colleges under Defence Unit and their equivalence to IGNOU programmes and courses and also to devise a mechanism for equivalence and to assign credit weightage to the programmes and courses. The Sub-Committee at its two meetings held on 05.03.2012 and 20.03.2012 examined in detail the course curriculum and credit weightage of the programmes and courses offered through Community Colleges under Defence Unit, especially Navy and Air Force.

AC 58.20.2 The Academic Council reiterated its decision recorded at Item No. 14 of this Meeting and directed to follow the same procedure.

ITEM NO. 21 To consider and provide concession to the Kashmiri Migrants in admission during the Academic session 2012-13

AC 58.21.1 The Registrar (SRD) informed that the University received letter No. 3-1/2012-NERdt. 27-2-2012 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to consider and provide certain concessions

to the Kashmiri Migrant students in their admissions during the Academic Session 2012-13, as Kashmiri migrants continue to face hardships. It was proposed to extend the concession mentioned in MHRD letter dated 27.2.2012 to the Kashmiri Migrant students in IGNOU also.

AC 58.21.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for extending the concessions to the Kashmiri Migrant students in admission during the Academic session 2012-13 as under:

- i. Extension in date of admission by about 30 days.
- ii. Relaxation in cut-off percentage upto 10% subject to minimum eligibility requirement.
- iii. Increase in intake capacity upto 5% course-wise.
- iv. Reservation of at least one seat in merit quota in technical/professional institutions/courses.
- v. Waiving off the requirement of domicile.

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

(M. Aslam)
Chairman