

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY NINTH (URGENT) MEETING
of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Held on

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTY NINTH (URGENT) MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VCO, NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal, Director, SOH	-	Ex-officio Member
3. Prof. Pradeep Sahni, Director(I/c), 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 , SOCE	-	Ex-officio Member
8. Prof. T.K. Jena , Director, SOHS	-	Ex-officio Member
9. Dr. 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, 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. Nandini Sinha Kapoor, Director (I/c), SOITS-	-	Ex-officio Member
22. Prof. J.M. Parakh, SOH	-	Member
23. Dr. R. Satyanaryana, STRIDE	-	Member
24. Dr. S.K.Vyas, SOET	-	Member
25. Dr. Kiron Bansal, SOJNMS	-	Member
26. Dr. Biplab Jamatia, SOHS	-	Member
27. Dr. Rukshana Zaman, SOSS	-	Member
28. Prof. Madhu Praher, Director, IUC	-	Member
29. Prof. Basanti Pradhan, Director, STRIDE	-	Member
30. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, ACIL	-	Member
31. Sh. S.K. Arora, Librarian	-	Ex-officio Member
32. Prof. Pushplata Tripathi, Registrar, SED	-	Ex-officio Member
33. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Registrar, SRD	-	Ex-officio Member
34. Prof. D. Victor	-	Member
35. Dr. Santosh Choubey	-	Member
36. Prof. Nirma Vaz	-	Member
37. Prof. Anil Bhattacharya	-	Member
38. Prof. Ordetta Mendoza	-	Member
39. Dr. Darlie O Koshy	-	Member
40. Prof. Yathindra	-	Member

41. Prof. P.T. Manoharan	-	Member
42. Prof. K.K. Mohammed Yusuff	-	Member
43. Dr. Gulab Jha, Regional Director, Noida	-	Member
44. Dr. Asad Nizam, Dy. Director	-	Member
45. Prof. M.S. Senam Raju	-	Member Secretary

However, Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, Assistant Professor attended as representative of Director (i/c) SOTHSSM.

Prof Anand Deb Mukopadhyay; Lt. Gen S.P. Kochhar; Prof. K. Kunhikrishnan; Prof. Vijay Khole; Fr. Jose Alex; Prof. C. Thanganuthu; Prof. Cynthia Pandian; Prof. N. Ravichandran; Dr. Shridhar Garde; Prof. Lalit K. Deshpande; Prof. Vimla Veeraraghavan; Prof. K.P. Kannan; Prof. K. Satchidanandan; Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao; Prof. R. Ramanujam; Prof. Vinod Kumar Singh; Prof. Sujatha Verma , Prof. Ravindra Kumar, and Dr. Suneet Kashyap, SOL could not attend the meeting, Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, Assistant Professor attended as representative of Director (i/c) SOTHSSM.

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

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Academic Council to its 59th urgent meeting.

The Academic Council appreciated and taken on record the contributions made by its outgoing Chairman; Prof. M. Aslam, Former Vice-Chancellor and the members; Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, SOSS; Dr. Harkirat Bains, Director(I/C), SOTHSSM, Prof. V. Saravanan, Director (I/c), SOITS. The Academic Council welcomed Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Vice Chancellor, as its Chairman and Prof. Pradeep Sahni, Director(I/c), SOSS; Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapoor, Director (I/c), SOITS ; Prof. J.M. Parakh, SOH; Prof. Ravindra Kumar, SOSS; Prof. Sujatha Verma, SOS; Dr. R. Satyanaryana, STRIDE, Dr. S. K. Vyas, SOET, Dr. Kiron Bansal, SOJNMS; Dr, Biplab Jamatia, SOHS; Dr. Rukshana Zaman, SOSS, Dr. Suneet Kashyap, SOL, Prof. Madhu Prahar, Director, IUC, Prof. Basanti Pradhan, Director, STRIDE; Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Dr. Gulab Jha, Regional Director, NOIDA, Dr. Asad Nizam, Dy. Director, EMPC as new members.

After brief introduction of the members of the Academic Council with the new members, the Chairman explained the purpose of the urgent meeting after his taking over as Vice Chancellor, he has been informed of many problems faced by the existing students regarding re-registration, declaration of results, admission in July 2012 session due to lack of communication in time to the institutions etc. He further clarified that he is not going for any policy decision on the matters which were already referred to various committees appointed as a consequential action to the decision of the BOM taken at its earlier meetings. His main concern is to appraise the council of the

problems faced by the existing students. Thereafter, the Chairman asked the Member Secretary to present the Agenda. At this stage, the members of the Academic Council raised number of issues to be considered in this urgent meeting. They also pointed out that the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council should be first item instead of item No. 5. The Chairman agreed with the suggestion of the members and decided that the Academic Council will consider the item No. 5 & 6 at Sl. No. 1 & 2 respectively.

Further, Prof. J.M. Parakh stated that some of the members are stakeholders for certain issues and they should not participate while discussing those issues. He further insisted that the communication of IGNOUTA may be read in the meeting. The Chairman clarified that these members are invited to the meeting. Therefore, they will participate as members of Academic Council. During discussions, if any interest of conflict is observed that will be taken care of by the Chairman. He agreed to the suggestion of reading out the communication of the two associations i.e. IGNOUTA and IGNOUTA (T) in the meeting.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the minutes of the 58th (Urgent) meeting of the Academic Council held on 24th March, 2012 and to note action taken thereon.

AC 59.1.1 The member secretary informed that minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Academic Council were circulated to its members and the following comments were received:

1. Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director (SOA) (item No. 2) observed that deferment of item and recording of that it was agreed that (a) High power committee shall be requested to have interaction with the stake holder; (b) status quo ante shall be maintained with the face to face Campus Programme and (c) for the current year admission shall continue as scheduled.
2. Dr. D. Victor, Director of Collegiate Education (Retd) in his observation referred to the communication of Dr. Darley Koshy dated 23.4.2012 and stated that the observation may be agreed to and incorporated in the minutes regarding item

No. 2.

3. Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director (SOVET) observed that recording of resolution No. 58.10.3 may be revised from the following :

“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”

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“The Academic Council approved the procedure to conduct practical examinations for courses BFDI-061, BFDI-062, BFDI-063, BFED-064 under the Certificate in Jewellery Designing (CJD) programme of School of Vocational Education and Training as approved by the School Board.”

4. The Registrar (SRD) regarding recording of resolution No. 58.14.2 observed that the recording should have been as under:

The minutes of the Equivalence Committee are approved subject to the following observations:

- i. However, the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee which are in conformity with the UGC / AIU pattern, be taken as approved.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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 up-gradation 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.

AC 59.1.2

The Academic Council considered the observations of the members

one by one in detail and decided that:

1. The resolution No. AC 58.2.1 has been recorded correctly.
2. The resolution No. AC 58.10.3 may be revised as observed by the member Prof. C.G. Naidu, Director, SOVET
3. The suggestion of the Registrar (SRD) as at point iv under 59.1.1 above has been agreed, the resolution No. 58.14.2 (i) stands amended to this extent.

AC 59.1.3 The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of its 58th (Urgent) meeting held on 24th March, 2012 with the above observations and modifications and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO. 2 To approve the minutes of the 34th meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee held on 15th June, 2012 and to note action taken thereon

AC 59.2.1 The minutes of the 34th meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee held on 15th June, 2012 (Appendix) were discussed and approved with the following modifications:

(i) The resolution No. ACSC 34.21.2 in the minutes shall be read as “The ACSC approved the Phase Zero Form (Annexure 8) for B.Sc (Major and General) in Geography proposed by discipline of Geography”.

(ii) The resolution No. ACSC 34.22.2 shall be read as “The ACSC approved the Phase Zero Form (Annexure 9) for B.Sc (Major) in Biochemistry.

AC 59.2.2 The Academic Council noted the action taken report on the resolutions of 34th meeting of its Standing Committee.

ITEM NO. 3 To consider the matters relating to the activities of admissions in various academic programmes launched by IGNOU in collaboration with other educational Institutes/Agencies for July 2012 cycle.

ITEM NO. 4 To consider the proposal relating to the activities of establishing new community colleges and keeping the fresh admission in abeyance (ii) to declare the results and issue of mark sheets, certificates in respect of community colleges whose examinations have been conducted (iii) to conduct the examination where academic delivery of their existing students have been completed.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider the proposal relating to the activities of new partner institutions under convergence scheme and keeping the fresh admissions in abeyance (ii) to declare the results and issue of mark sheets, certificates in respect of Partner Institutions and Convergence Scheme where the examinations have been conducted and (iii) to allow conduct of examinations and declaration of results where the academic deliver has been completed

ITEM NO. 6 To consider the proposal for treating the July 2012 cycle/session as ‘Zero admission year’ for all the programmes offered at IGNOU Campus, HQ and to consider the admission for full time programmes whose admission procedures have been completed.

AC 59.3-6.1 The Chairman informed the members that this urgent meeting of the Academic Council was specifically convened to deliberate on the operationalization of specific academic issues arising out of the decisions of the Board of Management at its 113th meeting held on 31.05.2012 on matters pertaining to various academic programmes launched by IGNOU in collaboration with other educational Institutes/Agencies for July, 2012 cycle, “Community College Scheme”, “Convergence Scheme”. “Campus F-2-F Programme” respectively.

AC 59.3-6.2 The members of the Academic Council deliberated these items one by one in detail. There was a discussion in the matter relating to the programmes being offered under Community College Scheme, Convergence Scheme and the Campus F-2-F programmes and their repercussions.

During the deliberations, the members requested the Chairman to make available a copy of the report of High Power Committee, the Chairman agreed to for supplying the same.

Some of the members proposed for adopting blended mode of delivery of programmes. The Chairman assured that a detailed proposal after having wider consultations on blended mode of deliver will be brought before the Council.

AC 59.3-6.3 The Academic Council after discussing decided that it will not take any decision which will be in-conflict with the decision taken by the Board of Management at its 113th meeting held on 31.05.2012 and resolved to convey its sentiments. It is also resolved that no recommendations on these matters will be made till the reports of the different committees constituted by the Vice Chancellor under the directions of the Board to examine the issues involved are made available duly considered by the Board. The Academic Council also recommended that the decision regarding admission, re-registration, evaluation of the students who are already registered under the above schemes may be taken by the Vice Chancellor so that the students may not suffer.

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

(Gopinath Pradhan)
Chairman