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SIXTY EIGHTH MEETING

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

06th July 2017



INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

IGNOU**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD ON 06TH JULY 2017 AT 11:00 AM IN THE RADHAKRISHNAN BLOCK,
IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.**

The following were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor (I/C) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Former Dean, Jammu University | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Vice Chancellor, HPCU | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. M.V. Basaveswar Rao, Krishna University | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Former VC, MANNU | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. A.N. Maurya (Retd.), Former Dean, IAS, BHU | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. M.M. Salunkhe, Vice Chancellor, SUAS | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. Swaraj Basu, Director, SOSS | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. Saroj Pandey, Director, SOE | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. P. Srinivas Kumar, Director, SOET | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. M.S. Nathawat, Director, SOS | - | Member |
| 12. Prof. Madhu Tyagi, Director, SOMS | - | Member |
| 13. Prof. Neerja Chadha, Director, SOCE | - | Member |
| 14. Prof. Pity Koul, Director, SOHS | - | Member |
| 15. Prof. Anju Sahgal Gupta, Director(i/c), SOFL | - | Member |
| 16. Prof. Anu Aneja, Director, SOGDS | - | Member |
| 17. Dr. P.V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 18. Dr. R.S.P. Singh, Director, SOVET | - | Member |
| 19. Dr. Rose Nembiakkim, Director, SOSW | - | Member |
| 20. Dr. P.V.K. Sasidhar, Director, SOEDS | - | Member |
| 21. Dr. Seema Johari, Director, SOPVA | - | Member |
| 22. Dr. Jagdish Sharma, Director, SOTST | - | Member |
| 23. Dr. Boyina Rupini, Director, SOITS | - | Member |
| 24. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Professor, SOSS | - | Member |
| 25. Prof. B.I. Fozdar, Professor, SOS | - | Member |



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| 26. Prof. S. Srilatha, Professor, SOMS & Registrar (SRD) | - | Member |
| 27. Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Associate Professor, SOGDS | - | Member |
| 28. Dr. Neera Singh, Associate Professor, SOH | - | Member |
| 29. Dr. O.P. Dewal, Associate Professor, SOJNMS | - | Member |
| 30. Dr. Harish Kumar Sethi, Assistant Professor, SOTST | - | Member |
| 31. Dr. Rachna Agarwal, Assistant Professor, SOVET | - | Member |
| 32. Dr. Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, SOL | - | Member |
| 33. Prof Uma Kanjilal, Director, IUC | - | Member |
| 34. Dr Bini Toms, Director, SSC | - | Member |
| 35. Sh. N.P. Singh, Registrar (I/c), SED | - | Member |
| 36. Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Librarian, L&DD | - | Member |
| 37. Dr. S. Raja Rao, RD, RC - Vishakhapatnam | - | Member |
| 38. Dr. Purnendu Tripathi, DD, VCO | - | Member |
| 39. Prof. B.B. Khanna, Director, ACD | - | Member Secretary |

Prof. Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU; Prof. Makkhan Lal, Director, DIHRM; Prof. S.P. Bansal, VC, IGU, Meerpur, Rewari; Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Delhi Univ., External Members of the Council, and Prof. Styakam, Director, SOH; Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director(i/c), SOL; Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Director, SOJNMS, internal members of the Council could not attend the meeting.

Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor of History, SOSS; Dr V Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD; and Prof. Kaustava Barik, Director, RU attended the Meeting as Special Invitees.

Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Deputy Director and Dr. Vandana Varma, Asst Director, ACD were present to assist the Member Secretary.

Prof. B.B. Khanna, Director, Academic Coordination Division and the Member Secretary of the Academic Council greeted all the members and requested the Chairperson to make his opening remarks.

Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor (I/C), IGNOU and the Chairperson of the Academic Council welcomed the Members of the Academic Council to its 68th Meeting and made a mention of the new Members of the Academic Council, viz. Dr. Jagdish Sharma, Director, SOTST and Prof. B. B. Khanna, Director, ACD & Member Secretary, Academic Council. He mentioned that student enrolment had increased and new programmes were being added in the CBCS format. The University had successfully awarded the degrees and diplomas to about 2,10,000 students in the recently concluded 30th Convocation of the University. He also mentioned that MHRD vide its letter dated 20th June 2017 had sought perspective plans (three year action plan, seven

year strategic plan and 15 year long term plan) from the University, which would be compiled by eliciting the work done by faculty and schools. Accordingly, the faculty and the schools would be asked to furnish the information pertaining to the work done and planned during the period stipulated in MHRD letter.

He shared with the members a letter received from MHRD, dated 12th June 2017 seeking comments on the policy on Open Educational Resources (OER). He also informed that University Grants Commission (UGC) had issued Open and Distance Learning Regulations, 2017 which had been placed before the Board of Management in its 128th meeting held on 30/06/2017; BOM had constituted a Committee to review these regulations. A report of study on these Regulations would be shared, he informed, with all the members of the Council in due course.

The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to present the agenda for Academic Council to transact the business.

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the Minutes of the 67th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 9th February, 2017 and to note the Action Taken thereon

AC 68.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 67th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 9th February, 2017 were circulated to all the members of the Council. The Comments had been received from the Director, SOHS on AC 67.2 and AC 67.30. It was noted that the School had submitted a separate Agenda on the matter contained in AC 67.2 and that the Comments with regard to AC 67.30 were outside the domain of the Academic Council since the letter/notification under reference had been issued by UGC and not by IGNOU. In the light of the above Director, SOHS decided to withdraw the comments.

AC 68.1.2 At this point Director, SOMS requested the Academic Council to reconsider the decision under AC 67.27 about restructuring of MBA programme. The Academic Council agreed with the request of Director, SOMS. After detailed deliberations centered on the modalities of integrating PGDM with the MBA Programme, it was decided to revise AC 67.27 as under:

1. The PGDM programme would be of one year duration.
2. The students seeking admission to PGDM would be exempted from appearing in the entrance examination. However, if any candidate intended to pursue MBA qualifying in the entrance test would be a necessary requirement.

AC 68.1.3 The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 67th meeting of



Academic Council was also presented by the Member Secretary.

- AC 68.1.3 The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of 67th meeting of Academic Council held on 9th February 2017 (**Annexure 1**) incorporating the above amendments and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO. 2 To approve the Minutes of the 44th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 09th May, 2017

- AC 68.2.1 The Member Secretary informed that the 44th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) was held on 09th May, 2017. Minutes of the 44th meeting of ACSC had been circulated to members and no comments had been received on the same.

- AC 68.2.2 The observations of the Council were as under:

ACSC 44.2.1: The Director, SOSS stressed that the Academic Council had already adopted the CBCS framework under which the Elective Courses were of 6 Credits. However, the School of Social Work had assigned 8 Credits to Elective Courses under Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programme (a Undergraduate degree programme) which was at variance with CBCS framework adopted by the University.

Director, SOSW assured to abide by the CBCS Format.

ACSC 44.2.3(ii): The members desired to know the compatibility of the new phase form with the prevalent procedures. It was clarified by the Vice Chancellor that no change from the prevalent procedures was contemplated in simplifying the form. All the various stages of programme/course development would continue; the new form had coalesced all the phase forms into one.

ACSC 44.25

The Director SOET disagreed with the decision to locate the B.Sc. (Fashion Design) programme in SOTHSM and the other FDDI programmes in SOITS (ACSC 44.25.2).

The Vice Chancellor informed that FDDI programmes were facing several academic and operational problems and the matter needed careful examination. The Academic Council decided to enquire into IGNOU-FDDI collaboration matter and authorized the Chairman to constitute an Inquiry Committee for that purpose.

ACSC 44.27:

It was pointed out that the development of the academic programme was the domain of Schools of Studies.

The Vice Chancellor agreed with the view. However, he pointed out that the matter under consideration related to short term training/skill enhancement programmes of less than six month duration offered through Regional Centres/ other Divisions/centres. Moreover as recommended by ACSC, a Committee would be constituted that will exhaustively deliberate on the matter and submit its recommendations for consideration of the Academic Council.

- AC 68.2.3 With observations/emendations indicated as above, the Academic Council approved the Minutes of the 44th meeting of Academic Council Standing Committee (ACSC) held on 9th May 2017 (**Annexure 2**).

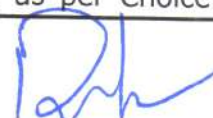
ITEM NO. 3 To consider and note the decision taken by Academic Programme Committee (APC) regarding CBCS programme – P&DD

- AC68.3.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Academic Council in its 64th Meeting held on 10th July, 2015 had approved the adoption of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) of UGC for undergraduate programmes and directed the Schools to devise strategies for its implementation from academic session Jan/July 2016 in a phased manner. In order to implement UGC directives and decision of the Academic Council taken in its 64th meeting, a CBCS committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor under the Chairmanship of Prof. A.R. Khan, SOSS to monitor and coordinate the activities between the Schools. The CBCS committee had been constantly monitoring the progress of the implementation of CBCS by different Schools. Further, the Academic Council in its 66th meeting held on 08th September 2016 had decided that the University should start implementing CBCS as soon as possible but certainly by July 2018 session in all the undergraduate courses of the University.

In order to expedite the UGC-CBCS system, the Academic Programme Committee (APC) in its 51st meeting held on 09th November, 2016, had taken the following decisions:

"A.P.C. 51.5.4 – The committee after going through the deliberations suggested the following in order to expedite proper development, coordination and implementation of CBCS programme:-

A. The. B.A. General programme developed as per Choice Based



Credit System (CBCS) syllabi shall be housed in the School of Social Sciences (SOSS), being the School offering largest number of undergraduate credits/ courses for this programme.

- B. The Programme and Course codes for choice Based Credit System (CBCS) programmes shall be approved by the Chairman, CBCS Committee and for rest of the codes it shall be approved by the Director (P&DD). The Planning and Development Division may move the file for necessary delegation of the powers in this regard."

- AC68.3.2 The Academic Council noted the above decision taken by the Academic Programme Committee in its 51st meeting (A.P.C. 51.5.4).

ITEM NO. 4 To consider and approve Ph.D. course work and evaluation methodology for Ph.D. in Nursing - SOHS

- AC68.4.1 The Member Secretary informed that School of Health Sciences had submitted Ph.D. course work and evaluation methodology for Ph.D. in Nursing.

- AC68.4.2 The Academic Council approved PhD course work and evaluation methodology of Ph.D. (Nursing) of SOHS (**Annexure 3**).

The Academic Council also decided that henceforth all proposals for approval of Phase forms/course structure/evaluation methodology under M.Phil./Ph.D. programme would be examined by Research Unit for conformity with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 before placing them for consideration of the Academic Council. It was also decided that all Schools should ensure adherence to UGC Regulations especially with regard to Course structure and evaluation methodology.

ITEM NO. 5 To consider and approve the Course work of M.Phil./Ph.D. in Distance Education - STRIDE/SOE

- AC68.5.1 The Member Secretary informed that SOE had submitted the structure of Ph.D. course work for M.Phil./Ph.D. in Distance Education, STRIDE. The Member Secretary also informed that the evaluation methodology providing distribution of marks as 25:75 (Continuous Assessment : Term End Evaluation) needed to be revised to 50:50 in line with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.



AC 68.5.2 The Academic Council approved the course work of M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Distance Education (**Annexure 4**) and directed STRIDE to revise the evaluation methodology in conformity with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.

ITEM NO.6 To consider and approve the "Certificate in Thermal Power Plant Engineering (CTPPE)" to be offered through ODL Mode – SOET

AC 68.6.1 The Academic Council approved the Certificate in Thermal Power Plant Engineering (CTPPE) to be offered through ODL Mode (**Annexure 5**).

ITEM NO. 7 To consider and approve re-starting B.Sc. (Hons.) Optometry & Ophthalmic Techniques Programme (BSCHOT) – SOHS

AC 68.7.1 The Item was withdrawn.

ITEM NO. 8 To consider and approve the signing of Generic MoC with the Belarusian State University for Scientific and Technical Cooperation with IGNOU in Space Technology area – International Division

AC 68.8.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) had forwarded a proposal of Embassy of Belarus in India for Cooperation in the field of education between India and Belarus for 2017-2020 along with draft MoC of Prof. Sergey Ablameyko, Rector of Belarusian State University (BSU) for scientific and technical cooperation.

The International Division had informed that MoC was of generic nature and not for establishment of Overseas Study Centre (OSC). The MoC was legally vetted by Legal Cell of IGNOU and the legally vetted MoC was forwarded to MHRD for confirmation with concerned Authorities of Belarusian State University, Belarus. MHRD vide its letter dated 20th April 2017 sought the approval of Academic Council and BOM for signing the said MoC.

The matter was placed before the 44th meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 09.05.2017. The Academic Council's Standing Committee had approved the proposal in principle and referred it to Academic Council and Board of Management (BOM)

for consideration, as was desired by the MHRD.

- AC 68.8.2 The Academic Council approved the proposal for signing of Generic MoC with the Belarusian State University for Scientific and Technical Cooperation with IGNOU in Space Technology area and decided that the MoC legally vetted by the L&T Division of MEA can be signed (**Annexure 6**).

ITEM NO. 9 To consider and approve the tuning of Credits for Course Work of M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Translation Studies - SOTST

- AC 68.9.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Translation Studies & Training (SOTST) had revised the Credits of course work for M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programme in Translation Studies from earlier 32 Credits to revised 16 Credits in line with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016. However, the School had not submitted the requisite Phase form along with the proposal.

- AC 68.9.2 The Academic Council decided that the School may re-submit the proposal along with requisite Phase form, course structure, evaluation methodology etc. for consideration of the Academic Council in its next meeting.

ITEM NO. 10 To consider and approve the restructured course work for Ph.D. (Life Sciences) Programme - SOS

- AC 68.10.1 The Member Secretary informed that in view of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2016, the Life Sciences discipline of School of Sciences had submitted a proposal for restructuring the course work for Ph.D.
- AC 68.10.2 The Academic Council approved the restructured course work of Ph.D. (Life Sciences) Programme (**Annexure 7**).

ITEM NO. 11 To consider and approve the Ph.D. in Statistics programme – SOS

- AC 68.11.1 The Member Secretary informed that in view of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2016, the School of Sciences had submitted a proposal for restructuring the course work for Ph.D. in Statistics programme.

AC 68.11.2 The Academic Council approved the Ph.D. Course work of Ph.D. (Statistics) programme alongwith syllabus and the evaluation methodology (**Annexure 8**).

ITEM NO. 12 To consider and approve the syllabus for M.Phil. in Geography Programme - SOS

AC 68.12.1 The member Secretary informed that Discipline of Geography, School of Sciences (SOS) has developed the syllabus of M.Phil. (Geography) programme.

AC 68.12.2 The Academic Council considered and approved the Syllabus for M.Phil. (Geography) programme (**Annexure 9**).

ITEM NO. 13 To consider and approve the syllabus of B.Sc. (Hons.) in Biochemistry programme – SOS

AC 68.13.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Discipline of Biochemistry, School of Sciences (SOS) had developed the syllabus of B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry programme.

AC 68.13.2 The Academic Council approved the syllabus of the B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry programme (**Annexure 10**).

ITEM NO. 14 To consider and approve Certificate Programme in Community Health for Ayurvedic Practitioners – SOHS

AC 67.14.1 The Member Secretary informed that School of Health Sciences had developed "Certificate Programme in Community Health for Ayurvedic Practitioners" in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The programme was aimed at developing important Human resource to deliver public health services at periphery i.e. subcentre / Health and wellness centre. The MOU for this purpose had been signed with MoHFW with funding of MoHFW.

The Programme Coordinator further informed that the contents of Certificate programme in Community Health for Ayurvedic Practitioners and Certificate programme in Community Health for Nursing were largely common. Therefore a decision needed to be taken about it.

AC 68.14.2 The Academic Council approved the Programme in principle and resolved that a meeting of the School Board of SOHS may be convened

to take a view on the issue.

ITEM NO. 15 To consider and approve the Ph.D. (Environmental Science) Programme – SOITS

AC 68.15.1 The member Secretary informed that the School Board of the SOITS had approved the Programme and the Course Work for Ph.D. (Environmental Science) in its 21st Meeting held on 12th May 2017.

AC 68.15.2 The Academic Council approved Ph.D. (Environmental Science) programme alongwith Course work (**Annexure 11**) and suggested that the Programme should be offered in both English and Hindi.

ITEM NO. 16 To consider and approve the Guidelines for developing Online Courses for SWAYAM dated 1st June 2017 issued by MHRD–ACD

AC 68.16.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Academic Council in its 66th Meeting held on 8th September 2016 had adopted the Gazette Notification No. 295 dated July 20, 2016 of UGC (Credit framework for online learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016. IGNOU was the National Coordinator for the SWAYAM initiative to handle Certificate and Diploma level courses.

Now, the MHRD vide its Notification dated 6th June 2017, had issued the Guidelines for Developing Online Courses for SWAYAM, which also laid the technical and production standards for the e-content.

The Vice Chancellor informed that these guidelines were comprehensive and would replace the earlier guidelines. The MHRD had desired that these guidelines be followed strictly.

AC 68.16.2 The Academic Council adopted the (new) Guidelines for Developing Online Courses for SWAYAM, dated issued by MHRD vide its notification dated 6th June 2017 and directed that these guidelines should be strictly followed for Developing Online Courses for SWAYAM (**Annexure 12**).

ITEM NO. 17 To consider and approve B.Sc. Culinary Arts programme in modular pattern – SOTHSM

AC 68.17.1 The Member Secretary informed that an MoU was signed between IGNOU and Indian Culinary Institute Society, C/o Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India on 5th May 2016 in order to run 3 years B.Sc. (Culinary Arts) programme. The MoU was approved by the 18th meeting of the

School Board of SOTHSM held on 4th April 2016. The MoU was also placed before the 125th meeting of the Board of Management held on 23rd July 2016 and approved.

The B.Sc. (Culinary Arts) programme, offered under MoU, was a 3-years (Six Semesters) Bachelors Degree programme. The School planned to offer B.Sc. (Culinary Arts) programme in modular pattern, under which after completing one year (1st & 2nd Semester), students would get Diploma in Culinary Arts with exit option. This proposal was placed in the first meeting of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) between IGNOU & ICI held on 31st May 2017 and approved.

- AC 68.17.2 The Academic Council approved the proposal of the SOTHSM for offering B.Sc. Culinary Arts programme in modular pattern with Diploma in Culinary Arts as an exit option after one year (2 semesters). The Council also approved a faculty position in the School in the area of Culinary Arts.

ITEM NO. 18 To consider and approve 40 per cent marks as pass percentage for learners of BCA (Pre-revised) students of 2005-2007 – SOCIS

- AC 68.18.1 The Member Secretary informed that School of Computer & Information Sciences (SOCIS) had submitted a proposal to revise the passing marks percentage to 40 per cent for students of BCA of 2005 - 2007 batches. Director, SOCIS informed that School had been receiving requests from students for revising the pass percentage. School Board of SOCIS in its 46th Meeting held on May 31, 2017 noted that in the case of BCA (Pre-Revised) students of 2006-2007 batches, the passing marks were 50% in some semesters in most of the courses while 40% in other semesters in most of the courses. Also, it was noted that for students of 2005 batch, the pass percentage was 50% across all semesters in most of the courses. The School Board had decided that there should be uniform passing percentage for all the batches. School Board recommended that in the case of BCA (Pre-Revised), for all students of 2006-2007 batches, the passing marks should be 40% in each component of continuous evaluation (Assignment), 40% in each component of TEE and aggregate of 40 % in each course for all those course where it was 50%. The recommendation needed to be implemented retrospectively. The recommendations would also be applicable to those students of BCA (Pre-Revised) who took admission to MCA 3rd Semester.

The matter was discussed in detail. The Council was of the opinion that

retrospective revision of passing marks percentage might create issues therefore the proposal needed to be examined with caution.

- AC 67.18.2 After detailed deliberations the Academic Council decided to refer the proposal for examination to a Committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor. The recommendations of the Committee would be placed before the Council for consideration and decision.

ITEM NO. 19 Permission for allowing the students of BCA (Pre-Revised)/ BCA (Pre- Revised)-MCA students for appearing in TEE until December, 2020 who exhausted re-admission period – SOCIS

- AC 68.19.1 The Member Secretary informed that this item was similar to previous item in nature.

- AC 68.19.2 The Academic Council decided to refer the matter to the same Committee as in AC 68.18.2 the recommendations of which may be placed before the Council for consideration and decision.

ITEM NO. 20 To consider and approve the Discipline of Defence, National Security and Strategic Studies – reg.,

- AC 68.20.1 The Member Secretary informed that a proposal had been received from VCO for creating a Discipline of Defence, National Security and Strategic Studies. Dy Dir, VCO apprised the Council that if created, the Discipline of Defence, National Security and Strategic Studies would augment collaborative interdisciplinary teaching, research, training and competency enhancement programmes pertaining to Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, Police Forces and other related organizations associated with National Security and Strategic Studies as per the powers of the University laid down in the Section (5) of the University Act.

The matter was discussed in detail. Director, SOSS informed that School of Social Sciences was already carrying out this mandate so it should be allowed to continue with this area and the proposal may be referred to School Board of SOSS. Some Members were also of the opinion that instead of housing the discipline in a particular School, the respective Schools can devise programmes for Defence personnel in their respective domains. Likewise School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) and School of Engineering & Technology (SOET) may explore B.Voc. programme in respective areas for Defence personnel.

- AC 68.20.2 With above observations the Academic Council decided to refer the

proposal to School Board of SOSS and also directed the other Schools to explore programmes in respective areas for Defence personnel.

ITEM NO. 21 To consider and approve the revised (Minor) Course work for Ph.D. in Education (PHDEDU) Programme– SOE

AC 68.21.1 The member Secretary informed that the Course work for Ph.D. in Education (PHDEDU) of School of Education was approved by the Academic Council in its 65th meeting held on 21.03.2016. However, as per the directions received from Research Unit, the School of Education had re-examined and incorporated minor revision in the approved Course Work.

AC 67.21.2 The Academic Council approved the revised (minor) Course work for Ph.D. in Education (**Annexure 13**) with the condition that the evaluation criteria would be 50:50 (continuous assessment : Term End Evaluation), and the medium of transaction would be English and Hindi.

ITEM NO. 22 To consider recommendations of the Fee rationalization Committee – RSD

AC 68.22.1 The Member Secretary informed that a Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor vide Notification No. IG/SRD/2017/9908, dated 21st June 2017 to review the fee structure and its rationalization and synchronization with the initiatives of 'Ease of Academic and Administration' and 'Maximum Governance and Minimum Government'. Prior to this a Committee was also constituted under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Pardeep Sahni which had submitted its report on the matter. After going through the recommendations of previous Committee and needs and requirements of the University, the Committee had submitted its observations/recommendations, as under:

1. The Committee examined the report of Prof. Sahni Committee and found it suitable to the present context. The Committee adapted the earlier report and suggested to verify if there were any calculation errors.
2. The Committee also examined the issue of merging the examination fee and other fee with the programme fee. It felt that the University was getting substantial revenue from exam fee and therefore, it may not be in the interest of the University to merge the exam fee with the programme fee.



3. The Committee recommended that the examination fee may be kept separately and the programme fee may be increased by 20% as suggested by Prof Sahni Committee.

AC 68.22.2 After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council decided to accept the recommendations of the Committee and decided to enhance the programme fee by 20% as suggested by Prof. Sahni Committee.

ITEM NO. 23 To consider the matter of charging fee from 'Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) / Overseas Citizens of India (OCI)' card Holders-ID

AC 68.23.1 The Member secretary informed that the University has a two tier fee structure for international students viz. Fee chargeable for SAARC countries (payable in INR) and for non-SAARC countries (payable in US \$). The International Division has been receiving request from students holding PIO (Persons of Indian Origin)/ OCI (Overseas Citizens of India) Card for charging national fee as they should be treated at par with national students as per the directives of Government of India.

The matter regarding fees chargeable from PIO Card Holders and Refugees was considered by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 35th meeting held on 27.11.2012 and ACSC directed the International Division to strictly follow the Govt. of India rules in identifying PIO Card holders and Refugees and charge fee accordingly from them.

Taking into account the economic profile of PIO / OCI, ID is of the opinion to charge international fees from PIO / OCI Card Holders taking admissions in IGNOU Programmes.

AC 68.23.2 The matter was discussed in detail. After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council decided that the matter be first examined by a Committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor. Recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

ITEM NO. 24 To consider the matters regarding (i) admission of refugees to IGNOU's Programmes on the basis of documents provided by the O/o United Nations High Commission for Refugees; and (ii) fees chargeable from refugees – International Division

AC 68.24.1 The Member Secretary informed that the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) had pleaded that refugees be admitted to IGNOU's Programmes on the basis of identity documents

provided by it on the ground that refugees were forced to flee from their countries due to persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality etc. and they were unable to return to their country of origin in order to obtain student visa. UNHCR had also brought to our notice the notification issued by the National Institute of Open Schooling to accept the data provided by the UNHCR on the mutually designed certificate in order to facilitate refugees/asylum seekers for admission to its courses in the absence of birth certificate/school leaving certificate.

Currently, refugees/asylum seekers staying in India are treated as 'Foreigners Residing in India' and for admission of refugees to IGNOU's Programmes, among others, the following essential documents are required:

- i) Documents/Card issued by UNCHR;
- ii) Copy of educational certificates; and
- iii) Long Term Visa/Registration with Foreigner's Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

In the matter of fee chargeable from refugee/asylum seekers on admission to IGNOU Programmes, the plea of UNHCR was that the refugees/asylum seekers would not afford to pay fees applicable to foreign students because of their poor economic conditions.

The practice followed in other Central Universities had also been ascertained by International Division. University of Delhi exempted payments of fees only in respect of refugees from Tibet. However, no concession in fees was given by University of Delhi for the refugees from other countries having valid certification from international agencies. Jamia Millia Islamia granted a concession of US\$ 500 in fee payable for admission under Supernumerary category, if the students were from SAARC countries possessing proper documentation of refugee status.

- AC 68.24.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Academic Council decided that UNHCR proposal should be accepted in principle and asylum seekers and refugees, especially from SAARC region, should be facilitated in the process of rehabilitation. The quantum of fee chargeable or any exemptions should be examined by a Committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor. Recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

ITEM NO. To consider and approve the MOOC titled "Atomic Structure



25 and Chemical Bonding” for offer by IGNOU as host institution as per the Gazette notification dated 19th July 2016 on UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulations 2016 - SOS

AC 68.25.1 The Member secretary informed that the MHRD was using MOOCs in a big way to reach out to the learners across disciplines and levels in the country. These were to be hosted on SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)-the India Centric web portal being developed under NMEICT.

The MOOC on "Atomic Structure and Chemical Bonding" had been developed by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar, Associate Professor, School of Sciences as Principal Investigator (PI). The course had been developed at Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC) New Delhi - the National Coordinator for developing MOOCs for non-technology under Graduation degree programmes across Disciplines. This course was of two credits and had been designed to address the needs of the learners of first semester of B.Sc. Chemistry and B.Sc. Physical Science under CBCS of UGC. IGNOU being the host Institute needed to provide necessary support for smooth conduct of this Course including conducting evaluation.

AC 68.25.2 The Academic Council approved the MOOC titled "Atomic Structure and Chemical Bonding" for offer by IGNOU as the host institution.

Table Item To consider the matter arising out of UGC (ODL) Regulations No. 26/1 2017 with regard to CBCS framework given therein –

AC 68.26.1.1 The Member secretary requested Prof A R Khan, Chairperson of the CBCS Committee to present the agenda. Chairperson, CBCS Committee informed that the Academic Council in its 64th Meeting held on 10th July, 2015 had approved the adoption of CBCS of UGC. Subsequently, the Academic Council in its 66th meeting held on 08th September, 2016 decided that the University should start implementing CBCS as soon as possible but certainly by July 2018 session in all the undergraduate courses of the University.

In view of above the University was in the advance stage of revising its UG programme as per CBCS framework. However, the University Grants Commission had very recently brought out the ODL Regulations 2017 vide which it had specified programme structure for BA, which was at variance with CBCS structure adopted by IGNOU. A detailed Note on the major variations on the matter especially variance in Credit



weightage between the earlier CBCS format and that given in ODL Regulations was presented by the Chairperson, CBCS Committee.

AC 68.26.1.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Chairperson informed that the Board of Management (BOM) in its recently convened meeting had deliberated on the UGC ODL Regulations 2017 and decided to constitute a Committee to examine these Regulations carefully.

AC 68.26.1.3 The Academic Council decided that University should continue to follow the existing CBCS Framework already approved by Academic Council for updating/revising its UG courses in CBCS Format.

Table Item No. 26/2 To consider the matter related to smooth conduct of Interactive Radio Counseling (IRC) sessions in June, 2017.

AC 68.26.2.1 The Chairperson informed that after re-launch of GyanVani Channel, the University was actively engaged in conducting Interactive Radio Counselling (IRC) Sessions. However, EMPC, the coordinating Division for IRC had reported non-cooperation from School of Management Studies (SOMS) in the conduct of IRC. Director, SOMS informed that the matter had been sorted out and the School was now actively engaged in filling up IRC slots allotted to it.

AC 68.26.2.2 The Academic Council requested the School to cooperate in the conduct of IRCs so that such issues were not repeated again.

Table Item No. 26.3 To consider and approve the Course outline of the course on Area-wise advanced course of study and readings (RMS-002) in Marketing Management, Operations Management, General Management, Human Resource Management, and Financial Management, respectively as part of course work for Ph.D. in Management discipline – SOMS

(with the permission of the Chair)

AC 68.26.3.1 This item was taken up as tabled Item on the request of Director, SOMS.

The Director, SOMS informed that the Academic Council in its 67th meeting held on 9th February 2017 had approved the Phase 0 form for the course work of Ph.D. programme in Management alongwith the course outline of Research Methodology revised in the light of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2016.

The area wise advanced course of study and readings (RMS-002) (6 Credit) is a part of course work of Ph.D. programme. Due to time

constraint and the urgency since the classes are to be conducted for 2017 batch, the course outline was approved through circulation through email dated 15th May 2017. However, four members have not given their consent for approval and their observations would be placed before the forthcoming meeting of School Board alongwith their comments/observations.

- AC 68.26.3.2 Keeping in view the urgency, the Academic Council approved the course outline of 5 courses in Marketing Management, Operations Management, General Management, Human Resources Management, and Financial Management of the course on Area-wise advanced course of study and reading (RMS-002) subject to formal approval by the School Board of SOMS on the matter.

The Council put on record its appreciation of the Chair in facilitating meaningful deliberations on each Agenda and steering the proceedings of the Council to a purposeful conclusion. The Council also appreciated the work done by Academic Coordination Division.

A vote of thanks to the Chair was endorsed by the Council at the end of the meeting.


(Ravindra Kumar)
Chairperson

