



National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)
(Deemed to be University)

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

The meeting of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration was held at NIEPA on March 22, 2018 at 1030 hrs. in Room No. 113. The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. N.V. Varghese Vice-Chancellor N.I.E.P.A, New Delhi | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Najma Akthar Professor & Head Department of Training and Capacity Building in Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Member |
| 3. Dr. Sudhanshu Bhushan Professor & Head Department of Higher and Professional Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Member |
| 4. Dr. Arun C. Mehta Professor & Head Department of Educational Management Information System (EMIS), N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Member |
| 5. Dr. S.M.I.A. Zaidi Professor & Head Department of Educational Planning N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Member |

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| 6. Dr. Pranati Panda Professor & Head Department of S&NF Education & Head, SSE Unit N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 7. Dr. Kumar Suresh Professor & Head Department of Educational Administration N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 8. Dr. Veera Gupta Associate Professor N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Member |
| 9. Dr. Neeru Snehi Assistant Professor N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 10 Prof. Rashmi Diwan Head, NCSL N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Invitee |
| 11 Prof. K.Biswal, Incharge, U-DISE , N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Invitee |
| 12 Prof. K. Srinivas Head, IT & PMU N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Invitee |
| 13 Dr. Nidhi Sabharwal Associate Professor CPRHE, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Invitee |
| 14 Dr. Suman Negi Assistant Professor N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Rapporteur |
| 15 Prof. Atul Sarma Chairman, OKDISCD, Guwahati 264, Rama Apartment, Sector-11, Pocket 2 Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075 | Spl. Invitee |



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17 Dr. S.M.I.A. Zaidi
Registrar (I/c)
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi.

Secretary

Prof. A.K.Singh and Prof. Mona Khare could not attend the meeting as they were preoccupied with programmes scheduled outside NIEPA. Prof. Furqan Qamar, invited as an external expert, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation.

Prof. Rashmi Diwan, Prof. K. Biswal, Prof. K. Srinivas and Dr. Nidhi Sabharwal attended the meeting as Invitees. Prof. Atul Sarma and Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar attended the meeting as External Experts and Special Invitees of the Vice-Chancellor.

The meeting began with Prof. N.V Varghese, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council extending a hearty welcome to all the members of the Academic Council. Prof. Varghese also welcomed the special invitees, Prof. Atul Sarma and Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council members on the various activities undertaken in NIEPA subsequent to the previous meeting held on December 1st 2017. Thereafter, the agenda-wise items were taken up by Prof. S.M.I.A. Zaidi, Registrar (I/c) for the consideration of the Council.

Agenda Item No. 22.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 01/12/2017

It was informed that the minutes of the 21st meeting were circulated to all members of the Council on March 6, 2018. No comments have been received



from any member. Therefore the Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 1/12/ 2017.

Agenda Item No. 22.2 Considering action taken report on the decisions of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 01/12/2017

The Council noted the information given in the Action Taken Report with satisfaction.

Report on actions taken and present position on the decisions of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 01/12/2017

Agenda item No.21.3.1 Appointment of Vice-Chancellor

The Registrar (I/c) Prof. Zaidi briefed the Council that in pursuance of Order No.18-/2015-PN.I dated 7th December, 2017 received from MHRD, Prof. N.V. Varghese assumed the charge of the post of Vice-Chancellor (NIEPA) w.e.f. 07/12/2017 (F/N).

Agenda item No. 21.3.2 Status on Training/workshops/ seminars conducted up to March 2018

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

Agenda item No. 21.3.4 Amendment to the Memorandum of Association (MOA) and Rules of NIEPA

The Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan, briefed the Council that the Committee constituted for the purpose has had two meetings, and the amendments to the Memorandum of Association (MOA) and the Rules of NIEPA are being drafted. As and when the amendments are carried out, the same would be put up in the subsequent Academic Council meeting.



Agenda item No. 21.3.5 Signing of MOU with Ministry of Human Resource Development

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the MoU has been finalised through a democratic process as per the template supplied by MHRD and sent to MHRD vide letter dated 16/1/2018 for further necessary action. He also briefed the members that NIEPA has been asked to raise 30 percent resources, for which NIEPA has raised its concerns on difficulties being faced in mobilizing the additional resources, and is negotiating the process.

The Academic Council members also supported the stance of NIEPA, and felt that given the circumstances and the mandate of NIEPA, it is difficult for NIEPA to mobilise resources.

Agenda item No. 21.4 Ratification of action taken regarding UGC letter No.F.5-1/2017 (CPP-I/DU) dated 10th November, 2017 on use of the word “University” by Institutions Deemed to be Universities as per the Direction of Hon’ble Supreme Court.

The Vice-chancellor informed the Council that in compliance with the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court, the word ‘University’ in the name - National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) has been replaced by the word ‘Institute’ and now it is being called as National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), which will continue to be a deemed to be University.

Agenda item No. 21.5 Registration of Topics of Ph.D. Thesis and M.Phil Dissertations of the Scholars admitted in 2016

The council noted the information with satisfaction that the action has been completed.



Agenda item No.22.3 *Reporting Items:*

Agenda Item No.22.3.1 Status on Training / Workshops/ Seminars conducted up to March 2018

The Council noted with satisfaction that a total of 129 training programmes were conducted upto March 2018, of which 86 programmes were scheduled and conducted, 44 programmes were scheduled but could not be conducted, and 43 programmes were not scheduled but conducted.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council that most of the programmes that were scheduled but could not be conducted have been re-scheduled to be conducted in the coming financial year.

Agenda Item No. 22.3.2 Review of the Status of Research Studies up to March 2018

The council noted the information provided with satisfaction.

Agenda Item No. 22.3.3 Result of Viva-voce Examination of Ph.D Scholar

The council noted the information with satisfaction.

Agenda Item No.22.3.4 Submission of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation

The council noted the information with satisfaction.

Agenda Item No.22.3.5 New Admissions: M.Phil. and Ph.D. Courses for the year 2018-19

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council that the University has issued an advertisement inviting applications for M.Phil./Ph.D. Admissions for the year 2018-19 and the details of the same have been uploaded on the website. He also mentioned that the written test has been scheduled for 23rd June, 2018 and the personal interviews will be held on 25th & 26th June, 2018.



The Vice-Chancellor also briefed the members that the selection process for the M.Phil and Ph.D programmes, which currently are independent programmes, is under review to make it into an integrated programme. He also informed the Council that the curriculum for the M.Phil/Ph.D programme course work is also being revised and will be reported in the next Academic Council meeting.

Agenda Item No. 22.4 Considering approval of the Training Programmes for the year 2018-19

The Vice-chancellor briefed the Council that NIEPA gathers information from stakeholders for formulation of training/seminars/workshops/programmes in the ensuing year. Accordingly based on the proposals received from the stakeholders including State Governments and after due deliberations with concerned departments and faculty members at NIEPA, a total of 127 training/seminars/workshops/ programmes have been proposed for the year 2018-19.

The council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the proposed training programmes for the year 2018-19.

Agenda Item No. 22.5 Considering proposals for proposed Research Studies during the year 2018-19

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council that conducting research in the areas related to educational planning and administration at NIEPA is one of its key areas of focus. It was informed that 21 new research studies have been proposed by the faculty members. He also informed the members that these proposals are not yet finalized and will be further refined based on inputs from experts.

The Council suggested that a brief outline of department-wise mandate based on the Institute's mandate be given along with the main purpose and



requirement of the proposed study. This would facilitate discussions in the Council meetings.

It was also mentioned that a faculty member is expected to start a new research project only after completing his/her pending research projects.

It was also suggested that the date of joining of the project staff should be considered as the date of launch of a project, and this will be managed and coordinated by the Project Management Unit (PMU).

It was also mentioned that an extension to a research project will be given only after the review of the expert committee.

After due deliberations, the Council approved the proposed research studies.

Agenda Item No.22.6 Considering approval for registration of Topics of Ph.D Theses of the Scholars admitted in 2017 Ph.D (Full Time/Part-time)

The Council considered the proposal and resolved to approve the registration of the titles of the Ph.D. theses of the following scholars, as given below:

| S. No. | Name of the Scholar | Enrolment No. | Proposed Topic of Research | Name of Supervisor |
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| 1. | Anjali Surehatia | 20172001 | Social Inequalities in Schooling: A Study of Selected Schools in Delhi | Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay |
| 2. | Nilanjana Moitra | 20172002 | Tribal Agency and Governance of Higher Education in Jharkhand, India | Prof. A.K. Singh |
| 3. | Kriti Dagar | 20172003 | Student motivations for choosing Education Hubs: A socio-economic analysis in Dubai, UAE | Prof. K. Biswal |
| 4. | Sandhya Dubey | 20172004 | Access and Quality Dynamics in Financing of Higher Education | Prof. Mona Khare |
| 5. | Swati Kumari | 20172005 | Dynamics and Determinants of Higher Education Teachers' Professional Development: A Study of Mapping Policies and Practices | Prof. Pranati Panda |



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| 6. | Monika Maini | 20172006 | Student's Voice and University Governance: A Study on Political Dynamics in Indian Public Universities | Prof. Kumar Suresh |
| 7. | Shivani Bakshi | 20172007 | Leadership Pathways to School Improvement: A Study on the Senior Secondary School Principals of Kerala | Prof. Rashmi Diwan |
| 8. | Parul Chaudhary | 20172008 | A study of women administrators through the lens of capabilities and freedom in central universities of Delhi | Dr. Vineeta Sirohi |
| 9. | Bagesh Kumar | 20172009 | Identity Discourse in Higher Education: A Study of Dalit-Bahujan Students' Organizations | Prof. B.K. Panda |

Agenda Item No. 22.7 Considering proposal for review of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Course Curriculum

The Registrar informed the Council that two faculty meetings were conducted including one with external experts to discuss the M.Phil and Ph.D Course Curriculum in detail. After deliberations the Council approved the M.Phil and Ph.D Course Curriculum.

Agenda Item No.22.8 Considering approval for implementation of Guidelines for Management of M.Phil and Ph.D programmes at NIEPA on the basis of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016 dated 05th May 2016

The Academic Council considered and approved the report.

Agenda Item No. 22.9 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Apart from the set agenda some other important items were also reported to the Council, which included the following activities:

Prof. Pranati Panda reported on the activities of the School Standards and Evaluation Unit (Shaala Siddhi).



Prof. Rashmi Diwan reported on the functions and activities undertaken by the National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL).

Prof. N.V. Varghese and Dr. Nidhi Sabarwal reported on the activities of the Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE).

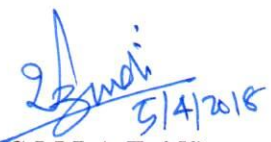
Prof. K.Biswal briefed the Council members about the activities undertaken under Unified District Information System of Education (U-DISE) and Student Database Management Information System (SDMIS).

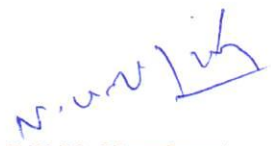
Prof. K. Srinivas reported on the activities conducted by the ICT unit of NIEPA.

Prof. Sudhanshu Bhuishan briefed the Council on the role NIEPA is playing in initiating the government's new programmes by coordinating the Centre for Academic Leadership and Management (CALAM) and the National Resource Centre (NRC) for Higher Education.

Prof. Kumar Suresh briefed the Council on the Innovation Awards given by NIEPA for Educational Administration.

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


(Prof. S.M.I.A Zaidi)
Registrar (I/c) & Secretary


(Prof. N.V. Varghese)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman