RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
(Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
Sriperumbudur-602 105.
Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Academic Council
held at 11.00 A.M. on 08.08.2011 at RGNIYD.

The 4th Meeting of the Academic Council of the University was conducted on 08.08.2011 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Shri P. Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Vice Chancellor, RGNIYD.

The following members attended the Academic Council Meeting.

1. Dr. (Prof) N. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Indian Council for Gandhian Studies, Trivandrum-695 004.
2. Dr. A. Sukumaran Nair, former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
3. Dr. Shankar Choudhary, Sr. Programme Officer (Education), UNESCO, New Delhi.
4. Dr. Gracious Thomas, Professor & Head, Dept. of Social Work, IGNOU, New Delhi-110 068.
5. Prof. (Dr) Jayasree, Professor, Dept. of Women Studies, Sri Padmavathy Women’s University, Tirupathi-517 502.
6. Prof. Samita Sen, Director, School of Women Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700 032.
7. Dr. P. K. B. Nayar, Former Professor of Sociology, Trivandrum.
8. Dr. Gautam Gawali, Professor of Applied Psychology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai-400 098.
9. Prof (Ms) Ashum Gupta, Professor & Head, Dept. of Psychology, University of Delhi, New Delhi-110 007.
10. Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo, Faculty Head, (TOE), HoD, SYSE, RGNIYD.
11. Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Faculty Head/HoD, SLESH, RGNIYD.
12. Dr. K. Gireesan, Faculty Head (PRIYA)/ HoD, SGPP, RGNIYD.
13. Dr. S. Priscilla, Faculty Head (READ) / HoD, SC, RGNIYD.
14. Dr. V. Reghu, Controller of Examinations, RGNIYD.
15. Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar i/c, RGNIYD.

11.01 The Vice Chancellor welcomed the Hon’ble Members to the 4th Meeting of the Academic Council.

11.02 He also welcomed the new members to the Academic Council and invited them to offer constructive suggestions for development of RGNIYD.
11.03 The Vice Chancellor briefed Academic Council with regard the role of RGNIYD in the globalization era. He expected the members to join hands in bringing out a new ethic with regard to the proposed Rajiv Gandhi National University of Youth Development.

11.15 The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Academic Council before the Academic Council. After a brief discussion about the emerging National University, the Academic Council noted and approved the above minutes. (Item No. 1 / Appendix-I)

11.20 The Vice Chancellor placed the minutes of the 25th & 26th meetings of the Executive Council held on 1.9.2010 and 13.6.2011 respectively before the Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor briefed about the positive intent of the Mentor Committee with regard to the development of RGNIYD. He also hoped RGNIYD will come out successfully from the Supreme Court case. The Academic Council noted these reports and approved them. (Item No.2 (a) & (b) / Appendix-II (A) & (B). The Vice Chancellor also reported about the ensuing Foundation /Convocation Day on 3rd September 2011. He placed format of the Convocation proceedings before the Academic Council which was approved. (Item No.2 (c) / Appendix-III)

11.30 The Vice Chancellor moved to Academic items for deliberation.

On behalf of the School of Youth Empowerment, Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Youth Empowerment proposed the Regulations and Syllabus of M.A.Programme in Youth Empowerment to take effect for the batch of students admitted from the Academic Year 2011-12 and thereafter, before the IV Meeting of Academic council for deliberation and adoption. Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Life Skills Education, seconded it. (Item No.3 (i) (a)/Appendix-IV).

Prof. N. Radhakrishnan opened the discussions. He felt that the syllabi of RGNIYD are Western oriented and do not have components of Indian culture and Gandhian values. He also felt that two courses on Research Methodology to be excessive. Dr. P.K.B Nayar wished well for the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Youth Development. He also felt that MAPR 118 must be included for grading. Dr. Sukumaran Nair suggested several ideas for the functioning of the new University. Dr. Shankar Chowdhary wanted the incorporation of several government programmes for the youth to be studied by M.A. Youth Empowerment.

Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo responded that he will bring MAYE 114 and MAPR 118 together and place it before the Board of Studies. The Academic Council suggested that the changes could be carried out.
made with concurrence of Board of Studies and these can be approved by the Academic Council for circulation.

The Academic Council then approved the regulations and syllabus of M.A.Youth Empowerment.

12.40 On behalf of School of Career Counseling, Dr.S.Priscilla, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Career Counselling proposed the Regulations and Syllabus of M.A.Programme in Career Counselling to take effect for the batch of students admitted from the Academic Year 2011-12 and thereafter before the IV Meeting of Academic council for deliberation and adoption. Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo, Chairperson, Board of Studies; Youth Empowerment seconded it (Item No.3 (i) (a)/Appendix-V).

Prof.N.Radhakrishanan opened the discussions. He felt that Career Counseling course is also mostly Western oriented and there is nothing of Indian way of Career Counseling. Dr (Ms) Ashum Gupta insisted upon the attention that must be given to differences between Counseling and Assessment. Dr.Gautam Gawali required that orientation must be given to all teachers, as there is not much of Indian text or contributions in Counseling. Dr.Shankar Chauhan felt that Community Radio can be expanded for mass communication. Dr.S.Priscilla responded that she would incorporate all the suggested changes.

The Academic Council then approved the regulations and syllabus of M.A.Career Counselling.

13.20 On behalf of School of Gender Studies, Dr.DJayalakshmi, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Gender Studies proposed the Regulations and Syllabus of M.A.Programme in Gender Studies to take effect for the batch of students admitted from the Academic Year 2011-12 and thereafter before the IV Meeting of Academic council for deliberation and adoption. Dr. K.Gireesan, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Local Governance Seconded it. (Item No.3 (i) (a)/Appendix-Vi).

Prof.N.Radhakrishanan opened the discussions. He felt that there must be a Gandhian component in Gender Studies. He wanted a core course on Indian culture and another core course, Life Skills that must be given to all students of M.A. at RGNVYD. Dr.Ashum Gupta considered that M.A.Gender Studies syllabi is slanted more towards women. Dr.Samita Sen suggested for some fine tuning of unit titles and course contents.
Dr. D. Jayalakshmi responded that M.A. Gender Studies is not M.A. Women Studies. She felt that the focus of the syllabi is an unbiased observation of gender in India and its developmental orientation. She was ready for incorporation of critical suggestions.

The Academic Council then approved the regulations and syllabus of M.A. Gender Studies.

13.35 On behalf of School of Governance and Public Policy, Dr. K. Gireesan, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Local Governance proposed the Regulations and Syllabus of M.A. Programme in Local Governance to take effect for the batch of students admitted from the Academic Year 2011-12 and thereafter before the IV Meeting of Academic council for deliberation and adoption. Dr. V. Reghu, Member Academic Council, seconded it (Item No.3 (i) (a)/Appendix-VII).

Dr. Gracious Thomas opened the discussions. He suggested for the clubbing of courses MALG 401 and MALG 439 for administrative and examination conveniences. Dr. Gautam Gawali wanted a very precise title for course No. MALG 401. Dr. Ashum Gupta wanted a uniform pattern of references for all courses for all M.As.

Dr. K. Gireesan responded that the clubbing of courses MALG 401 and MALG 439 is not possible for the reason that these courses are held in the First Semester for Local Governance students at higher level of four core credits and in the Third Semester for Elective students from all Schools for three elective credits. He was willing to make suitable changes for other suggestions.

The Academic Council then approved the regulations and syllabus of M.A. Local Governance.

13.40 On behalf of School of Life Skill Education and Social Harmony, Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Life Skills Education proposed the Regulations and Syllabus of M.A. Programme in Life Skills Education to take effect for the batch of students admitted from the Academic Year 2011-12 and thereafter before the IV Meeting of Academic council for deliberation and adoption. Dr. S. Priscilla, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Career Counselling Seconded it (Item No.3 (i) (a)/Appendix-VIII).

Prof. N. Radhakrishnan opened the discussions. He felt that there is no course or special attention in respect of Social Harmony. Dr. Shankar Choudhury felt that "Community Radio Management can be expanded to New Wave Management."

Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair responded that the suggestions are welcome and will be incorporated in the syllabi.
The Academic Council then approved the regulations and syllabus of M.A. Life Skills Education.

13.50 On behalf of RGNIYD, Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Life Skills Education proposed the Ph.D Regulations and Syllabus to take effect for the batch of students admitted from 1st June 2010 and thereafter. Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Gender Studies seconded it. (Item No. 3 (i) (b)/Appendix-IX).

Prof. N. Radhakrishnanan opened the discussions. He suggested for creation of Board of Research Studies, Scholars-in-Residence, invitation to reputed scholars and exchange of MoUs.

Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair responded that all these suggested measures are already in place at RGNIYD.

The Academic Council then approved the rules and regulations of Ph.D.

14.05 The Vice Chancellor placed the Rules for Recognition of Research Guides / Supervisors for Ph.D programmes at RGNIYD. (Item No. 3 (i) (c)/Appendix-X).

The Academic Council then approved the rules for recognition of Guides / Supervisors at RGNIYD.

14.10 On behalf of Life Skill Education and Social Harmony, Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Gender Studies proposed the Regulations and Syllabus of Certificate and Diploma courses in Social Harmony, National Integration and Sustainable Peace to take effect for the batch of students admitted from the Academic Year 2011-12 and thereafter before the IV Meeting of Academic council for deliberation and adoption. Dr. K. Gireesan, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Local Governance Seconded it. (Item No. 3 (i) (d)/Appendix-XI).

Dr. Girivas Thiruvanan suggested that this Diploma could be offered through distance mode, if RGNIYD enters into a MOU with IGNOU.

The Academic Council then approved the regulations and syllabus of Certificate and Diploma courses in Social Harmony, National Integration and Sustainable Peace.

14.15 The Vice Chancellor placed the decision of the XXVI of the Executive Council held on 13.6.2011 to issue M.A. Certificates/Diplomas for the eligible students of 2008-10 and 2009-11 batches along with the model of the Degree Certificate before the Academic Council. (Item No. 3 (i) (e)/Appendix-XII).

The Academic Council then approved the suggestion.
14.20 Dr. V. Reghu, Controller of Examinations and Member, Academic Council placed before the
Academic Council modifications in the Internal Assessment component of all M.A.
programmes at RGNIYD as well as, placing of the component Dissertation (100 marks) and
Viva-Voce (50 marks) for the total of 150 marks and six credits in the Fourth Semester of the
Mark List. (Item No. 3 (ii) /Appendix-XIII).

The Academic Council then approved the suggestions.

14.25 Dr. (Mrs.) J. Jayalakshmi Rajeshwari proposed a vote of thanks and
the Academic Council adjourned sine die.

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