RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
(Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament)
Sriperumbudur - 602105

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council of RGNIYD held on 23 March 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi

Members Present:

| 1. | Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD | Chairperson |
| 2. | Mr. LK Gupta, Joint Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi. | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Jeemol Unni, Director, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Post Box No.60, Anand, Gujarat - 388 001 | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Ashok Ganguly, Chairman, ABP Private Ltd., Gandhi Mansion, 4th Floor, 20, Altamound Road, Mumbai - 400026 | Member |
| 5. | Prof. C. Thangamuthu, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Plot No.43, 6th Main Street, Lakshmi Nagar Extension, Porur, Chennai - 600 116 | Member |
| 6. | Shri. Nikhil Dey, 278, Hauz Khas Apartments, Aurobindo Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110 016 | Member |
| 7. | Dr. K. Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD | Member |
| 8. | Ms. Krithiha Student, II Year M.A, Gender Studies, RGNIYD | Member |
| 9. | Shri. Victor Sundaram, Student, II Year M.A, Youth Empowerment, RGNIYD | Member |
| 10. | Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar i/c, RGNIYD | Member Secretary |

Shri. Gaurav Agarwal, Director, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi; Shri. Venkatesh Srinivasan, representative from UNFPA, New Delhi; and Dr. S Lalitha, Asst. Professor, RGNIYD were special invitees for the meeting.
The following members sought leave of absence due to their prior commitments:

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* Ms. Frederika Meijer could not attend due to prior commitment and hence Mr. Srinivasa Venkatesan represented UNFPA in the place of Ms. Frederika Meijer.

Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD presided the meeting and the agenda points were taken up for discussions.

**Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Academic Council of RGNIYD**

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Academic Council which was conducted on 24 July 2014 was confirmed.
Item No. II: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Academic Council

Action taken on the Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Academic Council of RGIYD was reported and the same was approved.

Item No. III: Activity Report

After the presentation of the Activity report, the following suggestions were made by the members.

(a) Lectures delivered by the eminent speakers as part of the Aakansha Lecture Series may be compiled and brought out as an edited volume.

(b) Workshops for mapping Gender issues are to be conducted and modules to be developed for Gender sensitization of functionaries/volunteers of various youth organisations.

(c) Modules are to be developed for Internship programmes of RGIYD with various NGOs/organisations.

(d) Efforts be made to reach out to the villages in analyzing the impact of initiatives like MGNREGS, Right to Information, Right to Education, etc.

(e) Necessary efforts be made for filling up of the remaining sanctioned positions (Academic and Administrative) by April 2015.

Item No. IV: Academic Ordinances

The Academic Ordinances approved by the Academic Council may be placed in the 33rd meeting of the Executive Council for adoption as per the Section 34(2) of the Act.

Item No. V: Perspective and Strategic Plan Meetings

Consolidated report of the meetings held on 2nd July 2014 and 15th September 2014 for the formulation of Perspective and Strategic Plan of RGIYD were placed before the Academic Council for information. The report included the details of the situational analysis and plan/strategies suggested in different aspects like horizontal growth, vertical growth, research, extension, training, extension, infrastructure, student support system, monitoring & evaluation, and administration.

During the discussions, the following suggestions were made.

(a) Training manuals are to be updated.

(b) For the promotion of Faculty to the next position feedback from the students is to be taken as an additional component along with the PBAS.
Item No. VI: MOUs with other institutions for various academic activities

MoUs signed by RGNIYD with the following institutions were approved.

(a) Dr. Lalitha presented the modules/course frame work for BVoc programme in Apparel Designing to be introduced in collaboration with ATDC.

(b) BANYAN Academy of Leadership in Mental Health (BALM) for academic and training purposes.

(c) NI-MSME, Hyderabad for skill development training.

(d) ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu for educational, research, and consultancy programmes.

(e) MIT-School of Government, Pune for academic collaborations.

Academic Council approved the signing of MoU with the following institutions.


(b) National Council for Co-operative Management, New Delhi for operate in Diploma in Co-operative Management. (Action to be expedited)


(d) Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST) for establishing incubation centre for Entrepreneurship Development.

Item No. VII: Report of the Research Committee

Academic Council approved the guidelines prepared for the sanction of research grants for the research projects to be undertaken by the faculty up to a maximum of Rs. 3 lakhs and the norms for providing travel support to the faculty for participation in conferences and seminars.

Item No. VIII: Implementation of CBCS as per the revised UGC guidelines

Academic Council approved the implementation of CBCS as per the revised UGC guidelines. The following suggestions were put forward by the experts for restructuring the existing curriculum into CBCS framework as per the UGC guidelines.

(i) Preparation of course master

(ii) Preparation of degree document.

(iii) Preparation of course document with the details like pre-requisites, objectives, credits, outcomes, evaluation and perspectives of stakeholders—students, teacher and industry.
(iv) Setting up of minimum credits to be acquired in core and elective courses for successful completion of the programme.
(v) GPA/SGPA/CGPA calculations.
(vi) Time table preparation.

As the way forward, the following action points are to be worked upon:

(i) Preparation of course master and removing overlaps – experts of the committee to be consulted (Prof. Asha Banu and Dr. Adaline Albert)
(ii) Consider introduction of Master’s degree in Social Work in Youth Development.
(iii) Consultations at the Institute/School levels are to be scheduled for restructuring the present curriculum and introduction of new programmes/courses.
(iv) Reconstituting the Board of Studies in the Schools.
(v) Course design committee is to be constituted at the School level.

Item No. IX: RGNiYD Journal – The Endeavour

Efforts made to bring out the combined back volumes of the Endeavour Journal of Youth Development with the help of experts in the field were reported. In addition, the initiative made to revive the Journal in collaboration with M/S Sage Publications India Ltd., New Delhi was also presented which was approved by the Academic Council.

The following suggestions were made to enhance the quality of the journal.
(a) Editorial board needs to be reconstituted with renowned academicians in the field of youth development.
(b) Editor in chief has to be a Professor from RGNiYD.
(c) Title of the journal may be changed to convey the focus of youth development.

Further publication of the journal may be taken up after the appointment of more faculty members especially Professors.


The Academic Council approved the following programmes.

(a) Diploma in Community Mental Health in collaboration with BANYAN (NGO).
(b) B.Voc. programme in collaboration with ATDC/IAM.
(c) Diploma in Youth Management/Development.
(d) Master’s Programme in Public Policy.

Item No. XI: Youth-led Development Programmes

It was reported in the Academic Council that Youth-led Development programmes have been conducted in 81 colleges across the country for SC, ST and North-Eastern Youth.
Item No. XII : Student Strength for Academic Programme at RGNiyD

Status of the student enrolment since inception of academic programmes by RGNiyD was presented. The Academic Council approved the maximum number of students for an academic programme as 25. Regarding the minimum number of students for a programme, it was suggested that whenever enrollment for a programme is below 8, a committee may be constituted to look into the reasons and suggest measures. A student representative may also be included in the committee.

Item No. XIII : Library Review Committee Report

The suggestions made in the Library Review Committee report were approved. After detailed deliberations, the following suggestions were made,

(a) Posts of Librarian/ Asst. Librarian to be created.
(b) Visits to best libraries are to be made by the library staff.
(c) Efforts be made to enhance library usage and the usage statistics to be presented to Academic Council.

Item No. XIV : Fee Structure for 2015-17 Batch

The revised fee structure proposed for the regular two year PG programmes to be adopted from the 2015-2017 batch has been recommended by the Academic Council. In the revised fee structure, student insurance of Rs. 100 and caution deposit of Rs. 3,000 were included in education fee. Regarding the hostel room rent, it was recommended to collect every semester, instead of every month. The existing pattern of monthly student mess charges on dividing system, Examination fee @ Rs.100/- per course, @ Rs.25/- per statement of marks and Rs.10/- per examination application form will remain un-changed.

Item No. XV : Academic Architecture Meeting

The recommendations made by the Academic Architecture Committee based on its sittings on 9th September 2014 and 16 December 2014 were placed in the Academic Council. It was suggested to include a new Department of Public Policy. The Academic Council approved the Academic Architecture and forwarded it to the EC for information.

Item No. XVI : Academic and Administrative Audit Meeting

The recommendations of the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee (AAA) and various representations received were placed in the Academic Council. In the detailed deliberations which took place, the suggestion to continue Masters’ in Gender Studies and apprehensions of students about discontinuance of programme were also noted. It was also clarified that the Institute would strengthen its initiatives in Skill development.

The Academic Council resolved to refer the above matter for a decision by the Executive Council.
Item No. XVII : Ph.D. Programmes at RGNiYD

Status of Ph.D. scholars (both full time and part time) was reported in the Academic Council. As per the UGC Regulations for Ph.D., a part time student should work for a minimum required period of 180 days in the Institute directly under the supervisor.

It was resolved that this clause stands applicable for the earlier batches of Ph.D. scholars as well.

Item No. XVIII : Developing the course structure for NSS as an elective subject

The Academic Council was apprised of the directive from the Ministry to finalise the NSS Curriculum for introducing it as an elective subject by the UGC.

Item No. XIX : Placement of Alumni

The available Placement details from 2008-2010 batch to 2012-14 Batch for all the programmes were placed before the Academic Council. The Academic Council resolved that henceforth efforts be made to compile the data on ongoing basis.

Item No. XX : Campus to Corporate Programme by ICTACT

Academic Council approved the campus to corporate programme by ICTACT, Chennai for the students of RGNiYD ICT with a financial commitment of Rs. 1.5 lakhs on the part of RGNiYD with student contribution of Rs. 750 per head.

Item No. XXI : Qualification for the Post of Professor in Training

The Academic Council approved the qualification for the Post of Professor in training.

Item No. XXII : Review of functioning of CoE

The recommendations of the Committee constituted to review the functioning of CoE were approved. The question papers for the various programmes were also perused by the members. It was suggested to include more analytical and application oriented questions in the setting up of Question papers. Workshops may be conducted for the faculty of the RGNiYD on question paper setting and related aspects.

Item No. XXIII : Manual of Examinations

Academic Council approved the Manual of Examinations and forwarded it to EC for incorporation in the Ordinances.

Item No. XXIV : Declaration of results of December 2014 Semester Exams

Results of December 2014 for First Semester (2014 - 2016 Batch), Third Semester (2013 - 2015 Batch) and arrear examinations were placed in the Academic Council. Noted.
Item No. XXV: Revision of rates of fee/ Honorarium/ Remuneration for conduct of various examination-related duties

The revised rates of Honorarium for various examination-related duties were approved.

Item No. XXVI: Details on security press engaged by the CoE for printing of examination related documents

Academic Council decided to invite competitive quotation from various security printing press to empanel a suitable printer for printing of examination related documents of RGNIYD.

Item No. XXVII: Earn While Learn scheme

The guidelines for Earn While Learn Scheme were approved.

The meeting ended by thanking the members for their valuable contributions.

D. Jayalakshmi
Member Secretary

Latha Pillai
Chairperson