RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
(Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament No. 35/2012)
Pennalur, Siperumbudur – 602 105

Minutes of the Meeting of the Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council of RGNIYD held on 09th October 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi

Members Present:

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<td>Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD</td>
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<td>Mr. LK Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Prof. Gopal Guru, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - 67</td>
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<td>Ms. Radha Chellappa, Head of Office, International Organisation for Migration – India</td>
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<td>Prof. C. Thangamuthu, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University</td>
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<td>Dr. K. Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD, Siperumbudur</td>
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<td>Shri. Dibyajyoti Gogol, Student, II Year M.A. Local Governance, Siperumbudur</td>
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<td>Ms. Th. R. Rita Lunghila, Student, II Year M.A. Development Practice,</td>
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<td>Dr. T.R.A. Devakumar, Registrar, RGNIYD, Siperumbudur</td>
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The following members sought leave of absence due to their prior commitments:

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<td>Prof. Jeemol Unni, Director, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Gujarat</td>
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<td>Prof. Saibal Chattopadhyay, Director, Indian Institute of Management – Calcutta</td>
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<td>Shri. Nikhil Dey, 278, Hauz Khas Apartments, Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110 016</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Mr. RCM Reddy, Managing Director &amp; CEO, IL&amp;FS Education &amp; Technology Services Ltd</td>
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The following members did not attend the meeting

| 1. | Shri. Rajeev Kapoor, IAS,  
|    | Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of  
|    | Administration, Mussorie | Member |
| 2. | Ms. Frederika Meijer,  
|    | Representative, United Nations Population  
|    | Fund (UNFPA) No.55, Lodi Estate, New Delhi - 110 003. | Member |

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

Dr. P Sahoo, Faculty Head, RGNIYD and Mr A Velu, Asst. Registrar, RGNIYD were invited as Special Invitee for the meeting. Smt Debanjana Ray, US, MoYAS, and Mr Man Mohan, SO, MoYAS were also present in the meeting.

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

Item No. I : Confirmation of the Minutes of the VI Meeting of the Academic Council held on 23 March 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Academic Council which was conducted on 23 March 2015 was confirmed.

Item No. II (i) : Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the VI Meeting of the Academic Council

Action taken on the Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Academic Council of RGNIYD was reported and the same was approved.

Item No. II (ii) : Activity Report from April 2015 to September 2015

Noted. The Director briefed the members of the initiatives taken to strengthen the teaching and training programs. She also mentioned about the increase in the number of faculty members being deputed for Seminars / Conferences. In addition to the faculty mentioned in the agenda notes – the following were reported.

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Ms. Avini Veronica Richa, Assistant Professor</td>
<td>International Training Programme on &quot;Sustainable Rural Livelihoods&quot; organized by CIRDAP and NIRD</td>
<td>North Eastern Regional Centre of NIRD</td>
<td>05 – 14 January 2015</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Dr. P. Hiraniya Kalesh, Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Asia Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers', organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports</td>
<td>New Delhi</td>
<td>28-31 July 2015</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Dr. K. Gireesan, Faculty Head</td>
<td>International Workshop on Participatory Development organized by PRAXIS</td>
<td>Bangalore</td>
<td>07 – 14 September 2015</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Dr. P. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor</td>
<td>National consultation on Children and Internal Migration in India organized by UNESCO and Aid-et-action</td>
<td>India Habitat Centre, New Delhi</td>
<td>22nd – 23rd September 2015</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Dr. S. Lalitha, Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Workshop conducted by British Council of India</td>
<td>London</td>
<td>30th September to 04th October 2015</td>
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It was also suggested that the various lecture programs organized by the Institute may be uploaded on the website.

Regarding the Community Radio Station (CRS), dissatisfaction was expressed about its lack of optimal performance. It was suggested that interested students may be involved in the activities of CRS.

**Item No. III : Syllabus of I and II semester of M.A. Local Governance and Development (2015-16 on wards)**

Approved.

**Item No. IV : Syllabus from I to IV semester of M.A. Gender Studies (2015 - 2016 on wards)**

Approved. The Committee suggested that the syllabus for Gender Studies programme may be relooked at and suitably modified to include Gender perspectives, rather than confining it to Women; an apprehension also expressed by the student representatives. The Department should also take efforts to increase its enrollment by making the program more contemporary and through establishing linkages with National / International agencies working in the field of gender.

**Item No. V : Syllabus of I and II semester of M.A. Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2015-16 on wards)**

Approved.
Item No. VI : Syllabus of I and II semester of M.A. Development Policy and Practice (2015-16 onwards)

Approved.

Item No. VII : Syllabus for the I and II semester of M.Sc. Counselling Psychology (2015-16 onwards)

Approved.


Approved.

Item No. IX (a) : Change in the Nomenclature of the Programme from M.A. Counselling Psychology to M.Sc. Counselling Psychology

The Council suggested that the programme should have adequate components of practical and field exposure, in order that students are able to relate the theory imparted in the classrooms.

Item No. IX. (b) : Eligibility for Admission

Approved.

Item No. X (a) : Setting up Technology Business Incubators at RGNIYD

Approved. The Council suggested that the Department may have to tie up with other Institutions having Technology Business Incubator in India.

Item No. X (b) : Setting Establishment of Knowledge Partnership with CSIE-IIT Madras

Approved.

Item No. XI. (a) : National Level consultation workshop for developing schemes at State level under NIRBHAYA FUND and framework for establishing One Stop Crisis Centre for preventing violence against women – concept note.

The Council while approving the proposal, suggested to gather inputs from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, MHRD, United Nation Organizations and report on SAKSHAM by UGC.

Item No. XI. (b) : Contextual realities of skewed sex ration in selected districts in India - concept note.

The Council approved the proposal and suggested that the work done by other agencies viz. UNFPA, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality etc. may be referred to and the study should not be limited to selected districts of Tamil Nadu.
Item No. XI. (c) Empowering adolescent girls: Critical analysis of legal frame work and policy options - concept note.

The Council approved the proposal, however it has observed that organizations viz. United Nations Organizations, WHO have done considerable work in the area and RGNIYD should do a thorough review of literature before the study is undertaken.

Item No. XII : Admission of SAARC and Fiji students to PG courses at RGNIYD

National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) may be consulted as to how they are operating the SAARC fellowship scheme for its PG Diploma programme.

Item No. XIII : National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) Scheme

The Council appreciated the initiative to expand the research base of the Institute. It was suggested that due to dearth of qualified faculty in the Institute to guide Ph.D. appointment of Visiting Professor / Adjunct faculty may be considered. Further, the Institute could also explore the possibilities of recognizing reputed institutions and civil society organization as “Recognised Research Centres” by adhering to UGC norms.

Item No. XIV : Grant of Ph.D. guideship to Dr. Hiraninya Kalesh as recommended by the research committee

Approved.

Item No. XV : Change of Guide as per the clarification from UGC with respect to (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations 2009

The Council deliberated the matter in detail. It was resolved that in view of the UGC Regulations 2009:

1. Since Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair is not a full time teacher, his students may be transferred to any other Faculty Head of RGNIYD.
2. Since Dr. V. Reghu continues to guide Ph.D. students in his parent Institute, students submitting their thesis shortly may continue under his guidance and the others transferred to other faculty of RGNIYD.

Item No. XVI : Leave Rules to full time Research Scholars as recommended by Research Committee

Approved.

Item No. XVII : 1st Convocation of RGNIYD as Institute of National Importance

As resolved in the earlier meetings, convocation for 2012-14 batch along with 2013-15 may be held during January/February 2016. Medals and Rank certificates of earlier batches may also be awarded at the convocation. RGNIYD started awarding degree since 2010. The Council proposed the names of the following for Chief Guest for the First Convocation:
1. The President of India
2. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF
3. Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, Former Head, ISRO
4. Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthy, Director, IIT, Chennai
5. Dr. (Ms.) Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment
6. Dr. Kiran Bedi, Retired DGP

Item No. XVIII: Reporting Items

a. Admission 2015-16
   
   Noted.

b. Declaration of II and IV semester results during the Academic Year 2014-15 - An Overview
   
   Noted.

c. Visit of Nobel Laureate Prof MUHAMMAD YUNUS for a Lecture on Turning Unemployment to Entrepreneurship Motivating Indian Youth for Social Business at RGNIYD

1. Lecture on Turning Unemployment to Entrepreneurship: Motivating Indian Youth for Social Business and Workshop on Social Business 01 September 2015, RGNIYD
2. Workshop on Social Business on 01 September 2015, RGNIYD
   
   Noted.

(d) Faculty position at RGNIYD

The Council urged the Ministry to expedite the matter pertaining to the revision of Statutes and obtaining of Visitor's nominees in order to fill up the vacancies.

(e) Launching NSS Unit at RGNIYD

Noted.

Part - B (Confidential)

Item No. XIX. Approval of Question paper setters / evaluators

Approved.

Item XX. Any other item

1. Method of recruitment for a post of Professor (Specialization: Training)

The Council authorized the Director to constitute a Committee to examine the performance indicators for the post of Professor (Specialization Training) without compromising the prescribed qualifications and API points for the post of Professors as per UGC Regulations 2010.
II. The student representatives mentioned about the apprehensions in the transition of academic programmes and their employment prospects. The Council resolved that all efforts be taken to strengthen the existing programmes and from the next academic year a six month programme on Employability skills be made compulsory for all students.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Item No. 1: Addendum to Item No: XVII
Noted.

Item No. 2: Introduction of Post-Graduate Diploma in Youth Development (PGDYD)
Approved. The Council suggested that inputs may be obtained from Institute of National Importance and other Education Institutions whether prior approval of UGC is required for offering courses through Distance Education mode.

Item No. 3: Publication of RGNIYD - Youth Development: Emerging Perspectives
Noted.

Item No. 4: Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs – Certificate Programme in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to be conducted at Regional Centre, Chandigarh
Approved.

Item No. 5: Renaming Academic Programme project as Academic Coordination Division
Approved.

Item No. 6: Professional Development Programme for United Nations Volunteers.
The Council suggested to consult DG, NYKS prior to finalization of Professional Development Programme for United Nations Volunteers

Item No. 7: Status of Bachelor of Vocational Education (B.Voc.)
The Council appreciated the initiative of operating B.Voc programme. Adequate monitoring mechanism for conduct of General component and examinations may be drawn up by RGNIYD.

Item No. 8: Status of Diploma in Community Mental Health Care
Noted.
Item No. 9: Joint collaborative Ph.D programme in Disability Studies between RGNIYD and NIPEMD.

The Council approved offering Ph.D programme in Disability Studies (Special Education, Rehabilitation Service, Clinical Psychology, Social Work, Occupation Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy) and the appointment of external Faculty Members as Research Guides may be as per the norms stipulated by UGC.

Item No. 10: Nomination of RGNIYD as a member of CIRDAP technical Committee – Observer for two year (2016-17)

Noted.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the members for their valuable inputs.

T.R.A. Devakumar  
Registrar

Latha Pillai  
Chairperson