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**MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD
ON 09.02.2009 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF
GURU GOBIND SINGH INDRAPRASTHA UNIVERSITY**

11th meeting of the Planning Board of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University was held on 09.02.2009 at 12:00 Noon in the Conference Hall of the University under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dilip K. Bandyopadhyay, the Vice-Chancellor.

The following were present in the meeting:-

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| (i) | Prof. Dilip K. Bandyopadhyay
Vice Chancellor,
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University | - - | In Chair |
| (ii) | Prof. B. S. Sharma
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| (iii) | Sh. S. P. Bansal
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ITO, Delhi | - | Member |
| (iv) | Lt. General S. S. Mehta
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Mundhwa, Pune-411036. | - | Member |
| (v) | Prof. Ashok Chandra
Former Special Secretary (MHRD),
A-15, Sector-15,
Noida - 201 301 | - | Member |
| (vi) | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Vice Chancellor,
BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya,
Khanpur Kalan - 131305,
Sonapat (Haryana) | - | Member |
| (vii) | Sh. Vinod K. Jain
Registrar,
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University | - | Secretary |

The other members could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation.



Since this was the first meeting of the Planning Board under the Chairmanship of the new Vice Chancellor, the Registrar of the University gave his brief introduction to the members of the Planning Board. The meeting, thereafter, began with the opening remarks of the Vice Chancellor.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor stated that he needs the guidance, support and cooperation of all the members of the Planning Board. Elaborating on his vision for taking this University to a new higher orbit, he made the following points:-

- (i) Since the University has grown quite a bit in size, our effort now should be on consolidation with focus on improving the quality of knowledge creation and knowledge dissemination;
- (ii) That his efforts would be to tighten the loose ends wherever required to make the academic administration of the University more transparent and accountable;
- (iii) That there is shortage of faculty members at the senior level in the University. The availability of faculty at the senior level is extremely important to boost research in any educational institute and to improve the quality of teaching. So, his first and foremost endeavour would be to ensure the availability of faculty in the University at senior level;
- (iv) That the character of the University in times to come should be cosmopolitan and global. Efforts should be made to attract the people in the University not only from all parts of India but also from all over the world. This will help the University in creating its own identity and niche in the world of academics;
- (v) Our next objective in the University would be to get international accreditation and international quality certification;
- (vi) Efforts will have to be made to improve the quality of teaching and research in the affiliated colleges to bring them upto the desired level. This would require constant monitoring and mentoring of these Institutes.

After the above mentioned preliminary discussion, the agenda items were presented before the Planning Board and the following decisions were taken / observations made on each item:-

Item No. 11.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 10th Meeting.

The Planning Board resolved to confirm the minutes of 10th meeting as circulated.

Item No. 11.2: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 10th Meeting.

The Planning Board accepted the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 10th meeting subject to the following observations:-

- (i) **The concept of finishing school:** It was observed that concept of finishing school is quite controversial and needs to be carefully examined before taking a final decision. It was felt that the focus of the University should be to enhance the cognitive abilities of the students so that they become capable of adapting to changes and learn the processes as per the requirement of the job after getting the placement rather than imparting the training to enhance specific skills for specific tasks. Efforts of the University should be to improve the quality of knowledge creation and knowledge dissemination;
- (ii) **Research:** It was observed that it is not possible for the University to orient its total research towards social problems. The University has to develop a strategy to promote research. The strategy should be twofold:
 - to promote research in general and;
 - to link the research with societal issues in particular.
- (iii) **Academic Audit Cell:** It was observed that Academic Audit Cell should be strengthened and the Cell should be provided proper administrative backup. The focus of the Cell should be to promote quality of education in affiliated Institutes as well as in University schools;
- (iv) **Alumni Association:** It was felt that efforts should be made to involve the alumni associations in the development of the University;

- (v) **Consultancy:** It was felt that the observation that consultancy should be the main source of income in the University is quite controversial. Overemphasis on consultancy can prove to be fatal for the University as consultancy can displace education and research unless it is properly conceived and monitored;

- (vi) **Quality of teachers:** Availability and retention of quality teachers is the biggest challenge for the University. The University should launch faculty development programmes in a big way and may consider establishing a Human Resource Development Centre in the University with the focus on grooming the faculty. The job profile of this Centre could be identification, hunting, the recruitment, training, development and retention of the talented faculty at senior level;

- (vii) **Adopting of nearby area:** The members of the Board were of the opinion that the University may consider adopting a nearby locality for its extension services and study the social problems being faced by the various segments of the society in that locality and see how best the University can be helpful in tackling the problems being faced by the people in that locality;

- (viii) **Plan of Action:** At the end of the discussion, it was desired by the Board that the Vice Chancellor should make an elaborate plan of action highlighting his vision and mission, targets and objectives and the strategy to achieve these targets and objectives during his tenure in the next five years. The comprehensive document should primarily focus on the following aspects:
 - Teaching;
 - Research;
 - Extension service;
 - Consultancy and
 - Training.

Item No. 11.3: Presentation by Prof. P. C. Sharma, Dean, University School of Biotechnology.

Prof. P. C. Sharma, Dean University of Biotechnology made a presentation highlighting the achievements of the School and the roadmap on which the school is proposed to be taken in future. The members of the Board appreciated the level which the school of Biotechnology has already attained. The members desired that efforts should be made to make this school a centre of excellence comparable to the best in the world.

Item No. 11.4: Presentation by Prof. Anu Singh Lather, Dean, University School of Management Studies.


The presentation was deferred.

Item No. 11.5: Presentation by Prof. B. V. R. Reddy, Dean, University School of Information Technology.

The presentation was deferred.

Item No. 11.6: Any other Item with the Permission of the Chair.

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


(Vinod K. Jain)
Registrar /
Secretary, Planning Board