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**Minutes of the 2nd meeting of Planning Board held on 7th April 2011
from 11.00 a.m. in conference hall of UOU.**

Following were present:

1. Prof.Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2.Prof. M.M.Pant	Member
3.Prof.Absar Mustafa Khan	"
4.Prof. Ajay Rawat, Professor of History	"
5.Prof.J.K.Joshi, Professor of Education	"
6.Prof. N.P.Singh, Professor of Agriculture & Sciences	"
7.Prof.H.P.Shukla, Professor of English	"
8.Prof.R.C.Mishra, Registrar	Member Secretary

Invited Members:

- 1.Prof.Durgesh Pant, Director, School of CS &IT
- 2.Dr.R.K.Gupta, Examination Controller
- 3.Smt. Abha Garkhal, Finance Officer
- 4.Sri D.K.Singh, Dy.Registrar
- 5.Sri N.C.Pandey, Consultant
- 6.Sri P.C.Papnai, Consultant

Sri N.K.Joshi and Smt.Shanti Verma had informed about their inability to attend the meeting due to some reasons. No formal communication was received from the other external members about their inability to attend the meeting.

At the outset, before starting the agenda of the meeting Prof.R.C.Mishra, Registrar, the Member Secretary of Planning Board welcomed the Members and requested Prof.Vinay Kumar Pathak, the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Planning Board to extend welcome to the members. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the Members and hoped that the deliberations on each item of agenda would be very useful.

Thereafter Prof.R.C.Mishra, the Member Secretary, with the permission of chair, took up the agenda items for discussion.

Item No.PB/02/01: Confirmation of the minutes of Ist meeting of Planning Board held on 15th Sept.2010.

Prof.R.C.Mishra informed the Board about the few comments/ suggestions on the minutes made by Hon'ble member Sri N.K.Joshi as per Annexure No.II of the agenda item. The Board welcomed the comments/suggestions of Sri Joshi. Prof.R.C.Mishra expressed his views on each comment/suggestion. The Board was informed that according to Section 19(1) of the University Act the Planning Board of the University is the principal planning body of the University and is also responsible for monitoring of development of the university on the lines indicated in the objects of the University. The Statutes Para 11(4) prescribe about Planning Board and it is reproduced as ahead:

"योजना बोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय हेतु समुचित कार्यक्रम और क्रियाकलापों को अभिकल्पित और तैयार करेगा और किसी विषय पर जिसे वह विश्वविद्यालय के उद्देश्यों की पूर्ति के लिए आवश्यक समझे, उसे कार्यपरिषद को परामर्श देने का अधिकार होगा,

परन्तु यह कि किसी विषय पर शिक्षा परिषद और योजना बोर्ड के मध्य मतभेद होने की दशा में उसे कार्यपरिषद को निर्दिष्ट किया जाएगा जिसका निर्णय अन्तिम होगा।"

Thus in view of the above provision of the Statutes, the Members of the Board were of the opinion that the Planning Board is not a body to approve any proposal. After considering any proposal the Board may or may not endorse the same for consideration by Academic Council/Executive Council. Thus, after detailed discussions, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution on this issue:

RESOLUTION NO.PB/02/01:

RESOLVED that the suggestions/ comments made by Sri N.K.Joshi are endorsed but -

- (i) under resolution No.PB/01/01, PB/01/03 and PB/01/04 the word "approves" be substituted by the word "endorses",
- (ii) under resolution No.PB/01/05 the nomination of members of the committee at numbers 2 and 3 would be done by the Vice Chancellor,
- (iii) under item no.5 no changes are needed to be done as the construction agency for the university buildings would be **U.P.Rajkiya Nirman Nigam** as already approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Council of UOU, and the Nigam would be extending its services as per their rules and regulations.
- (iv) under item no.6 the word "liaisoning" be replaced by "liaison" ,
- (v) under item No.9 no changes need be done because it would be a right course of action to prepare one year, three year and five year plans of the university and that
- (vi) the minutes of the 1st meeting of Planning Board held on 15th September 20110 after incorporating the above changes are confirmed.

Item No.PB/02/02: Action Taken Report on the Resolutions passed in the Ist meeting.

The Board was acquainted with the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the Ist meeting of the Board (resolution number-wise) as presented and explained by Prof.R.C.Mishra. The Board expressed satisfaction about the ATR.

Item No.PB/02/03: Apprising the Board of the Progress Report of University from 1st meeting of Planning Board held on 15th Sept.2010 to date.

The Board was acquainted with the Progress Report of the University as per the agenda note and briefly elaborated by Prof.R.C.Mishra. The Board expressed great satisfaction with the progress made by the University.

Item No.PB/02/04: New Study Programmes to be started from the academic year 2011-12.

Prof.R.C.Mishra apprised the Board about the 75 programmes of study offered by UOU during the academic year 2010-11 and 33 new programmes of study proposed to be offered during the next academic year (2011-12). While appreciating the efforts of University in offering the 33 new programmes of study, Prof.M.M.Pant suggested that the university should prepare and offer the new programmes as per demand of the people and as per reach of the university to the needy ones. Prof. M.A.Khan suggested that the study programme in Sciences and those requiring practical sessions be given second priority and the other programmes be given first priority.

Thus, after elaborate discussions, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTIN NO.PB/02/02:

RESOLVED that the 33 new study programmes as proposed in the agenda note and also others, if any proposed later, are endorsed to be started from academic year 2011-12.

Item No.PB/02/05: Status of Funds received from State Government, Distance Education Council, and Students' fees.

The Board was apprised about the funds received from the State as well as from the DEC and also about the fees received from students. The Board was satisfied with the efforts made by the university administration for being able to

receive and raise the sufficient funds. The Board was happy to learn that there was no dearth of funds.

Item No.PB/02/06: Status of teaching and non-teaching posts sanctioned by the State Govt. and proposed need of the University.

The Board was apprised of the progress about getting the approval of State Govt. for teaching and non-teaching posts as per the statement given in the agenda note. The Board was satisfied with the efforts made by the university administration. However, the Board felt it necessary that the University should be provided with faculty and non teaching staff as per the demand submitted to government so that the university could function effectively and efficiently.

After elaborate discussions, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTIN NO.PB/02/03:

RESOLVED that the demand of rest of the teaching faculty and non-teaching posts as endorsed by the Planning Board in its Ist meeting held on 15th Sept. 2010 be made again to the state government.

Item No.PB/02/07: Significant Information about Study Centers and New Study Centers proposed to be established.

Prof.R.C.Mishra apprised the Board about the progress of **198** approved Study Centers in different locations of Uttarakhand including **165** centers under direct administrative control of the university, 28 centers being run through **HILTRON**, 04 through **Education & Technology Service Ltd** and one through **M/S Smart Skills** in collaboration with **TATA MOTORS**.

The Board was also apprised of the fact that in **25** centers no admissions took place and that these would be closed as recommended by the Recognition Board. The Planning Board endorsed the proposal.

The Board was apprised of the other decision that the MOU with the new Study Centers would be in force only **for three years** as against the existing duration of **five years**. The decision has to be taken in view of the poor performance shown by some of the study centers. The Board, after detailed discussions, endorsed the proposal.

The Board glanced through the format developed for submitting the **Report of the Inspection Team** for evaluating the applications received for opening study centers. The Board endorsed the format.

The Board welcomed and endorsed the proposal of providing computers, books, journals, etc. to those study centers which have been performing well so that needy students could be facilitated and a sense of competition is generated amongst the study centers. .

The Board also endorsed the proposal of providing financial help up to a maximum amount of Rs.10,000/- to those Study Centers which have been performing well and come forward to organize conferences, seminars, workshops, etc. for augmenting the university's campaign of ODL system.

Item No.PB/02/08: Constitution of an External Evaluation Committee for the programmes and activities of the University.

In the Ist meeting of Planning Board, Prof. M.M.Pant had suggested that an **External Evaluation Committee** be formed which might evaluate the activities and performance of the University for betterment. Accordingly the names proposed in the agenda were endorsed by the Board. The members of the Board were requested to suggest other names, if any. Prof. A.M.Khan was of the opinion that the Vice Chancellor be empowered to nominate 2-3 persons as he may deem appropriate. The Board agreed with the opinion of Prof. Khan. Accordingly the following resolution was passed in this regard:

RESOLUTION NO.PB/02/04

RESOLVED that there should be an External Evaluation Committee which would evaluate the activities and performance of the University from time to time. The Planning Board endorsed the following names of senior academicians for the said committee:

1. Prof. R.C.Pant, ex- Vice Chancellor Kumaon University(presently in Haldwani)
2. Prof.H.D.Bisht, Retd. Professor, IIT (presently in Haldwani)
3. Dr.Mukul Trivedi, Director, Higher Education, Uttarakhand (HQ Haldwani).
4. Any other person to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor, if desired.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the constitution and mandate of the proposed committee be got approved by the appropriate authorities of the university.

Item No.PB/02/09: One Year and Five Years Academic Plans of University.

As suggested by Sri N.K.Joshi, Hon'ble Member in the Ist meeting of Board, the One Year and Five Year Plans of the University were glanced through by the members of the Board as per the details given in the agenda. The Board was satisfied with the Plans. However, the Board suggested that the plans be prepared for One Year, Three Years and Five Years. The Board further directed that monitoring of the plans as envisaged would be necessary on part of the university administration. The following resolution was passed by the Board:

RESOLUTION NO.PB/02/05:

RESOLVED that the Board endorses the One year and Five Year Plans as presented before the Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the University should have its One year, Three year and Five Year Plan and progress be accordingly monitored.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sorry to inform you that due to oversight of office, the minutes of **agenda item No.PB/02/10** of 2nd meeting of the Planning Board of UOU held on 7th April, 2011, have left to be recorded. The same have now been recorded as reproduced below:

"Item No.PB/02/10: Status of the allotment of land for establishment of University's own campus and further action proposed for construction and development works to be taken up.

The Board was acquainted with the status of the progress made in the matter and the members were happy to know that the GOI has, in principle, approved the allotment of 10 hectare forest land for establishment of the University campus. The members appreciated the efforts made and rigorous persuasion exercised by the Vice Chancellor at various levels for getting the approval."

The above fact is brought to your kind knowledge. Inconvenience caused to you is regretted please.

Prof.R. C.Mishra
Registrar
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Item No.PB/02/11: Proposal for Establishment of (A) Center for Women's Study, (B) Center for Gandhian Studies and Peace and (C) Center for Studies on Tribes of Uttarakhand.

The Board examined all the three proposals as per the agenda note and appreciating the proposals expressed the opinion that establishing these Centers in the University is the need of the hour. The Board endorsed the proposal and recommended that the proposals be submitted to appropriate authorities for financial support. The following resolution was passed in this regard:

RESOLUTION NO.PB/02/06

RESOLVED that the Planning Board after detailed discussion endorses the Proposal for Establishment of (A) Center for Women Studies, (B) Center for Gandhian Studies and Peace and (C) Center for Studies on Tribes of Uttarakhand.

RESOLVED FURTHER that project proposals in desired formats be submitted to appropriate agencies for financial support also.

Item No.PB/02/12: Proposal for creation of (i) an Information Technology Cell and (ii) a Multimedia Content Creation Cell.

Prof. R. C. Mishra informed the Board that the University has its **Research and Development Cell**. The main function of the said Cell is to manage students' information, enrolment, examinations, results, web portal development, and network management. The University has also initiated web based learning portal development and also envisages providing support for content development. All these activities relate to information technology. The domain of Research and Development is broader and the nomenclature does not correspond to the activities being carried out by the Cell at present. Therefore, the nomenclature of **R & D Cell**

needs to be changed into **Information Technology Cell**. The need of establishing a **Multimedia Content Development Cell** was also explained.

After detailed discussions the Board opined that the nomenclature of existing R& D Cell be changed and the same be renamed as **Information Technology Cell** and it was also decided that Multimedia Content Development work could be carried out under the IT Cell itself. The following resolution was passed in this regard:

RESOLUTION NO.PB/02/07

RESOLVED that the nomenclature of existing R & D Cell be changed and the same be renamed as Information Technology Cell.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Multimedia Content Development work will also be carried out under the Information Technology Cell itself.

Item No.PB/02/13: Any other item.

Prof.R.C.Mishra invited the Hon'ble Members to propose any other item for discussion so that with the permission of the Chair, the same could be taken up. No specific item was proposed by any member. However, a general discussion regarding effective and fruitful functioning of distance learning took place.

Prof.M.M.Pant opined that it is most important for University to regularly monitor its activities at the level of Study Centers in particular. The study centers should be visited from time to time to ensure that the weekly counseling of students is taking place and the students are getting the study material in time.

Prof. Durgesh Pant suggested that the message of University should go to remote villages and we should make our efforts in this direction also.

Prof. H.P.Shukla told that the University had invited the prominent NGOs working in Uttarakhand and with joint efforts of both, the distance learning can prove to be very successful.

Prof.J.K.Joshi suggested that a team of the University Professors would prepare a concept paper on distance learning suggesting the steps that should be taken to make the UOU a model open university of the nation. It was decided that the team of Prof. J.K.Joshi, Prof. Durgesh Pant and Prof. H.P.Shukla would prepare the said Concept Paper.

With these deliberations the meeting came to end and Prof.R.C.Mishra-the Member Secretary extended the vote of thanks to all the members with special thanks to the external members Prof.M.M.Pant, Prof.A.M.Khan, and of course to the Chair.


(Prof. R.C.Mishra)
Registrar
Member Secretary