

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEETH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD AT 11.00 AM, ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005 AT COMMITTEE ROOM NO.3 (ANNEXE BUILDING) INDIA INTERNATIONAL CETNRE, 40, MAX MEULLER MARG, NEW DELHI-110003.

Present:

1. Professor J.S. Grewal (in Chair)
2. Professor Irfan Habib
3. Professor Mushirul Hasan
4. Ms. Armaity S. Desai
5. Professor Mool Chand Sharma
6. Professor Kireet Joshi
7. Professor D.N. Tripathi
8. Shri Sudeep Banerjee (Additional Secretary) (representative of the Secretary, Department of Secondary & Higher Education. Ministry of Human Resource Development
9. Shri D. Sudhakaran (representative of the Financial Adviser, Department of Secondary & Higher Education. Ministry of Human Resource Development)
10. Professor Bhuvan Chandel, Director, IAS.

Professor Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, UGC, Professor R.A. Mashelkar, Director-General, CSIR, Professor V.R. Panchmukhi, Chairman, ICSSR, Professor Arun Kumar Dave, Vice Chancellor, Gujrat Vidyapeeth and Professor Balachandra Mungekar, Member, Planning Commission, could not attend the meeting.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 116<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 6 June 2004.

It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed.

Item No.2: To note the action taken on the minutes of the 116<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 6 June 2004.

It was resolved that the report on the action taken be noted. For future a clear statement about action taken, or not taken, be given in the agenda papers.

Item No.3: To consider the Director's Report on the academic activities of the Institute and progress of expenditure from 1.6.2004 to 31.12.2004.

The report on the academic activities of the Institute and progress of expenditure from 1.6.2004 to 31.12.2004 was presented by the Director and the members made a large number of observations:

- (i) That in the report on the academic activities, detail of individual seminars may be given in terms of rationale, formulation, and titles of the papers discussed at each Seminar.
- (ii) It may be ensured that the papers presented at Seminars are published.
- (iii) A blue-print of academic activities may be carefully prepared in advance.
- (iv) Adequate representation may be given to women in all activities of the Institute.
- (v) The academic programmes of the Institute may be linked with major social developments, policy matters, and important issues.
- (vi) The approach in general should be critical and empirically oriented.
- (vii) The publication programme of the Institute may be reviewed to make it more comprehensive and qualitatively better.
- (viii) Possibilities of team-projects may be explored.
- (ix) For good publicity, a brochure may be brought out for circulation in all Universities and research Institutes of the country.
- (x) The library facilities available at the Institute may be well publicized and made accessible to as large a number of scholars as possible
- (xi) Adequate computer facilities may be provided for the Fellows.

- (xii) The progress of Fellows in their research may be properly monitored and they should prepare a short statement on the basic thrust and importance of their work when they ask for extension of Fellowship.
- (xiii) The areas of priority given in the Memorandum of Association may be kept in view while awarding Fellowships.
- (xiv) The basic themes given in the Memorandum of Association may be reviewed.
- (xv) Keeping in view the residential character of the Institute, efforts may be made to persuade eminent scholars to come to the Institute as Fellows or National Fellows.
- (xvi) The academic programmes of the Institute should be carefully chalked out much in advance of events.
- (xvii) Young scholars may be associated with the academic programmes of the Institute.
- (xviii) Efforts may be made to ensure balance in terms of regions as well as gender.
- (xix) The watchword of the Institute should be "quality" in order to make it a research institution of excellence.

The Chairman appreciated the suggestions given by the Members relating to nearly all the important activities of the Institute, like Fellowships, Seminars, Publications, Library, and Publicity. He suggested that a small committee may be appointed to prepare the manifesto/blue-print to be presented to the Governing Body and Society in March 2005. This was agreed to.

Item No. 4: To note the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body regarding the extension of term of Fellowships.

Members took note of the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body regarding extension of the terms of Fellowships who had completed one year.

Item No.5: To consider the action taken by the Director regarding the extension of term of Fellowships.

The Members took note of the extension given after a spell of two years, and it was decided that the Chairman may look into this matter.

Item No.6: To consider the recommendations made by the Finance Committee at its 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 26 September 2004.

The Governing Body referred the minutes of the Finance Committee back to the new Finance Committee to be constituted by the Governing Body.

Item No.7: To fill up the post of the Secretary of the Institute.

The question of filling up of the post of the Secretary of the Institute was discussed by the Governing Body. Members were of the view that it would be better to have the Secretary on deputation at the earliest possible so that the work of the Institute does not suffer. It was decided to approach the Ministry to send a suitable person on deputation in consultation with the Chairman.

Item No.8 : To constitute the Finance Committee of the Institute.

The Governing Body considered the item to constitute the Finance Committee and the following Committee was constituted:

1. Chairman - Professor J.S. Grewal
2. Director - as ex-officio member
3. Financial Adviser - as ex-officio member
4. Dr. Mool Chand Sharma
5. Dr. D.N. Tripathi

Item No.9: To constitute the Fellowship Award Committee.

The Governing Body authorized the Chairman to constitute the Fellowship Award Committee.

Item No.10: To consider the award of Fellowships to seven foreign scholars at the Institute


The item was withdrawn.

Item No.11: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Under any other item, Chairman made a statement about the Review/Enquiry Committee to apprise the Members of the present situation.

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

  
(Professor Bhuvan Chandel)  
Director

  
(Professor J.S. Grewal)  
Chairman