

National Institute of Open Schooling
A-24/25, Institutional Area
Sector -62, Noida

Minutes of the 59th Executive Board meeting held on 23rd June, 2011 at 10.30 AM in the conference hall of Chairman's Block, A-24/25, Institutional Area, Sector -62, Noida, UP.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Dr. S. S. Jena, Chairman, NIOS | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Smt. S. Radha Chauhan, IAS Joint Secretary (SE), MHRD | - | Member |
| 3. | Smt. Sarita Mittal (Rep. of Sh. S. K. Ray, AS &FA) | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Professor, SGDS, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Mangala Sunder, Professor, IIT, Madras | - | Member |
| 6. | Prof. C. L. Anand, Former VC, Arunachal University | - | Member |
| 7. | Sh. Guilherme Vaz, Consultant, Mumbai | - | Member |
| 8. | Dr. R. Sreedher, Director, CEMCA | - | Member |
| 9. | Prof. Vasudha Kamat, VC, SNDT University, Mumbai | - | Member |
| 10. | Prof. S.D. Sharma, Former Director, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 11. | Dr. K. P. Wasnik, Director (Voc.)/(SSS), NIOS | - | Member |
| 12. | Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal, Director (Acad.), NIOS | - | Member |
| 13. | Sh. C. Dharuman, Dir. (Eval.)/ Secretary (I/C), NIOS | - | Member Secretary |

Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice Chancellor could not attend the meeting.
Smt. Neelam Gautam, Deputy Director (Accounts) coordinated with the Member Secretary while presenting the agenda items.

The Chairman, NIOS welcomed the Members and introduced Smt. S. Radha Chauhan, IAS, Joint Secretary (SE), MHRD, Govt. of India, who attended the Executive Board meeting for the first time after assuming the charge of Joint Secretary (SE), MHRD, Govt. of India. The Executive Board acknowledged the contribution made by Sh. S. K. Ray, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor and Sh. S. C. Khuntia, Joint Secretary (SE) for the growth and development of the institution through their guidance and support during their stint as ex-officio members of the EB. Thereafter with the permission of Chair, Sh. C. Dharuman, Secretary (I/C), NIOS took up the agenda items.



2.1 Item 59.1(A): To confirm the Minutes of the 58th Executive Board meeting after considering the comments if any received from the Members.

The Minutes of 58th Executive Board held on 11th March, 2011 were sent to the Members for their comments. No comments were received from any Members. In regard to agenda item no. 58.5, Prof Vasudha Kamat observed that drafting of the Vision and Mission of any institution, normally it is exclusive prerogative of the institution to undertake same exercise through its concern bodies rather than inviting suggestion from the general public for re-formulation through website under public domain. After deliberation, the EB felt that the same may be taken away from the website by the end of June 2011 and redrafted Vision & Mission may be placed in the next meeting of the EB for consideration.

The Minutes were thereafter confirmed unanimously by the Members.

2.1.1 Item 59.1(B): To report the action taken on the Minutes of the 58th meeting of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board noted the action taken on the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Executive Board held on 11th March 2011.

2.2 Item 59.2: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of NOS Society for the year 2010-11

The Executive Board discussed the Annual Accounts for the year 2010-11 in detail, which was also approved by the Finance Committee of the institute. After deliberation, the Executive Board approved the Annual Accounts for onward submission to the DGACR Office. However, members felt that effective mechanism needs to be developed for utilization of the plan grants available to the institute for its overall development during the financial year.

2.3 Item 59.3: To consider and approve the Minutes of 44th Finance Committee meeting of NOS Society held on 30th May 2011.

The Executive Board discussed the Minutes and approved the Minutes of the 44th Finance Committee meeting held on 30th May 2011.

2.4 Item 59.4: To consider and approve the implementation of new 'APAR' grading system and new formats.

The Executive Board considered and approved the implementation of new Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) grading system and new formats as per the guidelines of DOPT vide O.M. No. 21011/1/2005-Estt. (A)(Pt.-1) dated 23rd July 2009 and suggested that the same be implemented with immediate effect.

2.5 Item 59.5: To Report the Recruitment test conducted by EdCIL for appointing 34 Junior Assistants and 3 Stenographers.

The NIOS had advertised for the recruitment of 34 posts of Junior Assistant and 3 Stenographers on regular basis during 2010. The NIOS had approached EdCIL, a Govt. of India undertaking, for the recruitment test, both written and skill test. The written test has since been completed in the month of May 2011 and skill test is likely to be scheduled in July 2011. The Executive Board took note on the Recruitment test conducted by EdCIL for appointing 34 Junior Assistants and 3 Stenographers and approved the procedure adopted by the NIOS along with the budget of Rs. 21, 10, 137/- (Twenty one lakh ten thousand one hundred and thirty seven only) for conducting the test .

2.6 Item 59.6: To Report the Collaboration for the Introduction of need based vocational courses on PPP basis.

The NIOS developed a RFP for inviting proposals through open tendering process for launching the vocational courses for skill training in partnership with the private institutions/organizations. In total 105 proposals were received by the institute. The proposals were evaluated based on the scoring mechanism evolved in the RFP. In total 16 proposals were sort listed in first phase by a committee constituted in the Vocational Education Department, and the vendors were invited to make a presentation before a Committee constituted for the purpose. The Committee recommended 34 courses of varied duration based on the strength of the institutions/organizations and the courses that are not in offer by the NIOS.

While welcoming such initiative of NIOS, the EB felt that the initiative is not strictly a PPP model, rather is collaborative venture. After a prolonged discussion, the EB resolved that a framework need to be developed in the context of course adaptation/development, placing

delivery system, student evaluation and certification and fund sharing, etc. It was decided that a Sub-Committee of EB may be formed to develop a framework on principles of collaboration with the private institutions/organizations for skill training through Vocational Education of NIOS with following as the members:

1. Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women University
2. Prof. Mangala Sunder, Prof in Chemistry & National Coordinator
MPTEL Project, IIT, Madras
3. Sh Guilherme Vaz, Consultant
4. Smt. Sarita Mittal, Director(Finance),MHRD
5. Sh. D.K. Bhawsar,DEA, MHRD
6. Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal, Director(Acad.), NIOS
7. Dr. K.P. Wasnik, Director(VE), NIOS

The Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee shall be as below:

1. Develop the collaborative framework for partnership with private institution/organization for skill training, in terms of course design, development and implementation strategies.
2. Modalities for course development and adaptation.
3. Formulating strategy plan for delivery of skill training and partnership with industries for placement.
4. Procedure related to student evaluation and certification.
5. Policy related to sharing of fee with NIOS.

The Committee will have its first meeting on 4th July 2011 at New Delhi and will submit the framework by 31st July 2011 for consideration of the EB in its next meeting.

2.7 Item 59.7: To Report the signing of the MOU/ Work Agreement with the institution/organizations.

The Executive Board noted the signing of MOU and work agreement with following agencies:-

1. Ashoka Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management (AIH&TM) –ITDC ,
New Delhi for vocational training.

2. Indian Medical Association (IMA) , New Delhi for offering paramedical related courses in vocational education.
3. National Commission for Minorities Educational Institutions (NCMEI), New Delhi for promoting education for minority population in the country.

It was suggested by the members that credit system should be introduced in case of new courses as well as old courses, in case of vocational subjects. The Chairman apprised the Executive Board that the process has already been initiated and a committee is already looking into all these aspects, as this would be essential in the context of mobility of students through NVEQF.

2.8 Item 59.8 (a): To report voluntary retirement of Dr. (Mrs.) S. Mitra, Director (SSS) from the services of NIOS.

The Executive Board Members took note on the voluntary retirement of Dr. (Mrs.) S. Mitra, Director (SSS) from the services of NIOS and approved the same. The Board also took note of the additional charge assigned to Dr. K. P. Wasnik, Director (Voc.), NIOS till further orders.

Item 59.8 (b): To report repatriation of Sh. G.G. Saxena, IAS, Secretary, NIOS to his parent cadre.

The members of the Executive Board took note on the repatriation of Sh. G.G. Saxena, IAS, Secretary, NIOS to his parent cadre and approved the same. The Board was apprised that advertisement has already been issued for appointment of the new Secretary and Director, SSS of NIOS.

The Board also took note of the additional charge of Secretary, NIOS assigned to Sh. C. Dharuman, Director (Evaluation). The Executive Board also authorized Sh. C. Dharuman, Director (Evaluation) to exercise the statutory powers of Secretary, NIOS till further orders.

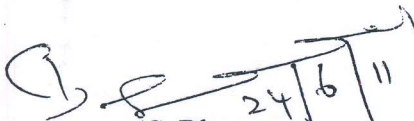
- 2.9 **Additional Item 1: To consider and approve the temporary positions for six new Regional Centres in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for a period of one year .**

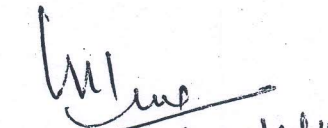
Executive Board considered and approved the creation of temporary positions for the new Regional Centres of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for a period of one year from the date on which they are in position.

The Executive Board approved the following staff for the six new Regional Centres:-

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| 1. Deputy Director / Regional Director | : | 6 Posts (on deputation)
(PB-3 with Grade Pay 7600) |
| 2. Section Officer | : | 6 Posts (on deputation)
(PB-2 with Grade Pay 4600) |
| 3. Sr. Executive / Executive Officer | : | 12 Posts(contractual) |
| 4. Office Assistant | : | 12 Posts (contractual) |
| 5. Support Staff | : | 6 Posts (contractual) |

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


(C. Dharuman)
Secretary


(S. S. Jena)
Chairman