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Department of Higher Education
(TEL Division)

525-C, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi dated 20.12.2018

**Subject: Minutes of the 10th Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 12.12.2018-
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 10th Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 12.12.2018 at 10.30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and further necessary action.


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To,

1. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD
2. Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
3. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi
4. Additional Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
5. Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD
6. Joint Secretary (DL & Admn.), M/o HRD
7. JS&FA, M/o HRD
8. Joint Secretary (HE & ICR), M/o HRD
9. Joint Secretary (CU), M/o HRD
10. Joint Secretary (Management & Language), M/o HRD
11. Joint Secretary (SE-I), M/o HRD
12. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
13. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
14. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
15. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi
16. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
17. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
18. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS),
New Delhi.

19. Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, NCERT, New Delhi
20. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi
21. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras
22. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore
23. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai
24. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director, AICTE-SWAYAM, New Delhi

Copy for information to:-

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Minutes of the 10th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 12.12.2018

Dated 20th December 2018

The 10th Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 12.12.2018. List of Participants is enclosed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 9th SWAYAM Board Meeting:

Board agreed to include the following point, which was discussed, as part of the Minutes of the 9th SWAYAM Board meeting

IIT Madras presented that, the nature of SWAYAM Platform is such that the number of personnel required for development and maintenance would keep varying depending upon the requirements of the course coordinators, Ministry and students. The rates for hiring different types of personnel required for the development and maintenance of SWAYAM Platform has been finalized through the SWAYAM ASP tender.

The Board after discussions authorized SWAYAM-NPTEL IIT Madras who is handling the SWAYAM ASP Project to take appropriate decisions on the actual number of personnel required on a monthly basis, duly following the procedure prescribed by the Institute, within the overall amount sanctioned for the project. The Status may be reported to the Board on regular basis.

3. The status of SWAYAM Courses that was placed before the Board is summarized below:

• Total Courses	:	1899
• Active Courses	:	269
• Courses Completed	:	1344
• Upcoming Courses	:	286
• Students Registered on SWAYAM	:	25,12,140
• Students Enrolled for courses on SWAYAM	:	40,23,434
• Students Registered on NPTEL	:	14,57,791
• Students Enrolled for courses on NPTEL	:	35,65,520

It was noted that there are 108 courses which are having less than 500 learners which is a matter of concern. It was discussed that purpose of MOOCs is to cater the requirement of large number of people i.e in masses. So the quality of courses should be high enough to attract and benefit learners in large numbers.

4. Board requested Director (CEC) to review and do a detailed analysis of the less popular courses (45 courses) and make a presentation in next Board meeting.
5. Board also requested all NCs to review their less popular courses and present a review report. The NCs should properly explore the issues that are leading to less turn out in these courses and work constructively to overcome these issues.
6. It was discussed and decided that since the ARPIT courses are going to end in month of February 2019 the enrollment to these courses should be allowed only till 15th January 2019. Accordingly, AICTE will act on this.
7. SWAYAM-NPTEL showcased the new report in the SWAYAM dashboard which gives the Health of the courses of all NCs based on different parameters. Board requested IIT Madras to work primarily on MHRD Dashboard and integrate the numbers of NPTEL platform to give complete picture. Board also requested IIT Madras to give the facility of participation in discussion forum through SWAYAM mobile app. It will enable students to participate actively on discussion forum.
8. Board requested IIT Madras to create a report indicating the major engineering disciplines covered by their SWAYAM courses and identify the gap areas in the core engineering graduate programmes.
9. CEC and other NCs were requested to plan their activities and courses for their July 2019 courses well in advance and to take necessary steps for their question papers and monitoring discussion forum activities. There should be uniform guidelines for setting up of question papers. Board requested Prof. Prathap Haridoss and Prof. Andrew Thangaraj to share their experiences with all NCs regarding the same.
10. Board requested IIM Bangalore to extend their course basket to other IIMs and request other IIMs to participate in the SWAYAM initiative. Board also suggested that since the courses on Soft skills are in demand, they may be offered by IIMs.
11. The Board desired that all NCs should have supporting manpower in place, on the lines of NPTEL, to effectively run and monitor the courses being offered in SWAYAM platform.
12. **Report on SWAYAM Examination:** Board recorded its appreciation for the MHRD and AICTE teams who have worked round the clock to ensure that the first ever SWAYAM examination is successfully organised.
13. **Format of SWAYAM Certificate:** After discussion it was decided that the certificate will bear the logo of SWAYAM and will be signed by NC and may be Course Coordinator. The SWAYAM certificates may be uploaded to the National

Academic Depository also. The final format of the certificate may be decided by SWAYAM Examination committee

14. **SWAYAM Examination for January, 2019 Semester Courses:** The SWAYAM examination committee would give their recommendations on how to organise the future SWAYAM examinations.
15. **SWAYAM Academic Board (SAB) :** It was decided that this should be as per the approved SWAYAM guidelines dated 1st June 2017. This Board is expected to ensure the quality of courses being run in SWAYAM platform.
16. **Courses on offer during January, 2019 Semester :** Board approved the course list proposed by CEC – 61 courses and UGC - 58 courses.

Board mentioned that the repurposed courses are not to be encouraged and if repurposed courses are on offer they must comply with all the quality parameters. Courses with less than 500 enrolments should be offered only with the specific approval of respective Academic Councils.

17. **Channel Schedule for SWAYAM Prabha Channel No. 29 :** Board Approved the proposal of Infnbnet centre for Channel Schedule and the strategy for delivery of SWAYAM Prabha Channel No. 29.
18. **Telecasting of Health Science Education Videos through SWAYAM Prabha:** Board approved the recording and telecasting of Health Science Education Videos in SWAYAM Prabha DTH Channels.
19. **Conduct of 'Yoga Programmes' Examinations by Swami Vivekananda Yoga Aunsandhana Samsthana (S-Vyasa), Bangalore**

After discussions the following was decided regarding conduct of examinations:

- i) The examination fees would be collected through the platform by AICTE
- ii) The NCs would organize the examinations
- iii) The NCs would incur the expenditure for conducting the examination from the funds provided to them under the SWAYAM project.

20. **SWAYAM 2.0:**

IIT Madras presented the status on SWAYAM 1.0 and SWAYAM 2.0.

Board approved the technical committee for SWAYAM 2.0 proposed by IIT Madras : Prof. Sudarshan (IIT Bombay), Prof. Huzur Saran (IIT Delhi), Prof. Andrew Thangaraj (IIT Madras), Shekhar Patankar (Persistent Systems), Prof. Prathap Haridoss (IIT Madras), Shri. Parameswaran.N (Advisor, MHRD). The committee would have powers to coopt members.

The timelines for development and implementation of SWAYAM 2.0 are as follows :

Dec 2018: Tender for cloud service (linked to funds release)

Jan 2019: alpha release,

Feb 2019: beta release,

Mar 2019: go live

**List of Participants who attended the 10th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on
12.12.2018**

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD - **Chairman**
2. Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice-Chairman, UGC, New Delhi - Member
3. Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD - Member
4. Ms. Darshana Momaya Dabral, Joint Secretary & FA M/o HRD - Member
5. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. - Member
6. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi - Member
7. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi - Member
8. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, AS, UGC, New Delhi - Member
9. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL IIT Madras (through VC) - Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR, Chennai - Member
11. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director AICTE, New Delhi - Member
12. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
13. Prof. Pratap Haridoss, IIT Madras (through VC)
14. Sri. Girish IIM Bangalore (through VC)
15. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi
16. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director, CEC, New Delhi
17. Dr. Unnati Gulati, Academic Coordinator, CEC, New Delhi
18. Dr. K. Gowthaman, Deputy Director, IUC, IGNOU, New Delhi
19. Shri Ashish Kumar Awadhiya, Assistant Director, IGNOU, New Delhi
20. Dr. G. Janardhanan, Associate Professor, NITTTR Chennai
21. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Software Developer, AICTE, New Delhi
22. Shri Parameswaran N., Advisor, M/o HRD
23. Shri Gurinder Singh Malik, Advisor, M/o HRD
24. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
25. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
26. Kumar Sandeep, Senior System Analyst, (NMEICT), M/o HRD
27. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh, Senior System Analyst, (NMEICT), M/o HRD
28. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD
20. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD
30. Shri Ghanshyam Das Devnani, Project Manager (NMEICT), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
31. Shri Nikhil Mahajan, MT, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.

32. Shri Harshit Aggarwal, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.