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408-C, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi dated 13.11.2019

Subject: Minutes of the 17th Meeting of SWAYAM Board, held on 11.11.2019- regarding

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the 17th Meeting of SWAYAM Board, held on 11.11.2019 at 10:30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi for information & necessary action.

(Pushpa Gautam) Under Secretary to Government of India

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 (DL & Admn.), M/o HRD
- 6. JS&FA, M/o HRD
- 7. Joint Secretary (HE & ICR), M/o HRD
- 8. Joint Secretary (CU), M/o HRD
- 9. Joint Secretary (Management & Language), M/o HRD
- 10. Joint Secretary (SE-I), M/o HRD
- 11. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
- 12. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
- 13. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
- 14. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi
- 15. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
- 16. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
- 17. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi.
- 18. Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, Joint Director, NCERT, New Delhi
- 19. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras
- 20. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore
- 21. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai
- 22. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director, AICTE-SWAYAM, New Delhi

Copy for information to:-

- 1. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (ICT), M/o HRD
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Minutes of the 17th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 11.11.2019

Dated: 13 .11.2019

The 17th Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 11.11.2019. List of Participants is enclosed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 16th SWAYAM Board Meeting: SWAYAM Board Confirmed the minutes of 16th SWAYAM Board meeting.

After detailed discussions the following decisions were arrived at:

- 3. **National Coordinator for PG Non Engineering courses:** Secretary (HE) requested UGC to support the CEC adequately in order to perform all activities pertaining to PG Non Engineering Courses. He emphasize on proper handholding to CEC and to avoid any vacuum / gap in the system in the absence of UGC. UGC will make a suitable arrangement and work plan to strengthen CEC to take as NC for Non-Engineering PG courses. Till such time adequate support systems are established UGC will continue to be NC.
- 4. **SWAYAM Local Chapters:** All the local chapters of UGC and NPTEL will be called as SWAYAM Local Chapters. UGC will perform all Local Chapters related activities as they are having access to all Universities. As per SWAYAM Board mandate the UGC should have to run SWAYAM Local Chapters. UGC should place proper SWAYAM Coordinator and Mentors for the Local Chapters.

Secretary (HE) requested UGC to make a action plan for running successful Local Chapters and also identify atleast 1000 local chapters from Progressive Institutions by their NIRF rankings, Participation on SWAYAM, Colleges with >= 10,000 students by the next meeting.

The UGC regional Office will be engaged to follow up regularly and a proper target will also be allocated to them.

In the upcoming SWAYAM Board meetings there should be a standard Agenda to be included regularly showcasing 10 best Local Chapters on basis of Enrollments, Sensitizing activities etc.

5. **SWAYAM Examination:** Secretary (HE) requested to integrate the examination process of both Non Engineering and Engineering Courses (NPTEL) in a single cycle with common dates.

The Board also appointed an expert committee on Examination under the chairmanship of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe with members including Prof. Andrew Thangraj of NPTEL, Prof. P.D. Jose IIM B, UGC Representative, MHRD as Convener. The Examination expert

committee will come up with a proper examination process and implementation policy for conducting SWAYAM Exams before the next SWAYAM Board meeting.

6. SWAYAM Status:

IIT Madras presented that there are total 123,54,849 Enrollments on 2867 SWAYAM Courses (SWAYAM 1.0-1,00,14,128 enrollments in 2213 courses , SWAYAM 2.0-23,40,711 enrollments in 654 courses of July 2019 Semester).

7. **SWAYAM Examination Status:** SWAYAM Examinations were conducted for 174 courses in 124 cities across India. The total numbers of candidates registered were 22133, in which 20,088 appeared i.e. 90.76 % attendance.

Board requested all NCs to take action for the courses where registrations in final examination were very less and the CCs to be informed of the poor turnout. NCs to examine and take a call and come up with solutions. Each NC is to come up with a report on how to improve.

Board requested IIM-B to conduct a Learner Survey for the SWAYAM Courses and the expenses will be made through SWAYAM.

8. Orchestration of Online Programmes by Universities through SWAYAM: UGC is requested to communicate the list of Universities with Programme details to SWAYAM team at IIT Madras. IIT Madras should clarify the process to all Universities with LOI and also conduct another workshop to clarify doubts of the Universities.

SWAYAM Board approved the proposal to enable the creation of the second vertical of SWAYAM for Online courses and also the Universities will pay the 15% of the fees collected to the SWAYAM Scheme and from this the payment to the IIT Madras will be done. A letter from MHRD will be issued to all Universities for paying 15% of the fees to SWAYAM Scheme.

- 9. **Translation of SWAYAM Courses:** On viewing Demonstration of the translated course, The SWAYAM Board requested IIT Madras to do Academic Review of the translated courses as the translation in certain regional fonts is not correct. Board requested the IIT Madras to redo the same course again and showcase the translation in upcoming Board meeting.
- 10. List of January 2019 Courses: SWAYAM Board approved the list of 549 courses submitted by NCs to run in January 2019 Semester.

SWAYAM Board also reiterated the following guidelines while offering SWAYAM Courses which are to be kept in consideration.

- (a) Repurposing of courses are not to be encouraged.
- (b) The courses that are chosen for re-run should have at least 500 enrolments in the earlier run.
- (c) The course should have the approval of Academic Council.
- (d) One faculty should not handle more than two courses as Course Coordinator, at a time.
- (e) Start dates of all the courses should be within 15 days of start of the Semester, so that exams can be planned at the same time.

- (f) All NCs must strictly follow the timelines of the SWAYAM Schedule as per O.M. dated 06.06.2019.
- 11. **Social Media Strategy:** Board requested EdCIL to prepare a Social Media strategy for publicizing 549 courses of January 2019 Semesters and share to MHRD in a week. The Social Media plan is devised in a way to attract and reach large number of possible learners across prominent Social Media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. The EdCIL may also propagate the SWAYAM using My GoV and a meeting in next week should be planned with the CEO of MY Gov by EdCIL.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants who attended the 17th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 11.11.2019

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD	- Chairman
2. Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi	- Member (through VC)
3. Ms. Darshana Momaya Dabral, JS & FA, MHRD	- Member
4. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras	- Member (through VC)
5. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi	- Member
6. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi	- Member (through VC)
7. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi	- Member
8. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL IIT Madras	- Member (through VC)
9. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore	- Member
10. Dr. Amarendra P. Behera, NCERT, New Delhi	- Member
11. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR, Chennai	- Member
12. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director, New Delhi	- Member (through VC)
13. Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra, Additional Secretary-I, UGC, New Delhi	
14. Dr. V. Shanmuganeethi, NITTTR Chennai	

16. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi

15. Shri S. K. Prasad, Joint Director CBC (NIOS), Noida, U. P.

- 17. Dr. Unnati Gulati, Academic Coordinator, CEC, New Delhi
- 18. Dr. Asmita Bakshi, Academic Coordinator, CEC, New Delhi
- 19. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD
- 20. Ms. Pushpa Guatam, Under Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD
- 21. Shri Ramesh Srivastava, Section Officer (TEL), M/HRD
- 22. Dr. Prathap Haridoss, NPTEL, IIT Madras
- 23. Dr. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, NCERT, New Delhi
- 24. Shri Sandeep Goel, Chief General Manager (CGM), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
- 25. Ms. Bhavya Chojar, Assistant Manager, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd., Noida, U. P.
- 26. Shri Sushant Dey, Project Manager (NMEICT), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
- 27. Shri Subhodh Varshney, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd., Noida, U. P.
- 28. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Software Developer, AICTE, New Delhi
- 29. Shri Anil Wavre, AICTE, New Delhi
- 30. Shri Parameswaran N., Advisor, M/o HRD
- 31. Shr Gurinder Singh Malik, Advisor, M/o HRD
- 32. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
- 33. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh, Sr. System Analyst (NMEICT), M/o HRD
- 34. Shri Neeraj Kumar Vishnoi, ASO, M/o HRD

(through VC)