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Department of Higher Education
(TEL Division)

Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi dated 15.03.2018

**Subject: Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 12.03.2018-
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 2nd Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 12.03.2018 at 03:00 P.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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4. Additional Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
5. Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD
6. Joint Secretary (Admn. & Parl.), M/o HRD
7. JS&FA, M/o HRD
8. Joint Secretary (CU, UGC & HE Policy), M/o HRD
9. Joint Secretary (Lang.), 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. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi
14. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
15. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
16. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi.
17. Prof. Amarendra Behera, NCERT, New Delhi
18. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi
19. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras
20. Prof. Jose P. D, IIM Bangalore
21. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai
22. Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Director, AICTE, New Delhi

Minutes of the 2nd SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 12.03.2018

The 2nd Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 12.03.2018 at 03.00 P.M. List of Participants is in **Annexure-I**.

2. The Participants welcomed Shri R. Subrahmanyam who has taken over as Secretary (HE), M/o HRD recently and Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD.

3. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD in his opening remarks mentioned that the meeting of SWAYAM Board will now be regularly held at 11.00 A.M. every 2nd Monday of the Month. In case 2nd Monday is a holiday, it would be held on the following working day.

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

- Total Courses : 1,011
- Active Courses : 319
- Courses Completed : 641
- Upcoming Courses : 51
- Students Registered : 19,51,008
- Students Enrolled : 29,94,968

National Coordinator Report on SWAYAM Courses

National Coordinator Name	No. of Courses produced till date	No. of Courses Delivered through SWAYAM	No. of Courses currently in production	Date of holding the last Academic Advisory Council (AAC)	No. of courses for which Examination conducted	No. of Universities approved Credit Transfer
UGC	60	120	84	20 th February, 2018	7	43 Univ.
CEC	83	73	359	March 2018	NIL	11 Univ.
NPTEL	532	740	257	07 th October, 2017	514 upto Jan 2018 226 April 2018	26 Institutions
IIM Bangalore	18	18	11	June-July, 2018	14	-
IGNOU	11	12	44	April, 2018	NIL	-
NCERT	16	16	32	27 th Sept., 2017	-	-
AICTE	6	6	0	20 th March, 2018	0	0
NITTTR	3	0	35	06 th Dec. 2017	0	0
NIOS	19	36	28	30 TH Jan. 2018	14	-

5. Discussion on Action Taken and Status Report:

(i) **Local Chapters:** The opening of local chapters shall be taken up with more seriousness. University Grants Commission (UGC) has made a good beginning by holding the workshop, but this has to be followed up till the logical conclusion. They may also do some hand holding for the local chapters so that they can start functioning effectively. If required, the experience of NPTEL in dealing with local chapters could be made use of.

(ii) **Awareness Creation & Publicity:** The advt campaign shall begin by 15th April. Ministry has finalized an Agency for publicity purposes which could be utilized. UGC confirmed that two TVCs and two Radio Jingles would be ready by 15th April, 2018. AICTE was requested to quickly take up the publicity through Social Media.

(iii) **Translation of NIOS D.El.Ed. Courses:** NIOS was requested to take up the translation of D.El.Ed. Courses concurrently for all the approved languages.

(iv) **SWAYAM Prabha Mobile App:** It was decided that SWAYAM Prabha Mobile App should be listed in Unified Mobile Application (UMANG) for popularizing it.

(v) National Coordinators (NCs) were requested to **align the courses to the Academic Curriculum**. Every course that is taught in the class should be available in SWAYAM. We **should encourage only Credit/Certificate Courses**. For this, the following actions are to be taken:

- (a) NCs should finalise the list of courses which would offered in the coming semester by consulting the Course Coordinators immediately; and decide the latest by 31st March, 2018 the courses that would be offered in the Semester, starting July, 2018. '
- (b) The list of courses shall be sent to the UGC/AICTE by the SWAYAM cell in the Ministry, with a request to secure concurrence of all Universities for credit transfer.
- (c) UGC and AICTE would send this consolidated list of courses with their credits to all Universities / Institutions for getting approval for credit transfer from their Council.
- (d) Announce the list of courses (for July 2018 semester) along with the credits for each course in SWAYAM by 30th April, 2018.
- (e) Open-up Enrolment for the July, 2018 Semester Courses from 01st May, 2018 to 30th June, 2018.

6. **Payment of Honorarium for delivery of SWAYAM Courses:** After discussion, the following norms were decided:

- (i) The honorarium would be paid only for all the credit/certificate courses.
- (ii) The honorarium should be Rs. 20,000/- per credit (10 hrs TLM) for enrolments less than 500. So for a 40 Hours Course, it would be Rs. 80,000/- (maximum).
- (iii) The honorarium should be Rs. 25,000/- per credit for enrolments equal to or greater than 500. So for a 40 Hours Course it would be Rs. 1,00,000/- (maximum).
- (iv) The payments towards Teaching Assistant would be Rs. 20,000/- (maximum) per course.
- (v) For the Niche Courses, the concerned Academic Advisory Council (AAC) would be empowered to modify the norms subject to the maximum cap mentioned above.

7. **Conduct of Examination for Credit Transfer / Certificate Courses:** After discussion, the following were decided:

- (i) It was unanimously felt that going forward all the examinations in SWAYAM should be online. However, to start with it could be pen and paper exam, as decided by the CC.
- (ii) The proposal of IGNOU to conduct pen and paper exam was approved. The NCs who would like to avail the services of IGNOU may contact them directly for conduct of examinations.
- (iii) As NPTEL and IIM Bangalore are conducting examinations themselves for their courses, they are permitted to continue the same.

8. **Application Service Provider (ASP) for SWAYAM:** The Board approved the proposal for identifying an ASP for SWAYAM. IIT Madras was requested to speed up the process so that the ASP is in place well before the end of the contract with M/s Microsoft.

9. **SWAYAM 2.0:** The Board approved in-principle the recommendations of the Expert Committee on SWAYAM 2.0. The Expert Committee was requested to submit a detailed implementation plan with timelines and cost.

10. **Partnership between edX and SWAYAM:** The Board did not agree to the proposal in the current form.

11. **Procurement of High Power Amplifiers for SWAYAM Prabha:** The Board approved the procurement of 2.4 KW HPA costing approx. Rs. 3.5 Crores, for uplinking of SWAYAM Prabha DTH Channels from BISAG. The procurement would be done through M/s ECIL Hyderabad.

12. **Project Proposal on AI-based Learning System for Higher Education (ALSHE):** The Board approved the proposal on AI-based Learning System for Higher Education (ALSHE). IIM Bangalore is designated as Coordinator for the project. The Board also sanctioned Rs. 20 Lakhs to IIM Bangalore towards working out an implementation plan for the project.

Annexure-I

List of Participants who attended the 2nd SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 12.03.2018

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| 1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Additional Secretary (TE), M/o HRD | - Member |
| 5. Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD | - Member |
| 6. Shri Anil Kumar, Director (Finance), M/o HRD | - Member |
| 7. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras | - Member |
| 8. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi | - Member |
| 9. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, UGC, New Delhi | - Member |
| 10. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore | - Member |
| 11. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai | - Member |
| 12. Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Director, AICTE, New Delhi | - Member |
| 13. Shri S. K. Prasad, Joint Director, NIOS, New Delhi | |
| 14. Dr. V. V. Subrahmanyam, IGNOU, New Delhi | |
| 15. Dr. G. Janardhanan, Associated Professor & Head CEM, NITTTR Chennai | |
| 16. Dr. K. Gowthaman, IGNOU, New Delhi | |
| 17. Shri J. L. Kapoor, IGNOU, New Delhi | |
| 18. Shri Gulshan Arora, Deputy Director (Software), IGNOU, New Delhi | |
| 19. Dr. Diksha Rajput, UGC, New Delhi | |
| 20. Dr. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, NCERT, New Delhi | |
| 21. Dr. Unnati Gulaty, CEC, New Delhi | |
| 22. Dr. Asmita Bakshi, CEC, New Delhi | |
| 23. Shri Sandeep Kumar, AICTE, New Delhi | |
| 24. Shri S. P. Kulsari, Consultant, AICTE, New Delhi | |
| 25. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TE), M/o HRD | |
| 26. Shri G. S. Sreedhar, Project Manager (NMEICT), EdCIL (India) Ltd. | |
| 27. Shri Parameswaran N., Senior Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 28. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 29. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 30. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD | |
| 31. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD | |