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| 20. | Dr. Sunita Chugh
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| 21. | Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal
Associate Professor
Incharge, CPRHE
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| 22. | Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia
Advisor, Unit for International Cooperation,
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Professor Sudhanshu Bhushan, Head, Department of Higher and Professional Education could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation. He was granted leave of absence. Members at Sr. No. 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 attended the meeting online through google link.

The meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) was chaired by Professor N.V. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA.

Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee, Registrar, NIEPA informed about the constitution of the Board of Studies, as per the provision contained in the revised Memorandum of Association of NIEPA, 2020. He placed on record the appreciation of the outgoing members of the BoS (Prof. H. Ramachandran and Prof. Harjeet Kaur Bhatia), for their contributions and active involvement.

Professor N.V. Varghese, the Chairperson of the BoS extended a warm welcome to Professor Janaki Rajan and Professor Santosh Panda, the two external members of the Board of Studies as well as the internal/ex-officio members. The members of the Board of Studies (BoS) were informed about the announcement of the admission process of the integrated M.Phil/ Ph.D. programme. He further informed the members about the continuation of the existing integrated M.Phil/ Ph.D programme in NIEPA for admissions in 2021. Although the members of the BoS felt that M.Phil is an important step towards strengthening the transition towards doctoral research, it was pointed out that NIEPA will follow any update or notification as and when received from the UGC or MoE to effect any modifications in the on-going programme

of NIEPA. The advertisement and prospectus for admission to M.Phil.-Ph.D. Programme for the Session 2021-2022 has already been uploaded on the Institute's website.

One of the external members suggested that the research programmes of NIEPA should also incorporate some of the best practices of the Universities at international level.

Thereafter, the following items of the Agenda were placed for the consideration of the Board of Studies:

Agenda Item No. 8.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board of Studies held on 05/03/2020

The Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board of Studies held on 05/03/2020.

Agenda Item No.8.2 Action taken report on the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board of Studies held on 05/03/2020

The Board noted the information given in the Action Taken Report with satisfaction.

With respect to the Reference Agenda Item No.7.5, it was informed by the Chairperson that the scholarship was not enhanced due to the inadequate flow of funds. Till the financial situation becomes stable, the Institute may not be in a position to take a decision to enhance M.Phil/PhD fellowships.

With Reference to the Agenda No. 7.6, it was felt that the notification issued on August 21, 2020, may be modified by adding 'in direct Ph.D' at the end of the sentence.

Agenda Item No. 8.3 Revision in guidelines for submission of Doctoral Thesis and formatting in M.Phil dissertation/ Ph.D thesis

After due deliberation it was suggested that a section on submission of M.Phil dissertation needs to be incorporated in the guidelines, since the university is offering M.Phil programme. Moreover, the guidelines should also specify the roles of the Steering Committee, the Student Cell, Controller of Examination and the Registrar in the process of submission of dissertation and doctoral thesis. The title page and

declaration by the scholar on page 13 and 14 respectively may also be modified. It was also felt, after detailed discussions, that the option of rejecting a thesis may be included in the guidelines. The BoS recommended that the guidelines be revised to take into account the above mentioned changes.

Regarding the submission of doctoral thesis, the Chairperson informed the members of the BoS that the University allowed the scholars to submit soft copy of their thesis, especially during the Covid period.

Agenda Item No. 8.4 Request of Mr. Gawhar Rashid Gannie, M.Phil Scholar to consider his candidature for Ph.D programme


It was felt that all the enrolled students in the M.Phil/PhD programme should be exposed to the Course work in NIEPA even if they have completed their M.Phil degree in another institution. This is more so because NIEPA course work specializes students in Educational Planning and Administration which is rarely offered in other universities. It was pointed out that NIEPA follows this practice. The proposal was accordingly ratified.

Agenda Item No. 8.5 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

There was no other item for discussion.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the members, special invitee and the Chair.


(Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee)
Registrar


(Prof. N.V. Varghese)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairperson

March 22, 2021