

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD AT 1515 HRS ON JANUARY 13, 2011 AT LBSNAA, MUSSOORIE

1. The following members were present:

- (i) Sh. Padamvir Singh, Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
- (ii) Dr. Vishwapati Trivedi, Additional Secretary & FA (Home & Personnel), GOI (through video conferencing from Delhi)
- (iii) Dr. HP Dixit, former VC, IGNOU
- (iv) Sh. PK Gera, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
- (v) Smt. Upma Srivastava, Joint Secretary (Training Division), DoPT, GOI (through video conferencing from Delhi)

Smt. Alka Sirohi, Secretary (Personnel), GOI, who was visiting the Academy for an interaction with the Phase V participants, also joined the meeting. Sh. B. Srinivas, Director (MCT), Training Division, DoPT was also present.

Sh. Alok Kumar and Sh. Tejveer Singh, both Senior Deputy Directors, LBSNAA, Mussoorie assisted the Committee.

2. At the outset, the Director welcomed Secretary (Personnel) and the members to the meeting and thanked them for joining the feedback session with the Phase V participants as well. Thereafter, the Committee took up the items listed on the agenda. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken on each of the agenda items:

- (i) Confirmation of minutes of the 5th meeting - The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Committee held on November 25, 2010.
- (ii) Update on Current Round (Round 4) of Phase V of Mid Career Training Programme - Sh. PK Gera, Joint Director and the Phase V Course Coordinator apprised the Members regarding the overall assessment of the Phase V Programme as well as the general feedback received from the participants, both formally and informally. The Committee took note of the various suggestions made by participants in the feedback session held immediately prior to the meeting and asked the Course Team to collate them and place them for the consideration of the Committee in its next meeting.

- (iii) Design of Phase V programme for future rounds, viz. selection of partner institution (including foreign component at Harvard Kennedy School), eminent guest speakers on public policy - Sh. PK Gera, Joint Director and Course Coordinator, Phase V solicited the views and suggestions of the members of the Committee on organizing future rounds of Phase V programme. After discussion, it was decided that after the feedback of the current participants of Phase V had been collated and examined by the Academy, a day's workshop could be organized in Delhi wherein some participants (including those from the earlier rounds) could be invited for reviewing the course design. The outcome of the workshop could be presented before the Committee in its next meeting.

It was observed by the Secretary (Personnel) that the outstanding Strategy Papers as well as the insights and monograph on Governance Challenges and Reforms presented by the participants of the current programme should be brought out by the Academy in the form of an independent publication. Dr. Trivedi, ASFA observed that, in future rounds, the course could be up-scaled further by inviting global leaders and eminent speakers of international repute with a greater focus on leadership.

- (iv) Update on preparation for round 5 & 6 of Phase IV Programme - The Committee took note of the Request for Proposal (RFP) circulated by the Academy to five institutions for delivering a 2-week module on Public Policy. It was suggested by Dr. Trivedi, ASFA that the Technical Evaluation of the bid must be done properly and thereafter only should the Financial Bids be opened. The Director stated that the recommendations of the internal committee for evaluating Technical Bids shall be placed for the consideration of the PMC before a decision on the Financial Bids is taken.
- (v) Update on minor changes in the MCT Programme schedule for 2011-12 - The Committee took note of the revised schedule and accorded its approval.
- (vi) Foreign Study Tour for Phase III (Round 5) in 2011 - The issue of possible destinations for the Foreign Study Tour for Phase III (Round 5) was discussed in the meeting. The Director informed the members that it had been suggested by the Course Coordinator that Brazil may be considered as a possible destination in lieu of South Korea for the coming Phase III programme, being a country of comparable size in both geographical and economic terms. It was observed by the Secretary (Personnel) that while doing so due diligence may be exercised regarding possible linguistic

limitations in Brazil due to general lack of proficiency in English. After discussion, it was decided that the Academy may explore the alternative option of Brazil by identifying a suitable public institution for collaboration and taking into account the observations of the Secretary (Personnel). It was also suggested that the Academy explore possibilities of sending participants to more than one country, viz. Brazil, South Korea and South Africa in order to bring in greater countrywide experience to the programme.

3. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Secretary (Personnel) and the chair.