

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Programme Management Committee (PMC) held at LBSNAA, Mussoorie on Thursday the 20th of June, 2013 at 1600 hrs. in Conference Hall, Dhruvshila.

The following were present:

1. Shri Padamvir Singh, Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie – in Chair.
2. Shri Alok Kumar, Joint Secretary (Training), DoPT, New Delhi.
3. Shri Rathin Roy, Director, NIPFP, New Delhi.
4. Shri Paramjit Mann, Joint Secretary (FST), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. Shri P.K. Mahapatra, Resident Commissioner, Government of Haryana, New Delhi.
6. Shri Dushyant Nariala, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie.
7. Shri Prem Singh, Deputy Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
8. Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Deputy Director (Senior), LBSNAA, Mussoorie
9. Prof. R.K. Kakani, Professor of Public Administration, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
10. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie

In addition, Prof. Peter Ronald De Souza, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla also participated in the meeting through video conference.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting. Thereafter, the items listed on the agenda were taken up for discussion. The decisions taken were as follows:

Agenda Item No.1 - Confirmation of the Minutes of 15th Meeting of the PMC

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the PMC were confirmed. Action taken on the minutes of the 14th meeting of PMC was perused by the members.

With regard to hiring of Research Associates, the Committee suggested that an advertisement may be brought out in the Newspapers. The Academy may also explore the possibility of contacting Planning Commission, Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Personnel and Training and Ministry of Finance to seek names of the wait listed candidates of their intern programme, who could be hired by the Academy. It was also felt that the monetary compensation to the Research Associate may be reduced and in lieu bachelor accommodation offered.

Agenda Item No.2 – Presentation of Course Design of Phase-III of MCTP Programme and engagement of Korean Development Institute for the Foreign Study Tour

The Committee appreciated the efforts of the Academy and the course team in organizing the Phase-III Programme. Based on the feedback received from the participants, it was decided to retain the broad design with greater emphasis on:

- (a) Political economy and issues relating to equity and social justice
- (b) Using technology in land management
- (c) Issues relating to urban management

Agenda Item No.3 – Discussion on recommendations of sub-committee on the feasibility of two destinations for foreign study tour of MCTP

The recommendations of sub-committee on the feasibility of two destinations for foreign study tour of MCTP were placed before the Committee (copy placed at Annexure-I). After detailed discussion, it was felt that the process should be gradual and scaled up in due course. It was proposed that the participants of Phase IV, 2014 may be divided between the two destinations: Brazil and Australia. However, Australia would be confirmed as a destination upon completion of the visit to Canada by Phase IV, 2013 and feedback received thereon.

Dr. Rathin Roy volunteered to assist with organizing the visit to Brazil and suggested that the IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) Summit in July may be a good platform to forge network with Brazilian institutions. It was also decided to invite the Brazil Ambassador to India to address the Phase IV participants in July-August, 2013.

Agenda Item No.4 – Any other items with the permission of the chair

Dr. Rathin Roy gave an overview of the facilities available at NIPFP and offered to conduct customized training programme for IAS Officers. This was noted by members of the Committee.

The PMC meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members.