

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF MID CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD AT 5.00 PM ON JUNE 17, 2014 AT LBSNAA, MUSSOORIE

The following were present:

1. Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Director LBSNAA – *in chair*
2. Sh. Alok Kumar, Joint Secretary, Training Division (DoPT) – *through video conferencing*
3. Dr. Peter Ronald Desouza
4. Sh. Jatindra Nath Swain, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
5. Sh. GV Srinivas, IFS, Joint Secretary, Foreign Service Institute, Delhi
6. Sh. Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Director LBSNAA
7. Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Joint Director LBSNAA
8. Sh. Tejveer Singh, Joint Director LBSNAA

Sh. Rajesh Arya, Director (MCT) in Training Division was also present for the meeting.

At the outset, the Committee welcomed Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Director LBSNAA. After discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. **Agenda Item No 1 – Confirmation of minutes of the 19th meeting of the PMC dated February 25, 2014 – Confirmed.**
2. **Agenda Item No 2 – Discussion on Course Design of Phase IV Round 9, 2014 –**
The Committee accorded its in-principle approval of the design and draft timetable presented by the Course Coordinator. It also took note of the suggestions made by Dr. Desouza regarding scheduling an interaction with the UNESCO in Paris on Education for 21st century. It also noted the suggestion of Sh. Swain that judicial review of policies may also be covered as an input in the course. The suggestion of JS Training that a session by an eminent sociologist may be scheduled as part of the perspective building week was also taken note of and efforts will be made to include this in the time table.

The Committee expressed its concern at the low levels of participation in the MCT Programme and decided that the matter would again be taken up with DoPT to ensure that corrective measures are instituted to make participation in these courses mandatory.

3. **Agenda Item No 3 – Presentation on preparation for Phase III –** The Committee accorded its in-principle approval to the proposed design of Phase III. The suggestion of Dr. Desouza on scheduling a session on unsuccessful PPPs in the PPP module was taken note of. Suggestions with regard to some possible resource persons in the Literary Festival were also noted by the Course Coordinator.

4. **Agenda Item No 4 – Update of Phase V Round 8, 2014** – In view of the limitations of business class seats in Air India, the Committee was informed that as per government approval granted for Round 7 of Phase V in 2013 participants will also travel by airlines other than Air India for Phase V, although ticketing would still be done through Balmer Lawrie. The Committee noted the above.

5. **Other item/s taken up for discussion**

- (i) The Chairperson desired that the Action Taken Report should be placed as separate agenda item in future.
- (ii) The Chairperson desired that in pursuance of the decision of the last meeting of the PMC, the Academy must obtain the template being used by NIP&FP for inviting guest faculty.
- (iii) The Committee agreed with the suggestion of Dr. Desouza to make more effective use of documentaries as a pedagogical tool during MCT courses.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.