

**SCHOOL OF OPEN LEARNING
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

Agenda Note for Meeting of the Academic Council, University of Delhi

A letter No.16-57/2016-Desk(U) dated 18.02.2019 addressed to the Registrar, DU has been received from Sh.P.K. Singh, Under Secretary, MHRD enclosing a copy of the letter No.78-1/99(DC/CU) dated 21.01.2018 of the Under Secretary, UGC requesting the University to send an amendment to Ministry of Human Resource Development adding School of Open Learning (SOL) as a University affiliated college in the Statutes of the University after getting the approval from the EC of the University, and change the nomenclature of Executive Director to Principal before sending the said amendment to the MHRD. The letter of the Under Secretary, MHRD has been received in response to the letter dated 20.12.2018 sent by the University requesting the MHRD to resolve the issues of approval of the Teaching and Non-Teaching positions of the School of Open Learning pending since 2013. A series of meetings and correspondence were going on since 2013 between the SOL, DU, UGC and MHRD to resolve the issues of approval of the Teaching and Non-Teaching positions of SOL as existed in the erstwhile School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education (SOCCCE), for which the UGC has been releasing 100% maintenance grant, and recognizing the School of Open Learning under section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act in place of the erstwhile School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education, as a University maintained constituent College under Ordinance XX(8) of the University of Delhi. Consequent to resolving the above issues, a separate Employee Roster will then be prepared by the School of Open Learning, University of Delhi as in the case of other University maintained constituent colleges and the vacant posts of Teaching & Non-Teaching staff of SOL will be filled-up as per the rules.

In this context, it is important to mention that the School of Open Learning, erstwhile School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education (SOCCCE) was established in 1962 as the Directorate of Correspondence Courses. The nomenclature was changed to SOCCCE in 1968 and placed under the Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act. During the process of development, 96 Teaching and 419 Non-teaching positions were sanctioned by the Executive Council, University of Delhi till 1999. The UGC has been releasing all the liabilities such as the salary and pension of the Teaching/Non-teaching employees under the 100% maintenance grant. The maintenance grant was received upto 1999 and a part was released in 2003.

The University of Delhi changed the nomenclature of School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education into School of Open Learning as a university maintained constituent college as per the Ordinance XX(8) amended by the Executive Council of the University of Delhi vide its Resolution No.81(5) dated June 24, 2004. The Ordinance XX(8) was communicated to the MHRD for Visitor's approval. The UGC, while referring to MHRD letter No. F.4-24/2004-Desk (U) dated 29.07.2004, asked a few clarifications on Ordinance XX(8) from the University of Delhi vide letter No. F.3-12/98(CU) dated 31.01.2005. The University of Delhi submitted para-wise clarification on the amended Ordinance XX(8) to the UGC vide letter No. C-II/2005/6685 dated 25.05.2005. However, the SOL has not been replaced by the UGC under section 2(f) and 12(B) in place of SOCCCE resulting to non-approval of the Teaching and Non-teaching positions in SOL. The correspondence among

the UGC, MHRD, DU and SOL was going on since last eight years to resolve the issues of SOL regarding change of nomenclature and approval of the Teaching / Non-Teaching posts of SOL. Various meetings were held in UGC with the MHRD, DU and SOL officials in 2017 and 2018. Another meeting among the senior Officers of the UGC, MHRD, DU and SOL was held on 15.11.2018 on this issue. Further, a meeting was convened between the Secretary, MHRD and the Vice-Chancellor, DU on 29.03.2019.

As a follow up of the meeting held in MHRD on 29th March, 2019, a meeting was convened on 03rd April, 2019 in the office of the Vice-Chancellor on the above mentioned issues. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and attended by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Director, Campus of Open Learning / Chairman-Governing Body of School of Open Learning, Executive Director, School of Open Learning and the Registrar, University of Delhi. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that an Agenda item will be placed before the Academic Council / Executive Council at the earliest to get the School of Open Learning recognized under section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, as a University maintained constituent college under Ordinance XX(8) of the University and the post of Executive Director, School of Open Learning be re-designated as the Principal, henceforth to resolve the issue of UGC approval of the Teaching and Non-teaching posts of SOL.

In view of the above, the following matter is placed before the Academic Council / Executive Council, University of Delhi for approval:

“to resolve that the UGC be requested to recognize the School of Open Learning under section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act in place of the erstwhile School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education, as a University maintained constituent College under Ordinance XX(8) of the University of Delhi and the post of Executive Director, School of Open Learning be re-designated as the Principal, henceforth”.

The Academic Council / Executive Council may also approve the following consequential amendments in the Ordinance XX(8) of the School of Open Learning:

S.No.	Ordinance XX (8) Existing clause	Proposed Amendment
1.	Ord.XX(8) clause 2.1(v): Executive Director , School of Open Learning – Member Secretary (ex-officio) Clause 2.3 (xv) to hold, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, the funds of the School in such bank/banks as the Executive Council may specify, and to authorize the Executive Director or such other officer as it may specify to operate the bank account.	Ord.XX(8) clause 2.1(v): Principal , School of Open Learning – Member Secretary (ex-officio) Clause 2.3 (xv) to hold, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, the funds of the School in such bank/banks as the Executive Council may specify, and to authorize the Principal or such other officer as it may specify to operate the bank account.
2.	Ord.XX(8) clause 3: Executive Director <i>The role and functions of the Executive Director of the , School of Open</i>	Ord.XX(8) clause 3: Principal <i>Deleted.</i> The Principal shall be in the pay scale of

	<p><i>Learning shall be analogous to those of a Principal.</i></p> <p>The Executive Director shall be in the pay scale of a Professor. The essential / desirable qualifications for the post of Executive Director would be as follows. The Governing Body shall appoint the Executive Director, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.</p>	<p>a Professor. In addition to the essential qualifications and experience as may be prescribed, it is desirable that the Principal should have experience in the field of Open and Distance Learning. The Governing Body shall appoint the Principal, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.</p>
3.	<p>Ord.XX(8) Clause-4, para-1</p> <p>The School of Open Learning would be decentralized by setting up Regional Centres. Each Regional Centre would be headed by a Deputy Director who will have academic and administrative responsibilities and would be reporting to the Executive Director, SOL.</p> <p>Clause-4, para-4 (ii)</p> <p>Executive Director, School of Open Learning</p>	<p>Ord.XX(8) Clause-4, para-1</p> <p>The School of Open Learning would be decentralized by setting up Regional Centres within its territorial jurisdiction. Each Regional Centre would be headed by a Deputy Director who will have academic and administrative responsibilities and would be reporting to the Principal, SOL</p> <p>Clause-4, para-4 (ii)</p> <p>Principal, School of Open Learning.</p>
4.	<p>Ord.XX(8) clause-6 (ii)</p> <p>Executive Director of the School of Open Learning</p>	<p>Ord.XX(8) clause 6 (ii)</p> <p>Principal of the School of Open Learning</p>
5.	<p>Ord.XX(8) clause-7 (iii)</p> <p>Executive Director of the School of Open Learning</p> <p>Three members inclusive of the Chairperson, the Executive Director and at least one of the two experts shall constitute the quorum.</p>	<p>Ord.XX(8) clause-7 (iii)</p> <p>Principal of the School of Open Learning</p> <p>Three members inclusive of the Chairperson, the Principal and at least one of the two experts shall constitute the quorum.</p>
6.	<p>Ord.XX(8) Clause-8 : Staff Council (iii) Subject to the provisions of the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University, the Executive Director shall act as ex-officio Chairperson of the Staff Council.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of any Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall implement the decisions of the Staff Council. If, in the opinion of the Executive Director, however, any emergency has arisen which requires that immediate action should be taken, the Executive Director shall take such action as he/she deems</p>	<p>Ord.XX(8) Clause 8 : Staff Council (iii) Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances of the University, the Principal shall act as ex-officio Chairperson of the Staff Council.</p> <p>The Principal shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of any Committee.</p> <p>The Principal shall implement the decisions of the Staff Council. If, in the opinion of the Principal, however, any emergency has arisen which requires that immediate action should be taken, the Principal shall take such action as he/she deems necessary and shall report the same at the next meeting of the Staff</p>

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