

MINUTES OF THE 119TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 30, 2013 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, NEW VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The following were present:

1	Prof. M. Aslam, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Shri P.S. Ghosh, Deputy Secretary (CC/DL), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3	Prof. Ram G. Takwale	- Member
4	Prof. D.B. Phatak	- Member
5	Dr. Anil Wali	- Member
6	Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak	- Member
7	Er. R.K. Gupta	- Member
8	Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh	- Member
9	Prof. E. Vayunandan	- Member
10	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra	- Member
	Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary, Registrar (Admn.)	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of I&B, Prof. Bakul Dholakia, Dr. (Ms.) Ruth Manorama and Prof. G. Sundar, Members, BOM could not attend the meeting.

Shri Vinod Kumar, Asstt. Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 119th meeting of the Board of Management. The Chairman informed that the President of India in his capacity as Visitor of the University has nominated Prof. Ram G. Takwale, former Vice Chancellor, IGNOU as a Member of the Board of Management. He mentioned that Prof. Takwale has held many important positions in the field of education, previously, as the Vice Chancellors of the Pune University and IGNOU. He has also been actively associated with many national and international organizations, engaged in the development/ innovations in the field of education. He has made very significant contributions in the evolution of a model State Open University namely the YCMOU in Maharashtra to cater to the specific needs of the population of the region, focusing on workplace-based learning, use of ICT in administration and education, teacher training and so on. The vision and the thrust area of Prof. Takwale during these years has been the expansion of the use of the

ICT for creating opportunities of quality education for the masses. The Chairman specially welcomed Prof. Ram G. Takwale as the new member of the Board of Management.

The Chairman informed that the BOM had appointed Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, as the Pro-Vice Chancellor in the University at the 118th meeting. Prior to this, Prof. Lama was a member on the BOM of the University as a Visitor's nominee. Prof. Lama resigned from the above position in this University. The Chairman recalled the valuable contributions made by Prof. Lama during his term as member of the Board and further, as the Pro-Vice Chancellor.

Before the items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration, the Chairman presented before the Board a brief account of important activities undertaken by the University since the 118th meeting of the Board which was held on 15th June, 2013.

The Chairman stated that as reported in the previous meeting the University was faced with the formidable challenge of printing and distribution of 21,23,327 sets of study material to the students enrolled for July 2012 admission cycle. The dispatch of the material was completed in June 2013. The University was also faced with printing and distribution of 14,37,040 sets of study material for the students of January 2013 admission cycle. The dispatch of the material was completed by August, 2013. Similarly the study material for July 2013 admission cycle was near completion. He also informed the Board that there were about 4,54,000 students who appeared for June 2013 term-end examination at 782 exams centres across the country and abroad. These included 57 Jail centres and 41 international centres. He was happy to inform the BOM that the results were declared within the stipulated time of 45 days.

The Chairman apprised the Board about the innovative strategies followed for enhancing the enrolment in July 2013 session. The strategies included reaching out to the Secondary and Sr. Secondary Schools; District Resource Centres (DRCs), Block Resource Centres (BRCs) and Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs) under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA); reaching out through NGOs network and also through NIOS network. The Regional Directors were advised to prepare banners/hoardings/leaflets in Hindi, English and regional languages in order to give full publicity to IGNOU programmes. The Gyan Darshan and Gyan Vani were also used for creating necessary awareness. The Vice Chancellor also conducted regular webcasting sessions with all the Regional Centres through out the admission and examination session. He was very glad to inform the Board that these measures have shown very good result both in terms of significant savings of University finances, better publicity and increase in enrolment compared to July 2012 admission cycle. He also informed the Board that IGNOU has decided to give all its advertisements at the DAVP rates only.

In addition to the above, Chairman stated that all the vacant academic positions have been advertised and a complete revamping of Regional Services Division and Student Support Services, in particular, is in progress. He particularly mentioned that the proposal of setting-up of India-Africa Virtual University (IAVU) and establishment of Technology-Enabled Education Group (TEEG) are being undertaken with right earnest by the University. The Chairman highlighted the initiative taken under the Campus Placement Cell (CPC) of the University to organize *Job Mela* and that there was overwhelming response from the placement agencies. He also stated that University is considering to prepare modules on communication skills and current affairs and provide the same to the aspiring students free of cost so as to enable them to face subsequent rounds of counselling by the various placement agencies successfully.

The Board highly appreciated the various initiatives taken by the Vice Chancellor towards streamlining of the activities and overall growth of the University.

The Registrar/Secretary, BOM thereafter presented the agenda items with the permission of the Chair.

The Secretary informed the Board that a letter has been received from Dr. R. Sudarsan, Dy. Director (under suspension) dt.29.11.2013 (**Appendix-1**) for video recording of the deliberations of the 119th meeting on 30.11.2013. The Secretary also recalled the decision taken by the BOM at the 115th meeting [(vide Res.No.115.7.2(i)] in this regard. The Board, however, resolved that since the request of the suspended official for recording of deliberations of the meetings of the Board was not in conformity with the Regulations No.2 for conduct of the meetings of the Board, framed under Section 27 of the IGNOU Act, which has also been placed before two Houses of the Parliament, under Section 40 of IGNOU Act, the request of the suspended official cannot be agreed to. The Board further resolved that the decision of the 115th BOM in the matter stands amended to that extent.

The following items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration thereafter:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 118TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 15, 2013 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON

BM 119.1.1 The Secretary informed that the Minutes of 118th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 15.6.2013 were circulated to the members of the Board on 28.6.2013. No comments on the Minutes have been received. He further informed that the Action Taken Report on the various decisions taken by the Board at the 118th

meeting is placed along with the minutes of the previous meeting as part of item No.1 of these Agenda papers. He proposed that the Minutes of the 118th meeting of the Board may be considered for confirmation.

BM 119.1.2

The minutes of the 118th meeting of the Board was taken up for confirmation. The Board considered the Action Taken Report on the various decisions taken at the 118th meeting item-wise, and noted as under:

- (1) ITEM NO.1: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 117TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 05, 2013 AND THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON

The Board noted that the minutes of 117th BOM meeting have been confirmed by the Board at its 118th meeting held on 15.6.2013

- (2) ITEM NO.2: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 80TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 29.4.2013

The Board noted that the minutes of 80th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29.4.2013 was approved by the Board. As regards Res.BM 118.2.2, the Board directed that the recommendations of the Review Committee for examining the powers & functions of the Standing Committees of the Board be expedited.

- (3) ITEM NO.3: TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 68TH, 69TH AND 70TH MEETINGS HELD ON 29.12.2012, 11.3.2013 & 19.3.2013 RESPECTIVELY FOR CONFIRMATION

The Board noted that proposal for lifting of probation & confirmation of Group A positions was deferred by the Board at its 118th meeting. As desired by the Board, a fresh agenda item giving complete facts has accordingly been placed before the present Board, vide Item No.4, for its consideration.

- (4) ITEM NO.4: TO CONSIDER THE DISCIPLINARY CASE INITIATED AGAINST SH. K. VENKATARAMAN, PRODUCER (SR. SCALE), EMPC

The BOM was informed that in accordance with the decision taken by the Board Shri S. Venkataraman, Producer was reverted to the lower post of Editor. Shri Venkataraman, in response to Office Order dt.21.10.2013, has given a representation requesting a review of the decision taken by the Board in his case. The Board considered his representation. The Board decided that the decision taken at the 118th meeting in his case was as per Rules and therefore, re-affirmed its earlier decision.

- (5) ITEM NO.5: TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATIONS OF FIVE MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY UNDER CLAUSE (IV) OF STATUTE 10(1) OF THE IGNOU ACT

The Board noted that the nomination of members on the Planning Board have been notified.

- (6) ITEM NO.6: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANT OF GRADE PAY OF RS.4600/- PAY BAND-2 (RS.9300-34800) TO SENIOR ASSISTANTS/PERSONAL ASSISTANTS GRADE-II CADRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Board noted that as per the directions of the Board, the proposal for grant of Grade Pay of Rs.4600/- to Sr. Asstts. and Personal Asstts. was referred back to the Committee which had recommended the grant of the Grade Pay of Rs.4600/- to these cadres. The final recommendations of the Committee are placed before the present Board, vide Item No.11, for its consideration.

- (7) ITEM NO.7: TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN THE MATTER CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS INITIATED AGAINST SH. S. VENKATESH, LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOSS

The Board noted that in accordance with the decision taken by the Board vide Res. No.118.7.2, the dismissal of Shri Venkatesh, Lecturer from the services of the University, has been implemented.

- (8) ITEM NO.8: TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. RATHEESH KUMAR P K, LECTURER, SOITS

The Board noted that the action taken by the University was ratified by the Board.

- (9) ITEM NO.9: TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD AND ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION BY DR. VANISHREE J, LECTURER, SOGDS

The Board noted that the action taken by the University was ratified by the Board.

- (10) ITEM NO.10: TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD AND APPROVED THE RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. RAM PRAVESH RAI, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, HYDERABAD

The Board noted that the action taken by the University was ratified by the Board.

- (11) ITEM NO.11: TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EOL TO PROF. SUBHASH DHULIYA, DIRECTOR, SOJNMS

The Board noted that the action taken by the University was ratified by the Board.

- (12) ITEM NO.12: TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SHRI PRAVEEN KUMAR, ASSTT. REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN WAIVING THE SHORTFALL IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE PERIOD

The Board noted that the action taken by the University was ratified by the Board.

- (13) ITEM NO.13: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR INITIATING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DR. R. SUDARSAN, DY. DIRECTOR, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The case of suspension and the progress of the Inquiry instituted in the case of Dr. R. Sudarsan, Dy. Director (under suspension) vide Item No.13 of 118th meeting was taken up. (*At this point, the Chairman withdrew from the meeting*). The Chairman requested Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak to chair the meeting for this item.

The Secretary informed that a Committee consisting of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Member, BOM, Prof. A.R.Khan and Prof. Ravindra Kumar was constituted to review the suspension order issued to Dr. R.Sudarsan. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak briefed the Board about the progress of the inquiry and the recommendations of the Committee made at its meeting held on 3.10.2013. He informed the Board that the inquiry was under progress and the Committee has recommended the extension of suspension of Dr. R. Sudarsan (under suspension) for a further period of 90 days following the procedures prescribed under the extant Rules.

The Board accepted the recommendations of the Committee and decided to extend the suspension of Dr. Sudarsan for a further period of 90 days, following the prescribed procedures in the extant Rules in this regard. A copy of the recommendations of the Committee is placed as **Appendix-2**.

- (14) ITEM NO.14: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR REVIVAL OF THE POST OF JOINT REGISTRAR

The Board noted the decision taken at the 118th meeting in this regard and directed that the matter be examined further.

- (15) ITEM NO.15: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF DR. ABDUL GANI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

The Board noted that the decision in the case of voluntary retirement of Dr. Abdul Gani, Regional Director has been implemented.

- (16) ITEM NO.16: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY – ESPECIALLY FOR THE POSTS OF DIRECTORS IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS/CENTRES/UNITS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE

The Board noted that the decision of the Board in the matter has been implemented. The Board further noted that the positions of the Directors of four

Divisions and also that of Director of DEP-SSA have been advertised as per the revised qualifications etc. for these posts. The Board directed that the selection process of these positions be expedited.

- (17) ITEM NO.17: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MODALITIES WORKED OUT BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARD OF 'RAJIV GANDHI INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT' WORTH RS.5.00 LACS

The Board noted that the modalities for the award of Rajiv Gandhi International Prize for Education & Technology Development, as approved by the BOM, have been notified. The Board further noted that the award process has been kept in abeyance due to time constraints and that the arrangements are being made to organize the event next year.

- (18) ITEM NO.18: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DESIRABILITY OF HAVING VARIOUS CENTRES AND TO REVISIT ASSIGNMENT OF DISCIPLINES TO THE EXISTING SCHOOLS

The Board noted the action taken by the University for liquidation of the centres viz. CTKS, ACIL, CCETC and CEE as per the decision of the Board. The Board directed that the liquidation process of i-CAT, Manesar (Haryana) be also expedited.

As regards the offering of academic programmes by the centres which need to be retained, the Board directed that Apex Committee as recommended by the Academic Council for relocation of area and discipline among the Schools be expedited.

- (19) ITEM NO.19: TO REPORT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR GIVING THE CHARGES OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MEDIA STUDIES AND THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The Board noted that the action of the University in the matter was ratified by the Board.

- (20) ITEM NO.20: TO REPORT THE REPEAL OF STATUTE 28 OF IGNOU ACT, DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL AND DEVELOPMENTS THEREAFTER

- i) The Board noted that repeal of the Statute 28 of IGNOU Act has been implemented and the notification published in the official Gazette of India vide No.35 dt. 31.8.2013, in accordance with the provision under Section 40 of the IGNOU Act.
- ii) Copies of the Gazette Notification have been forwarded to the Ministry for placing before the two Houses of Parliament in accordance with the provisions under Section 40 of the Act *ibid*.

Referring to the dissolution of the DEC under IGNOU, the representative of the MHRD raised the issue of transfers and shifting of staff of the DEC under UGC. It was clarified that the academic staff who were appointed against the posts created under the DEC, have been retained in the DEC under UGC, while the

regular administrative staff of IGNOU posted in DEC have been reverted back to the University. It was further clarified that a Committee of officials was also constituted in the University to interact with UGC on the modalities for smooth transition of activities of erstwhile DEC to UGC. The University has extended full cooperation to UGC in this regard.

As far the accounts of the DEC are concerned, the BOM was informed that a distinct account No.2257000102042221 has been opened with PNB, IGNOU Branch which was being operated by the erstwhile DEC, independently. This account was being operated as DDOs by the two Directors of the erstwhile DEC who are now with the UGC. The University advised the UGC to operate the said account through them or any other officer. The money received from the Govt. for DEC has already been transferred to this account.

The Board noted the status in the matter.

- (21) ITEM NO.21: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO REVIEW MOUs/MOCs/MOAs SIGNED BY VARIOUS SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS/CELLS/ CENTRES/UNITS/REGIONAL CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Board was informed that as per the decision of the BOM, 51 MOUs were further reviewed by the Committee. The Committee has recommended for continuance of 8 MOUs. Out of these 8 MOUs, 1 MOU signed by the School of Health Sciences has already expired in August, 2013.

- (22) ITEM NO.22: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ON-CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAMME

The Board noted that as per the decision of the BOM, the notification regarding discontinuation of full-time on-campus face-to-face programmes has been issued and the decision of the Board has been implemented.

- (23) ITEM NO.23: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON CONVERGENCE SCHEME

The Board was informed that as per the decision of the BOM, the notification regarding closure of the Convergence Scheme of the University has been issued.

- (24) ITEM NO.24: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME AND DECLARATION OF PENDING RESULTS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND COMPLETION OF PROGRAMME OF ON-GOING STUDENTS

The Board noted that as per the decision of the Board, the notification regarding discontinuation of the existing Community College Scheme of the University has been issued and the decision implemented. As per direction of the Board, the University has issued 11,493 grade cards and provisional certificates in respect of the students attached with the various Community Colleges based on the recommendations of the Screening Committee.

Regarding the conduct of examinations of students enrolled under the Community College Scheme, the Board noted that number of programmes/courses offered under the face-to-face mode by these Colleges ran in thousands. Therefore, it has become extremely difficult for IGNOU to arrange the conduct of examinations of such a large number of students in accordance with the Ordinances of the University. Further, question papers have to be set and moderated by the concerned Schools. These programmes were also not attached to any Schools of the University.

The Board further noted that offering of programmes in the face-to-face mode has become sub-judice as the Hon'ble Delhi High Court has ruled that offering of programmes under the face-to-face mode is not the mandate of the IGNOU as per the IGNOU Act.

The Board considered the status in the matter. The Board directed that the University may seek legal advice for proceeding further in the matter, particularly in view of the decision of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court cited above.

- (25) ITEM NO.25: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OF SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY FOR EXTENDING THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN MOTORCYCLE SERVICE AND REPAIR (CMSR) TO THE EDUCATED RAW LEARNERS FOR ENHANCING THEIR EMPLOYABILITY ALONG WITH EXISTING COMPETENCY CERTIFICATE FOR WORKING MOTORCYCLE TECHNICIANS

The Board noted that the reactivation of a two-month non-credit competency certificate for working Motorcycle Technicians is being implemented.

As regards the six month 16 Credit Certificate Programme in Motorcycle Repair and Maintenance (CMSR), the Board noted that the Phase-1 of the Programme has already been approved by the School Board and the matter is being processed for placing before the Planning Board/APC for approval, before launch of programme.

- (26) ITEM NO.26: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST REGION UNIT (EDNERU) AND ITS COMPONENTS, THE REGIONAL CENTRES AND INSTITUTES IN THE NER

The BOM was informed that as per the decision of the Board, the notifications regarding liquidation of the following institutes in the NE Region have been issued and the decision implemented.

- (i) IIVET, Shilong
- (ii) NECRD, Guwahati
- (iii) I-CAT, Guwahati
- (iv) ICRTA, Agartala

The Board noted that the activities of these centres have been integrated with various concerned Schools and Regional Centres, as approved by the Board.

The Board also noted that the decision in the matter of revamping of EDNERU by bringing the EDNERU under the over all supervision of the Regional Services Division, has been notified for implementation.

As regards the matter of liquidation of the MGIED, Nagaland, the Board directed that the liquidation process may be expedited.

- (27) ITEM NO.27: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR RELAXATION IN THE STIPULATED PERIOD OF 45 DAYS FOR DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR THE CASES RELATING TO REMOTE AREAS

The Board noted the decision in the matter.

- (28) ITEM NO.28: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE UNIVERSITY TO HOLD CONVOCATIONS TWICE A YEAR

The Board noted that the decision to hold the Convocation of the University once a year, instead of twice a year has been implemented. It further noted that the proposal submitted earlier to the Ministry in this regard seeking approval of the Visitor, has been withdrawn.

- (29) ITEM NO.29: TO CONSIDER THE FULL FACTS OF THE CASE OF DR. V.S.P. SRIVASTAVA, JOINT DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION

The Board was informed that a separate item in the matter is placed before the present Board, vide Item No.6, for its consideration.

- (30) ITEM NO.30: TO CONSIDER REVIEW OF THE AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE (4), STATUTE 1 OF IGNOU ACT MADE BY THE BOM AT ITS 104TH MEETING HELD ON 21.4.2010

The Board noted the action taken by the University in the matter.

- (31) ITEM NO.31: TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE ISSUES OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN EXTENSIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF PROF. VED. P. GOEL AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

The Board noted that the matter was very old. The decision of the Board to close the case has been noted.

- (32) ITEM NO.32: TO REPORT THE MATTER OF CLOSURE OF CITY CENTRE OF IGNOU AT THE TOURIST HOSTEL PREMISES, YMCA, JAI SINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI WITH EFFECT FROM 01.8.2013 AND PAYMENT OF RENT OF RS.17,94,616/- FOR EIGHT MONTHS FROM 01.8.2012 TO 31.3.2013

The Board noted that the City Centre has finally been closed.

- (33) ITEM NO.33: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE GRANT OF TRANSFER TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS HOLDING TENURE POSTS IN THE UNIVERSITY ON COMPLETION OF THEIR

TENURE / BEFORE COMPLETION OF THEIR TENURE OR ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF SUPERANNUATION

The BOM noted that the decision taken by the Board in the matter has been implemented.

- (34) ITEM NO.34: TO RATIFY/REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR GIVING THE CHARGES OF THE POSITIONS OF REGISTRAR (ADMINISTRATION), CHIEF VIGILANCE OFFICER (CVO), IGNOU AND CHIEF PROJECT OFFICER, CMD

No further action was required.

- (35) ITEM NO.35:

1. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUES RELATING TO DESIGNATING ARDs/EQUIVALENT TO SELECTION GRADE AS DEPUTY DIRECTORS.
2. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE- CHANCELLOR TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE OF BRINGING CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME & AGE OF RETIREMENT OF ACADEMICS AT PAR WITH THOSE OF TEACHERS OF IGNOU
3. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL RE-ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION (RSD) AND REGIONAL CENTRES

The Board was informed that a separate item is placed before the present Board, vide Item No.9, for its consideration.

- (36) ITEM NO.36: TO REPORT THE EXTENSION OF DEPUTATION OF FINANCE OFFICER, IGNOU

The Board noted that the Finance Officer was granted extension of deputation for a further period of one year.

- (37) ITEM NO.37: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. M.T. SULEKHA, DIRECTOR, DEC PRESENTLY ATTACHED TO REGIONAL CENTRE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

No further action was required.

- (38) ITEM NO.38: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT REGISTRAR HELD ON 8TH & 9TH JUNE, 2013

Registrar(Admn.)/Secretary, BOM informed the Board that all the eight candidates selected to the post of Asstt. Registrar have joined the University.

- (39) ITEM NO.39: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 81ST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12.6.2013

The Board was informed that the Minutes of the 81st Meeting of Finance Committee were approved by the Board for further necessary action.

- (40) ITEM NO.40: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE MOA FOR THE ONGOING DBT PROJECT ENTITLED “BIORESOURCES OF KUTTANAD WETLAND ECOSYSTEM: INVENTORIZAION, CHARACTERIZATION & CONSERVATION”

The Board noted the action taken in the matter.

- (41) ITEM NO.41: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF INDIA-AFRICA VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY (IAVU) AT IGNOU

The Board was informed about various activities taken up to facilitate setting-up of IAVU.

The Board noted that the matter of setting-up of the India-Africa Virtual University was under implementation.

- (42) ITEM NO.42: TO CONSIDER THE DISENGAGEMENT OF INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH & TRAINING CENTRE (ISLRTC) FROM IGNOU AND ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED FOR BAASLS STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE (UCLAN), UK TO COMPLETE THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The Board noted that with a view to give effect to the decision of the Board taken at the 118th meeting for disengagement of ISLRTC from IGNOU and its concern for safeguarding the interest of the students of BAASLS (Res.BM118.42.1), a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, member, BOM on the issue of award of dual degree to BAASLS students. The Committee has submitted its interim report, which has now been placed before the Board.

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak clarified that the offering of programmes under face-to-face mode by the IGNOU has become subjudice in as much as, the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi has decided that the offering of programmes under face-to-face mode was not the mandate of IGNOU as per the Act. Therefore, even the issue of the award of Certificate to BAASLS students for their programme, being run exclusively in the face-to-face mode becomes inconceivable. Prof. Pathak further clarified that in view of the above, the Committee has made the following recommendations:

- (i) On the basis of the existing statutory provisions of IGNOU Act, the Committee is of the opinion that the University cannot consider issuing its degree to BAASLS students, as they are entitled for the UCLAN Degree.
- (ii) All existing students of BAASLS should be allowed to complete their programmes. Necessary academic support on the conduct of academic programmes for the existing students should be provided to students.
- (iii) The existing students may be issued Certificates of Participation by IGNOU for the programmes completed by them as per the Agreement.
- (iv) IGNOU may consider requesting AIU to honour the BA Degree of UCLAN and the Certificate of Participation by IGNOU.

- (v) IGNOU may seek necessary legal opinion on the subject of the implications of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi Judgment for face-to-face programmes.
- (vi) In accordance with the terms of reference No.2 of the Committee for fixing of the responsibility for misleading the students, the Committee has sought necessary details from the individuals and Units/Divisions including the then Coordinator of the programme. In addition, the Committee is examining other related documents. The Committee will submit the complete report as and when the process is over.

The Board noted the status in the matter and approved the interim report of the Committee. A copy of report is placed as **Appendix-3**.

(43) ITEM NO.43: TO CONSIDER THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY FOR THE UNIVERSITY

The Board was informed that a separate item (Item No.19) regarding the Intellectual Property Right Policy is placed before the present Board for consideration.

(44) ITEM NO.44: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXPENDITURE FINANCE COMMITTEE (EFC) ALONG WITH DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR) PROPOSED BY THE UNIVERSITY

The Board noted its approval accorded to the draft Memorandum for the Expenditure Finance Committee.

(45) ITEM NO.45: TO CONSIDER THE MONITORING SYSTEM FOR COLLABORATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES (F2F) OF THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (SOET)

The Board noted the observations of the Hon'ble High Court that offering of the face-to-face programmes by IGNOU was not covered under the IGNOU Act.

(46) ITEM NO.46: TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF PERIOD BY ONE YEAR FOR HIRING OF ERP EXPERT CONSULTANTS AGAINST THE BOM APPROVAL VIDE RES.BM 109.44.1

The Board was informed about the change of strategy for knowledge transfer.

The Board noted the new arrangements made for knowledge transfer of ODL soft.

(47) ITEM NO.47: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH, 31ST AND 32ND MEETINGS OF STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM

The Board noted its approval.

(48) ITEM NO.48: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Board noted its approval.

- (49) ITEM NO.49: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR

The Board noted that Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, appointed as the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University, has resigned from the position. The Board was informed that a separate item in this regard is placed before the present Board, vide Item No.8, for information.

- (50) ITEM NO.50: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ADVISOR TO THE VICE CHANCELLOR

The Board noted that that Prof. Phalguni Gupta, who was appointed by the Board as an Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, could not join the position because of his heavy pre-occupations. The Board, therefore, authorized the Chairman to appoint an Advisor to the Vice Chancellor and report the appointment so made to the subsequent meeting of the Board of Management.

BM 119.1.3

The Board noted the Action Taken/Status Report on the various decision taken at the 118th meeting as above and confirmed the Minutes with the above directions/decisions.

ITEM NO.2

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 82ND MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 06.11.2013

BM 119.2.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 82nd Meeting held on 06.11.2013. A copy of the Minutes of the 82nd Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed as **Appendix-4**.

The Board approved the Revised Estimates 2013-2014 and Budget Estimates 2014-2015, both under Development Fund (Plan) and the Operation Fund (Non-Plan) as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Board further authorized submission of the Annual Accounts for the year 2012-2013 to the MHRD along with Audit Certificate of the Director of Audit (Central Expenditure) issued for and on behalf of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, in terms of the provisions under Section 29 of IGNOU Act

ITEM NO. 3

TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF TWO MEMBERS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER CLAUSE (1)(IV) & (V) OF STATUTE 11 OF IGNOU ACT

BM 119.3.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board nominated Er. R.K. Gupta, Member, BOM on the Finance Committee under Clause (1)(iv) of Statute 11.

As regards the nomination on the Finance Committee under Clause (1)(v) of Statute 11, the Board re-nominated Shri M.P. Gupta, Additional Secretary (Retd.), Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India on the Finance Committee for a further term of three years for his constructive input/contribution to the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR RECRUITMENT/CAS TO VARIOUS TEACHING/ACADEMIC/NON-ACADEMIC GROUP-A POSITIONS AND DPC MEETINGS FOR PROMOTION TO NON-ACADEMIC GROUP-‘A’ POSTS

BM 119.4.1 The recommendations of the Selection Committee//Departmental Promotion Committee meetings for recruitment/CAS to various teaching/academic positions and promotion to non-academic Group A posts were placed before the Board. The Board approved the recommendations, as per details given below.

1. Teaching Positions

Dates of Meeting	Positions	Name of the Candidate	Remarks
21.9.2013	Promotion to the post of Professor of Sociology under CAS in Pay Band IV of Rs.37400-67000 with AGP Rs.10,000/-	Dr. Nita Mathur, Reader in Sociology, SOSS	--
23.9.2013	Promotion to the post of Professor of English under CAS in the Pay Band IV of Rs.37400-67000 with AGP Rs.10,000/-	Dr. A.B. Sharma, Reader in English, SOH	--

BM 119.4.1 The Board noted that in case the of Dr. Durgesh Nandini, Reader in Public Administration, SOSS, the Committee was of the view that the promotion in her case should be considered after a lapse of six months.

At this point, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak emphasized that as per CAS guidelines, such cases can only be considered for CAS after a period of one year. The Board was apprised of the provision under Clause V (9) of the Ordinance on CAS of teachers which states as under:

‘A teacher who has not been recommended by the Screening/Selection Committee for placement in the Senior Scale/

Selection Grade/Promotion to the post of Reader or Professor can offer himself/herself for review after the expiry of one year from the date of promotion process/interview. ()*

() The date of eligibility shall be determined from the date of initiation of the process in which the teacher was not recommended.'*

After detailed discussion, the Board directed the Academic Coordination Division to deal with the case accordingly.

2. Non-Academic Group-A positions

Dates of Meeting	Positions	Name of the Candidates selected/promoted	Remarks
17.8.2013	Recruitment to the post of Camera Person (EMPC) in the Pay Band-III of Rs.15600-39100 with GP Rs.5400/-	1. Sh. Dinesh Kumar Rai (OBC) 2. Sh. Beda Dyuti Dutta (SC) <u>Waiting list:</u> 1. Sh. E.Subamohan (OBC) 2. Sh. Kumar Gaurav Nirgudkar (SC)	--
23.9.2013	Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar in PB-III Rs.15600-39100 (GP 7600)	It was noticed that none of the Asstt. Registrar found eligible for promotion to the post of Dy.Registrar	
	Regularization to the post of Assistant Registrar in the PB-III Rs.15600-39100 in GP 5400	1. Sh. I.P. Munjal 2. Sh.Umesh Kumar Sharma 3. Sh. Sunder Singh The panel of the following officials was recommended for promotion against future vacancies: 1. Sh.R. Muthanandan, PS (UR) 2. Sh.Anil Kumar Madan, PS (UR) 3. Sh.B.P.Mohanty, SO (UR) 4. Sh.K.K.Joseph, SO (UR) 5. Sh.Balkishan, SO (UR) 6. Sh.S.Balaji, SO (UR) 7. Sh.Vikas Kumar, PS (SC)	Against future vacancies/created/fallen vacant
	Promotion to the post of Dy. Director (Software) in the PB-	Shri Bhupesh Khatri	

	III Rs.15600-39100, GP Rs.7600/-		
	Promotion to the post of Asstt. Director (Software) in the PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP Rs.5400/-	<p>1. Sh.T.G.Rajasekhar (UR) 2. Sh.Sandeep Khanna (UR)</p> <p><u>SC Category</u></p> <p>None found eligible (*)</p> <p>The panel of the following officials was recommended for promotion against future vacancies:</p> <p>1. Ms.Anita Sajwan (UR) 2. Sh.S.Anandan (UR) 3. Sh.Bijender Kumar (SC) 4. Sh.V.V.S.R.Krishna (UR) 5. Sh.Bhaskar Tripathi (UR) 6. Sh.B.S.Rawat (UR) 7. Sh.Yogesh Bhatnagar (UR) 8. Sh.V.K.Sharma (UR)</p>	(*) The incumbent of SC category will be kept in panel until he/she possesses the required MCA qualification
	Promotion to the post of Maintenance Engineer in PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP Rs.7600/-	Ms. Neena Jain	

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS IN STATUTE 6A(1)(V) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNING THE NOMINATION OF SECRETARY, MHRD AND SECRETARY, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

BM 119.5.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the proposal for amendments to the provisions under Clause (1)(v) of Statute 6A was as per an advisory received from the MHRD and approved the proposed amendments to Clause (1)(v) of Statute 6A of IGNOU Act. The Board further directed to submit these amendments to the MHRD for assent of the Visitor, in accordance with the provisions under Section 25 of the IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE FULL FACTS OF THE CASE OF DR. V.S.P. SRIVASTAVA, JOINT DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION

BM119.6.1 The item was taken up for consideration. At this point, Prof. Ram G. Takwale, Member withdrew from the meeting. The Secretary read out the facts of the case of appointment of Dr. V.S.P.Srivastava as Joint Director in the University in a chronological order, as given in the agenda note. The Board noted that there is clear cut evidence of serious lapses on the part of the Administration in dealing with his case *ab initio* as well as at different stages subsequently. The Board was of the view that the individual, who as a Govt. servant, is supposed to be aware of the GOI Rules in the matter of deputation, lien, absorption, etc. and, therefore, cannot be absolved of his responsibility in this case.

The Board noted that notwithstanding the above facts, Dr. Srivastava has been allowed to continue to serve in the University for the last 25 years and that there has been no adverse reports against him.

The Board also noted the direction of the Hon'ble High Court that 'if the University takes a decision to terminate the services of Dr. Srivastva the same be communicated to the petitioner and the operation of the same shall be remained suspended for two weeks from the communication to the Petitioner'.

The Board after detailed deliberations decided to constitute a Committee to look into the various aspects of the case, *de novo* including legal aspects. The recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the Board for consideration in due course.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE REVISION OF RATES OF DAMAGES RECOVERABLE ON ACCOUNT OF UNAUTHORISED OCCUPATION OF IGNOU FLATS

BM119.7.1 The Board approved the revised rates of damages recoverable on account of unauthorized occupation of IGNOU flats, as per the agenda proposal.

ITEM NO. 8 TO REPORT THE RESIGNATION AND RELIEF OF PROF. MAHENDRA P LAMA FROM THE POST OF PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 119.8.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the resignation and relief of Prof. Mahendra P. Lama from the post of Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University.

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGH POWER COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR REVAMPING OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 119.9.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Dr. S.K. Mohapatra, Member, explained that the High Power Committee constituted for recommending measure for revamping of the Regional Services Division including the student support system of the University had met thrice. The Committee is of the view that the educational delivery system of the University needs to undergo a complete paradigm shift. The Committee has emphasized that with the changing technology environment which has brought inexpensive but versatile technologies within easy access of the common man, the modes of teaching, learning and educational delivery are undergoing significant changes around the world and the University must be open to adopt them appropriately.

He further informed that the High Power Committee has requested for extension of its term for a further period of three months to enable it to deliberate more specifically upon the following aspects:

- Main processes of learning, teaching and evaluation of performance of students.
- Open Learning and Development Resources and their deployment linked with learner support services.
- System of Administrative Support processes, evolution of proper records of learning-teaching-evaluation processes and results of student performances.
- System of obtaining of feedbacks and analysis, learning outcomes and its universalisation and evolving systems for continuous reforms in the processes of learning and development.
- Quality assurance mechanism and the impact analysis.

BM 119.9.2 The Board considered the interim recommendations of the Committee and approved the extension of term of the Committee for three months to enable it to finalize its report.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL CERTAIN AMENDMENTS UNDER THE IGNOU EMPLOYEES WELFARE FUND RULES – CONSTITUTION OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

BM 119.10.1 The Board approved the amendments under Rule 9(a) of Clause 4 of IGNOU Employees Welfare Fund Rules as proposed in the agenda note.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED IN THE MATTER OF GRANT OF GRADE PAY OF RS.4600/-, PAY BAND-2 (RS.9300-34800) TO SENIOR ASSISTANTS/PERSONAL ASSISTANTS GRADE-II CADRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 119.11.1 Registrar (Administration) presented a brief of the proposal. He informed that this matter was earlier taken up in the 118th meeting of the BOM. The Board had directed to re-examine the matter in the light of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, OM No.1/1/2008-IC dt.16.11.2009, giving full justification in this regard. Accordingly, the matter was referred back to the Committee. The Committee met once again and submitted its recommendations for grant of Grade Pay of Rs.4600/- in respect of Sr. Asstts. and Personal Assistants, which was only a revision of the rates of Grade Pay, recommended by the 6th Pay Commission. The recommendations of the 6th Pay Commission were implemented in the University in toto.

The matter was discussed at length. The Board noted that the matter has already been considered and approved by the Finance committee at its 78th meeting. The Finance Committee had noted the financial implications of the proposal.

The Board approved the proposal in principle and advised that it be placed before the Finance Committee before implementation as per the provisions under Para VIII of Chapter-III of the Financial Code of the University.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2012-13

BM 119.12.1 The Board approved the Annual Report of the University for the year 2012-13 and authorized the University to submit the same to the Ministry for placing before both the Houses of Parliament, as required under Section 28, read with provisions under Statute 25 of the IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 68TH, 69TH & 70TH MEETINGS HELD ON 29.12.2012, 11.3.2013 & 19.3.2013 RESPECTIVELY

BM119.13.1 The Board approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made at its 68th, 69th and 70th meetings held on 29.12.2012, 11.3.2013 and 19.3.2013 respectively.

ITEM NO. 14 TO REPORT THE DECISION OF THE VISITOR REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND CLAUSE 12 OF STATUTE 17 ON RE-DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY AS TEACHERS

BM 119.14.1 The Board noted that the President of India, in his capacity of as the Visitor of the University has not approved the proposal of the University to amend Clause (12) of Statute 17 on re-designation of certain academic positions in the University as Teachers. .

ITEM NO. 15 (A) TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, SCHOOL OF SCIENCES, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, STRIDE, SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

(B) TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR GIVING THE CHARGE OF DIRECTOR OF SOME SCHOOLS TO SENIOR MOST TEACHERS AT THE LEVEL OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WHERE ONLY ONE PROFESSOR OR NO PROFESSOR WAS AVAILABLE/ELIGIBLE

BM 119.15.1 (A) The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointing the following Professors as Directors of the Schools, as per details given below:

S.No.	Name	Period of Terms	Name of the School
1.	Prof. D. Gopal	01.07.2013 to 30.06.2016	School of Social Sciences
2.	Prof. Vijayshri	09.07.2013 to 08.07.2016	School of Sciences

3.	Prof. N.K. Dash	01.08.2013 to 31.07.2016	School of Education
4.	Prof. S. Srilatha	05.08.2013 to 04.08.2016	School of Management Studies
5.	Prof. C.R.K. Murthy	26.08.2013 to 25.08.2016	STRIDE
6.	Prof. Sunaina Kumar	01.10.2013 to 30.09.2016	School of Humanities

(B) The Board further noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor for giving the charge of Director of some Schools, till further order, to the senior most teachers at the level of Associate Professor where only one Professor or no Professor was available/eligible as per the amended provisions of Clause 1(ii)(a) of Statute 4:

S.No.	Name	Name of the School
1.	Dr. S.K. Yadav	School of Agriculture
2.	Dr. A.K. Gaba	School of Vocational Education & Training
3.	Dr. Nehal A. Farooquee	School of Extension and Development Studies
4.	Dr. Govindraju Bhardwaja	School of Performing and Visual Arts

The Board also noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor for giving the additional charge of the Director of the School of Tourism Hospitality Services Sectoral Management to Prof. Kapil Kumar w.e.f. 19.7.2013.

ITEM NO. 16 TO REPORT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE REGARDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN DIVISIONS/UNITS/CENTRES

BM 119.16.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in entrusting the additional charge of Directors of the following Divisions/Units/Centres, as per details given below:

S. No.	Name of the Division	Name of the official	With effect from
1	Academic Co-ordination Division	Prof. Ravindra Kumar	15 th July, 2013
2	Inter University Consortium	Prof. Santosh Panda	17 th July, 2013
3	Electronic Media Production Centre	Prof. A. R. Khan	17 th July, 2013
4	Campus Placement Cell	Dr. Manoj Kulshreshtha	17 th July, 2013
5	Research Unit	Prof. Narayan Prasad	31 st July, 2013
6	Defence Unit	Prof. B. I. Fozdar	31 st July, 2013

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDINANCE ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BM 119.17.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Narayan Prasad, Director, Research Unit was invited to present the Item. Prof. Prasad informed that the UGC had formulated the UGC Regulation 2009 (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree). A strong need was, therefore, felt to introduce major amendments in the existing Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes of the University. The matter was accordingly, placed before the Research Council. It was suggested that all the essential conditions of UGC Regulation may be accommodated in the IGNOU Research Ordinance. Accordingly, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee to prepare a Draft Ordinance. The Committee deliberated on each Clause of the existing Ordinance and worked out the amendments in the light of UGC Regulation, 2009. The amendments were subsequently placed before the Research Council and the Academic Council for consideration. The Committee also deliberated on the suggestions/modifications made by the Research Council and the Academic Council and the finalized the draft Ordinance.

The Board deliberated the proposal at length. The members suggested a minor addition in Clause 3.2 (iv) that for direct admission to Ph.D programme of IGNOU, the word '*IGNOU*' may be replaced by the words '*the University established by an Act of Parliament or by the State Legislature Act*'. Further it was also suggested to add a proviso in Clause 4.3 viz. '*provided that the Directors of the Schools will not be allotted any new students for Ph.D/M.Phil supervision till they hold the position of Director*'.

BM 119.17.2 The Board approved the amendments in the IGNOU Research Ordinance with the above suggestions/modifications. The Board further directed that the amended IGNOU Research Ordinance may be forwarded to the MHRD for assent of the Visitor. The statement showing the existing provisions, proposed amendments and the provisions after amendments in the IGNOU Research Ordinance is placed as **Appendix-5**.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF 71ST MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21.11.2013 REGARDING THE PROPOSALS FOR LIFTING OF

**PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION OF
TEACHERS/ACADEMICS AND GROUP-A OFFICERS OF
THE UNIVERSITY**

BM 119.18.1 The Board approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made at its 71st meeting held on 21.1.2013 regarding the proposals for lifting of probation and confirmation of 71 teachers/academics and 19 Group-A officers of the University, as per the **Appendices-6 & 7**.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO FORMULATE AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) POLICY DOCUMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY

BM 119.19.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Dr. Anil Wali presented the proposal. He informed that a Committee was constituted to formulate the Intellectual Property policy of the University. The Committee has prepared a draft policy. Elaborating further, he informed the Board that the IPR policy document has four sections of which Section 1 outlines the objectives and scope of the policy and refers to the various kinds of IPs and the definitions used in the policy document. The Section 2 addresses the issues of ownership of copyrights and other forms of IP like the patents, it also refers to the various types of activities of IGNOU leading to creation of intellectual properties. The Section 3 covers transfer and use of intellectual property including modalities of licensing, collaboration, use of IGNOU's courseware, etc. and the Section 4 dwells on the administrative aspects of the policy at IGNOU.

The Board appreciated the efforts made by the Committee and approved the Intellectual Property Policy of IGNOU. The Board further felt that the IGNOU study material may not be sold to any institution in bulk to avoid its misuse. A copy of the IPR policy documents is placed at **Appendix-8**.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATIONS OF THREE MEMBERS ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR (ADMINISTRATION) UNDER SUB-CLAUSE(II)(D) & (E) OF STATUTE 12(2) OF IGNOU ACT

BM 119.20.1 The Board nominated the following persons on the Selection Committee for the appointment of Registrar (Administration):

Under Sub-Clause (d) of Clause (2)(ii) of Statute 12:

1. Prof. D.B. Phatak, Member, BOM
2. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Member, BOM

Under Sub-Clause (e) of Clause (2)(ii) of Statute 12:

Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor, JNU

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE RESTRUCTURING OF BACHELOR'S PREPARATORY PROGRAMME (BPP) AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES (BDP) OF IGNOU

BM 119.21.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman informed that keeping in view the paradigm shift in education system which necessitates making educational interventions employment oriented, a Committee was constituted to have a re-look at the existing Bachelor's Preparatory Programme (BPP) and Bachelor's Degree Programmes (BDP) so as to make these programmes relevant to contemporary socio-economic situation and employment oriented without changing the basic structures of these programmes. A copy of the report submitted by the Committee was placed before the Board which is placed at **Appendix-9**.

BM 119.21.2 The Board deliberated the recommendations of the Committee at length. The Board appreciated the efforts being made by the University for making the BPP and BDP Programmes of the University employment-oriented and relevant to the contemporary needs and approved the proposal for restructuring of these programmes, as suggested by the Committee.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SEEKING FIRST STAGE ADVICE FROM CVC BEFORE SERVING CHARGE SHEET TO DR. A. N. TRIPATHI, EX-REGIONAL DIRECTOR, R.C., ALIGARH FOR ALLEGED MALPRACTICE AND CORRUPTION IN B.ED. ADMISSION

BM 119.22.1 The Board approved the proposal for seeking the first stage advice from CVC before serving charge-sheet to Dr. A.N. Tripathi, Ex-Regional Director, RC, Aligarh for alleged malpractice and corruption in B.Ed. admission.

ITEM NO. 23 PLACEMENT OF IGNOU STUDENTS

BM 119.23.1 The Chairman informed the Board that the University organized a 'Job Mela' at IGNOU Campus in association with an Organisation, namely, People Strong (HR Service Provider), Gurgaon on November 22, 2013 for the placement of existing and passed out students (in last three Convocations) from four Regional Centres located in Delhi NCT. The Board was informed that the response to the event was very encouraging. Around 872 students participated in Job Mela out of which 61 students were short-listed for next rounds of personal interviews. He further informed that a quick exercise was taken to know as to why only 61 students were selected for next round of personal interview. The study revealed that the students lacked communication skills and knowledge of current affairs. He informed that Board that the University is, therefore, considering to prepare modules on communication skills and current affairs and provide the same to the aspiring students free of cost so as to enable them to face subsequent rounds of interviews successfully for placement.

The Chairman further informed that IGNOU is entering into a long-term arrangement with HERO for motorcycle technician training programme so that the enrolled students can benefit from the widespread network of HERO Dealers workshops for their hand-on training requirements.

The Board appreciated the genuine efforts made by the University for organizing job mela. The Board also approved the proposal for providing modules on communication skills free of cost for motivation of students.

The following Items were tabled by the Vice Chancellor/Chairman

ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO VICE-CHANCELLORS

BM 119.24.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman informed the Board that the University was engaged in a big way in academic activities and was on the threshold of further expansion so as to fulfill its mandate. He further stated that so far he has been looking after the work as the Vice-Chancellor single handed and now he feels that there is a definite need for having Pro Vice-Chancellors to support the system. The Chairman referred to the statutory provisions relating to appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellors in the

University. The Board also noted that the University has provision to appoint up to 5 Pro Vice-Chancellors. The Chairman informed the Board that Statute 3 of the IGNOU Act provides that the Pro Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor. The Statute further provides that the term of office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be decided by the Board of Management but it shall not exceed 03 years or until the expiration of the term of the office of the Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier with a further provision that a Pro Vice-Chancellor shall retire on attaining the age of 65 years. The Vice-Chancellor recommended that the following names for appointment to the posts of Pro Vice-Chancellors for consideration of the Board:

1. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University and Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Business Management, Vikram University, Ujjain, M.P.
2. Prof. P. Prakash, Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad
3. Prof. Sushma Yadava, Professor of Public Policy & Governance & Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi

Copies of bio-data of the above persons were also circulated among the Members for consideration.

BM 119.24.2 The Board appreciated the need of the University for the post of Pro Vice-Chancellors as the University is expected to be heading for a massive growth in the near future and considered the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Board also appreciated the recommendation made by the Vice Chancellor, as all the three of them were well qualified and experienced. The Board approved the appointment of aforementioned as Pro Vice-Chancellors in the University for a period of 03 years from the date of joining in terms of the provisions under Statute 3 of IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER THE RELAXATION IN THE DEPUTATION PERIOD OF PROF. S.K. PANDA

BM 119.25.1 The Item was taken up for consideration by the Board. The Chairman informed the Board that Prof. S.K. Panda was offered the position of Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), MHRD, Govt. of India, for a tenure of 4 years. Keeping in view the urgency, the Vice Chancellor relieved Prof. Panda initially for a period of one year on deputation terms to facilitate him to take up the new assignment immediately.

The Chairman further informed that as per the extant Rules, the maximum period of deputation is 5 years. As per records available with the ACD, Prof. Panda has already availed 3 years, 8 months and 10 days, out of 5 years and thus a period of 1 year, 3 months and 20 days is still available to be availed by Prof. Panda on deputation terms. The Board deliberated upon the issue and ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting him the deputation period of one year initially. The Board also approved that the remaining period i.e. 3 months & 20 days may also be availed by Prof. Panda in order to complete the period of 5 years available for him to be on deputation.

The Board further approved that Prof. S.K. Panda shall be allowed to avail of the period over and above the period of 5 years as stated above to complete his tenure of 4 years in NCTE as on EOL as per the Leave Ordinance of the University.

ITEM NO. 26 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ENTRUSTING THE CHARGE OF DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ODL CENTRE FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE

BM 119.26.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in entrusting the additional charge of Director, National ODL Centre for Local Governance to Prof. E. Vayunandan, Professor of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU.

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

(Prof. M. Aslam)
Chairman