

MINUTES OF THE 122ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 25, 2015 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. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor (I/c)	- Chairman
2	Shri S.P. Goyal, Joint Secretary (TEL), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3	Shri Rajiv Kapoor, ADG, AIR Ministry of I & B	- Representative, Secretary (I&B)
4	Prof. Ram G. Takwale	- Member
5	Dr.(Ms.) Ruth Manorama	- Member
6	Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak	- Member
7	Dr. Anil Wali	- Member
8	Prof. K.N. Tripathi	- Member
9	Prof. S. Srilatha	- Member
10	Prof. S.R. Jha	- Member
11	Dr. Sanjeev Pandey	- Member
	Shri Sudhir Budakoti, Registrar (Admn.)	- Secretary

Prof. D.B. Phatak and Prof. Bakul Dholakia, Members of the Board could not attend the meeting. Prof. P. Prakash, PVC and Prof. Sushma Yadav, PVC also attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

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

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the Board of Management to the 122nd meeting of the Board. He introduced Prof. K.N. Tripathi and Prof. S. Srilatha to the BOM, as the new members of the Board. He also introduced Shri Sudhir Budakoti as the new Registrar (Administration) & Secretary, BOM to the Board of Management.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, also placed on record the appreciation for the valuable contributions made by the outgoing members of the Board, namely, Er. R.K. Gupta and Prof. Annu J. Thomas during their tenure on the Board. He also placed on record the appreciation for Shri J. Ernest Samuel, Ex-Registrar & Secretary of the BOM, during his term.

Before the Items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration, the Chairman presented before the BOM a brief account of the developments that had taken place in the University since the last meeting of the Board (121st) held on 21.6.2014, as under:

1. An Inquiry under Section 10(1) of the IGNOU Act read with Sections 16 & 21 of General Clauses Act, was instituted by the Visitor to look into the various shortfalls, irregularities and excessive action committed by Indira Gandhi National Open University between 20.10.2011 (when the present VC Prof. M. Aslam joined as acting VC) onwards till date, vide MHRD letter No.F.10-2/2014-DL dated 18.11.2014. Further, vide MHRD letter No. 10-2/2014-DL dated 28.11.2014 Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU was ordered to proceed on leave to enable unbiased inquiry by the Inquiry Officer, Prof. Syed A Bari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat. Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU was further directed to handover the charge of the post of the Vice Chancellor, IGNOU to Prof. Nageshwar Rao, being senior-most Pro Vice Chancellor, as per the provisions of Statute 1(6) of IGNOU Act 1985 with immediate effect and proceed on leave. Accordingly, Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU handed over the charge of the office of the Vice Chancellor to Prof. Nageshwar Rao on 28.11.2014. Vide MHRD letter No.10-2/2014-DL dated 20th February, 2015, the Ministry also informed that permission of the MHRD may be sought before Prof. Aslam is allowed to join back as Vice Chancellor. The Chairman also informed the Board that the Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Aslam has filed the Writ Petition in the High Court of Delhi challenging the order of the Ministry of HRD for the institution of the inquiry against him. The Hon'ble Court listed the Petition of Prof. Aslam on 10.2.2015, 16.3.2015, 09.4.2015 & 24.4.2015. The next date of hearing was fixed for 16.7.2015.
2. The Ministry of HRD has given 12 MeLT Vans free of cost to IGNOU. These Vans have been attached with Regional Centres of Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Kolkata, Shillong, Bhubaneswar, Madurai, Cochin, Lucknow and Raipur besides the University Hqrs. at Delhi. The Vans are well equipped to reach the unreached areas in the country for promotion of higher education. For this, the University is thankful to MHRD for their kind support.
3. The UGC vide its Order dated 31.5.2013 took over the staff working at erstwhile DEC on 'deemed deputation basis'. Subsequently, on the request of IGNOU, the UGC repatriated the staff back to IGNOU in two batches :1st batch w.e.f. 1.8.2014 and the 2nd batch w.e.f. 1.3.2015. Currently, 16 academic staff including one Professor of erstwhile DEC have been allocated in different Divisions/Centres/Units of the University as a

temporary arrangement. The erstwhile DEC staff was performing the activities related to promotion, coordination and determination of standards in the ODL system. The University is planning to constitute a Committee to use their expertise in the best interests of the IGNOU. It was also suggested by Prof. R.G. Takwale that the University may establish Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

4. The STRIDE had conducted 5 to 6 Workshops at IGNOU Headquarters during the period 2014-2015 for the benefit of the ODL functionaries. It was suggested that STRIDE must conduct more such programmes in future.
5. The Campus Placement Cell of IGNOU had conducted recruitment drives with 14 Companies at IGNOU Headquarters. Around 170 students of the University were selected during the special placement initiatives undertaken by the Campus Placement Cell. Regional Centres spread all over the country were also actively involved in executing placement drive. The Board appreciated the efforts made by the Placement Cell in this regard.
6. The Term-End examinations of June 2014 and December 2014 were conducted very smoothly and the results were also declared within the prescribed period of 45 days. The Board noted that the examinations of the University were conducted smoothly and the results have been declared timely. The Board complemented the Registrar, SED and the officers/staff in the Examination and Evaluation Units of the University for their commitment and sincerity.
7. The admissions in the University have been showing improvement. More than 7 lakh students were admitted during the last July 2014 and January 2015 sessions . The Board expressed the satisfaction about the progress made in this regard.
8. The issue of recognition and equivalence of programmes offered by the University in ODL mode was deliberated. The programmes offered under ODL system are at par with the programmes offered under conventional system as per the circulars issued by the MHRD and UGC. Still, a few organizations and departments in the country are not recognizing the degrees and diplomas offered by IGNOU under ODL system. The MHRD is constantly looking into this issue of recognition and equivalence. Shri S.P. Goyal, Joint Secretary, MHRD informed the Board that the Ministry was very much aware of such developments and assured that the matter will be taken up by the Ministry at appropriate level.
9. The University has signed an Agreement with HERO Motocorp. Ltd. The University has renewed the MOC with KVS and also signed an MOU with

Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (IIBF). It was suggested that a suitable academic and administrative procedure be evolved for this purpose.

10. In a Seminar of the Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities held on 4th & 5th February 2015 at Rashtrapati Bhawan, 21 Action Points were identified (**Appendix-1**). The University has already constituted a Committee for further action on the above points. The University is constantly making efforts in this direction. For certain activities, Nodal Officers have also been appointed.
11. The Chairman also identified three major areas of concern which the University is facing:
 - (i) The **International operations** through Partner Institutions were started in 1997. The experimentation of collaborative arrangement under Section 5(vii) of Statute regarding Partner Institute was used in the beginning. The international presence of the IGNOU was visible substantially during the last 15 years. As the existing agreements with the Partner Institutions have come to an end, we could not admit fresh students in July 2014, January 2015 and July 2015 . We are in the process of starting international operations through Overseas Study Centres. A separate Agenda Item vide Item No.22 is also being placed in the present meeting. The University had requested the Ministry to obtain ex-post facto approval of the Visitor for the international operations. The Ministry vide its letter dated 09.01.2015 said that the IGNOU should take care of all the students enrolled under various courses/programmes by way of conducting their examination and thereby awarding of requisite certificates/diplomas and degrees to them.
 - (ii) The University is having the faculty and academic strength of more than 400 eligible **Research** Supervisors which are to be effectively utilized in M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes. We are not doing any fresh enrolment for the last one year. The new Ph.D Ordinance is still pending with MHRD/UGC. The issue regarding Ph.D to be carried on in distance mode is also to be addressed at the appropriate forum.
 - (iii) The BOM in its 118th meeting had approved the proposal to discontinue face-to-face programmes conducted through Community College Scheme and through various MOUs. We are in the process of clearing this backlog. Some **results** have been declared and a few other under various schemes are yet to be declared.

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

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 121ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 21, 2014 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON

BM 122.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 121st Meeting of the Board of Management held on 21.6.2014 were circulated to the members of the Board on 01.7.2014. No comments have been received on these minutes. Accordingly, the extract of the various decisions/resolutions were forwarded to the concerned Schools/ Divisions/Units for taking further action. While confirming the minutes of 121st meeting, the following points were emerged:

BM 122.1.2 With regard to Resolution No.BM121.1.3 regarding the Guidelines for re-employment of Professors after the age of superannuation in IGNOU under Para 3, sub-clause-vi, it was suggested that the teaching/research experience of 12 years as Professor in the University system be replaced with 10 years. It was also suggested that the vacant posts due to superannuation should also be advertised while considering the case of re-employment of teachers. The Board agreed to the suggestions made in this regard.

BM 122.1.3 As regards the Resolution No.BM 121.12.4 & 5, it was desired to have the papers relating to FIR against Dr. R. Sudarsan procured. It was clarified that a letter in this regard was sent to the Police Station, Neb Sarai, as per Appendix-2 of Action Taken Report, placed in the Board.

BM 122.1.4 As regards the action taken in respect of Item No.3, the Joint Secretary, MHRD emphasized the need to ensure that the programmes offered by the University through the Overseas Partner Institutes/Study Centres conform to the specifications of degrees as per the UGC norms. It was clarified that the University is offering the same programmes through the Overseas Partner Institutions which are offered by the University in India and they conform to UGC specifications.

BM 122.1.5 As regards Item No.6, the Joint Secretary mentioned that while filling the vacant posts in the University it should be ensured that the guidelines regarding the roster points as well as other guidelines circulated by the DoPT from time to time for filling up the posts be followed strictly. It is to be further ensured that the roster points are updated regularly, through a duly constituted Roster Committee.

- BM 122.1.6** With regard to Item No.8, the Board noted the status as reported in the ATR.
- As regards the issues relating to action to be taken by the MHRD regarding Community Colleges it was agreed that no action in this regard is needed at MHRD level now.
- BM 122.1.7** As regards Item No.9 relating to constitution of the Committee to look into the IGNOU Statutes/Ordinances, the Board noted that the High Power Committee has already been constituted for the purpose. The 1st meeting of the Committee was also held on 11.11.2014. However, further action in this regard has been put on hold in the light of the MHRD letter dt.09.10.2014 addressed to the Vice Chancellors of 39 Central Universities wherein the decisions like amending the Statutes, bringing new Ordinances or amending the Ordinances etc. should not be taken by the Acting Vice Chancellor.
- BM 122.1.8** Further, the Board was informed that the MHRD vide its letter dated 10.12.2014 advised the University (i) to review and amend the existing provisions as envisaged under Statute 1 (6) and Statute 3(2) dealing with handing over the charge of Vice Chancellor, IGNOU to Pro Vice Chancellor/senior most Professor from amongst the Directors of Schools of the University as and when required and (ii) to amend Statute 6(A)(1)(v) regarding nomination of the representatives of the Govt. of India, Secretary MHRD (Ex-officio) or his nominee and Secretary, Ministry of I & B (Ex-officio) or his nominee. The University vide its letter 20.4.2015 informed the MHRD that amendments suggested by the MHRD will be taken into consideration while finalizing the Statutes & Ordinances of IGNOU in due course.
- BM 122.1.9** With regard to Item No. 16 relating to the amendments on Research Degree Programme, the Board directed that the University should take the support of the UGC/MHRD to expedite the matter.
- (The Board in its 124th meeting held on 23.1.2016 revised the BOM Resolution No.122.1.9 as per observations of the MHRD vide its letter dated 14.5.2015)*
- BM 122.1.10** As regards the Item No.20, the Board considered the status report regarding filling the posts of Chief Engineer, Chief Security Officer and Estate Officer in the University. The Ministry of Finance OM No.7(1)/E.Coord./2014 dt. 29.10.20-14 (**Appendix-2**) was referred to the Board. According to that circular, the Finance Ministry has circulated guidelines for adopting economy measures in the various departments. Under Para No.2.5 it has been pointed out that there would be a ban on creation of new Plan and Non-Plan posts. In view of the above, the Board advised that the posts of Joint Registrars, Chief Engineer, Chief

Security Officer and Estate Officer created earlier are not to be processed further.

- BM 122.1.11** The Board noted the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 121st meeting of the Board of Management held on 21.6.2014 and confirmed the minutes with the above observations/modifications/directions.
- ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 85TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14.11.2014**
- BM 122.2.1** The minutes of 85th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 14.11.2014 were placed before the Board. The Board was informed that the proposals at Item Nos.85.3 and 85.5 of the recommendations of the Finance Committee have been approved by the Board through Circulation along with the Annual Report of the University for the year 2013-14.
- BM 122.2.2** As regards Item No.85.6 of recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding decentralization of the financial operations for the confidential activities of Student Evaluation Division, the Board, after detailed deliberations, decided that there was no need to decentralize the financial powers in respect of the confidential activities of the SED. The Board directed that the payment shall only be released by the F&A Division.
- BM 122.2.3** The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its 85th meeting held on 14.11.2014 with the above observations. A copy of the Minutes of the 85th Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed as **Appendix-3**.
- ITEM NO. 3 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE (EOL) FOR ONE YEAR WITH LIEN TO DR. SUSHANT KUMAR MISHRA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TO JOIN JNU**
- BM 122.3.1** The Chairman stated that the grant of Extra Ordinary Leave in this case is within the powers of the Vice Chancellor under the provisions of Leave Ordinances of the University.
- ITEM NO. 4 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE (EOL) TO DR. R.P. SINGH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DELHI RC-II FOR ONE YEAR**
- BM 122.4.1** The Chairman stated that the grant of Extra Ordinary Leave in this case

is within the powers of the Vice Chancellor under the provisions of Leave Ordinances of the University.

ITEM NO. 5 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION OF DR. PARVEEN BABBAR, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN – LIBRARY & DOCUMENTATION DIVISION

BM 122.5.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor.

ITEM NO.6 TO REPORT THE EXTENSION OF EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE OF PROF. N.V. NARASIMHAM, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES FOR ANOTHER ONE YEAR W.E.F. 18.01.2015 TO 17.01.2016

BM 122.6.1 The Chairman stated that the grant of Extra Ordinary Leave in this case is within the powers of the Vice Chancellor under the provisions of Leave Ordinances of the University.

ITEM NO.7 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE FOR ONE YEAR WITH LIEN TO DR. DEO SHANKAR NAVIN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOTST

BM 122.7.1 The Chairman stated that the grant of Extra Ordinary Leave in this case is within the powers of the Vice Chancellor under the provisions of Leave Ordinances of the University.

ITEM NO. 8 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR EXTENDING DEPUTATION OF PROF. S.K. PANDA

BM 122.8.1 The Board noted that Prof. S.K. Panda was permitted to join the post of Chairperson, NCTE on deputation basis initially for a period of one year w.e.f. 27.11.2013. The period was further extended upto 17.3.2015 so as to enable him to avail overall permissible deputation/EOL period of five years. The Secretary, BOM informed the Board that the EOL can be granted up to a maximum period of five years as per the UGC regulations. As per the provisions under sub-clause (iv) & (vi) of Clause 8 of the Leave Ordinance of the University, the cases of grant of EOL beyond 5 years would be considered by the BOM keeping in view the important assignments, like those of Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Heads of National Institutes etc.

BM 122.8.2 The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting the extension of the term of EOL/deputation of Prof. Panda for further period of one year i.e. w.e.f.18.3.2015 to 17.3.2016 in terms of the provisions under Clause 8(iv) & (ix) of the Leave Ordinance beyond the period of five years and ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor.

BM 122.8.3 The Board further authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to examine the Leave Rules of the University and the procedure of granting the same.

ITEM NO. 9 TO REPORT THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WITH HERO MOTOCORP LTD. (ERSTWHILE HERO HONDA MOTORS LTD.) TO INITIATE SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES UNDER IGNOU-HERO MOTORCYCLE TECHNICIANS VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION PROJECT (IH-MTVQP)

BM 122.9.1 The Board appreciated the initiative of the University. However, the Board directed that any MOU/MOA/MOC for offering of collaborative IGNOU programmes shall be undertaken only through the Schools of Studies of the University. For this purpose, proposals for entering into an agreement etc. for offering of IGNOU programmes shall be considered by the respective disciplines in the Schools and processed further for consideration of the School Board and the Academic Council of the University before placing the same in the BOM. It was suggested by the Board that existing guidelines approved by BOM must be considered in future MOUs. The Board further desired that there should be uniform template covering all the aspects and the detailed guidelines/norms for MOUs/MOAs.

The Board agreed to the action taken by the University in signing of the Agreement with Hero Motocorp Ltd. for skill development programmes for working motorcycle technicians in the country under IGNOU-HERO Motorcycle Technicians Vocational Qualification Project (IH-MTVQP).

ITEM NO. 10 TO REPORT THE RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN IGNOU AND KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN (KVS) FOR PROVIDING IN SERVICE TRAINING TO THE TEACHERS OF KVS

BM 122.10.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the University in renewing the Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) between IGNOU and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) for providing in service training to the Teachers of KVS, for a further term of three years in continuation of the previous term.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MADE AT ITS 36TH MEETING HELD ON 09.04.2015

BM 122.11.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Student Services Committee, Standing Committee of the Board made at its 35th and 36th meetings held on 16.6.2014 & 09.4.2015 respectively (**Appendix-4**). It was suggested that the Board of Recognition be constituted as per provision made under Section 16 of IGNOU Act.

- ITEM NO.12**
- (A) TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS**
 - (B) TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR GIVING THE CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS TO SENIOR MOST TEACHERS AT THE LEVEL OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AS PER CLAUSE (1)(II)(A) OF STATUTE 4**
 - (C) TO REPORT THE ARRANGEMENT MADE REGARDING THE DIRECTOR OF DIVISIONS/UNITS/CENTRES**
 - (D) TO REPORT THE MATTER RELATED TO ENTRUSTING OF THE CHARGE OF VARIOUS VACANT POSITIONS OF HEADS OF DIVISIONS**

BM 122.12.1(i) The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointing the Directors of the following Schools from among the Professors of the Schools for a period of three years or till they remain on the services of the University, whichever is earlier; under the Statute 4 of the IGNOU Act.

#	Name	Name of the School	Period of term
1.	Prof. Pity Koul	SOHS	06.08.2014 to 05.08.2017
2.	Prof. P. Srinivas Kumar	SOET	05.08.2014 to 04.08.2017
3.	Prof. Neerja Chadha	SOCE	01.01.2015 to 31.12.2017
4.	Prof. Anu Aneja	SOGDS	11.02.2015 to 10.02.2018

- (ii)** The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving the charge of Directors of the Schools to the following teachers on temporary basis:

#	Name	Name of the School	w.e.f.
1.	Sh. Akshay Kumar	SOCIS	01.02.2015
2.	Prof. S. Srilatha	SOTHSSM	22.10.2014
3.	Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta	SOFL	27.10.2014

- (iii) The Board noted the arrangement made by the Vice Chancellor in giving the charge of Director of the following Divisions/Units/Centres to University officials, as per details given below:

#	Name of the Division	Name of the official
1.	Research Unit	Prof. M.S. Nathawat
2.	Student Services Centre	Dr. Neeta Kapai
3.	Inter University Consortium	Prof. Gayatri Kansal

BM 122.12.2 The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in entrusting the charge of various vacant positions of HODs to the following persons; as per the details below:

#	Name of the official(s)	Designation	Charge given
1	Sh.Sudhir Budakoti	Registrar (Admn.)	Registrar, MPDD (Additional charge)
2	Dr.S.K. Mohapatra	Director, RSD	Registrar, SED (Additional charge)
3	Ms.Vidya Sonal	Dy. Registrar	Finance Officer
4	Shri S.K. Sharma	Dy. Registrar	Registrar, SRD

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DR. SHER SINGH, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, JAIPUR AS PER THE ADVICE OF THE CVC

BM 122.13.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the advice of the CVC and decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Dr. Sher Singh , ARD Regional Centre and issue the Charge-sheet to him.

The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to decide the future course of action on behalf of the Board including the appointment of an Inquiry Officer as per the provisions under the existing rules.

Regarding the issue of the role of the CVO in the University, the Board was of the view that the CVO should function strictly as per the prescribed guidelines issued by the CVC from time to time.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE RESIGNATION OF PROF. J.M. PARAKH, SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE (GRC), STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM

BM 122.14.1 The Board accepted the resignation submitted by Prof. J.M. Parakh as the Chairperson of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC), a Standing Committee of the BOM. The Board authorized the Vice

Chancellor to appoint the Chairperson of the GRC from among the panel of three persons consisting of the senior most Professors.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF STUDY MATERIAL TO BE SUPPLIED TO NALANDA OPEN UNIVERSITY AGAINST THE BALANCE AMOUNT OF RS. 18,91,250/- AS PER AGAINST BULK PURCHASE AGREEMENT MADE ON 05.03.2013 PRIOR TO DATE OF NOTIFICATION 20.08.2014

BM 122.15.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to deal with the matter administratively.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF RETAINING 25 ACRES OF LAND ALLOTTED TO IGNOU AT TRIVANDRUM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KERALA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTH ZONE CAMPUS IN THE STATE OF KERALA ON LEASE FOR A PERIOD OF 30 YEARS

BM 122.16.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was informed to the Board that in 2011 the Govt. of Kerala donated 25 acres of land on lease for a period of 30 years to IGNOU for establishment of South Zone Campus at a nominal rent of Rs.25000/- per annum, with the conditions that the construction work shall commence within one year of the land allotment. The foundation stone was also laid by the then President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil. The University has been paying the rent of Rs.25000/- every year but the construction work could not be undertaken due to the following:

- i) The land allotted is 45 Kms away from the main city and therefore, not easily accessible to the learners,
- ii) The University has not taken any policy decision to establish the Zonal Campuses of the University.
- iii) Some complaints were also reported against the said land allotment to the University.

BM 122.16.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board decided to defer the matter with a direction to place the same to the Planning Board of the University.

ITEM NO. 17 TO SEEK DIRECTIONS OF THE BOM WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS ON THE PROPERTY (PLOT OF LAND ALONG WITH BUILDING) DONATED TO IGNOU FOR RC RAGHUNATHGANJ IN WEST BENGAL

BM 122.17.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that a piece of land measuring 0.36 acre with a build-up area of 9000 sq. fit.

(apprx.), double story, at Sayasi Danga, Jahangirpur, Raghunathganj, Distt. Murshidabad was donated to IGNOU, Regional Centre Reghunathganj by Ms. Dipali Chakraborty on 27.2.2009. Ms. Dipali is the wife of late Bireshwar Chakraborty, one of the sons of late Kamalpati Chakraborty, the legal owner of this property/land. It was further informed that this property was already gifted to Amiya Bala Girls School by late Shri Kamalapati Chakraborty himself, in memory of his late wife. Shri Dhireswar Chakraborty who is one of the sons of late Kamalapati Chakraborty is the Secretary of the School and represents the family in the governing body of the School. Further, this property was formally inaugurated as RC, IGNOU, Raghunathganj, on 02.3.2009 by Sh. Pranab Mukherjee, the then Hon'ble External Affairs Minister and MP of the constituency, and presently the Visitor of this University.

It was further informed to the Board that Sh. B. Chakraborty, another son of late Sh. Kamalapati Chakraborty has now contested that this property is jointly owned by the Chakraborty family and its donation to IGNOU, was without proper consultation with other stakeholders. He has requested IGNOU to relinquish the property in favour of the owners, as its donation in favour of the University was not legally valid. The opinion of Legal Cell was also sought. The Legal Cell has opined that;

- (a) The said donation of land by Ms Dipali Chakraborty is invalid as it does not have the consent of all the stakeholders
- (b) If late Shri Kamalapati Chakraborty has bequeathed the said property during his life time, in favour of the School viz. Amiya Bala Girls School it shall be treated as final and it cannot be re-transferred to IGNOU as has been done.
- (c) It was further informed that presently the building has been occupied by unauthorized persons.

BM 122.17.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board directed that assistance from the local Administrative authorities may be taken to resolve unauthorized occupation. Further, the matter was deferred and the Board directed to place the same before the Planning Board of the University.

ITEM NO. 18 TO REPORT THE SHIFTING OF STUDENTS OF B.A. IN APPLIED SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES (BAASLS) TO DR. SHAKUNTALA MISRA NATIONAL REHABILITATION UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW

BM 122.18.1 The Board noted the arrangements made by the University in reallocation of the 21 students of B.A. in Applied Sign Language Studies (BAASLS) to Dr. Shakuntla Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow to complete their programme.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AWARD OF DEGREES/DIPLOMAS TO THE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PROGRAMME DURING DECEMBER 2013 AND JUNE 2014 TERM-END EXAMINATION FOR 28TH CONVOCATION

BM 122.19.1 It was stated by the Secretary (BOM) that 1.9 lakh Certificates/Degrees are to be distributed in the Convocation to be held at headquarters and Regional Centres. He further said that the Convocation of the University is the Ceremonial function and protocol be observed. The matter was deliberated in detail.

The Board resolved that the Convocation of the University be organized.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER FILLING UP THE POSTS OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR AND SECTION OFFICER AT RC SRINAGAR ON DEPUTATION BASIS

BM 122.20.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that the positions of Regional Director, Assistant Regional Directors, Assistant Registrar and Section officer at the Regional Centre, Srinagar have been lying vacant for long. It was further informed the Board that due to the absence of regular staff the operational activities relating to the administration, admission, counseling, examinations, finance & accounts, material distribution etc. are severely affected at the Regional Centre, Srinagar. The regular staff could not be sent to RC, Srinagar to fill up the vacant posts due to the political conditions of the region. He further informed that earlier the post of Regional Director was filled in on deputation basis. It is, therefore, proposed to fill in the vacant posts of Regional Director, Assistant Regional Directors, Assistant Registrar and Section Officer at Regional Centre, Srinagar on deputation basis for some more time following the due procedure.

As regards the post of Section Officer, the Secretary informed the Board that the matter of filling up the vacancy of Section Officer at Regional Centre, Srinagar has been challenged in the Hon'ble High Court of J & K and therefore, the same can not be operated for the present.

BM 122.20.2 The matter was discussed at length. The Board observed that it may not be appropriate to consider the proposal for filling up of the posts of Regional Director, Assistant Regional Directors etc. on deputation basis

and suggested that the administrative arrangements be made to post suitable persons from among the existing staff for the Regional Centre, Srinagar.

ITEM NO.21 TO APPROVE THE REVISED SCHEME OF TRAVEL GRANT TO TEACHERS, THE ACADEMIC STAFF AND GROUP-“A” (NON ACADEMIC) OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY NOTIFIED ON 18.12.2012

BM 122.21.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board accorded approval to the Revised Scheme of Travel Grants for the Teachers/ Academics & Group-A Non-Academic officers of the University, for implementation.

ITEM NO.22 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDY CENTRES OUTSIDE INDIA WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE VISITOR

BM 122.22.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the University was offering a number of academic programmes in various countries in Middle East, Asia and Africa through Partner Institutions (PIs). The new arrangement has been made as per Section 3 of IGNOU Act. Accordingly, this proposal is related to the establishment of 9 Overseas Study Centres for obtaining the Visitor’s approval in terms of Section 3(2) of IGNOU Act.

BM 122.22.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Joint Secretary, MHRD suggested that the specific parameters for identifying the Overseas Study Centres be also sent to the Ministry along with the proposal.

The Board agreed to the suggestion of the Joint Secretary and directed that the proposal relating to establishment of 9 Overseas Study Centres for obtaining the Visitor’s approval as per terms of section 3(2) of IGNOU Act be sent to MHRD accordingly.

ITEM NO.23 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS ON: (I) THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE (1)(VI)(C) OF STATUTE 6A, AND (II) THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER CLAUSE (1)(IV) OF STATUTE 11 OF THE IGNOU ACT

BM 122.23.1 The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate members on the Board of Management and the Finance Committee on behalf of the Board.

ITEM NO.24 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY BOM IN THE CASE OF DR. V.S.P. SRIVASTAVA, JOINT DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION

BM 122.24.1 The Board considered the report submitted by the Committee constituted in the matter. The Board decided that the Report is required to be examined and therefore, directed the Secretary, BOM to examine the Report and put up a brief note on the recommendations of the Committee in the next meeting of the BOM.

ITEM NO.25 TO REPORT THE DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME AND ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME

BM 122.25.1 The Board noted the developments regarding (i) Community College Scheme and (ii) Armed Forces Community College Scheme. After detailed discussions, the Board directed that further action in this matter be dealt administratively, as per the directions of the Board given in its earlier meetings.

ITEM NO.26 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF SIGNING OF DEGREES/DIPLOMAS FOR THE STUDENT COMPLETED THEIR B.ED/DPE PROGRAMME UNDER IGNOU-MANNU JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMME

BM 122.26.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board discussed in detail the proposal for signing of the degrees/diplomas jointly by the Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and Vice Chancellor, MANNU. The Board was further informed that there is no provision of signing/issuance of the Joint degrees/diplomas by the University under existing Statute/Ordinances of the University. It was also informed to the Board that NCTE is also examining the issue at their level. It was also opined that further examination is to be done in this regard.

ITEM NO.27 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCT OF PENDING EXAMINATIONS OF AISECT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AISECT PROGRAMMES

BM 122.27.1 The Chairman informed that he has received additional information in this regard. It is to be further examined. Accordingly, the item was deferred.

ITEM NO.28 TO CONSIDER THE STATUS REPORT ON GYAN DARSHAN TV CHANNEL AND GYAN VANI FM RADIO STATIONS

BM 122.28.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Director, EMPC was invited to present the proposal. He informed that the Gyan Darshan and Gyan Vani are the educational initiatives of the MHRD and the IGNOU is the nodal organization. The matter before the Board is to consider declaration of the University as Public Service Broadcaster by the Ministry of I &B under umbrella of Prasar Bharati for issue of license. This step will substantially reduce the liability of the license fee payable by IGNOU to the Ministry of Communication and IT. Director, EMPC informed the Board that the Ministry of HRD needs to be requested to take up the matter with the Ministry of I & B at appropriate level. The University was prepared to release payment related to license, DTH, ISRO charges, once the rates of the license fee are decided and the license issued in favour of IGNOU from Ministry of I&B.

As regards the broadcast of the Gyan Vani programmes, Director, EMPC reported that the broadcast by 37 Gyan Vani FM Stations have been discontinued w.e.f. 01.10.2014 due to the delay in release of their dues to the tune of Rs.22 cores. The University has also taken the necessary initiatives to restart the Gyan Vani broadcast. Shri Rajiv Kapoor who was representing the Secretary, I & B also assured the Board that he will help in sorting out the issues at the level of the Ministry of I & B.

The Board also sought the kind intervention of the MHRD and the Ministry of I & B to expedite the issue.

ITEM NO.29 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF DR. SRIKANT MOHAPATRA, DIRECTOR, REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION TO HANDOVER THE CHARGE OF THE DIVISION

BM 122.29.1 The Chairman informed that the matter will be dealt as per statute 4 (1) and will be reported to BOM .

ITEM NO.30 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR RECRUITMENT/APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION/ PLACEMENT IN THE SENIOR SCALE UNDER CAS TO VARIOUS TEACHING/ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND GROUP-A NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

BM 122.30.1 The Board considered the matter and Director ACD was invited to be present. The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection

Committee meetings for promotion / placement in the Senior Scale under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) to various teaching & academic positions, as per details given below.

1. Teaching/Academic positions

Date of Meeting	Position	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee	Remarks
26.7.2014	Placement of Assistant Professors in Law (SOL) in Senior Scale under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.7000/-)	1. Dr.Gurmeet Kaur 2. Mr.Anand Gupta	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
26.7.2014	Placement of Assistant Regional Directors in Senior Scale under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.7000/-)	1. Sh. Anshuman Upadhyaya 2. Sh. Bhanu Pratap 3. Sh. Mohan Sharma 4. Sh. Pramesh Chandra 5. Sh. Santanu Mukherji 6. Sh. Amit Kumar Srivastava 7. Sh. Sher Singh(*) 8. Sh. Dharmarao Gonipati 9. Sh. Manoj Tirkey 10.Sh.Bimal Chandra Nanda	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility <i>(* As regards the recommendation of the Selection Committeee in respect of Sh.Sher Singh, ARD, it was noticed (vide Agenda Item No.13supra) that a Charge-sheet has to be issued as per the advice of the CVC. Therefore, the case be kept pending for further action.</i>
28.7.2014	Placement of Assistant Professors in Nursing (SOHS) in Senior Scale under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.7000/-)	1. Ms. Laxmi 2. Mrs. Reeta Devi 3. Ms. Neerja Sood	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
02.8.2014	Placement of Assistant Professor in Physics (SOS) in Senior Scale under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.7000/-)	Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility

02.8.2014	Promotion to the post of Reader in Physics under CAS in the Pay Band-III of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.8000/-)	Dr. Sanjay Gupta	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
02.8.2014	Promotion to the post of Professor of Physics under CAS in the Pay Band-IV of Rs.37400-67000 (AGP Rs.10000/-)	Dr.Shubha M.Gokhale	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
25.10.2014	Promotion to the post of Reader in Education under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.8000/-)	Dr. Sutapa Bose	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
25.10.2014	Promotion to the post of Professor, STRIDE under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.37400-67000 (AGP Rs.10000/-)	Dr. R.Satyanarayana	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
29.10.2014	Placement of Assistant Professors in Translation (SOTST) in Senior Scale under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.7000/-)	1. Dr. Harish Kumar Sethi 2. Dr. Jyoti Chawla	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
01.11.2014	Promotion to the post of Reader in Sociology under CAS in the Pay Band-III of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.8000/-)	Dr.R. Vashum	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility
15.11.2014	Placement of Lecturers in Anthropology in Senior Scale under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.7000/-)	1. Dr. Mitoo Das 2. Dr. Rukshana Zaman 3. Dr. P. Venkatramana 4. Dr. K. Anil Kumar	Recomemnded from the date of eligibility

BM 122.30.2 As regards the recommendations for appointments of teachers vide (A) of the agenda note the Chairman informed the contents of the MHRD letter dated 09.10.2014 .It states that the appointment of permanent teaching and non-teaching staff, creation of new posts etc. should not be taken up by the Acting Vice Chancellor. Accordingly, the Board decided to defer the recommendations of such Selection Committees.

BM 122.30.3 The recommendations of the Selection Committees for Non-Academic Group-A positions viz. Joint Registrar, Chief Engineer and Chief Security Officer were also deferred in accordance with the provision contained in the Ministry of Finance OM No.7(1)/E.Coord./2014 dt. 29.10.20-14 as mentioned in Resolution No.BM 122.1.10.

ITEM NO.31 TO CONSIDER THE ADVICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES REGARDING SH.M. RAJAMANNAR IN THE LIGHT OF DECISION TAKEN BY 114TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 28.07.2012

BM 122.31.1 The matter was presented in detail. The Board also considered the representation submitted by Shri Rajamannar, dated 22.4.2015 addressed to the Vice Chancellor. The Chairman also read out the letter No. M-37/HRD-32/05/SSW-III dated 01/04/2015 of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. The Commission in its letter has examined the whole matter in detail and it is of the view that the case of Shri Rajamannar should be placed before the BOM for consideration again.

The Board after detailed discussions reiterated the decision taken in its 91st meeting held on 02.7.2007 which was reaffirmed at its 110th meeting held on 05.10.2011 vide Res. No.BM 110.4.2. He was already granted promotion with effect from 2nd July 2007. His request for placing him in the Selection Grade w.e.f. 06/03/2005 was not agreed by the Board.

ITEM NO.32 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE AGAINST ONE OF THE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY FORWARDED BY MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

BM 122.32.1 The Board considered the matter. Since the Report of the Complaint Committee of the MHRD against Dr. S.S. Jena was voluminous, the Board decided to constitute a Committee to examine the Report and submit its recommendations along with a brief of the Report of the Complaint Committee to be placed in the next meeting of the BOM. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (i) Dr. Anil Wali, Member, BOM
- (ii) Prof. K.N. Tripathi, Member, BOM
- (iii) Prof. S.Srilatha, Member, BOM
- (iv) Director, ACD - *Convenor*

ITEM NO.33 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUSPENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE REPORT OF THE INQUIRY OFFICER IN RESPECT OF DR. R. SUDARSAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

BM 122.33.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The concluding para of the Inquiry Report was read out by the Secretary before the Board. The Board considered the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer Shri A.N. Bokshi. The Board decided to revoke the suspension of Dr. R. Sudarsan with immediate effect.

The Board decided that the Secretary, BOM shall furnish a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer Dr. R. Sudarsan for his comments/response, if any. The Secretary shall also prepare a brief of the findings of the Inquiry Report and the response, if any, received from the Charged Officer which shall be placed before the next BOM for consideration.

ITEM NO.34 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGH POWER COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR REVAMPING OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

BM 122.34.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The recommendations of the High Power Committee were presented in brief.

The Board considered the Report of the High Power Committee. The Board, in principle, agreed to the recommendations in TOR-I and TOR-II of the Report. The Item could not be discussed further and was deferred.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman