

MINUTES OF THE 132ND MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2019 AT 3.00 P.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	- Chairman
2.	Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary (DL & Admn.), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3.	Shri Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary, Ministry of I & B	- Representative, Secretary, I & B
4.	Dr. Hitesh Deka	- Member
5.	Dr. P. Prakash	- Member
6.	Prof. Satyakam	- Member
7.	Prof. Debal K. Singharoy	- Member
8.	Dr. Ranjan Kumar	- Member
	Ms. Vidya Sonal, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

The meeting of the Board of Management began with a welcome note by Registrar(Admn) I/c. Thereafter, Chairman of the Board welcomed all the members. The Chairman especially welcomed Dr. P. Prakash, former Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and presently the Vice Chancellor, SRM University, Sonapat on the Board as new member.

The Chairman also placed on record the appreciation for valuable contributions made by the outgoing member of the Board Dr. A. Surya Prakash whose term on the BOM expired on 04.01.2019.

The Vice Chancellor, thereafter, informed that the Emergent meeting of the Board of Management has been convened to consider the proposal regarding framing of the Ordinance to draft high standards for running various Open & Distance Learning Courses/Programmes of the University and to consider the Audited Annual Accounts 2017-18 for onward submission to the MHRD, Govt. of India.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were presented before the Board.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FRAMING OF ORDINANCE TO DRAFT HIGH STANDARDS FOR RUNNING VARIOUS OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES/ PROGRAMMES

BM 132.1.1 The Secretary informed that the Board the Ministry of HRD vide its letter No.F6-1/2014-DL (Pt.) dated 01.01.2019 (**Appendix-1**) informed the University that the UGC in its 535th Commission's meeting held on 27.9.2018, in principle, has agreed for taking IGNOU out of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017. It was further informed that the MHRD is also considering the recommendations of the UGC on the subject matter. In this connection, the MHRD has suggested the University that in the first instance IGNOU should prepare an Ordinance laying down such standards in Open and Distance Learning courses/programmes which can be considered to be a benchmark of world class quality in ODL method of education.

BM 132.1.2 As per the directions of the MHRD, a draft Ordinance on "Standards for Development and Delivery of Academic Programmes", was prepared and placed before the Board for consideration (**Appendix-2**). Prof. Swaraj Basu, Prof. Debel Singharoy, Prof. S.R. Jha, Prof. Uma Kanjilal and Prof. Manjulika Srivastava were also invited to attend the meeting. Prof. Manjulika Srivastava made a Power-Point Presentation before the Board and explained at length the proposed draft Ordinance.

BM 132.1.3 The Board discussed in length and after detailed discussions, the Board opined that the suggestions/comments be incorporated in the draft Ordinance and place it in the next meeting of the Board of Management.

In the meantime, Shri Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has forwarded his comments on the aforesaid Ordinance vide D.O. letter No.P-11014/8/2018-PPC dated 22.01.2019 (**Appendix-3**).

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2017-18 ALONGWITH THE FINAL SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT (SAR) AND CERTIFICATE RECEIVED FROM DGACE

BM 132.2.1 The Chairman informed that the Board of Management in its 131st meeting held on 22.12.2018 while approving the minutes of the 95th Finance Committee meeting held on 22.12.2018 had approved the Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2017-18 and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take further necessary action with reference to the recommendations of 95th meeting of the Finance Committee. The Board was further informed that the requisite copies of the Annual Accounts 2017-18 forwarded to the MHRD after incorporating the final SAR and Certificate, received from DGACE vide our letter dated 31.12.2018.

The MHRD vide its letter No.5-12/2018-DL dated 08.01.2019 (**Appendix-4**) has conveyed its observations stating that Final Separate Audit Report received from DGACE on 27.12.2018 while the Annual Accounts has been approved by the Board in its 131st meeting held on 22.12.2018. The Ministry had, therefore, requested to clarify the date(s) in this regard for taking further necessary action at their end.

BM 132.2.2 The Board approved the Audited Annual Accounts 2017-18 and final SAR received from DGACE and authorized for submission of the same to the MHRD for placing before both the Houses of Parliament, in terms of the provisions under Section 29 of IGNOU Act.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman