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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI 110 016 ON DECEMBER 14, 1990 AT 1500 HRS.

The following were present:

1. Prof V.C. Kulandai Swamy, Vice Chancellor Chairman
2. Prof Sitanshu Mehta
3. Prof Ram G. Takwale
4. Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal
5. Dr A. Jamal Kidwai
6. Prof. B.N. Koul
7. Dr S. Kannan
8. Dr S.N.Chaturvedi

Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar Secretary

Shri Anil Bordia, Shri Suresh Mathur, Dr Gurpreeth Singh, Dr.(Mrs) Rajammal P.Devadas, Dr M.P. Farameswaran, Shri Nikhil Chakravartty and Prof D D Joshi could not attend the meeting.

Prof. R.J. Garde, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Planning and Teachers Affairs) and Shri S.N. Sharma, Finance Officer attended the meeting as special invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Deputy Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Secretary of the Board.

Before the items of the agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed Prof A.J. Kidwai who attended the meeting for the first time.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 1990 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THERE ON.

21.1.1 The Minutes of the twentieth Meeting of the Board of Management held on October 5, 1990 were confirmed.

21.1.2 The Board also noted the action taken on the minutes.

ITEM NO.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S NOTE ON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT-COORDINATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS OF DISTANCE EDUCATION AS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 4 AND 5(2) OF THE IGNOU ACT.

21.2.1 The note on coordination and maintenance of standards of Distance Education was discussed. The following points emerged:

- (i) The objectives referred to in para (ii) under the powers and functions of the Distance Education Council need to be clearly specified in terms of the responsibility for promotion and coordination of the distance education system as envisaged in Section 5(2) of the IGNOU Act.
- (ii) The Distance Education Council, though established by the Board of Management, should have sufficient functional autonomy in the areas of its operations.
- (iii) The feasibility of representation for all relevant sectors on Distance Education Council may be considered.
- (iv) The Accreditation Committee may also include a representative of the Association of Indian Universities. In addition, the nomination of 3 eminent educationists on the committee may be made by the Board of Management instead of the Distance Education Council.
- (v) It was clarified that the IGNOU programmes would also be subject to accreditation by the Accreditation Committee.
- (vi) All the State Open Universities, the IGNOU and the Directorates of Distance Education in conventional Universities should get their courses accredited by the Accreditation Committee. IGNOU may provide financial assistance only to such courses/programmes which are accredited.

21.2.2

With the above observations, the Board of Management approved the proposals for the setting up of Distance Education Council and the Accreditation Committee. The Vice Chancellor also informed the Board of a reported decision taken by the UGC to set up a high level committee to consider the operationalisation of the responsibility for promotion and coordination of the Distance Education system by the IGNOU vis-a-vis the powers already vested in the Commission for coordination and maintenance of standards. The Board decided that in the light of the observations made by the members, and also the view taken by the UGC, the proposals may be finalised and the draft statutes placed before the Board for further consideration.

ITEM NO.3

TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1989-90

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21.3.1

The Board considered and approved the Draft Annual Report for 1989-90. However, the Board suggested that the Annual Reports in future should highlight the achievements of the University during the period under report with more specific data pertaining to the year.

21.3.2

While considering the draft annual report, it was pointed out that student participation in counselling at Study Centres was low. The Vice-Chancellor stated that a comprehensive study of the functioning of the Study Centres will be taken up. A view was also expressed that the output of audio/video programmes could be stepped up by improving the productivity.

ITEM NO.4

TO CONSIDER THE EIGHTH PLAN PROPOSALS OF THE UNIVERSITY

21.4.1

The Board noted that the Planning Board had considered the 8th plan proposals and had made certain observations while recommending its adoption. The Board of Management approved the 8th plan proposals as recommended by the Planning Board.

ITEM NO.5

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES

21.5.1

The Board of Management at its meeting held on August 17, 1990 decided that the existing regular Academic Associates be considered for appointment as Lecturers after they have been interviewed afresh by a duly constituted Selection Committee under statute 12. Accordingly the recommendations made by Selection Committees, which met as indicated below, were placed before the Board:

Discipline

Date of meeting

Management
Commerce

26.11.1990

Hindi

04.12.1990

History
Political Science

05.12.1990

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Chemistry	06.12.1990
Physics	
Life Sciences	07.12.1990
Education	13.12.1990

21.5.2 The Board approved the recommendations made by the selection committees.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE FRAMING OF NEW STATUTES

21.6.1 The Board of Management considered and approved new statutes, namely, (i) Statute no.26 "Ordinances how made"; and (ii) Statute no.27 on "Regulations how made". The approved statutes are placed at Appendices I & II.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO STATUTES

21.7.1 The Board considered the amendments proposed to statute 3 and statute 10. It was noted that in the case of Statute 3, the amendment had already been approved by the Board of Management at its 19th Meeting held on August 17, 1990 and the present amendment was only to remove an ambiguity in sub clause (d) of the approved draft. The Board approved the amendment. Sub-clause (d) as amended earlier, the suggested modification and the final version after the amendment are placed at Appendix III.

21.7.2 The amendment proposed to Statute 10 was approved by the Board as at Appendix IV.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE MODIFICATION SUGGESTED BY THE ARCHITECTS IN AGREEMENT (CLAUSE 7.17)

21.8.1 The Board of Management had approved the agreement to be signed between the Architect, M/s Sharat Das & Associates Private Limited and the University at its 20th Meeting held on October 5, 1990 and the agreement was duly signed by the two parties on 12.10.90.

21.8.2 The architects had requested the University that clause 7.17 of the agreement may be amended so that the authentication of documents, drawings and designs could be done by anyone of the following persons on behalf of the firm of architects:

1. Documents

Mr Sharat Das
Mr Shantanu Nag
Mr P.R. Mehta

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2. Drawings & Designs

: Mr Sharat Das
Mr Shantanu Nag
Mr P.R. Mehta
Mr N.K. Jain

21.8.3

The Board considered the proposal and approved the amendment. The amended clause 7.17 will now read as below:

"7.17 The finalisation of the line drawings of all the works and buildings shall be signed on behalf of the architects by any one of the following persons:"

1. Documents

: Mr Sharat Das
Mr Shantanu Nag
Mr P.R. Mehta

2. Drawings & Designs

: Mr Sharat Das
Mr Shantanu Nag
Mr P.R. Mehta
Mr N.K. Jain

✓ ITEM NO.9

TO CONSIDER THE ABSORPTION OF DEPUTATIONISTS IN THE UNIVERSITY

21.9.1

The Board considered the recommendations of the Absorption Committee which evaluated the performance of Dr P.K. Mehta, Regional Director, Ahmedabad Regional Centre and accepted its recommendation to absorb Dr Mehta in the service of the University in the scale of Rs.4500-7300 and that his pay be fixed according to the normal rules of pay fixation. It was also noted that the pay scale of the Regional Director as exists now is Rs.3700-5700 and, therefore, the pay scale of Rs.4500-7300 will be personal to Dr P.K. Mehta.

ITEM NO.10

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AWARDING OF DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN ABSENTIA.

21.10.1

The Board noted and endorsed the recommendation of the Academic Council and approved the award of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates to successful

candidates without their having to wait for the holding of the Convocation. The number of students who have qualified for the receipt of Degree/Diploma certificate in 1989 are indicated at Appendix V.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF THE RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PROF. S.P. VERMA, PROFESSOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TILL 7TH MAY, 1991.

21.11.1 The Board considered the proposal for extension of the re-employment of Prof. S.P. Verma, Professor in Public Administration till 7th May, 1991 and approved it.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER THE RENTAL OF THE LEASE FOR THE PREMISES AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI-16.

21.12.1 The Vice-Chancellor explained briefly the circumstances under which the premises at K-76, Hauz Khas was retained by the University on lease basis and the need to retain it for atleast another two years since substantial investments were made in the building to house the VAX Computer. He also informed the Board that he had appointed a Committee to negotiate the terms and conditions for the extension of the lease with the landlord who had demanded an increase in the rent to Rs.96,000 p.m. (The current rate being Rs.48,875/-)

21.12.2 The Board noted that following negotiations with the landlord, the following terms and conditions emerged:

- (i) The building will be leased for a further period of two years with an option for extension by a further period of two years on increased rent;
- (ii) The rent for the premises for the first two years would be Rs.63,537/50 p.m., an increase of 30% over the present rent; and
- (iii) Any increase in the property tax (over the present rate) should be reimbursed by the University to the landlord.

21.12.2 In view of the circumstances explained, the Board approved the extension of lease of the premises for a further period of two years on the above terms.

✓ ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT⁷ OF MAURITIUS AND OTHER COUNTRIES REGARDING IGNOU PROGRAMMES.

21.13.1 The Board considered the proposal outlined in the note on possible collaboration with Mauritius University (MU).

21.13.2 The Board felt that in view of the special relationship that India has with Mauritius, the proposal be accepted. The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take further steps in the matter. ✓

ITEM NO.14(1) TO REPORT ON EXTENSIONS GIVEN TO CONSULTANTS.

21.14(1).1 The Board noted the extension given to consultants as indicated in Appendix VI and approved the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO.14(2) TO REPORT ON THE PURCHASES MADE BY THE UNIVERSITY.

The Board noted that the Vice-Chancellor had authorised the purchase of two 200 KVA Diesel Generator Sets from M/s Bhaskar Power Projects Ltd., at a cost of Rs.12,76,400 and approved the action taken.

ITEM NO.14(3) TO REPORT ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

21.14(3).1 The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the proposed Special Convocation to confer the honorary degree of D.Ltt. on the President of the Republic of Senegal, fixed for 16th November 1990, was postponed following the postponement of the visit of the dignitary. This was noted.

ITEM NO.14(4) TO REPORT ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF TWO EMPLOYEES IN JAPAN FROM THE COMMUNICATION DIVISION.

The Board noted that Shri R.C. Sharma and Shri D.P. Deval, staff of the Communication Division, have gone to Japan for a training programme in July-September 1990 under the Technical Cooperation Programme with Japan and that the Government of Japan have met all their expenses with University giving them duty leave for the period of training.

ITEM NO.14(5) TO REPORT ON THE AWARD OF SENIOR TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES (ACU) TO PROF. B.N. KOUL AND THE SANCTION OF PARTIAL FINANCIAL SUBSIDY FROM IGNOU TO PROF. B.N. KOUL

21.14(5).1 It was noted that Dr B.N. Koul had been selected under the Senior Travelling Fellowship of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and that the Vice-Chancellor had agreed to extend partial financial support from the IGNOU to meet the per diem for the period not covered by the ACU award. The Board agreed to the University meeting the per diem expenditure at the approved rates and also treating the period of absence as on duty.

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

V.C. Kulandai Swamy
Vice-Chancellor