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MINUTES OF THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1995, AT 1100 HOURS AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI.

The following were present:

1. Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor, Chairman
2. Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya
3. Shri. N.V.K. Murthy
4. Prof. S.K. Verma
5. Dr. S.K. Gandhe
6. Prof. Pandav Nayak
7. Prof. Kapil Kumar
8. Dr. P.K. Mehta

Dr. T.R. Kem, Registrar - Secretary

Prof Prabhat Patnaik, Shri C.K. Birla, Shri Kapil Sibal, Ms. Nirmala Deshpande, Shri Bhaskar Ghose and prof B.S. Sharma could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Rakesh Khurana and Prof. Janardan Jha, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Prof. B.N. Koul, Pro Vice-Chancellor (STRIDE) and Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Planning & Development) attended the meeting as special invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Dy. Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Registrar.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor gave a brief account of the sequence of events that followed the unfortunate road accident in front of the University gate on 13-10-95 in which a teen-ager was killed. The rioting that followed by a group of persons from the nearby villages resulted in the loss of University property around Rs.25 lakhs. In addition to the burning of three University vehicles and a few motor cycles that were parked, the intruders broke the window and door glass-panes and set fire to certain areas within the premises which were accessible to them. In the melee, two security guards were attacked, one was stabbed and the other was hit on the head. Both were rushed to the hospital by the police and are out of danger. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that the Registrar, Dr. T.R. Kem, and few other officials were trapped in the building when the rioting broke out but they showed exemplary courage in getting things organized in spite of the fact that their lives were in danger. The Vice-Chancellor stated that, while the incidents were unfortunate and reprehensible, the University should now address the issue and initiate steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

The following points emerged after a detailed discussion:

- (i) Explore the possibility of widening the access road, or providing an alternate road.
- (ii) Take up the matter with the police for setting up a permanent police out-post near the University gate;
- (iii) Explore the possibility of locating public institutions like the Bank, Post Office and Telegraph Office in a manner which would restrict the entry of outsiders into the Campus; and
- (iv) Initiate steps, to establish proper rapport with the villages in the vicinity of the University.

Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor made a brief mention of the role of the University in the important areas like its international role, Open University networking and developing IGNOU as a national resource centre.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor placed on record the Board's appreciation of the services rendered by Shri D.C. Pant as Acting Registrar, and extended a cordial welcome to Dr T.R. Kem, the new Registrar.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JULY 18, 1995 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 43.1.1 The Vice-Chancellor referred to the comments sent by one of the members and read out the contents of the letter. It was noted that the member's comments did not point out any wrong recording of the decisions but desired that the views expressed by him at the meeting on some of the items should also find a place in the proceedings. It was agreed that the letter of the member may be appended to the minutes so that his views were on record. The letter is placed at **Appendix-1**.

BM 43.1.2 The Vice-Chancellor made a reference to Resolution No.BM 42.9.1 concerning the cases of Shri D.K. Tetri and Shri N. Sundaram. He said that the case of Shri Tetri was considered by the Establishment Committee again at its meeting held on 25-8-1995 and that its recommendations are brought before the Board under a separate item. So far as the case of confirmation of Shri Sundaram is concerned, the Vice-Chancellor stated that he had examined all the relevant documents and based on his objective assessment recommends to the Board Shri Sundaram's confirmation. The Board confirmed

Shri N. Sundaram, Dy. Registrar, with effect from 31-8-1994 as proposed by the Establishment Committee vide its Resolution No.EC 18.6.1.

BM 43.1.3

With the above observations, the Board confirmed the Minutes of its 42nd Meeting held on July 18, 1995. The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE VARIOUS ASPECTS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE IGNOU.

BM 43.2.1

The Board considered the report of the Committee appointed to examine various aspects relating to the international role of the IGNOU. After detailed discussion, the Board accepted the Report in principle and desired that a Committee consisting of professionals be appointed to advise the Vice-Chancellor on operationalising the proposals made in the Report.

ITEM NO. 3

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO EXAMINE THE MATTERS RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL BOARDS AND APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS OF STUDIES.

BM 43.3.1

The Board considered the Report of the Committee which examined the matters relating to membership of the Academic Council, the School Boards and the appointment of Directors of Schools. On a request from the Vice-Chancellor, Shri C.R. Pillai briefly explained the salient features of the proposal. Before the matter was taken up for discussion, a minor correction was suggested in the Report. The words "Member-Secretary" needs to be added immediately after the word "Registrar" appearing at the 5th line under para 10(B)(i) of the Report. After some discussion, the Board approved the following:

- (i) Academic Council: The amendments proposed to Statute 9 in the Agenda Note concerning the Academic Council, with a suggestion that Sub-Clause (iv) of Statute 9(1) may provide for one teacher from each School by rotation according to seniority;
- (ii) School Boards: Amendment to Statute 10A(2) to provide for one Reader and one Lecturer from each discipline assigned to a School on its Board. Provided that where there is

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no Professor in any discipline the senior most Reader may be nominated to the School Board; and

- (iii) Appointment of Directors of Schools: That the Director of a School shall be appointed from among the Professors of the School by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor; that the rotation of director-ship among the disciplines of a School be kept in view while making the recommendation; and that a Director of a School shall hold office for a period of three years and that he shall be eligible for reappointment.

BM 43.3.2

The Board accepted the proposals made in the Report with the above observations and desired that the statutes concerned, with appropriate amendments be brought before the Board.

ITEM NO. 4

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE (EMPC).

BM 43.4.1

On a request from the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the Report of the Committee on optimum utilisation of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC). Broadly, it is envisaged, among others, that the EMPC shall have adequate autonomy with independent personnel policy in the matter of contract appointments of competent professionals and that it would have a Management Committee which would be responsible to the Board of Management.

BM 43.4.2

After some discussion the Board approved the proposals made in the Report of the Committee on optimum utilisation of the Electronic Media Production Centre.

ITEM NO. 5

TO DESIGNATE A REGISTRAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 5(3)-(7) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 43.5.1

The Board considered the proposal and took the following decisions:

- (i) Empowered the Registrar, Dr T.R. Kem, with powers to enter into, and sign, agreements and authenticate records on behalf of the University in accordance with the

provisions contained in Section 13(2) of the IGNOU Act; and

- (ii) designated the Registrar, Dr T.R. Kem to exercise the powers and perform the functions specified in Clauses (3) to (7) of Statute 5 of the statutes of the University.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER TO THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE (3) (A) (ix) OF STATUTE 28.

BM 43.6.1

The Board nominated Prof A.N. Joshi of YCMOU as a Member of the Distance Education Council under the provisions of Clause 3(a)(ix) of Statute 28 on the recommendations of the Chairman, DEC.

ITEM NO. 7

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON THE POST OF DIRECTOR (TEACHERS' AFFAIRS).

BM 43.7.1

The Board considered the proposal and approved the conversion of one of the senior positions available consequent to merger of certain divisions and decided that the post would be designated as Director (Academic Co-ordination) to deal with all academic matters including the administrative affairs of the academic and other academic staff of the University.

ITEM NO. 8

TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1994-95.

BM 43.8.1

The Board approved the draft Annual Report for the year 1994-95 and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to finalise the draft after having it edited.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE BLOCK GRANT SCHEME.

BM 43.9.1

The Vice-Chancellor briefly highlighted the salient features of the Scheme. The major provisions of the Scheme are:

- (i) Determination of non-plan grant from 1993-94 at the level of grant in 1992-93 plus 10% thereof till 1996-97;
- (ii) Retention of the income generated by the University for making any excess expenditure during the period upto 1997;

- (iii) Transfer of savings in non-plan expenditure and any additional income generated to Development Fund;
- (iv) Greater autonomy in internal administration especially in matters relating to staff policy etc.;
- (v) Government support by way of special grants to meet additional expenditure arising out of steep increases in DA, revision of Pay Scales based on Fifth Pay Commission, etc.
- (vi) Provision for an Endowment Fund contribution to which will receive a matching share from the Government; and
- (vii) The recurring component of the 8th Plan expenditure in 1996-97 would be transferred to the non-plan account and the level of non-plan grant for the 9th Plan will be reassessed.

BM 43.9.2

It was generally opined that before opting for the block-grant scheme, it would be desirable to carefully consider all aspects and discuss the issues involved thread-bare with wider consultations. After a detailed discussion, the Board decided to constitute a Committee consisting of Prof Mihir Bhattacharya, Prof S.K. Verma, Prof Rakesh Khurana and Shri C.R. Pillai to examine the proposal in depth and present its Report to the Board for consideration.

|| ITEM NO. 10

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON PARTIAL REORGANISATION OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION.

BM 43.10.1

The proposal was considered. After some discussion, the Board approved the upgradation of six posts of Regional Directors to the grade of the Professor in the Pay Scale of Rs.4500-7300; creation of one additional post of Technical Assistant in the Pay Scale Rs.1400-2300; abolition of five posts of Sr. Technical Assistant in the Pay Scale of Rs.1640-2900; and conversion of one post of Asstt. Regional Director in each Regional Centre to that of Assistant Registrar. The Board noted that these changes would not only not involve any additional financial burden but would actually result in a saving of Rs.1.62 Lakhs per annum.