

**Minutes of the
FIFTIETH MEETING
of the
Board of Management
held on
March 28, 1997**



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI
NEW DELHI - 110 068**

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF
THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 28, 1997, AT 10.30 HOURS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Dr S.K. Gandhe
3. Prof Habibur Rahman
4. Dr (Ms) Shakuntala Varma
5. Shri J.P. Javali
6. Prof Suhash Chakravorty
7. Prof M.M. Pant
8. Dr A.R. Khan
9. Dr D.D. Kaushik

Dr Tilak R. Kem, Registrar - Secretary

Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Shri N.P. Nawani and Dr. A.C. Muthaiah could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Rakesh Khurana and Prof. Janardan Jha, Pro Vice-Chancellors, Ms. Urmila Sharma, Finance Officer, Ms. Jai Chandiram, Director (EMPC) and Shri C.R. Pillai, Adviser to the Vice-Chancellor on Planning and Development, attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Shri K.D. Sharma, Section Officer, was present to assist the Secretary.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the following new members on the Board:

1. Prof. Habibur Rahman
2. Shri J.P. Javali
3. Dr.(Ms.) Shakuntala Varma
4. Prof. Suhash Chakravorty
5. Prof. M.M. Pant
6. Dr. A.R. Khan
7. Dr. D.D. Kaushik

The Vice-Chancellor while welcoming the new members, gave a brief account of University's activities, programmes and achievements.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that Prof. Kapil Kumar and Dr. P.K. Mehta had completed their term of membership of the Board. The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the

contributions made by these members to the deliberations of the Board.

The Secretary informed the Board about the comments received on various items of agenda from the Education Secretary. It was decided to take up the comments on each agenda item when the item is taken up for discussion.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 49TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1996 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

BM 50.1.1 The comments received from the Education Secretary, a Member of the Board of Management, on the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Board were tabled for consideration. The Vice-Chancellor explained that the University had already explained its position on the issues raised in the letter and that a suitable reply will again be sent to the Education Secretary clarifying the points.

BM 50.1.2 The Board took note of the following correction in Item No.18:

"The year '1996' appearing in the subject of Item No.18 be read as '1993'."

BM 50.1.3 With the above observations and correction, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 49th Meeting held on November 8, 1996.

BM 50.1.4 The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2 **TO CONSIDER THE GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN THE UNIVERSITY.**

BM 50.2.1 The comments received from the Education Secretary on this item were placed before the Board. The Vice-Chancellor explained briefly the salient features of the proposal. The Vice-Chancellor assured the Members that the points raised in the letter of the Education Secretary have been noted and that care will be taken and proper accounting procedures in the implementation of all the Projects would be followed.

- BM 50.2.2 The Board approved the Guidelines for implementation of Projects in the University. The Board further decided that the Project Directors of all the projects in the University shall be fully responsible for managing the funds earmarked for the project and will operate a joint account with the Finance Officer of the University and that this decision be incorporated in the Guidelines. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that University officials who strived to develop the project proposals and who interacted with the Ministries/agencies sanctioning the projects, would be given a chance to work as Project Director atleast in the initial stage. A copy of the Guidelines incorporating the above decision is placed at **Appendix - 1**.
- BM 50.2.3 It was agreed that the academic issues such as, nature and priorities of projects, project areas, faculty association with projects implementation, sharing academic credits, etc., could be discussed with academia and officers and submitted as an academic policy supplementing the project implementation guidelines.
- ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER A NOTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIP WITH INSTITUTIONS FOR THE DELIVERY OF IGNOU PROGRAMMES.
- BM 50.3.1 The comments of the Education Secretary on the item were read out. The Vice-Chancellor explained the salient features of the proposal on the establishment of partnership with institutions for the delivery of IGNOU programmes.
- BM 50.3.2 During the discussion, it was suggested that the University must adopt a cautious approach while selecting the institutions for the partnership and that IGNOU should ensure its control over the admission, evaluation, certification, etc. that ensures quality and standard of the students admitted by the partner institutions.
- BM 50.3.3 The Board approved the proposal on "Delivery of IGNOU Programmes through Partner Institutions" a copy of which is placed at **Appendix - 2**.
- ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF THREE PERSONS ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 6A.
- BM 50.4.1 The Board co-opted the following persons as its members in terms of the provisions of Clause

(1) (vi) of Statute 6A for a period of three years:

Under Clause 6A(1)(vi)(a)

Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open
University.

Under Clause 6A(1)(vi)(b)

Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao,
Former Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.

Under Clause 6A(1)(vi)(c)

Shri Kiran Karnik,
Vice-President,
Discovery Channel.

ITEM NO. 5

**TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PERSONS ON THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-
CLAUSES (iv), (vi) AND (ix) OF STATUTE 9(1).**

BM 50.5.1

The Board considered the matter. In so far as its nomination of three Professors, three Readers and three Lecturers under Sub-Clause (iv) of Statute 9(1) is concerned, the Board laid down the criteria for the nominations (placed at **Appendix - 3**) and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make the nominations on its behalf.

BM 50.5.2

The Board, on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor, nominated the following as members of the Academic Council under Sub-Clauses (vi) and (ix) of Statute 9(1):

Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 9

Director,
Student Registration and Evaluation Division

Director,
Regional Services Division

Director,
Electronic Media Production Centre

Clause (1)(ix) of Statute 9

Dr. C.K. Ghosh
Regional Director
IGNOU Regional Centre
Calcutta.

Shri Asad Nizam
Producer
Electronic Media Production Centre
IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PERSONS ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSES (v) AND (vii) OF STATUTE 28(3).

BM 50.6.1

The Board nominated the following two of its members on the Distance Education Council under the provisions of Clause (3)(a)(v) of Statute 28 of the Statutes of the University:

Sub-Clause (v)

Prof. Habibur Rahman
Prof. Suhash Chakravorty

BM 50.6.2

The Board also authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make the nomination of a Member on its behalf under Sub-Clause (vii) in consultation with the Director, Distance Education Council and report to the Board in the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 7

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PERSONS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSES (iv) AND (v) OF STATUTE 11(1).

BM 50.7.1

The Board nominated the following persons as members on the Finance Committee under the provisions of Sub-Clauses (iv) and (v) of Statute 11(1) of the Statutes of the University:

Sub-Clause (iv)

Shri J.P. Javali
Member
Board of Management

Sub-Clause (v)

Shri J.D. Agarwal
Director
National Institute of
Financial Management.

BM 50.7.2

The Board further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to nominate another person, in case Shri Agarwal is not available.

ITEM NO. 8

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF ITS MEMBERS ON THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD: ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE, STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE, PURCHASE COMMITTEE AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

BM 50.8.1

The Board nominated the following from among its members on the Standing Committees:

A. Establishment Committee

1. Dr. A.R. Khan
2. Prof. Habibur Rahman

B. Purchase Committee

1. Prof. M.M. Pant

C. Students Services Committee

1. Ms. Shakuntala Varma
2. Dr. D.D. Kaushik

D. Works Committee

1. Vice-Chancellor, Dr.BRAOU
2. Dr. A.R. Khan

BM 50.8.2

The Board also nominated to the Works Committee the following persons under the Provisions of Para (iv) of the Constitution of the Works Committee:

1. Sh.M.L.Sareen, Former Engineer in Chief, Muncial Corporation of Delhi.
2. Dr. S.A. Reddi, Dy. Managing Director, Gammon India Ltd.
3. Sh. V.S. Moorthy, Ex.-Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation of Delhi.
4. Sh. Y.P. Minocha, Addl Chief Engineer, DESU. (D) South.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE TRIBUNAL OF ARBITRATION.

BM 50.9.1

The Board considered the matter and nominated Dr. S.K. Agrawala, former Secretary, Association of Indian Universities, as its nominee on the Tribunal of Arbitration as per Section 31 of the IGNOU Act in the case of Shri B.Selvaraj, Joint Registrar, Material Production and Distribution Division.

BM 50.9.2

The Board further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take action for nomination of Dr. S.C. Gupte, former Vice-Chancellor of Poona University in case Dr. S.K. Agarwala is not available.

ITEM NO. 10

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR DECLARING THE POSITION OF LIBRARIAN & INFORMATION OFFICER AS AN OFFICER OF THE UNIVERSITY UNDER SECTION 9(6) OF THE IGNOU ACT.

BM 50.10.1

The Board considered and approved the proposal for declaring the position of the "Librarian and Information Officer" as an Officer of the University under the provisions of Section 9(6) of the IGNOU Act.

BM 50.10.2

Consequent to the above, the Board approved the addition of following new Statute, namely, Statute 6.1, in the Second Schedule to the IGNOU Act to be added between Statute 6 and Statute 6A:

"6.1 Librarian and Information Officer

- (1) The Librarian and Information Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Management on the recommendation of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose under Statute 12(2)(i) and he shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.
- (2) The emoluments and other conditions of service of the Librarian and Information Officer shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

Provided that the Librarian and Information Officer shall retire on attaining the age of sixty years."

ITEM NO. 11

TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR IGNOU'S NETWORK AND APPLICATION SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CORPORATION.

BM 50.11.1

The comments of the Education Secretary on this item were read out. The Vice-Chancellor explained briefly about the proposal on Computerisation of IGNOU. The Board noted that a Committee of experts was appointed in 1993 to make out a plan and a feasibility study for setting up an Integrated Computerisation System, and that the Board, in July 1995, approved the above Committee's recommendation which envisaged an investment of Rs.10.25 Crores in a phased manner spread over a period of 3 to 5 years for setting up an Integrated Computerisation System. At its meeting held on February 6, 1996, the Board approved the appointment of CMC Ltd. as System Integrator. The CMC Ltd., in its consultancy report, had suggested an approximate investment of around Rs.12 crores for a period covering 30 months for full Information Technology implementation. In the scenario of advancement of information technology, it was considered necessary that the University should take steps for the implementation of computerisation programmes and the development of integrated infrastructure to meet the demand.

BM 50.11.2

The Board considered the proposal and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor and approved the following:

- a) Purchase of Computer Equipment worth Rs.280.76 Lakhs in the year 1995-96;
- b) Purchase of Computer Equipment worth Rs.352.81 Lakhs in the year 1996-97; and
- c) Develop application software worth Rs.90.00 Lakhs in the year 1996-97.

ITEM NO. 12

TO CONSIDER LIBERALISATION OF MEDICAL ATTENDANCE RULES.

BM 50.12.1

The comments of the Education Secretary were noted. The Vice-Chancellor explained the need for the proposed liberalisation of the Medical Attendance Rules. The Board approved the proposal for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on treatment, laboratory and other tests, consultations, etc. as outpatient at par with that of inpatient treatment. Such parity, however,