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MINUTES OF THE 100TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, HELD ON JULY 04, 2009 AT 10.00 A.M. IN HALL NO.2, FIRST FLOOR, VIGYAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

The following members were present:

1	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3	Shri N.K.Sinha, Joint Secretary, MHRD (Representative of the Secretary Deptt. of Education, MHRD)	- Member
4	Ms. C. Sailaja, Director, M/I&B (Representative of the Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting)	- Member
5	Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
6	Prof. B. S. Sharma	- Member
7	Prof. P. Purushotam Rao	- Member
8	Dr. S. B. Singh Bhadauria	- Member
9	Dr. Veena Vinayakrao Thakare	- Member
10	Advocate Sh. Pravin Parekh	- Member
11	Prof. Shafiq Parvin	- Member
12	Prof. Manohar Lal	- Member
13	Prof. Shatrughna Kumar	- Member
14	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy	- Member
15	Shri Udai S. Tolia, Registrar (Admn)	- Secretary

(i) Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro Vice Chancellors and Shri Cherian Thomas, Finance Officer (I/c), attended the meeting as ‘**Special Invitees**’. Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Dy. Educational Adviser, MHRD was also present.

(ii) The Chairman welcomed the members to the 100th Meeting of the Board of Management. He informed the Board that the term of Shri V.S. Dubey, Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda Open University, as the Member of the Board of Management had expired on account of his demitting the office of Vice Chancellor, Nalanda Open University on superannuation w.e.f. 7.5.2009. The Board recorded its appreciation for the contribution made by Shri V.S. Dubey, as member of the Board of Management.

(iii) The Chairman informed the members that the Hon'ble Minister for HRD, Shri Kapil Sibal and Smt. D. Purandeswari, the Hon'ble Minister of State, HRD have kindly consented to be the Chief Guests on the occasion of 'National Launch of two year Associate Degree Programme in Community Colleges', which coincided with the 100th Meeting of the Board of Management, IGNOU. On this occasion, a Compendium of Select Decisions of the Board of Management, right from the 1st Meeting held on 30.1.1987 till 99th Meeting held on 15.4.2009 duly compiled and brought out to mark the 100th Meeting of the Board of Management, was distributed amongst the BOM Members. A copy of the said Compendium is enclosed at **Appendix-I**.

The Chairman specially congratulated Prof. B.S. Sharma, presently a Member BOM, who had attended the 1st Meeting of the Board of Management (held on 30.1.1987) as one of its members.

(iv) The Chairman also appreciated the commendable services rendered by the officers and staff posted in the Governance Section, looking after the entire gamut of BOM related administrative affairs & support services since its inception in general, and in particular the unrelenting services rendered by Sh. Raghbir Singh, Xerox Operator since the 1st Meeting of the BOM.

(v) The Chairman made specific references to the success and achievements of the University since its inception, in terms of the number of programmes on offer, students' strength, growth of Regional Centres/Study Centres as well as its presence and contribution to the society at large, across the country and overseas.

(vi) The Chairman informed the Members about the Commonwealth Education Ministers' Conference held recently in Malaysia where the role of IGNOU, its relevance in overseas countries were appreciated including the quality and standard of the course material produced by IGNOU.

(vii) The members greeted the Vice Chancellor/Chairman, BOM on the occasion of the 100th Meeting of the Board of Management and the National Launch of 2-Year Associate Degree Programme in Community Colleges. Prof. B.S. Sharma, Member BOM mentioned that the growth of the IGNOU is now well recognized and the University has grown through various stages during a short span of 24 years. He vividly recalled his close association with Prof. G. Ram Reddy, the first Vice Chancellor of the University, a visionary who could introduce many new ideas for development of a truly National Open University. Prof. B.S. Sharma expressed his happiness about the very fact that IGNOU has grown to be the biggest University in the world and is treading on right directions for growth in future.

(viii) Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Member informed that the School of Management Studies initially with just one Diploma Programme (DIM) has now grown tremendously & presently offers various prestigious programmes and courses in Management streams.

(ix) Prof. P.Purushotam Rao, Member mentioned that the popularity of the University throughout the length & breadth of the country was well established. The study material brought out by the University is of very high standard. The University enjoys the unique position in terms of its reach to the masses, variety, innovativeness of its programmes including out of the box thinking.

(x) Prof. Shafiq Parvin, Member mentioned that the University has been successful in making a very wide impact on the society at large, benefiting all sections and regions of the country with equity.

(xi) Prof. Shatrughna Kumar, Member mentioned that the University has made very deep and visible impact on the Society. The society has tremendously benefited from the programmes and courses offered by IGNOU. The socially deprived community/sections in the country have been particularly benefited by the IGNOU's vocational & professional programmes. He expressed his gratitude for being nominated as a Member of the BOM of IGNOU & for giving an opportunity to a member of this socially deprived community.

(xii) With reference to the allotment of office space for National Mission on Education in the IGNOU Campus, the Chairman informed that the University has agreed to allot 4 rooms for setting up of the National Mission on Education in spite of acute space constraints. Shri N.K. Sinha, Jt. Secretary, MHRD informed that the National Mission on Education would require more space for building up of proper infrastructure in the University. He however, assured that the entire cost of the Project would be met by the Govt. of India and the University will not have to bear any liability on the above account.

(xiii) Sh. Sinha further observed that the scheme of connectivity with the National Launch of the Community Colleges of the University should not be confined to certain colleges but extended to all the colleges in the country. IGNOU as the national university with its vast infrastructure capability should connect with all the colleges, study centres and other institutions.

(xiv) Item to mark the 100th BOM was to constitute a School of Gandhian Studies and Research (Special Item):

The Members expressed appreciation on the launching of programmes in Gandhian Studies in collaboration with **International Centre for Gandhian Studies and Peace Research (ICGSR)**. It was informed that

the course work on the above programmes is already in progress. The Chairman informed that the University had entered into an MOU in 2003 with the **Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti**. As a sequel to the MOU and the objectives enshrined in the MOU, the University initiated the proposal to establish a new **School in Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies**. He further informed that the Academic Council at its 49th meeting held on 29.6.2009 considered and recommended for the establishment of a new School of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies.

The Board considered the recommendations of the 49th meeting of the Academic Council and specifically resolved to institute the School of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies as per Statute 10A of IGNOU Act.

The Board also approved the following core faculty for the School of Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, as recommended by the Academic Council :

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| (1) Professor | - One |
| (2) Associate Professors | - Two |
| (3) Assistant Professors | - Four |

(xiv) Thereafter, the Chairman proceeded to meet the Hon'ble Ministers, and the proceedings of the Meeting continued under the Chairmanship of Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Senior-Most Pro Vice Chancellor and Member, BOM.

(xv) Prof. Mishra, Pro Vice Chancellor informed that the 100th Meeting of the Board of Management would be followed by the **National Launch of the Community Colleges** by the Hon'ble Minister and that the time available for the Board to deliberate on the agenda being not sufficient, certain priority items may be taken up which are in the nature of reporting/confirmation items duly approved by the respective Authority/Standing Committee of the BOM, such as Establishment Committee at its 56th Meeting held on 4.6.2009 (Item No.2), 65th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25.6.2009 (Item No.3), 50th & 51st meetings of the Purchase Committee held on 16.4.09 & 4.6.09 (Item No.4) and 27th Meeting of the Student Support Services Committee held on 30.4.2009 (Item No.5) & so on.

(xvi) Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor thereafter requested the Registrar & Secretary, Board of Management, to present the items on the Agenda, accordingly which are enumerated as under:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 99TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 15, 2009 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 100.1.1 The Registrar & Secretary, Board of Management informed that the Minutes of the 99th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 15.4.2009 were circulated/sent as well through e-mail to all the members on 1.5.2009.

Comments were received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development on certain resolutions of the 99th meeting of the Board vide their letter No.F.5-19/2009-DL dt. 28.5.2009. The comments were examined with reference to the decisions of the Board of Management, the statutory provisions etc. and the issues raised have been duly clarified vide the statement appended with Item No.1 of Agenda (page 1/22–1/25).

Registrar (Admn) clarified that the issues raised on the Minutes of the 99th BOM have been duly looked into and the response of the University in this regard had already been forwarded to all the Members including MHRD alongwith the agenda item through e-mail/by post well in time i.e. on 24.6.2009. It was further informed that the comments and clarifications thereon are annexed to the Minutes of the 99th meeting of the Board.

The Board also noted the Action Taken Report on the various resolutions of 99th meeting of the BOM held on 15.4.2009.

BM 100.1.2 With the above observations, the Minutes of the 99th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 15.4.2009 have been confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 56TH MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON JUNE 04, 2009

BM 100.2.1 While considering the Item No.2, the observations made by Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor regarding the priority items and technical requirements of confirmation/information of the Board in respect of the minutes of the standing committees/authorities under the provision of

Statute 16 of IGNOU Act, have been noted by the Members and agreed to.

Since the respective standing committees of the Board of Management namely Establishment Committee (at its 56th meeting), Purchase Committee (at its 50th & 51st meetings), Student Support Services Committee (at its 27th meeting) have already deliberated/considered the items in detail and recommended/decided on the items placed before the said committees, the Members agreed that these Minutes may be ratified/reported at one place under the above Item.

BM 100.2.2 With the above observations, the minutes of the 56th meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 4.6.2009 (Agenda Item No.2), the 50th & 51st meetings of the Purchase Committee held on 16.4.09 & 4.6.09 (Agenda Item No.4) and the 27th meeting of the Student Support Services Committee held on 30.4.2009 (Agenda Item No.5) have been confirmed. The copies of the recommendations of the above committees are placed at **Appendices -2 to 5.**

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 65TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 25, 2009

BM 100.3.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the 65th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25.6.2009. A copy of the recommendations is placed at **Appendix-6.**

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 50TH & 51ST MEETINGS HELD ON 16.4.2009 & 4.6.2009 RESPECTIVELY.

BM 100.4.1 The Item may be read with Item No.2 (Res. BM 100.2.2)

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 27TH MEETING OF THE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE COMMITTEE (SSSC), STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM HELD ON 30.04.2009

BM 100.5.1 The Item may be read with Item No.2 (Res. BM 100.2.2)

BM 100.6-17, 19,20, 23,24 *Deferred due to paucity of time and also in view of scheduled launch of two year Associate Degree Programme in Community Colleges. A list of these items placed at Appendix-7*

ITEM NO.18 **TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 14TH MEETING HELD ON 29.6.2009**

BM 100.18.1 The Board noted the recommendations of the Research Council taken at its 14th meeting held on 29.6.2009. A copy of the minutes of the Research Council is placed at **Appendix-8**.

ITEM NO.21 **TO NOTE THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 48TH (SPECIAL MEETING) AND 49TH MEETINGS HELD ON 24.4.2009 AND 29.6.2009, RESPECTIVELY**

BM 100.21.1 The Board noted the decisions of the Academic Council made at its 48th (special meeting) and 49th meetings held on 24.4.09 & 29.6.09 respectively.

A copy each of the minutes of the Academic Council is placed at **Appendices-9 & 10**.

ITEM NO.22 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2008-09**

BM 100.22.1 The Board specifically approved the **Annual Accounts** of the University for the year 2008-09. The Board appreciated the efforts of the University, particularly the F&A Division, to finalize the Annual Accounts 2008-09 of the University within the prescribed period and authorized that the same may be submitted to the Statutory Auditors i.e. DGACR for audit.

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

(V.N. RAJASEKHARAN PILLAI)
Chairman