

MINUTES OF THE 110TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON OCTOBER 07, 2011 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE-CHANCELLOR'S NEW OFFICE BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The following were present:

1	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	- Member
3	Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Jt. Secretary(CU&L), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
4	Prof. B.S. Sharma	- Member
5	Dr. S. B. Singh Bhadauria	- Member
7	Prof. P. Purushotam Rao	- Member
8	Prof. A. Kalyani	- Member
9	Prof. Darvesh Gopal	- Member
10	Prof. G. Sundar	- Member
11	Er.R.K. Gupta	- Member
12	Prof. B.K. Pattanaik	- Member
13	Shri Abdul Samad Ibrahim	- Member
	Shri Udai S. Tolia, Registrar (Admn)	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of I&B, Dr. Veena Vinayakrao Thakare and Advocate Pravin Parekh, Members, BOM could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the 110th Meeting of the Board of Management. He specially welcomed Er. R.K. Gupta, as the new Member of the Board of Management of the University who was attending the Meeting of the Board for the first time. The Chairman introduced Shri Gupta to other Members of the Board. He informed that Er. R.K. Gupta has accepted his nomination on the Board of Management of the University under Clause (vi)(c) of Statute 6A(1) of IGNOU Act.

Before the proceedings of the Meeting started, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that Padma Bhushan Shri Shashi Bhushan, an eminent freedom fighter, a legendary Parliamentarian, President of Freedom Movement Memorial Committee, Chairperson, Indira Gandhi Centre for Freedom Struggle Studies, IGNOU and founder President, Institute for Socialist Education expired on 29.9.2011 in New Delhi. He further informed the Board that Dr. S.K. Gandhe, former Pro-Vice Chancellor, IGNOU has died on 23.9.2011. The Chairman read out the condolence message proposed to be conveyed to the families of Sh. Shashi Bhushan and Dr. S.K. Gandhe. The Board shared sentiments of the Chairman and the heart-felt condolence to the

bereaved families of Sh. Bhushan and Dr. Gandhe. The Board of Management also paid homage to the departed souls by observing one minute silence.

The Chairman then requested the Registrar/Secretary, BOM to present the items on the Agenda.

The following items were taken up for consideration:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 109TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2011

BM 110.1.1 The Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 109th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 27.8.2011 were circulated to the members of the Board. **Comments** have been received from the Ministry of HRD (letter No.F.5-28/2011-DL (Part) dt.05.10.2011) on certain decisions of the 109th meeting of the BOM. Comments have also been received from Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC and Sh. Abdul Samad Ibrahim, Members, BOM

The Board considered the comments from the MHRD and directed that comments/observations of the Ministry be adopted suitably with the approval of the Chairman. As regards the comments/observations of the Ministry on certain decisions at the 107th and 108th meetings of the Board (vide letter No.F.5-28/2011-DL (Part) dt.26.8.2011), the Board noted the action proposed by the University as detailed in the Action Taken Report (ATR), in respect of the Minutes of the 109th Meeting. The Board directed that the suggestions/modifications of the Ministry be adopted suitably. The comments of the Ministry are placed as **Appendices-I & II**.

BM 110.1.2 The Board further considered the comments of Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC & also the action proposed by the Secretary, BOM, with the approval of the Chairman and approved the modified version of Res. BM109.41.1 of 109th Board Meeting in place of the existing resolution, as follows:

“BM 109.41.1: The Board approved the proposal for establishment of the Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) at IGNOU, as a sponsored Project of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E), Govt. of India, as per the Office Order No.4-12/2009 Nil, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India dated 21st July 2001. The Board approved the implementation of the Project.

BM 109.41.2: A proposal for a separate Institute of Sign Language for IGNOU had been approved by the Academic Council at its 55th Meeting (vide Resolution No.55.17.3) held on 5.4.2011, on the lines of other existing Institutes of IGNOU. The Board ratified the proposal.”

BM 110.1.3

The Board also noted the comments of Shri Abdul Samad Ibrahim on the BOM resolution in relation to the constitution of the Search Committee for selection of the Vice-Chancellor.

BM 110.1.4

(Revised by the Board in its 111th Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.28.12.2011)

The Board confirmed the resolution on the issue of nomination of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan on the Search Committee, as also validated by Sh. Pravin Parekh, the Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, and the Visitor's Nominee on the Board of Management. As to the issue of nomination of Sh. Rajendra Singh Pawar on the Search Committee, the Board was of the unanimous view that the issue of nomination of Sh. Pawar was not raised by Sh. Abdul Samad Ibrahim in the previous Meeting. As the item is to confirm the minutes of the earlier meeting, fresh item cannot be taken up at this stage for a decision. However, if Shri Abdul Samad Ibrahim wants to bring it as a new agenda item it may be brought separately as a new agenda item.

BM 110.1.5

As to the ambit of the existing provisions under Statute 1(3), with particular reference to the issue of conflicts of interest of Members on a Search Committee, the Joint Secretary observed that the matter can be looked into separately by a Committee consisting of Prof. B.S. Sharma and few more Members of the Board to recommend appropriate provisions for additions/modification in the existing Statutes. The Board agreed to the views of the Joint Secretary and authorized the Chairman to nominate other Members on the Committee.

During the discussion, the issue of applicability of the CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 and CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 to the Teachers/Academic was also raised by some Members. The Board after detailed deliberations unanimously decided that the rules viz. CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 and CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 shall apply to the Academic/Teachers as well as the non-academic employees in the University, uniformly.

BM 110.1.6

(Revised by the Board in its 111th Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.28.12.2011)

The Board also invited Dr. V.S.P. Srivastava to present his case before the Board. The Board enquired from Dr. Srivastava whether in his appointment letter, there was any commitment for

regular appointment offered by IGNOU at the time he joined the University. Dr. Srivastava replied in negative. The Board also directed him to place before the Board any further points/information to support his views in the matter point-wise in writing in the next Board, as the case of his absorption in the University has been viewed by the CVC, adversely. After hearing Dr. Srivastava, the matter was deferred for next meeting.

BM 110.1.7 The Board noted the Action Taken Report and confirmed the Minutes of the 109th Meeting held on 27.8.2011, with direction to adopt the comments/suggestions received from MHRD on the Minutes of 107th, 108th & 109th meetings of the Board.

ITEM NO. 2 TO REPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR G. ACHUTHAN NAIR AS SENIOR CONSULTANT (FULL-TIME) FOR BIORESOURCES OF KUTTANAD WETLAND ECOSYSTEM: INVENTORISATION, CHARACTERISATION AND CONSERVATION IN CHAIR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CSD), IGNOU

BM 110.2.1 After detailed discussion, the Board observed that the proposal was not within the purview of the Board and directed that a self-contained note/comprehensive agenda indicating therein the policy framework, background, complete facts of the case along with justification be placed before the other statutory authorities for appropriate recommendations. The Item was withdrawn.

ITEM NO. 3 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TO RAISE THE AGE LIMIT FROM 65 YEARS TO 68 YEARS FOR RETIRED ALL INDIA RADIO OFFICIALS SERVING AS STATIONS MANAGERS AT GYAN VANI STATIONS AND FOR FUTURE RECRUITMENTS

BM 110.3.1 The Board resolved that the Secretary, Board of Management shall bring up a comprehensive agenda note giving the relevant details regarding policy framework, background, complete facts. The Board further directed that the proposals placed before the Board should also indicate whether the same have also been considered/approved by the concerned channel/statutory authorities along with justification in the matter. The proposal was accordingly deferred.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE DIRECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTE IN THE CASE

OF SHRI RAJAMANNAR, PRODUCER (SELECTION GRADE) REGARDING THE DATE OF HIS PLACEMENT IN SELECTION GRADE

BM 110.4.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary, BOM informed the Board that the case of Sh. Rajamannar, Producer, EMPC was settled earlier. However, on his further representations the case was again placed before the Board at the 108th Meeting. The Board had directed that a self-contained note giving all the chronological details/facts of the case may be placed before the next Board. The agenda proposal was, therefore, redrafted giving all the relevant details in chronological order for consideration of the Board.

The case was deliberated in detail. Prof. Darvesh Gopal informed the Board that the official belongs to the reserved category and is a very good worker. He has produced as many as 400 audio-video programmes for the programmes being coordinated by him/SOSS. He further mentioned that there are very clear guidelines from the SC/ST Commission, the Govt. of India to deal with the cases of promotions/appointments of a Member belonging to the SC/ST category. In spite of that, the successive authorities of the University including the Board of Management have failed to do justice to the case of Sh. Rajamannar. To his mind the only drawback of Sh. Raja Mannar is that he cannot speak/present his case in Hindi, for the only languages in which he can communicate are Tamil & English. He stressed that this is a case of serious violation of the Constitution of India in relation to the provisions dealing with the SC/STs. He particularly referred to the letter written by Prof. S.C. Garg dt.29.5.2010. The letter presents an extremely biased picture of the plight of the various appeals/representations of Sh. Rajamannar.

The Joint Secretary, MHRD observed that the statements of Prof. S.C. Garg have been “misquoted”. Prof. Garg has a point in stating that after about four years it may be difficult for him to recollect whether any Member of the Selection Committee had ‘joined after the interview had begun’ or ‘had joined at the last moment’. He has, however, confirmed the fact that the SC/ST representative was present in the 2nd Selection Committee and had also interacted with Sh. Rajamannar during the course of interview. The Joint Secretary further observed that non-inclusion of a representative from the SC/ST community in the 1st Selection Committee Meeting was a serious lapse and to that

extent the grievance of Sh. Rajamannar was genuine. However, the 2nd Selection Committee had a Member from the SC category. This Committee also did not recommend his candidature taking a very clear view that the performance of Sh. Rajamannar was not up to the mark. It was the third Selection Committee which finally recommended his name and notably, after his several representations.

BM 110.4.2 The Board, after detailed deliberations, was convinced that there is no infirmity in the decision taken earlier by the authorities/Board in his case. The Board, therefore, decided to stand by its decisions and reaffirmed the earlier decision. The Board also decided to constitute a Committee to look into the issue of any alleged violations/reason for non-inclusion of an SC/ST representative in the 1st Selection Committee & any lapse(s) on the part of any official(s) concerned, and to place the findings of the Committee before the Board within one month. The Board authorized the Chairman to constitute the Committee.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF PROF. GAIL OMVEDT AS PROFESSOR, DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR CHAIR ON SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT BEYOND THE AGE OF 70 YEARS

BM 110.5.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board decided that no extension be granted beyond the age of 70 years in any case. The Board directed to advertise the post for appointment of a regular incumbent to the post.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF PROF. SHAMBHU NATH SINGH, DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA STUDIES FOR GRANT OF EOL CONSEQUENT TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE-CHANCELLOR, PATNA UNIVERSITY

BM 110.6.1 The Board approved the proposal to grant Extra Ordinary Leave to Prof. Shambhunath Singh, Director, School of Journalism and New Media Studies for a period of three years on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor, Patna University, as the same was in public interest/better career prospect.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRE OF SOCIAL WORK AS AN AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK UNDER THE MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT, NAGALAND

- BM 110.7.1** The Board directed that a self-contained/comprehensive agenda giving complete facts of the case as also whether the proposal has already been approved by the appropriate authorities be placed before the Board. The proposal was deferred.
- ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT OF MR. SUMIT CHANDRA, CONSULTANT BEYOND 24 MONTHS**
- BM 110.8.1** The Board decided not to grant further extension to Sh. Sumit Chandra beyond the period of 24 months in his case.
- ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF CULINARY ARTS AT IGNOU**
- BM 110.9.1** The Board observed that the proposal for establishment of the Institute of Culinary Arts at IGNOU would also entail administrative structure and therefore, after detailed discussion, the Board approved creation of a discipline of Culinary Arts at IGNOU instead of an Institute. The Board further observed that the decision be communicated to Academic Council for consideration. As to the creation of posts, the Board directed that the proposal be placed before the concerned authorities, Academic Council, Establishment Committee & Finance Committee for appropriate recommendations, as per the extant guidelines decided by the Finance Committee/the BOM.
- ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE BRIEF ON THE JICA-IGNOU PROJECT 'STRENGTHENING OF EMPC IN IGNOU'**
- BM 110.10.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. Shri Ravikanth, Joint Director, EMPC informed the Board that the University has been a recipient of Japanese Grant-in-Aid for creating infrastructure in the Electronic Media Productions Centre (EMPC) on two earlier occasions i.e. (i) the grant of 110 Million Yen in the year 1988 for the project "Improvement of Educational Technology Facilities" in IGNOU and again in 1993, with a grant of 2.2 Billion Yens for the project "Improvement of Educational Media Facilities" at the EMPC, IGNOU. The University has been able to attract a further grant-in-aid amounting 787 million Yen from JICA for the project "Strengthening of Electronic Media Production Centre". He further informed that the exchange of Notes were signed on 26.7.2011, between the Department of

Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and the Ambassador of Japan to India. Thus the agreement is between Govt. of India and the Govt. of Japan. As per the arrangement, the grant for the project is required to be executed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) who have selected the firm M/s Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan to supply the latest, high definition equipments including their installation and operational training for these equipments, under the project.

Shri Ravikanth further informed the Board that the firm, M/s Mitsubishi Corporation has already procured the complete set of equipments committed under the arrangement and the consignment of the equipments is expected to reach in the month of October 2011 and the further work of installation and training will be completed by the end of January 2012. He explained that since the earlier equipments installed in the EMPC were provided by JICA, Japan, the present equipments/ consignment will be perfectly compatible to the existing set up and will also upgrade the existing systems & facilities.

BM 110.10.2 The Board noted the details about the grant-in-aid amounting to 787 million Yen to IGNOU as also the earlier grants to this University. The Board appreciated the gesture on the part of the Govt. of Japan.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CORE ADVISORY GROUP FOR INDIRA GANDHI CENTRE FOR FREEDOM STRUGGLE STUDIES (IGCFS) IN ITS MEETING HELD ON 2ND AUGUST, 2011

BM 110.11.1 The Board approved the proposal in principle. As regards the creation of posts recommended by the Core Advisory Group, the Board agreed to the suggestion of the Core Group for placing the proposals before the Establishment Committee and the Finance Committee for appropriate recommendations for the posts in the first place. As to the other recommendations of the Core Group, the Board decided that the matter also be processed through the respective authorities namely the Academic Council and the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SHIFTING OF ACTIVITIES FROM PLAN TO NON-PAN ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED DURING THE FAG END OF THE 10TH PLAN (2002-03 TO 2006-07) AND IN THE BEGINNING OF THE 11TH PLAN (2007-08 TO 2011-12)

BM 110.12.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the proposal was not drawn properly, and lacked a proper focus. As regards the transfer of heads, from Plan to Non-Plan side there is an established policy that every activity under Plan side is transferred to the non-plan after 5th year of its operation. The Board therefore, directed that a sound agenda note for information of the Board in respect of the activities established during 10th & 11th Plan periods may be placed before the Finance Committee for its recommendations to the effect. The Item was deferred.

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REGULATION FOR ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION OF PRIOR LEARNING (ACPL)

BM 110.13.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the provisions under Section 27 of the IGNOU Act and also those under Statute 27(3). The Board was of the firm opinion that the matter was well within the purview of the Academic Council of the University. The Academic Council has already considered and approved the Regulations for accreditation and certification of prior learning. The Chairman observed that the Academic Council has to ensure that the Regulations are in line with the IGNOU Act/Statutes. Therefore, there was no need to place the regulations before the Board, unless any provisions are sought to be amended/modified/added thereunder. The Board further observed that only such matters which are not consistent with the provisions of the IGNOU Act and the Statutes/Ordinances thereunder, shall be placed before the Board.

ITEM NO.15 TO CONSIDER THE RE-EMPLOYMENT/EXTENSION OF RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY AFTER SUPERANNUATION

BM110.15.1
(Revised by the
Board in its 111th
Meeting, as per the
MHRD letter
dt.28.12.2011)

The Board considered the representations of Prof. M.L. Kaul, Prof. B.S. Hansra, Prof. Manohar Lal, Prof. P.R.R. Nair and Prof. Pandav Nayak for re-employment after superannuation. The CVs and their contributions were also considered. The Board resolved that the definite guidelines evolved by the UGC in the matter of re-employment of Teachers after the age of superannuation may be perused. The Board, therefore, decided that with the help of a Committee the guidelines may be finalized and adopted.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR FOR INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH & TRAINING CENTRE (ISLRTC) AT IGNOU

BM 110.17.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Board that the Board of Management at its 109th Meeting held on 27.8.2011 (Item No.41) approved the proposal for establishment of the Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) at IGNOU as a Sponsored Project of the Ministry Social Justice & Empowerment (MOSJ&E), Govt. of India. The Board had approved the endorsement of the Govt. order for implementation of the Project. The proposal has already been approved by the Academic Council at its 55th Meeting held on 05.4.2011 (**Res. AC 55.17.3**) including the fee structure under the programme.

Therefore, the University needed a person with experience in International Sign Language and also about Indian Sign Language to start the Centre. The University has shortlisted Prof. Madan M. Vasishta who is an internationally renowned scholar and a Professor at the Gallaudet University, Washington DC, USA. Elaborating further, the Vice-Chancellor informed that Dr. Vasishta started researching on Indian Sign Language (ISL) since 1975 and has published four dictionaries on ISL regional varieties. His seminal work has resulted in recognition of Indian Sign Language. The Board noted that the Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) of IGNOU was inaugurated on 4th October, 2011 by the Hon'ble Union Minister for HRD, Communications & IT Shri Kapil Sibal and Shri Mukul Wasnik, Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment.

BM110.17.2 The Board appreciated the efforts of the University to establish the ISLRTC at IGNOU and approved the appointment of Professor Madan M. Vasishta as the Professor and Director of the project of MOSJ&E at IGNOU, for a period of five years as per the terms and condition of the MOSJ&E project.

The Board further authorized the Chairman to nominate a Member on the Board of ISLRTC, from amongst the Members of the BOM, IGNOU.

ITEM NO.19 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. R.P. SINGH, SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR AS THE DIRECTOR, REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

BM 110.19.1 The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, Director, Regional Services Division has been appointed as OSD and posted to Bangalore to further explore the possibilities for creation of an autonomous institute – CERAMS (Centre for Education & Research in Aircraft maintenance and Systems) at IGNOU Bangalore RC Campus, as per the decision of the Board taken at its 109th Meeting held on 27.8.2011. The post of the Director, RSD at the Hqs. has thus fallen vacant. It is, therefore, proposed to appoint Dr. R.P. Singh, Sr. Regional Director (Hqs), as the Director, Regional Services Division for a period of three years, in place of Dr. B.S. Sudhindra, with immediate effect. The Board approved the proposal.

ITEM NO.20 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SELECTION OF GROUP-A NON-ACADEMIC POSTS/TEACHERS/OTHER ACADEMICS AND PROMOTIONS UNDER CAS

BM 109.20.1 The recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for selection of group-A posts and recruitment / CAS to various teaching & academic positions were placed before the Board. The Board considered and approved the recommendations, as per details given below.

1. Teaching/Academic positions

Dates of Meeting	Positions	Name of the Candidate	Remarks
30.9.2011	Placement of Asstt. Professors in Computer Science in Selection Grade under CAS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 (AGP Rs.8000/-)	1. Mr. P.V. Suresh 2. Mr.V.V. Subrahmanyam	Recommended
30.9.2011	Appointment to the post of Reader in Computer Science (SC-1), SOCIS in the Pay Band of Rs.15600-39100 with AGP Rs.8000/-	Dr. Naveen Kumar	Recommended
30.9.2011	Appointment to the post of Lecturer in Computer Science (UR-1), SOCIS, in the Pay Band of	None found suitable	

	Rs.15600-39100 AGP Rs.6000/-	with		
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2. Appointment to Group-A Non-academic position

Dates of Meeting	Positions	Name of the Candidate	Remarks
05.10.11	Selection to the post of Registrar, MPDD	Shri Ashok Kumar <u>Waiting List</u> 1. Dr.Virender Kumar Bharti	

The following items in the Agenda placed before the Board could not be taken up due to paucity of time

Item No.14	To consider the grant of Grade Pay of Rs.6600/- in Pay Band-3 (Rs.15600-39100) to Assistant Registrars & Rs.4600/- Pay Band-2 (Rs.9300-34800) to the Senior Assistants/Personal Assistants Grade-II
Item No.16	To consider the background relating to MTS (Non-Technical) & MTS (Technical)
Item No. 18	To consider the appointment of Shri Bhuvan Pant, Shri Jaidev And Shri Suresh Poddar to the posts of Production Assistant, Stenographer and Technician respectively in response to the Delhi High Court order dated 15.9.2009 in Writ Petition (c) No.1230/2005

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

Approved

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19.10.2011

(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman

(U.S. TOLIA)

Registrar (Admn.)/Secretary, BOM