

**MINUTES OF THE 117<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 05, 2013 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, NEW VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

The following were present:

1	Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Shri Upamanyu Basu, Director (CU-I Cell), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3	Prof. Mahendra P. Lama	- Member
4	Prof. D.B. Phatak	- Member
5	Er.R.K. Gupta	- Member
6	Dr.(Ms.) Manorama Ruth	- Member
7	Prof. E. Vayunandan	- Member
8	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra	- Member
	Shri Udai S. Tolia, Registrar (Admn.)	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of I&B, Prof. Bakul Dholakia and Prof. G. Sundar, Members, BOM could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the 117<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management. The Chairman in his prefatory remarks shared the following observations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Govt. of India on HRD on the functioning of the University as under:

- No adverse report about the functioning of IGNOU since its inception.
- Pioneering work enabling the students to study without attending regular classes and opined that IGNOU through its authority i.e. DEC should continue to fulfill its Mandate.
- Relevant provisions under IGNOU Act may be appropriately reviewed so as to enable DEC to continue to maintain its distinct identity as per its Mandate i.e. introduction & promotion of open university and distance education system and coordination and determination of standards in such systems.
- The Mandate of the University is being fulfilled with the support of Distance Education Council for more than two decades, especially for the underprivileged and marginalized sections of the society.
- The dedicated, focused and specialized work being done by IGNOU and DEC could not have been accomplished by UGC alone.

Besides, the Chairman reported to the Board the following initiatives taken by the University in fulfillment of its objectives during the intervening period i.e. since 116<sup>th</sup> BOM Meeting:

- Joint Project of IGNOU, MHRD and Central Vigilance Commission has been launched to reach out to common masses and create awareness about what to do and what to avoid. The complaints against corruption can be lodged with CVC through mobile phones and internet and also with the help of photographs, audio and video
- IGNOU proposes to launch a curriculum on moral ethics and vigilance
- IGNOU to provide its infrastructure support to MHRD and CVC through a vast network of 67 Regional Centres.
- IGNOU Community Radio Initiative for eliminating corruption from public life.
- MoC signed with Zimbabwe Open University on 20/1/2/2012 to offer programmes at undergraduate & post-graduate levels with emphasis on R&D and use of ICT.
- MoU signed with National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) in the Chamber of Hon'ble Minister of Tourism in the presence of the Secretary, DG, ADG, Director (A&F) for offering B.Sc. Programme in Hospitality & Hotel Administration (BHM) programme & M.Sc. Programme in Hospitality Administration (MHA).
- Visit of the Vice-Chancellors of Allama Iqbal Open Univeristy, Pakistan and South Pacific University, Fiji for collaboration in areas of mutual interest through MOUs.
- The following programmes are to be launched soon:
  - PG Diploma in Mental Health Programme
  - Certificate in English – Khasi Translation
  - MA in Development Studies
  - PG Diploma in Development Studies
  - Management of Community College
  - Certificate in Indigenous Art Practices
  - MA in Translation Studies

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

The following items were taken up for consideration:

**ITEM NO. 1      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
116<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 2012**

**BM 117.1.1**      The Secretary, BOM informed that the Minutes of 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of

the Board of Management held on 24.11.2012 were circulated to the Members of the Board on 01.12.2012. No comments on the Minutes have been received. He further informed that Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of 115<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> meetings are placed with the agenda. He, therefore, proposed that the Minutes of the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board be considered for confirmation.

**BM 117.1.2** With regard to Item No.7, the Board confirmed its decision for closure of the case against Prof. Kapil Kumar (Res.116.7.2) and directed that a communication in this regard may be sent to the MHRD and CVC for their information.

**BM 117.1.3** The Board further noted the Action Taken Report by the University on various decisions taken by the Board at its 115<sup>th</sup> & 116<sup>th</sup> meetings and confirmed the Minutes of the 116<sup>th</sup> Board meeting with the above direction.

**ITEM NO. 2  
&** **TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**ITEM NO.23** **TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS/PARAMETERS OF THE MOUS REVIEW COMMITTEE AND OTHER REVIEW COMMITTEES i.e. COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME, CONVERGENCE SCHEME AND THE ON-CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAMEMS**

**BM 117.2.1** Items Nos. 2 & 23 were taken up together. The Vice Chancellor informed that pursuant to the decision taken by the Board at its 113<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31.5.2012, 04 Review Committees were constituted for review of Community Colleges Scheme, MOUs, Convergence Scheme & On-campus face-to-face programmes. Out of these, the Community Colleges Review Committee and MOUs Review Committee have submitted their final recommendations. The remaining two committees shall also finalise their recommendations soon. He further informed that subsequent to the decision of the Board at its 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24.11.2012, a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor was constituted to examine the recommendations/parameters of the MOUs Review Committee and the other Review Committees i.e. Community Colleges Scheme, Convergence Scheme and On-campus face-to-face programmes. The Committee has been mandated to examine/evaluate each of the MOUs/recommendations/parameters, etc, suggested by the

respective Review Committees and submit its recommendations to the Vice Chancellor/BOM for a final decision.

Addressing the Board, the Chairman expressed his serious concern about the delay in declaration of results of the students registered by the University under the aforesaid schemes for the July, 2012 Session. He informed that there are no fresh admissions /enrolments under the aforesaid Schemes from July 2012.

He further mentioned that there are several complaints from the students from different quarters which are diluting the image of the University. He, therefore, emphasized the need to protect the interests of the students already registered under different schemes. He, therefore, requested Dr. S.K. Mohapatra, Convenor of the said Committee, to present the Minutes of the Committee containing the recommendations of the Sub-Committees. Accordingly, Dr. Mohapatra presented & read out the recommendations submitted by the Sub-Committees for review of MOUs/MOUCs/MOAs pertaining to Centres/Divisions/Units; Schools of Studies; Regional Centres; Community College Scheme; On-campus face to face programme & Convergence Scheme.

The summary of the recommendations of the Committee is reproduced below:

- All MoUs/MoCs/MoAs entered by Centres/Division/Units for offering of programmes of studies without consultation with the concerned Schools shall be withdrawn/discontinued. However, MOUs for establishment of PIs under International Division shall be allowed to continue.
- School Board shall decide the continuance or otherwise of MOUs entered into by the respective Schools. Recommendation of School Board for continuation/discontinuation of the said MOUs shall be placed before the competent authority for decision/direction.
- MOUs signed by the RCs for establishment of LSCs shall be allowed to continue.
- All other MOUs signed by the RCs without the approval of the statutory bodies as well as legal vetting shall be dispensed with.
- MOUs for face-to-face programmes and for short-term non-credit courses without ODL component and clear fee-sharing principles shall be discontinued.
- All MOUs/MOCs/MOAs entered with Government agencies/institutions shall be allowed to continue.

- Pending results of all Community Colleges who have conducted examinations as per the prescribed rules, regulations and procedures shall be declared.
- Pending results of the Community Colleges for the defense personnel (Army/Navy/Air Force) shall be declared and certificates shall be issued on priority basis.
- The interest of the existing students under the Community College Scheme shall be protected but no new Centre shall be established in the absence of Statute/Ordinance.
- Remaining pending results of Community Colleges fulfilling the said parameters shall be declared after examining on case to case basis.
- All Programmes of the University shall be offered in blended mode with adequate component of ODL and fact-to-face. The proportion of the two components will be left to the Programme Coordinator and School Board.
- Modalities for implementation of blended mode of teaching and learning shall be decided by a Committee to be formed by VC/BOM.
- Existing Convergence Centres shall be given an option to be considered as Regular Study Centres after following the due procedure.
- For Centres under Convergence Scheme not willing to be considered as Study Centres, the existing scheme shall remain in vogue till the last batch of students enrolled in January 2012 session complete the minimum duration. However, learner support activities, continuous evaluation and examination shall be strictly followed as per the Ordinance on conduct of examination of the University.

The detailed recommendations of the aforesaid Committee are placed at **Appendix-1**.

He further explained that the Committee examined the recommendations of the aforesaid Review Committees and has agreed, in principle, with the recommendations made by the respective sub-committees, except the report of the separate Committees constituted for AISECT which is awaited. The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to examine the recommendations of the Task Force constituted for IGNOU-AISECT and take a decision regarding continuance or otherwise of the said MOU.

Prof. Mahendra P. Lama was of the view that the Centres/Institutes established by the University be shifted to the concerned schools,

after following the laid down procedures and creating necessary provisions under the IGNOU Statutes/Ordinances, etc. as there is no provision of School Boards in the Centres/Institutes.

It was further pointed out that these centres have been established/started without proper structure in the Statute/Ordinance and that based on the final recommendations of the committees, necessary action may be taken by the University to ensure that these centres/institutes are brought under proper academic structure of the University. Dr. Ruth Manorama was of the view that there should be a clear governance structure defining the roles & responsibilities of the centres/institutes, etc. in the Act. For this purpose, the Members suggested that the recommendations of the committees already set up in the 114<sup>th</sup> BOM shall be followed.

As regards the various ongoing court cases, it was suggested that review petition should be filed, if the legal provision/conscience/wisdom of the authorities permit to do so. The University should consider to withdraw the cases which are otherwise non-defendable/unsustainable in the law.

#### **BM 117.2.2**

Agreeing to the views/concerns & perceptions of the Members, the Board directed to ensure:

- (i) that before introduction of any new Scheme in the University, it has to be ensured that there is least degree of subjectivity, the methods adopted are transparent and all parameters are scientifically drawn to avoid controversies/legal implications of any kind.
- (ii) that the recommendations of the Review Committees are in consonance with the provisions under IGNOU Act/Statutes/Ordinance, etc. and are duly vetted by the Legal Cell.
- (iii) that the guidelines evolved by the Review Committees make appropriate provisions to the effect that the results of the students under the aforesaid schemes are declared without further loss of time, giving relief to these students, safeguarding their interests and to avoid negative publicity to the University.
- (iv) that the ongoing court cases are handled carefully and vigorously ensuring the best interests of the students and the University.

The Board of Management of the University also regretted the inconvenience caused to the students due to delay in declaration of the results.

**ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES SCHEME FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

**BM 117.3.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board observed that the agenda is silent on the genesis of the Community Colleges. Also, the agenda does not mention about the approval of the statutory authorities and the rationale for according a status different from other community colleges.

**BM 117.3.2** The Board, however, considered the recommendations and approved for setting up of a separate Armed Forces Unit for defence personnel for offering programmes in conformity with Act, Statutes & Ordinance of the University.

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND CONFIRM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 29<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 22.11.2012**

**BM 117.4.1** Dr. S.K. Mohapatra presented the Item. He informed that the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Student Services Committee have been confirmed by the Student Services Committee in its 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Student Services Committee made at its 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22.11.2012 being related to operational issues.

**BM 117.4.2** At this point, Prof. Mahendra P. Lama also suggested to prepare a State of the Art Report/blue print as a centralized data store for each Regional Centre for online linkage to know the ground reality so that the performance report of the Regional Centres could be readily available/improved. The Board agreed to the suggestions and directed the Regional Services Division to initiate further necessary action in the matter and report the same to the next Board

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF PROF. SALIL MISHRA, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT**

**BM 117.5.1** The Board considered and approved the request of Prof. Salil Mishra, Professor of History, SOS for granting him voluntary

retirement from the services of the University w.e.f. 1.1.2013.

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE (1)(VI)(A) OF STATUTE 6A**

**BM117.6.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board authorized the Chairman to take a suitable decision in the matter.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROMOTION IN RESPECT OF GROUP-A POSITIONS HELD ON 28.6.2012**

**BM117.7.1** The item was taken up for consideration. As per the decision of the Board taken at its 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting, a revised proposal giving the requisite details was placed before the Board. It was further informed that an expert from ISTM, DoPT/Govt. of India has since checked the Roster points and found the same to be in order. It was also informed that the DPCs will now be held twice a year as decided by the Board at the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting in order to ensure that the DPCs are convened at regular intervals to draw panels which could be utilized for making promotions against the vacancies occurring during the course of a year.

Prof. E. Vayunandan raised the issue of not communicating the adverse comments of the Reporting Officers to the concerned employees. Prof. D.B. Phatak was of the view that the Board has to maintain certain protocol level and that such issues that could be examined administratively must be dealt administratively. This was noted for compliance in future.

On the issue of filling up of posts through direct recruitment, as raised by Dr. Ruth Manorama, the Board was informed that filling up of 214 vacant posts reserved for SC/ST/OBC/PWD candidates is in advance stage & likely to be completed by 31.3.2013.

**BM117.7.2** The Board considered and approved the recommendations of DPC for Group-A posts, as per the details given below, with the above observations:

**Non-Academic Group-A posts**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Names recommended</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
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15.11.2012	1. Promotion to the post of <b>Dy. Registrar</b>	1. Sh. P.V. Chaddha	
	2. <b>Regularization</b> in the post of <b>Assistant Registrar</b>	1. Sh. Gowri Shankar 2. Sh. Shanta Lakshmi	
	3. Promotion to the post of <b>Assistant Registrar</b>	1. Ms.Manjula Malik, SO 2. Sh.I.P. Munjal, SO 3. Sh.Umesh Kr. Sharma, SPA 4. Sh.Suder Singh, SPA 5. Sh.P.K. Sharma, SPA 6. Sh.K.S. Dagar, SO 7. Ms.Kanchan Bala Grover, SO 8. Sh.M.V.S.V.Sai, SO 9. Sh. Ashwani Gigoo, SO 10.Sh.M.S. Negi, SO 11.Ms. A. Radha, SPA 12.Sh.S.Swaminathan, SPA 13.Sh.Ram Babu Soloman, SO 14.Sh. Ashok Kr. Barua, SO 15.Sh. G. Valte, SO	Regular Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Temporary Regular Regular
	4. Promotion to the post of <b>Senior Software Engineer</b>	1. Sh. Sanjeev Kapoor 2. Sh. Gulshan Arora	
	5. Promotion to the post of <b>Software Engineer</b>	1. Sh.D.K. Senapati, DPA 2. Ms.Veena Chauhan, DPA 3. Ms. Anita Dhall, DPA 4. Sh.J.L. Kapoor, DPA 5. Sh.K. Sudhir Kumar, DPA	
	6. Promotion to the post of <b>Media Officer</b>	1. Sh.G.K. Diwakar 2. Sh. Kamal Kumar	
	7. Promotion to the post of <b>Video Executive</b>	Sh. Mridul Mazumdar	
	8. Promotion to the post of <b>Maintenance Engineer</b>	1. Sh. Rakesh Jain 2. Ms. Azra Arshad	
	9. Regularization of <b>Assistant Engineer</b>	1. Sh.S.A. Khan 2. Sh.O.P. Srivastava	
	10. Promotion to the post of <b>Assistant Registrar (Publication)</b>	1. Sh. Yadunath Sharma 2. Sh. Sunil Kumar	Temporary Temporary

**ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER ARISING OUT OF THE DECISION OF THE BOM TO AMEND THE CLAUSE (1)(A) UNDER STATUTE 4 OF IGNOU ACT**

- BM 117.8.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed about the relevant provisions which provide for seeking the assent of the Visitor under Section 25(4) for implementing the decision of the Board to amend Clause (1)(ii)(a) of Statute 4 of IGNOU Act. It was further informed that the decision of the Board can only be implemented after the assent of the Visitor in this regard is obtained. The Board, however, reaffirmed its conscious decision for amendments to Clause 1(ii)(a) Statute 4 and also directed that the amendments be submitted to the MHRD for assent of the Visitor in terms of the relevant provisions under Section 25(3)&(4) of the IGNOU Act. The Board further decided not to wait for the assent of the Visitor and directed to take further necessary action/implement its decision by the concerned Division with immediate effect.
- ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER THE FULL FACTS OF THE CASE OF DR. V.S.P. SRIVASTAVA, JOINT DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION**
- BM 117.9.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board did not find the Agenda to be in chronological order. The Board decided to defer the item for the next Board.
- ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE DISCIPLINARY CASE INITIATED AGAINST SHRI K. VENKATARAMAN, PRODUCER (SR. SCALE), EMPC**
- BM 117.10.1** The Director, ACD presented the Item. The matter was deferred with the direction to place the proposal in the next meeting of BOM along with the rule position/full facts for imposition of the penalty based on the charges that stood proved.
- ITEM NO. 11 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN THE MATTER CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS INITIATED AGAINST SHRI S. VENKATESH, LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOSS**
- BM 117.11.1** The Director, ACD presented the Item. The matter was deferred with the direction to place the proposal in the next meeting of BOM along with the procedure/Rule position for imposing the penalty under the relevant rules based on the charges that stood proved.

**ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER THE AUTONOMY OF INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE (ISLRTC)**

**BM 117.12.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman invited Prof. P.R. Ramanujam to brief the proposal to the Board. Prof. Ramanujam informed that the Board in its 109<sup>th</sup> Meeting had 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. The broad objectives of the Centre as well as the implementation of the Project are as per the MOSJ&E Order No.4-12/2009 NI dt.21.7.2011. He further informed that the nature of autonomy was, however, not specified, and that there is a need for clarification regarding the status of ISLRTC vis-a-vis IGNOU and emphasized the need to suggest a way forward to ensure optimal operation of ISLRTC with a view to fulfill its aims and objectives as specified in the Ministry's order. Prof. Ramanujam accordingly requested the Board for approval of the administrative, academic & financial autonomy to the ISLRTC in principle and for authorization to proceed with working out the procedural details.

**BM 117.12.2** The Board deliberated upon the proposal and noted that there is no provision under the IGNOU Act/Statutes to grant autonomy to any institute/centre, etc. The Board observed that the proposal is in a project mode presently for a period of 5 years. The agenda note is also silent about the financial/budget part, physical location, etc. The Board, therefore, directed to take further necessary action as per the decision of the Committee constituted by the 114<sup>th</sup> BOM for the purpose for relocation of the centres/chairs/institutes, etc. with the approval of the Academic Council/Board.

**ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING THE RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PROF. A.S NARANG, RETIRED PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**BM 117.13.1** The Board considered the matter regarding re-employment of Prof. A.S. Narang in the School of Social Sciences as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted in the matter and approved his re-employment.

**BM 117.13.2** The Board also decided that cases of re-employment of teachers should be considered in exceptional circumstances and not on

routine basis. The Board further directed to review the guidelines notified by the University in this regard and place it in the next Board.

**ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOM ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (3)(A)(V) OF STATUTE 28 OF IGNOU ACT**

**BM 117.14.1** The item was deferred.

**ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR GRANTING EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE TO DR. ABDUL GANI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SRINAGAR NOW WORKING AS REGISTRAR IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR(CUK), SRINAGAR, FOR FURTHER PERIOD OF 5 YEARS BEYOND 27.2.2013**

**BM 117.15.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in the matter and noted that the Central University of Kashmir is a newly established University. The Board considered the MHRD's letter dt. 28.12.2011 (**Appendix-3**) which is yet to be adopted by the University. The Board, however, approved the extension of the term of Dr. Abdul Gani till 28.7.2013, as a special case, in partial relaxation of the provisions under Sub-Clause 8(v) of the Leave Ordinance (Ordinance No.2) in public interest so that the work of the CUK is not hampered.

The Board further directed to take further necessary action regarding making of the enabling provisions under the Ordinance Clause 8(v) based on the MHRD letter under reference.

**ITEM NO. 16 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF DR. SANJAY ROY, READER IN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

**BM 117.16.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in waiving off the shortfall in notice period in respect of Dr. Sanjay Roy, Reader in School of Social Work.

**ITEM NO. 17 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF SHRI**

**CHAMAN LAL, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

**BM 117.17.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in waiving off the shortfall in notice period in respect of Sh. Chamal Lal, Assistant Professor, School of Management Studies.

**ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR HIRING OF OFFICE SPACE FOR REGIONAL EVALUATION CENTRES, CHENNAI, KOLKATA AND LUCKNOW**

**BM 117.18.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for hiring of office space for Regional Evaluation Centres at Chennai, Kolkata and Lucknow.

**ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 67<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15.11.2012 FOR CONFIRMATION**

**BM 117.19.1** The Board considered the recommendations of 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 15.11.2012. The Board noted that the Minutes of 67<sup>th</sup> Establishment Committee have been confirmed by the Establishment Committee at its 68<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29.12.2012 and approved the same.

**ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER AMC SUPPORT FOR THE ODLSOFT (ERP) SYSTEM BY M/S TCS AFTER CLOSURE OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD I.E. AFTER DECEMBER, 2012**

**BM 117.20.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the AMC Support for the ODLSOFT (ERP) through TCS for a period of one year, subject to taking over the Project internally at the earliest but not later than six months. Further, Head, Computer Division shall submit a self-explanatory detailed note containing the entire roadmap, Plan of Action & related technical/administrative/financial issues, if any, as well as time-lines/flow chart, etc. in this regard immediately to the Vice Chancellor for taking appropriate necessary action.

**ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 79<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 04.01.2013**

**BM 117.21.1** The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the

Finance committee made at its 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 04.01.2013. A copy of the Minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed as **Appendix-4**.

The Board specifically approved the Revised Estimates 2012-2013 and Budget Estimates 2013-2014, under both Development Fund (Plan) and the Operation Fund (Non-Plan) as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Board also authorized submission of the Annual Accounts for the year 2011-2012 to the MHRD along with Audit certificate of the Director of Audit (Central Expenditure) issued for & on behalf of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, in terms of the provisions under Section 29 of IGNOU Act.

**ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR PARITY BETWEEN REGIONAL DIRECTORS/DEPUTY DIRECTORS APPOINTED ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT AND DEPUTY DIRECTORS PROMOTED UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME IN THE REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION (RSD)**

**BM 117.22.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. Dr. S.K. Mohapatra informed that the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Parvin Sinclair, the then Pro Vice Chancellor to examine the principles of determination of seniority of teachers/academics. In the case of academics, the Committee recommended the following:

*“As regards seniority of Regional Directors/Deputy Directors appointed on direct recruitment vis-à-vis those appointed on promotion under CAS, the Committee felt that there should be no discrimination between these two categories just as in the case of teachers. The senior most Regional Director or Deputy Director in a Regional Centre shall hold the office of the Regional Centre and head the Regional Centre concerned.”*

Dr. Mohapatra further informed that direct appointments are made by the University for the post of ‘Regional Director/Deputy Director’ and not separately for the post of Deputy Director or/and Regional Directors. Those who are posted at Regional Centres are designated as Regional Directors, while those posted at the Hqrs. are designated as Dy. Directors and also in case of transfer, the designation gets changed. It was further informed that the designations ‘Dy. Director’ and ‘Regional Director’ are inter-changeable in case of

direct appointment against sanctioned positions. However, this inter-changeability has not been applied to Dy. Directors who are promoted under CAS from the cadre of ARD, resulting into anomaly and operational problems where newly appointed Regional Directors in PB-III with AGP of Rs.8000/- and having no ODL experience are heading Regional Centres and Dy. Directors in PB-IV with AGP of Rs.9000/- and having long experience of more than 10 years are reporting to them. This has caused frustration and de-motivation among the experienced Dy. Directors promoted under CAS. The Prof. Parvin Sinclair Committee addressed this anomaly which was duly approved by the Establishment Committee at its 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. However, while confirming these Minutes at the 98<sup>th</sup> BOM, due to the comments of one of the Members, the anomaly could not be addressed and finalized for implementation.

Dr. S.K. Mohapatra further informed that the implementation of the recommendations of the Prof. Parvin Sinclair Committee in respect of academics has no financial implications.

**BM 117.22.2** The Board deliberated upon the matter at length. The Board approved the recommendations of the Prof. Parvin Sinclair Committee in respect of academics, in the matter of seniority as applicable to the teachers. A copy of the recommendations is placed as **Appendix-5**.

**ITEM NO. 23** **TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS/PARAMETERS OF THE MOUS REVIEW COMMITTEE AND OTHER REVIEW COMMITTEES i.e. COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME, CONVERGENCE SCHEME AND THE ON-CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAMMES**

**BM 117.23.1** The Item was considered along with Item No.2 above.

**Any other items:**

**BM 117.24.1** The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that there is serious problem of sending the printed Study Materials to students due to delay in procurement of printing papers because of late-finalization of tenders. Serious concerns have been expressed as non-supply of study materials of some courses since July 2012 has affected the students and there would be delay of material dispatch to January

2012 cycle students. It was further pointed by the Vice-Chancellor that in order to expedite the printing process through a technology different from the presently used process that takes the help of chemicals banned by the Govt. of Delhi, additional expenditure to the tune of ` 24 lakh to be incurred has already been approved. Efforts are made to dispatch the printed materials to be sent to the students as early as possible. He informed that all possible efforts are being made to avoid occurrence of such delays in future.

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

**(Gopinath Pradhan)**  
Chairman