

MINUTES OF THE 123RD MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON DECEMBER 08, 2015 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. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor (I/C)	- Chairman
2	Shri S.P. Goyal, Joint Secretary (TEL), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3	Prof. J.S. Rajput	- Member
4	Prof. K.N. Tripathi	- Member
5	Prof. S. Srilatha	- Member
6	Prof. S.R. Jha	- Member
7	Dr. Sanjeev Pandey	- Member
	Shri Sudhir Budakoti, Registrar (Admn.)	- Secretary

Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Shri Ramji Raghvan, Shri Manish Sabharwal and Dr. Anil Wali, Members of the Board could not attend the meeting. Prof. Sushma Yadav, PVC also attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

Shri Vinod Kumar, Asstt. Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the 123rd Meeting of the Board of Management. He informed that the President of India in his capacity as Visitor of the University has nominated four Members to the Board of Management, namely, Prof. J.S. Rajput (former Director, NCERT), Prof. Vasudha Kamat (Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University), Shri Ramji Raghvan (Founder and Chairman, Agastya International Foundation), and Shri Manish Sabharwal (Co-founder and Chairman of TeamLease Services Ltd.). Prof. J.S. Rajput, who was attending the Meeting of the Board for the first time was introduced to the members of the Board. The Chairman also introduced the other Members of the Board to the new Member.

The Chairman also gave a brief account of the distinguished positions held by Prof. J.S. Rajput from time to time and his contribution in reforms in school education and teacher education and institutional management. It was informed that Prof. Rajput served previously in different capacities as Principal of the Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal, Joint Educational Adviser, Ministry of HRD, Govt.

of India, Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education and the Director of NCERT. He has published research papers in Physics and several specialized areas in education, guided doctoral level researches and has authored several books. UNESCO acknowledged his contributions by selecting him for the Prestigious Jan Amos Comenius Medal for outstanding contributions in research and innovations and received this Award in July 2009.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, also placed on record the appreciation for the valuable contributions made by the outgoing members of the Board, namely, Prof. Ram G. Takwale, Dr. (Ms.) Ruth Manorama, Prof. D.B. Phatak and Prof. Bakul Dholakia, as the Visitor's nominees on the Board. He also made a reference of Prof. Vinary Kumar Pathak whose term as a BOM member expired on 03.8.2015, as he demitted the Office of the Vice Chancellor of the Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota to join as the Vice Chancellor of UP Technical University, Lucknow.

The Vice Chancellor, thereafter, informed that the Emergent meeting of the Board of Management has been convened to enable the University to submit the Annual Report 2014-15, the Audited Annual Accounts 2014-15 and Revised Estimates 2015-16 & Budget Estimates 2016-17 to the MHRD, Govt. of India by 15th December, 2015.

Before the Items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration, the Chairman informed the Board about the following facts:

- The fresh registration of students in IGNOU programmes in the current July Cycle has increased historically to 29%.
- As regards the International Study Centres of the University outside India, the Ministry of HRD has informed that the Visitor has kindly consented to start nine (9) Overseas Study Centres recently. Accordingly, the University is signing 9 MOUs with foreign institutions.
- The University has been successfully conducting the Term-End Examinations from 1st December 2015. About 900 Examination Centers have been established through out the country in which around 5 lacs students are appearing. A Task Force has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Pro Vice Chancellor to monitor the smooth conduct of examinations all over the country.
- The Campus Placement Cell (CPC) of the University has been successfully conducted seven Campus Placement Drives at Headquarters as well as Regional Centres at Delhi and Pune. About 1000 students participated in the placement drive of which 448 students were short-listed/selected.

- The CPC also organized an All Women Job Fair, where huge gathering of job seekers was witnessed, 672 female students participated in the Fair, interviewed by 8 companies from different sectors. Out of 672 candidates, a total of 212 were selected/shortlisted.
- The Regional Centres of the University have taken great pains in reaching the un-reached. They have reached 47 villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were presented before the Board.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-2015

BM 123.1.1 The Board noted that in accordance with the provisions contained under Section 28 of the IGNOU Act, read with the provisions under Statute 25 of the Statutes of the University, the Annual Report of the University is required to be prepared under the directions of the Board of Management of the University and submitted to the Visitor on or before December 31st of the following year. The provisions under Sub-Section (3) of Section 28 further enjoin that a copy of the Annual Report, so prepared shall be submitted to the Central Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of the Parliament.

It is further noted that the draft Annual Report of the University for the year 2014-15 prepared under the supervision of a Committee constituted for the purpose by the Vice-Chancellor. Prof. A.R. Khan, Chairperson of the Annual Report Preparation Committee also presented the Power-point Presentation of the Annual Report.

BM 123.1.2 After deliberations, the Board of Management considered the draft Annual Report of the University for the year 2014-2015 and approved the same. The Board further authorized to submit the same to the Visitor and to the Ministry for placing before both the Houses of Parliament, as required under Section 28, read with provisions under Statute 25 of the IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 87TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 27.11.2015 IN RESPECT OF (I) THE AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND (II) REVISED ESTIMATES 2015-16 & BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17

BM 123.2.1 The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its 87th meeting held on 27.11.2015 in respect of Item Nos.4 and 9 regarding the Revised Estimates 2015-16 and Budget Estimates 2016-17 and the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2014-15 respectively. Copy of the relevant extracts of minutes of the Finance Committee is placed at **Appendix-1**.

The Board noted that as per the provisions under Section 29 of IGNOU Act and the further provisions under Clause (6) of Statute 11 thereof, the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet of the University in respect of the preceding financial year is required to be prepared under the directions of the Board of Management of the University, and shall be submitted to the statutory Audit with the approval of the BOM. Accordingly, the Finance Committee at its 87th Meeting held on 27.11.2015 considered the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2014-2015 audited by the Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure) and recommended for approval by the Board of Management.

It is further noted that as per the provisions under Statute 11(6) of the Statutes of the University, the Financial Estimates of the University prepared by the Finance Officer are also considered and recommended by the Finance Committee for approval by the Board of Management.

A copy of the MHRD letter dated 07.12.2015 was placed before the Board conveying their observations made in respect of Item No.9 of the 87th Finance Committee meeting stated that all the provisions of Section 29 of the IGNOU Act shall be complied with by the University in letter and spirit (**Appendix-2**). The Board assured to comply with the same.

BM 123.2.2 After deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the 87th Finance Committee meeting in respect of Item Nos. 4 and 9 regarding the Revised Estimate 2015-16 & Budget Estimate 2016-17 and the Annual Accounts 2014-15 of the University. The Board further authorized submission of the Annual Accounts for the year 2014-2015 along with Audit Certificate of the Director of Audit (Central Expenditure) to the Visitor and to the MHRD for placing before both the Houses of Parliament, in terms of the provisions under Section 29 of IGNOU Act.

While discussing the above two Items, a few suggestions were made by some members to be considered in future as per the details given at **Appendix-3**.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman