



MINUTES OF THE 129TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2017 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. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor (I/c)	- Chairman
2	Dr. Hitesh Deka	- Member
3	Prof. K.N. Tripathi	- Member
4	Prof. Swaraj Basu	- Member
5	Prof. Kapil Kumar	- Member
6	Dr. P. Sivaswaroop	- Member
	Dr. Jitendra Kr. Srivastava Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

Shri Pankaj Salodia, Director, Ministry of I & B represented the Secretary, I&B. The Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of HRD, Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Prof. J.S. Rajput and Dr. A. Surya Prakash, Members of the Board could not attend the meeting.

Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

The meeting of the Board of Management began with the Chairman welcoming the members. The Chairman informed the Board that after the superannuation of Shri S.K. Sharma, former Registrar (Admn.) I/c, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava has been assigned the charge of Registrar (Admn.). The Chairman introduced him to the members of the Board.

The Chairman apprised the Board about the following developments that had taken place recently:

- (i) The International Solar Alliance, proposed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi at the 2015 UN Conference, has its headquarter at New Delhi. The Interim Director General of the Alliance stationed at the New Delhi headquarter had approached IGNOU to develop awareness programmes on solar energy and its applications. It was proposed that these programmes would

be offered to all the member countries of the International Solar Alliance including India. The announcement of the programme is tentatively planned in December 2017 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the presence of the Hon'ble President of the Republic of France and Hon'ble Secretary-General of the United Nations. The School of Engineering & Technology and School of Agriculture are designing and developing the programmes which are proposed to be offered in French and Spanish languages too. The Government of India proposes to offer fee exemption to the first 500 students enrolled in the programmes from member countries. The programme fee is expected to be in the range of \$300-\$500.

- (ii) The Pan Africa virtual classroom programme, earlier closed due to a pending revision of the scheme by the Ministry of External Affairs is likely to be revived shortly for delivering the above solar awareness programmes.
- (iii) The University had requested the UP Government to provide its ITI network to IGNOU for use as the Study Centres of the University. The UP Government has agreed to provide space and utilize the facilities at ITIs free of cost.
- (iv) The Government of Rajasthan has identified and evaluated 16 programmes offered by IGNOU as equivalent to 'Skill Development' Programme. These are offered in its higher education institutions. There are about 5500 students already enrolled in 290 higher educational institutions.
- (v) Gyan Darshan channel has been revived. It has been proposed to rename the revamped Gyan Darshan and Gyan Vani channels as Gyan Ganga and Gyan Sudha respectively. The Board appreciated the efforts made in this regard and authorized the Chairman to change the nomenclature of the aforesaid channels.

Director, EMPC informed that the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) of the University had launched Face Book Page with full details of schedule on IGNOU's website. The Gyan Samachar, also started by EMPC, was now a regular feature.

- (vi) The dispatch of study material has been organized from the University Headquarters through Post and Telegraph Office having the packet tracking system in place. This has been done in the light of DGACE observations regarding excess expenditure incurred in the decentralized dispatch. All the Regional Centres have been directed to close down the

Warehouses hired on rent basis for stocking study materials by 31st October 2017. The Post and Telegraph Office has agreed to open a Central Post Office in the University for processing for dispatch the study material. This measure will save expenditure and will also enable the recipient students to track the delivery of their packed learning material.

The Chairman informed that sufficient printed material was found available while conducting the stock checking at Regional Centre Warehouses. This was being used for dispatch to the students. It was suggested by the Board that pre-revised and other out of circulation study material of the University should be provided to various libraries and NGOs etc. for their reference instead of discarding and auctioning it. It was also suggested to send the course material of select programmes to the libraries at the Indian Missions and other offices like ICSSR, ICHR etc. in India and abroad to showcase India.

- (vii) The University had signed two MOUs with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, viz. (i) Common Service Centres (CSC), and (ii) National e-Governance Division to provide students online access of IGNOU services through CSC and LMS for Solar Awareness programmes and e-Governance Programmes. National e-Governance Division (NeGD) had agreed to work with IGNOU as non-financial strategic partner to advance the Digital India Capacity Building agenda. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister of Electronics & Information Technology had suggested that CSCs may become the receiving stations for Gyan Darshan and Gyan Vani channels. The University had also signed one MOU with Swami-Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA), Bengaluru to design, develop and deliver Collaborative Educational Programmes on Yoga.
- (viii) The Chairman also informed the Board that Swaminarayan Sanstha had approached the University for starting academic programmes on Vedic Studies, and Indian Culture and Spiritualism. It had also agreed to establish a Chair and create an endowment fund to promote such programmes

The Board appreciated the efforts made in this regard. The Board also suggested that the above MOUs be sent to the respective Schools of Studies for their information.

- (ix) In order to revamp the IGNOU's website, it was suggested that the University may invite the Expression of Interest from the professional agencies.
- (x) The Chairman also informed that the Government had announced the extension of benefits of the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission to the teachers and academics of the University. The Board, in principle, approved the adoption of the recommendations of the 7th CPC and directed that as and when the necessary order is received from the MHRD/UGC the same be implemented and subsequently placed before the Board for ratification.

The Board noted and appreciated the above activities/developments.

The following Agenda was, subsequently, transacted by the Board:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 128TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 30, 2017 AND
a) CONSIDER THE OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS OF THE MEMBERS
b) NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT

BM 129.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 128th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 30.6.2017 were circulated to the members of the Board on 17.7.2017. The MHRD vide its letter No.F.5-15/2017-DL dated 27.7.2017 had communicated the observations/comments on the minutes of the 128th BOM meeting. Some observations on Item No.5 of the BOM Minutes had also been received from Prof. Swaraj Basu, Member. The comments/observations were placed before the Board for its consideration, as per Annexure-II & III of the Agenda.

BM 129.1.2 The Chairman informed Board that a letter (No.F.5-26/2017-DL dated 12.10.2017) from Sri P. Sasikumar, Deputy Secretary, MHRD, addressed to the Registrar (Admin.) I/c & Secretary, BoM, IGNOU forwarding observations/comments on some of the agenda items had been received through fax just before the start of the 129th Board Meeting (**Appendix-1**). The Board deliberated the contents of the said letter. The members opined that the observations/comments, if any, on the agenda items,

should be communicated well before the date of meeting, as the agenda papers are sent at least one week prior to scheduled meeting. As regards observations on Item No.12 of the previous meeting regarding the recommendations of the DPC, the Board was informed that the necessary clarifications had been forwarded to the Ministry vide letter No.AD/2/NA/ 2017/60 dt.23.8.2017 (**Appendix-2**). The Board was further informed that the promotion orders were issued as per the R&P Rules of the University duly approved by the Board of Management. The members appreciated the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in this regard.

BM 129.1.3

The Chairman informed Board that the Ministry of HRD had forwarded a letter No.F.5-19/2016-DL dt.3.8.2017 regarding the matter relating to the GPF and CPF scheme (**Appendix-3**). The Ministry had stated that the matter was examined in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division (IFD) of the MHRD who in turn opined that *the University authorities should take similar action as it had taken in the year 2009 (in respect of its 43 employees) as a corrective measure steps with regard to the issue of allowing switchover from CPF to GPF scheme against the Order(s) of DoPT to its 46 employees immediately and issue necessary notification/officer order based on the O.M. No.4/1/87-PIC-I dt.1.5.1987 and other similarly such order of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare issued from time to time. Further responsibility needs to be fixed against the concerned officer(s) of the University for this irregularity.*

BM 129.1.4

After detailed deliberations, the Board unanimously decided that one/two members of the Board should be nominated by the Vice Chancellor for preparing a draft containing comprehensive details regarding GPF/CPF and the serious problems envisaged in implementing the above suggestion; and it should be sent to the MHRD for an early redress of the issue and removal of the anomalies as a number of employees had been deprived of the benefits for an unduly long period.

BM 129.1.5

The Board noted the Action Taken Report. It also decided to confirm the Minutes of the 128th Board Meeting after

suitably modifying item BM 128.5.1 reflecting the views expressed vide **Annexures-II & III (enclosed)**.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON DISCIPLINARY AND VIGILANCE CASES IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 129.2.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman suggested that in Point No.(iv) of the Chairman's prefatory remarks of the minutes of 128th BOM meeting, the words '*He therefore, desired...*' be replaced with '*The Board, therefore desired...*'. The Board agreed to the suggestions.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had a meeting with the Chief Vigilance Commissioner to discuss vigilance cases pending in the University. The CVC advised to handle the cases as per the Vigilance Manual-2017. He further informed and read out the details of 18 vigilance cases (**Appendix-4**).

After detailed deliberations, the Board decided that the cases investigated by the Vigilance should be done in a time-bound manner and as per procedure prescribed in the Vigilance Manual-2017. It was suggested that a list of all such cases should be forwarded to the Director, Academic Coordination Division and Administration Division for their information and guidance at the time of providing vigilance clearance to IGNOU employees.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 91ST MEETING HELD ON 22.6.2017

BM 129.3.1

The Board considered the recommendations of the 91st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22.6.2017. The Board noted that due to urgency of the matter and the time schedule prescribed by the CAG, the Part-Minutes in respect of Item No.4 of 91st meeting of the Finance Committee relating to the Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2016-17 was approved by the Board in its previous meeting held on 30.6.2017.

The Board approved the remaining recommendations of the 91st Finance Committee meeting held on 22.6.2017 (**Appendix-5**).

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS) PROMOTION/ PLACEMENT OF TEACHING/ACADEMIC POSITIONS UNDER 6TH CPC

BM 129.4.1

At the time of deliberating this item, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Registrar (I/c) recused himself from the meeting. The item was subsequently taken up for consideration and approval. The following comment from the letter of Sri P. Sasikumar, Deputy Secretary, MHRD (vide **Appendix-1**) was noted:

*The proposed new Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Teachers and Academics of the University has so far not been finalized, approved and notified by IGNOU,
Hence the proposal may not be taken up at this stage.*

The Board observed that there, probably, was an inadvertent misunderstanding on the part of the Deputy Secretary about the procedural matters pertaining to the Ordinance on CAS. The Board noted that the operating provisions in respect of Ordinance were as given below:

Section 26 (2) of the IGNOU Act:

The first Ordinances shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the previous approval of the Central Government and the Ordinances so made may be amended, repealed or added to at any time by the Board of Management in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

Statute 26:

26. Ordinances how made:

- (1) All ordinances, from the date of commencement of this Statute, shall be made by the Board of Management.
- (3) Every Ordinance made by the Board of Management

shall come into effect immediately.

- (4) All Ordinances made by the Board of Management shall be submitted to the Visitor within three weeks from the date of its adoption. The Visitor may, within four weeks of the receipt of any Ordinance, inform the University about his objection, if any, to that Ordinance, and direct that its operation shall remain suspended until he has had an opportunity of exercising his power of disallowance. The Visitor may, after receiving the comments of the University, either withdraw his order of suspension or disallow the Ordinance, and his decision shall be final.

The Board observed that the following facts, in the light of the above provisions, were noteworthy:

- A. The Ordinance on CAS (6th CPC) was duly made by the BoM of IGNOU in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Section 26 (2) of IGNOU Act and Statute 26 of IGNOU Act.
- B. The Ordinance on CAS (6th CPC), legally approved by the BoM of IGNOU, had “come into effect immediately” in consonance with Clause (3) of Statute 26.
- C. The Ordinance on CAS (6th CPC) was duly notified, vide F.No.IG/ACD/6thCPC/CAS/2016-17/395 dated 07th March, 2017. A copy of this notification was also sent to Joint Secretary (DL), Dept of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
- D. The Ordinance on CAS (6th CPC) was in complete accordance with the UGC Career Advancement Scheme, 2010 including 4th Amendment dated 11th July 2016.

In the light of the facts and details noted above, the Board agreed that there was no infirmity in the Ordinance on CAS (6th CPC) and it had complied with all the stipulations necessary for it to become an operational entity (**Appendix-6**: Related documents and correspondence).

BM 129.4.2 The Board directed that the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) Promotion/Placement of Teaching/Academics positions under 6th CPC should be placed for its consideration. Accordingly, the recommendations as per the details given below were placed for the consideration of the Board.

1. Promotion to the post of Professor under CAS 2010 in Pay Band-IV of Rs.37400-67000 (AGP Rs.10,000/-)

Date of Meeting	Position	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee
01-8-2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Humanities (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	1. Dr. Jitendra Kr. Srivastava 2. Dr. Smita Chaturvedi 3. Dr. Neera Singh 4. Dr. Nandini Sahu
02.8.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Gender and Development Studies (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	1. Dr. Neelima Srivastava 2. Dr. Himdadri Roy
3.10.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Continuing Education (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	1. Dr. Rekha Sharma Sen 2. Dr. Raghvendra Pratap Singh
3.10.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Agriculture (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Shailendra Kr. Yadav
5.10.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in SOEDS (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	1. Dr. Nehal A-Farooque 2. Dr. P.V.K. Sasidhar
9.10.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Sciences (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	1. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar 2. Dr. Kamalika Banerjee 3. Dr. Bano Saidullah
9.10.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Social Sciences (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	1. Dr. Rashimi Sinha 2. Dr. Durgesh Nandini 3. Dr. Suhas Shetgovekar 4. Dr. Swati Patra
11.10.2017	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Health Sciences (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Ruchika Kuba

**2. Placement of Teachers/Academics under CAS 2010, Stage-3
(AGP Rs.8000/-) in Pay Band-III of Rs.15600-39100**

4.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-) in School of Agriculture	1. Dr. P.Vijay Kumar 2. Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain 3. Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra 4. Dr. Mukesh Kumar
4.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-) in School of Law	1. Dr. Suneet K Srivastava 2. Dr. Anand Gupta 3. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur
14.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Regional Director/ Assistant Director in RSD under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-)	1. Dr. Amit Srivastava 2. Dr. Bir Abhimanyu Kumar 3. Dr. M.A. Lashkar 4. Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh 5. Sh. Manoj Tirky 6. Dr. Dharmarao Gonipati 7. Dr. Sindhu P Nair 8. Dr. Bimal Chand Nanda 9. Dr. Mirza Nehal Ahmad Beg
14.9.2017	Placement in the AGP 8000/- in P&DD	1. Mr. Girija Shankar 2. Mr. Sunil Kumar 3. Ms. Neelam Chaudhary
18.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professor under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-) in SOCIS	Dr. M.P. Mishra
18.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-) in STRIDE	1. Mr. Tata Ram Krishna 2. Dr. Amiteshwar Ratra
20.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professor under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-) in SOTHSSM	Dr. Paramita Shuklavaidaya
3.10.2017	Placement of Assistant Professor under CAS 2010 Stage-3 (AGP Rs.8000/-) in School of Continuing Education	Dr. Gurupada Saren

3. Placement of Teachers/Academics under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in Pay Band-III of Rs.15600-39100

4.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professor under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in School of Law	Ms. Mansi Sharma
11.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in SOITS	1. Dr. Sushmita Bhaskar 2. Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman 3. Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan 4. Dr. Deeksha Dave
14.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Directors under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in RSD	1. Dr. Oinam Jayalakhmi Devi 2. Dr.S.K. Mohanty 3. Dr. Ragini Kumari 4. Dr.Y.Venkateshwarlu 5. Dr. Saroj Kumar Mishra 6. Mr. Vikram Singh 7. Mr. Ram Murti Meena 8. Mr. Anbalgan G 9. Dr. Jayesh Patel 10. Dr. E.Krishna Rao 11. Dr. Rupali Shrivastav 12. Dr. Bansidhar Barik 13. Dr. S.K. Pandey 14. Dr. Jagadamba Prasad 15. Dr. Malik R Faisal
18.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in School of Education	1. Dr. Niradhar Dey 2. Dr. Elizabeth Kuruville 3. Dr. Anjuli Suhane 4. Dr. Gaurav Singh 5. Dr. Ajith Kumar C.
18.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professor under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in SOCIS	Mr. Sundhansh Sharma
18.9.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in STRIDE	1. Mr. Ali Asgar 2. Dr. Pulla Lakshmi
3.10.2017	Placement of Assistant Professors under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in School of Sciences	1. Dr. Satya Raj 2. Dr. K.Negeswara Rao 3. Mr. Vishal Varpa 4. Dr. Manisha Pandey

		5. Dr. Arvind Kr. Sakya 6. Dr. Abdul Kareem 7. Dr. Seema Kalra
3.10.2017	Placement of Assistant Professor under CAS 2010, Stage-2 (AGP Rs.7000/-) in SOFL	Sh. Shivaji Bhaskar

BM 129.4.3 The Board approved the recommendations as detailed above and directed the Academic Coordination Division (ACD) to strictly follow the date of eligibility as given in the CAS of 6th CPC.

BM 129.4.4 The Board decided to issue the Part-Minutes in respect of the above recommendations of the meetings of the Selection Committee for implementation.

ITEM NO. 5 (A) **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS/CELL/UNIT**
(B) **TO REPORT THE MATTER RELATED TO ENTRUSTING THE CHARGE OF VACANT POSITIONS OF HEADS OF DIVISIONS/CELL**

BM 129.5.1 (A) The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving the charge of Directors of the School/Cell/Unit to the following teachers/academics, as per details given below

#	Name of the Academic/Teacher	School/Division/Centre/Unit/Cell	Period of Appointment/Charge given
1.	Prof. S.B. Arora	Director, SOHS	w.e.f. 06.08.2017 to 05.08.2020
2.	Dr. Rakhi Sharma	Director, SOET	w.e.f. 05.08.2017 to 04.08.2020
3.	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava	Head, IQAC	w.e.f. 03.04.2017 till further orders
4.	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava	Director, Defence Unit	26.07.2017 till further orders

- (B) The Board further noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving the additional charge of the Divisions/Cell to the following officials till further orders as per the details given below:

#	Name of the official(s)	Divisions/Cell
1.	Prof. S. Srilatha	Registrar, SRD (w.e.f.28.11.2016)
2.	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar	Finance Officer (w.e.f.6.4.2017)
3.	Dr. V.V. Reddy	Registrar, MPDD (w.e.f.21.7.2017)
4.	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava	Registrar (Admn.) (w.e.f. 31.8.2017(A/N))
5.	Dr. Purnendu Tripathi	Chief Vigilance Officer (w.e.f.8.9.2017)

BM 129.5.2

Prof. Swaraj Basu desired that a note on the charge given to the incumbents as Directors of Schools may be prepared to establish the transparency of procedure. The Chairman agreed with the suggestion and decided to prepare and circulate the information, as above, pertaining to the tenure of the current Chairman of the BOM.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE RE-EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS VIDE STATUTE 17(9)(B) OF THE IGNOU ACT

BM 129.6.1

The Item was deferred.

Additional Items:**ITEM NO. 7**

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2016-17

BM 129.7.1

The Annual Report of the University for year 2016-17 (both Hindi & English version) was placed before the Board for consideration. The Board approved the Annual Report of the University for the year 2016-17 and authorized the University to submit the same 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. 8 **TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER TO
THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE
(1)(VI)(B) OF STATUTE 6A**

BM 129.8.1 The item was deferred.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar)
Chairman