



MINUTES OF THE 135TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JULY 19, 2019 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. Ravindra Ramchandra Kanhere, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary (DL & Admn.), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
4.	Shri Amit Katoch, Director (BC), Ministry of I&B	- Representative, Secretary, M/I&B
5.	Prof. V.S. Prasad	- Member
6.	Prof. S.G. Deshmukh	- Member
7.	Shri Ashok Bhagat	- Member
8.	Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar	- Member
9.	Dr. P. Prakash	- Member
10.	Prof. K.K. Aggarwal	- Member
11.	Prof. Satyakam	- Member
12.	Prof. Debal K. Singharoy	- Member
13	Dr. Ranjan Kumar	- Member
	Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

Shri Atul Chandra Nishar and Shri D.N. Bezboruah, Members 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 a welcome note by the Chairman and introduced each member of the Board. The Chairman especially welcomed Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata and Prof. K.K. Aggarwal, Chairman, NBA who were attending the meeting of the Board for the first time.

The Chairman appreciated Ms. Vidya Sonal, former Registrar (Admn.) I/c for her dedication and hard work in her tenure. On vacating the post of

Registrar (Admn.) by Ms. Vidya Sonal, Dr. V.B. Negi, Joint Registrar (SED) has been given the additional charge of Registrar (Admn.) w.e.f. 04.06.2019. The Chairman appreciated Dr. Negi for discharging his duties sincerely in the capacity of Registrar (Admn.) I/c as well as the role of Joint Registrar (SED).

Before the items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration, the Chairman presented before the BOM, a brief account of the developments that had taken place in the University since the last meeting of the Board (134th) held on 04.05.2019, as under:

1. The Board welcomed Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' who took over the charge of Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India w.e.f. 31.05.2019. We believe that under his dynamic leadership, the University will attain greater heights of academic glory.
2. The Chairman informed that the University got Research Ordinance approved by the Visitor for conducting the Research Degree Programmes.
3. The MHRD had also conveyed the approval of the Visitor on CAS Ordinance for teachers and academics of 6th CPC. The Board thanked the MHRD and UGC for their constant support in this endeavour.
4. IGNOU was exempted from the application of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations 2017. In this regard, the Gazette Notification has been issued vide dated 06.06.2019.
5. The University has taken the support of National Testing Agency (NTA) of MHRD for conducting its Online Entrance Examination for MBA and B.Ed. for the first time, scheduled on 27th July 2019. The entrance exams will be held at 136 centres. The fee for entrance examination for MBA and B.Ed. has been reduced from Rs.1000 to Rs.600/-. Also, 98% learners have got the specifically opted examination centres.
6. During the last one year, the University conducted two Convocations; 31st Convocation is in-absentia and one regular Convocation (i.e. 32nd Convocation). Request is being sent through MHRD to invite the President of India as the Chief Guest of the next Convocation (i.e. 33rd Convocation).
7. MHRD has extended software support facilities to IGNOU under Samarth Scheme with financial support from MHRD.
8. The University has purchased 100 high-end computers, 225 standard all-in-one computers, 150 printers and 325 UPSs through GeM in May 2019 for strengthening hardware base.

9. The University is making preparatory work at a faster pace for the process for NAAC Accreditation.
10. The fresh admission in IGNOU as on 19th July 2019 is 1,21,000 and re-registration is 2,87,008. The Ministry has set a target of increasing the number of admissions by at least 90,000.
11. The MHRD has sanctioned a special grant of Rs.150 crore. Fee waiver scheme for SC/ST students in 128 programmes was introduced. BA, B.Com., B.Sc., BTS, BSW, BCA and Certificate & Diploma level programmes are covered.
12. The University has initiated the process of providing Question Paper of its term-end examination in encrypted format, especially practical examinations. For June Term-End Examination, 7.59 lac. students were registered. This is one lakh more learners as compared to previous year. Registrar (SED) and his whole team deserve special appreciation.
13. The University has identified the number of vacancies of teaching/non-teaching and the process to fill up these posts is going on.
14. In order to be more socially connected to the masses, the University is now visible on Instagram. The University is already available on facebook and twitter. The Chairman complemented the PIU Unit of the University which has put in extra efforts to make IGNOU available on social websites.
15. The UGC vide its letter dt.29.5.2019 issued a Letter of Intent to the University for its four Online Programmes; MA Hindi, Certificate in Tourism Studies, Certificate in Russian Language and Certificate in Arabic Language.

After the above prefatory remarks, the Secretary presented the following Agenda:

ITEM NO. 1 (A) TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 134TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MAY 04, 2019 AND

(B) TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT

BM 135.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 134th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 04.05.2019 were circulated to the members of the Board on 07.05.20219. No comments were received on the minutes. The Chairman informed that the MHRD vide its letter No.F.5-20/2019-DL dated 18.07.2019 has forwarded their observations/comments on some of the agenda items of 135th BOM (**Appendix-1**). The Board deliberated in detail on the contents of the said letter and accordingly, these were kept in view while

taking up the agenda items.

BM 135.1.2 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 134th Board Meeting and also noted the Action Taken Report.

ITEM NO. 2 (A) TO REPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOM OBTAINED THROUGH CIRCULATION IN RESPECT OF RESOLUTIONS FC97.3 AND FC97.5 OF 97TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26.6.2019

(B) TO CONSIDER THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 97TH MEETING HELD ON 26.6.2019

BM 135.2.1 (A) The Finance Officer was invited to present the Item. He informed that due to urgency and the time schedule prescribed by the CAG, the approval of the BOM members on the following agenda proposals, recommended/approved by the Finance Committee in its 97th meeting held on 26.6.2019 was obtained through Circulation.

1. Res.No.FC 97.3 regarding the Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2018-2019 to be submitted to DGACE for audit and
2. Res.No.FC 97.5 regarding the developments in relation to the grant conveyed by the MHRD for executing the provision of reservation in admission for Economically Weaker Section students in Central Educational Institutions

The Board noted the above.

BM 135.2.2 (B) The Board also approved the remaining recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its 97th meeting (**Appendix-2**).

ITEM NO. 3 TO REPORT THE CLOSURE OF INITIATION OF INQUIRY TO LOOK INTO THE OVERALL FUNCTIONING OF IGNOU BETWEEN THE PERIOD 20.10.2011 (WHEN PROF. M. ASLAM JOINED AS ACTING VC) TO TILL DATE

BM 135.3.1 The Board noted that the MHRD vide its letter No.10-2/2014-DL (Pt.2) dt. 08.05.2019 has conveyed the closure of initiation of Inquiry

to look into the overall functioning of IGNOU between the period 20.10.2011 (when Prof. M. Aslam joined as Acting VC) to till date.

ITEM NO. 4 (A) TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS

(B) TO REPORT THE MATTER RELATED TO ENTRUSTING THE CHARGE OF VACANT POSITIONS OF HEADS OF DIVISIONS/UNITS

BM 135.4.1 (A) The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving charge of Directorship of following Schools/Division to the following Teachers/Academics as per details given below:

#	Name of the Teacher/Academic	School/Division/Centre/ Unit/Cell	Period of Appointment/ Charge given
1.	Prof. R. Satyanarayana, Professor, STRIDE	Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE)	04.06.2019 to 30.09.2021 (date of his Superannuation)
2.	Prof. S. K. Yadav, Professor, SOA	School of Agriculture	25.06.2019 to 24.06.2022
3.	Prof. A. K. Gaba, Professor, SOVET	School of Vocational Education & Training	25.06.2019 to 24.06.2022
4	Prof. Gracious Thomas, Professor, SOSW	School of Social Work	25.06.2019 to 30.09.2021 (date of his Superannuation)
5	Prof. Sunil Kumar, Professor, SOPVA	School of Performing & Visual Arts	25.06.2019 to 24.06.2022
6	Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Professor, SOEDS	School of Extension & Development Studies	25.06.2019 to 24.06.2022
7	Prof. Rashmi Sinha, Professor (Anthropology), SOSS	School of Social Sciences	01.07.2019 to 30.06.2022
8	Prof. T. K. Jena, Professor (Health Sciences), SOHS	School of Health Sciences	01.07.2019 to 05.08.2020
9	Prof. Poornima Mittal, Professor (Mathematics), SOS	School of Sciences	09.07.2019 to 08.07.2022

BM 135.4.2 (B) The Board also noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving the additional charge of the Divisions/Cells to the following officials till further orders as per the details given below:

#	Name of the official(s)	Division/Cell
1	Dr. V.B. Negi, Jt. Registrar, SED	Registrar (Administration) (w.e.f.04.06.2019)
2	Prof. Jaideep Sharma, SOSS	Chief Vigilance Officer (w.e.f. 24.6.2019)
3	Director, SOA	Horticulture cell (w.e.f.26.6.2019)

ITEM NO. 5 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR MERGER OF PAN AFRICA E-NETWORK PROJECT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 135.5.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor for the transfer of all activities of Pan Africa e-Network Project to the International Division of the University.

ITEM NO. 6 TO REPORT THE APPROVAL RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA AS THE VISITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY ON THE RESEARCH ORDINANCE OF IGNOU

BM 135.6.1 The Chairman informed that the Board of Management in its 131st meeting held on 22.12.2018 considered and approved the IGNOU Research Ordinance and Research Regulations for conducting the Research Degree Programmes, duly amended based on the comments received from the UGC. The amended Research Ordinance and Research Regulations were forwarded to the MHRD. Further the University Grants Commission vide its e-mail dated 15th May 2019 communicated certain changes in the IGNOU Research Ordinance and Research Regulations which were duly incorporated and sent to the MHRD. The MHRD vide its letter No. F.No.5-15/2014-DL(Pt.) dated 17th June 2019 has communicated the approval of the IGNOU Research Ordinance by the President of India in his capacity of being the Visitor of the University.

BM 135.6.2 The Board noted that the Research Ordinance and Research Regulations have been approved by the Visitor and directed to take further action for its implementation.

ITEM NO. 7 TO RATIFY THE SIGNING OF MOA WITH FOUR NEWLY ESTABLISHED / RECOGNIZED OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES AT (1) KUWAIT EDUCATIONAL CENTRE, KUWAIT; (2) BRIDGE ACADEMY, OMAN; (3) AL HIKMA EDUCATION INSTITUTE, SHARJAH, UAE; (4) POLYGLOT INSTITUTE, OMAN

BM 135.7.1 The Board noted that the MHRD vide its letter No.5-28/ 2014-DL(pt.) dated 11.02.2019 had conveyed programme wise approval of the Visitor for recognition of fourteen institutions as Overseas Study Centres of the University, as mentioned in the agenda. The Board further noted that out of these fourteen institutions, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been signed with the following four institutions with the approval of competent authority:

#	Name of the Institution	Date of signing the MoA
1.	Kuwait Educational Centre, Kuwait	15.5.2019
2.	Bridge Academy, Oman	15.5.2019
3.	Al Hikma Education Institute, Sharjah, UAE	24.5.2019
4.	Polyglot Institute, Oman.	2.7.2019

BM 135.7.2 The Board ratified the action taken in signing of the MOAs with the above institutions.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE INQUIRY REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL MIS-MANAGEMENT AT REGIONAL CENTRE, ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

BM 135.8.1 Prof. M.S.S. Raju was invited to present the Item who headed the Enquiry Committee constituted in the matter of financial mismanagement at Regional Centre, Itanagar. He briefed the matter to the Board and informed that the Committee has submitted its recommendations.

BM 135.8.2 The Board took a serious note. The Board after detailed deliberations, suggested that the matter be referred to the Chief Vigilance Officer of the MHRD.

ITEM NO. 9 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHERS AND ORDINANCE FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF ACADEMICS INCLUDING LIBRARIANS OF IGNOU BASED ON “UGC REGULATIONS ON MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND MEASURES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, 2018”**

BM 135.9.1 The Item was deferred.

ITEM NO. 10 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE 17 (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY) AND STATUTE 18 (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND CODE OF CONDUCT OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

BM 135.10.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. It was informed that the Board of Management at its 131st meeting held on 22.12.2018 while considering the Ordinance for Career Advancement of Teachers and Ordinance on Career Advancement of Academics observed that revision of minimum qualifications for appointment, promotion, pay etc. is a periodic activity which UGC does from time to time and which is fully binding upon IGNOU. Thus, instead of episodic adoption of UGC Regulations, IGNOU should adopt UGC Regulations as a standing provision. Accordingly, the Board desired that suitable “standing” provisions can be incorporated in Statutes. The Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee under the Chairpersonship of Prof. B.B. Khanna which has submitted its recommendations. The Board was further informed that the Committee proposed the amendments to Statute 17 governing “Terms and conditions of service and code of conduct of the teachers and other academic staff of the University” and Statute 18 governing “Terms and conditions of service and code of conduct of other employees of the University” which are placed at **Appendix-3 & 4** respectively.

Appendix 3 & 4 revised by the Board in its 137th meeting, as per the MHRD letter No.5-20/2019-DL dt.05.08.2019

BM 135.10.2 The Board perused the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee. It was suggested that the words ‘fine tune’ may be replaced with the word ‘contextualize’ under the column ‘Amendment proposed’ mentioned in the tables at Annexure-II & III of the agenda. The Board noted that there is typographical mistake which should read as 17(1a) instead of 14 (1a) under ‘Provision after amendment’ at Annexure-II. The Board agreed to the same.

BM 135.10.3 The Board approved the proposed amendments to Statute 17 and Statute 18 recommended by the aforesaid Committee with the above observation and instructed to forward the same to the MHRD for consideration of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE INQUIRY REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING AGAINST DR. VARDHINI BHATTACHARJEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RETD.), RESEARCH UNIT

BM 135.11.1 It was informed that the Board in its 121st meeting of Board of Management held on 21.6.2014 had directed to hold an inquiry against Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, as adopted by IGNOU for its employees. The Competent Authority in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 10(1)(a) of Central Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1965 vide Notification IG/Admn/(G)/Nit/ 2011/2900 dated 05.10.2010, placed her under suspension with immediate effect vide Office Order F.No. IG/TA/1/561/06/8068 dated 30.6.2014. It was further informed that Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharya filed a Court case (WP (C) 360/2016) and Hon’ble Guwahati High Court on 30.11.2018 while disposing off the case “ordered that the disciplinary proceeding initiated against the Petitioner as per Office Memorandum dated 30.6.2014 be brought to its logical conclusion within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In doing so, the petitioner shall co-operate with the Disciplinary Authority in any manner that is required”. Accordingly, the Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer appointed in the matter, completed the proceedings in her case and submitted the Report, a copy of the same was placed in the meeting.

BM 135.11.2 The Board was also informed that with the permission of the

Vice Chancellor, a copy of the Report of the Inquiry Committee has been shared with the charged Officer for her comments and her reply is awaited

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING LEADING TO TERMINATION OF HER SERVICES FROM THE UNIVERSITY UNDER CCS (CONDUCT) RULES AGAINST DR. BHAWANTI JADWANI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SOSS FOR UN-AUTHORIZED ABSENCE FROM DUTIES

BM 135.12.1 The Board noted that pursuing the decision of Board of Management taken in its 131st Meeting held on 22.12.2018 Dr. Bhagwanti Jadwani, Assistant Professor, Psychology, SOSS was issued a Memorandum as she had been defying her academic duties and was continuously abstaining from her duties without information w.e.f. March 2017. She was asked to explain reasons as to why Disciplinary action should not be initiated against her in terms of CCS (Conduct) Rules, Statute 19 of the Statutes of the University and Clause 20 (10) of Ordinance regulating leaves of the employees of the University. Till date, the University has not received any response from Dr. Bhagwanti Jadwani.

BM 135.12.2 The Board after detailed deliberations directed that the disciplinary action be initiated against Dr. Bhagwanti Jadwani in terms of CCS (Conduct) Rules, Statute 19 of the Statutes of the University and Clause 20 (10) of Ordinance regulating leaves of the employees of the University leading to termination of her services from the University.

ITEM NO. 13 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE WITH LIEN FOR 3 YEARS TO PROF. MADHU PARHAR, PROFESSOR, STRIDE

BM 135.13.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting Extra Ordinary Leave with lien for 3 years to Prof. Madhu Parhar, Professor, STRIDE to enable her join as Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.

(Revised by the Board in its 137th Meeting, as per the comment received from the Member)

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF THE EARLIER

ADVERTISEMENT ISSUED FOR VARIOUS TEACHING POSITIONS AND SEALED COVER OF SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT IN THE YEAR 2014

BM 135.14.1

The Secretary informed the Board that the University had issued advertisements for appointment to some of the academic and non-academic positions in the year 2013 and the Selection Committees' meetings for these posts were also conducted. The matter with regard to Selection Committee recommendations was placed before the Board in its 122nd meeting held on 25.4.2015. The Board decided that *“As regards the recommendations for appointments of teachers vide (A) of the agenda note (direct recruitment) the Chairman informed the contents of the MHRD letter dated 09.10.2014. It states that the appointment of permanent teaching and non-teaching staff, creation of new posts etc. should not be taken up by the Acting Vice Chancellor. Accordingly, the Board decided to defer the recommendations of such Selection Committees.”* The Board also decided that *“the recommendations of the Selection Committees for Non-Academic Group-A positions viz. Joint Registrars, Chief Engineer and Chief Security Officer were also deferred in accordance with the provision contained in the Ministry of Finance OM No.7(1)/E.Coord./2014 dt. 29.10.20-14 as mentioned in Resolution No.BM 122.1.10.”*

BM 135.14.2

The Board was further informed that as the regular Vice Chancellor joined the University in July 2018 after more than 3 and a half years from the date of Selection Committees; the eligibility conditions for Teaching/academic positions have changed due to 7th CPC Regulations 2018 of UGC which have been adopted by the University; as also there has been a change in the Roster system due to 10% EWS quota from General category, the following was, therefore, proposed:

- (a) the earlier advertisement issued in 2013 alongwith selection committee recommendations placed in sealed cover as above may be cancelled
- (b) the posts may be included in the fresh recruitment as per the revised Roaster consequent upon implementation of 10% reservations for EWS.

BM 135.14.3

The Board was informed that the legal opinion in the matter has

also been obtained. The Board considered and approved the proposal as referred to above.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE PRESCRIBED FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 135.15.1 The Board was informed that this matter was taken up in its 134th meeting held on 04.05.2019. The Board suggested that the qualifications should be in the line with the qualification, age etc. prevalent in other Central Universities. Accordingly, the University made efforts to ascertain the position of Director/Head, Computer Division from other Central Universities through their websites and found that there is no separate Division or Department as Computer Division exists for taking care of the administrative activities related to the computers. The Central Universities had facilities of computer sciences, computer engineering and information technology. The faculties were headed by either HOD or Dean or Director.

BM 135.15.2 The Board deliberated the matter in detail and authorized the Chairman to make suitable changes in the proposed qualification for the post of Director, Computer Division. Prof. S.G. Deshmukh and Prof. K.K. Aggarwal, BOM members were requested to help the University in finalizing the qualification and experience.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY SPECIALLY FOR THE POSTS OF DIRECTORS IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS/CENTRES/CELLS/UNITS AND LIBRARIAN AS PER UGC REGULATIONS, 2018

BM 135.16.1 The Chairman informed that the Board of Management at its 131st meeting held on 22.12.2018 has adopted the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in the Higher Education, 2018. These Regulations shall come into effect from the date of notification by University Grants Commission in the Official Gazette of India i.e. 18th July 2018. Consequently, there

was a need to revise the qualifications and eligibility conditions for these posts. A comprehensive list of job-profile, existing eligibility conditions and proposed eligibility conditions in line with 7th CPC for the positions of Directors in various Divisions/Units and Librarian was placed before the Board.

BM 135.16.2 The Board considered and approved the qualifications for various Academic positions in the University especially for the posts of Directors in various Divisions/Centres/Cells/Units as per UGC Regulations, 2018 (**Appendix-5**). However, it was opined that the University in the first instance may fill up the positions of Director (EMPC), Librarian etc.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER THE NOTIFICATION ON “STANDARDS FOR ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING INCLUDING ONLINE EDUCATION”

BM 135.17.1 The Board noted that the University had submitted a proposal to the MHRD in respect of the Ordinance on Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning including Online Education, approved by the Board in its 133rd meeting held on 25.2.2019 for consideration of the Visitor, as per the provisions under Statute 26(4) of the IGNOU Act. The MHRD vide its letter No.6-1/2014-DL (Pt.3) dated 20.3.2019 has informed that during the discussions on the matter in the Ministry it was opined that the proposed Ordinance could be considered as per the provisions under Section 24(j) read with Section 26(d) of the IGNOU Act.

The Board further noted the provisions under Clause (3) of Statute 7 which provides that *‘The Board of Management shall exercise all the powers of the University not otherwise provided for by the Act, Statutes, Ordinances and the Regulations for the fulfillment of the objects of the University’*

BM 135.17.2 While considering the said notification, it was suggested that on page 8, column 17.6, line 3, the ‘Centre for Online Education (COE)’ be re-placed with ‘IUC’ and page 9 under column A, there seems to be typography error be read as 5 & 6 in place of 4 & 5. Further, the notification be corrected to consider only Standards for Open and Distance Learning (not Online

Education). The Chairman informed that there was only one change made i.e. 'decreased' after the word of 'increased' which may read as 'increased/decreased' in Sl. No.5 under column A, Annexure-I.

BM 135.17.3 After deliberations, the Board approved the draft Notification on "Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning including Online Education" with the above changes for fulfillment of the objects of the University under Clause (3) of Statute 7 of the IGNOU Act. Copy of the notification is placed at **Appendix-6**.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE POSTS OF ASST. REGISTRAR/ASST. REGIONAL DIRECTOR/REGIONAL DIRECTOR (RC-SRINAGAR ON DEPUTATION), PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER, REGISTRAR (SRD), REGISTRAR (SED), REGISTRAR (MPDD) AND THE FINANCE OFFICER

BM 135.18.1 The Item was deferred.

BM 135.18.2 Prof. Satyakam left the BOM proceedings after Item No.18 with due permission from the Chairman/Vice Chancellor for an urgent personal work.
(Revised by the Board in its 137th Meeting, as per the comment received from the Member)

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO FILLING UP OF THE VACANT POSITIONS OF TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 135.19.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board was apprised to the MHRD letter F.No.12-1/2019-DL dated 01.05.2019, forwarding therewith a copy of the OM No. 36039/1/2019-Estt. (Res) dated 31.1.2019 of Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Govt of India regarding Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in direct recruitment in Civil posts and service in the Government of India for taking necessary action by the University (**Appendix-7**). The Board was further informed that in accordance with the approval of the BOM at its 131st meeting, the University vide notification No. IG/ACD/UGC Reg. 2018/2019/3845, dated 22nd March 2019, notified the adoption of

the UGC Regulations 2018 on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in the Higher Education, issued vide notification dated 18.7.2018 in the Gazette of India. Consequently, there was a need to revise the qualifications and eligibility conditions for appointment of teachers and academics against vacant posts. Hence, the following was submitted for consideration of the Board:

- (a) In line with the UGC Regulations 2018 adopted by the University, the eligibility conditions of the posts will be as per the qualifications and criteria prescribed for direct recruitment of teaching positions in the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018.
- (b) The reservation of vacancies shall be as per new Post-based Reservation Roster Register for direct recruitment in accordance with the DoPT OM dated 31.1.2019, for effecting 10% reservations for EWSs interpolating them with the SCs, STs, and OBCs.
- (c) The Selection Committee procedure shall be as given in the UGC Regulations 2018 read with Statute 12 and Ordinance 12 of the University. Ordinarily, 10 to 15 candidates shall be called for interview against one vacant post.

BM 135.19.2

The Board perused the details of the vacant positions lying in various Schools of Studies and Academic Divisions/Centres/Units of the University provided with the Agenda Item. The Board after detailed deliberation decided that at first stage the University may fill up the positions of teachers/academics based on the students' enrolments and immediate requirements of the Schools of Studies of the University.

ITEM NO. 20

TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE CVC'S LETTER IN RESPECT OF PROF. PARVIN SINCLAIR, EX-DIRECTOR, NCERT

BM 135.20.1

The Board was apprised the status on the inquiry against Prof. Parvin Sinclair during her tenure as Director in NCERT. The Board noted that the MHRD vide its letter dated 05/07/2019 has

sought the version of Prof. Sinclair latest which has been communicated by Vigilance Cell to her on 09/07/2019. The updates were informed to CVO, MHRD also.

ITEM NO.21 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 77TH MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD ON 16.07.2019

BM 135.21.1 The Board ratified the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made in its 77th meeting held on 16.7.2019 (**Appendix-8**).

ITEM NO.22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 66TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD ON 17.07.2019

BM 135.22.1 The Board ratified the recommendations of the Purchase Committee made in its 66th meeting held on 17.7.2019 (**Appendix-9**).

ITEM NO.23 TO CONSIDER VISIT OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS TO REMOTE PLACES TO ENRICH THE INSIGHT ON RURAL DYNAMICS

BM 135.23.1 The Board was informed that the University offers Ph.D., Masters Degree and Post Graduate Diploma and Certificate programme in the Rural Development. The discipline of Rural Development is of vital significance for the understanding of developmental issues related to rural society. The programmes of Rural Development have been designed in such a way that theoretical papers help learners in the understanding of rural situation, their problems and impact of various programmes being implemented. These programmes have compulsory component of Project Work. Project work is a crucial component of both (PGDRD and MARD) based on empirical research in rural areas. The main purpose of this exercise is to sensitize learners with the realities of rural life.

The Board was further informed that it was felt necessary that students pursuing Rural Development Programmes take exposure

visit or field exposure in remote places to enrich their insight on rural dynamics.

- BM 135.23.2** After deliberations, the Board suggested that visit of the Rural Development students to remote places to enrich the insight on rural dynamics be made part of the Programmes on Rural Development.

Additional Items

- ITEM NO.24 TO REPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE VISITOR TO THE PROPOSAL OF IGNOU FOR (I) ORDINANCE ON CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME OF TEACHERS, AND (II) ORDINANCE ON CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME OF ACADEMICS IN THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**

- BM 135.24.1** The Chairman informed the Board that the Ministry of HRD vide its letter No.F.5-39/2012-DL dt.16.7.2019 has conveyed the approval of the Visitor to the proposal of the University for (i) Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers, and (ii) Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Academics in IGNOU for those whose eligibility falls before 18th July 2018 only. A copy of the MHRD letter is placed at **Appendix-10**. The Board noted the same directed to take further action for its implementation.

- ITEM NO.25 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTIONS OF TEACHERS UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS)**

- BM 135.25.1** The Board was informed that in its earlier meeting held on 04.05.2019, the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings in respect of teachers were not considered based on the MHRD letter No.F.5-39/2012-DL dt.30.4.2019. In response to the MHRD letter the University vide its letter dt.7th May 2019 provided the desired information to MHRD. The University also confirmed vide its letter dt.27.6.2019 the proposed Ordinances on CAS of teachers and academics are meant for dealing with the cases for teachers and academics whose eligibility falls before 18th July 2018 and requested the MHRD for consideration and necessary action.

The Board was further informed that now the MHRD vide its letter No.5-39/2012-DL dt.16.7.2019 conveyed the approval of

the Visitor to the proposal of IGNOU for (i) Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and (ii) Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of academics in IGNOU for those whose eligibility falls before 18th July 2018 only. This was also reported to the Board vide Item No.24.

In view of the above, the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings, as referred to above, were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board approved the same, as per details given below:

Date of Selection Committee Meeting	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee	Due date of eligibility
11.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Humanities (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Parmod Kumar	24.12.2016
12.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Social Sciences (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Rabindra Kumar	29.04.2014
13.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Management Studies (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Kamal Vagrecha	18.06.2018
13.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Management Studies (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Nayantara Padhi	20.06.2018
13.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Management Studies (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Sunil Kumar	20.08.2015
14.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in School of Sciences (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra	24.12.2017
14.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Professor in SOTHSM (AGP Rs.10,000/-)	Dr. Harkirat Bains	24.11.2014
14.03.2019	Promotion to the post of Associate Professor in SOTHSM	Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya	11.12.2017

	(AGP Rs.9000/-)		
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BM 135.25.2 The Board confirmed the above Item and directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard for implementation.

ITEM NO.26 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR ON THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR(S)

BM 135.26.1 The Chairman recommended the proposal before the Board for appointment of Pro-Vice Chancellors in the University under the provision of Statute 3 of the IGNOU Act. The Chairman proposed the following names for the post of Pro-Vice Chancellors (in order of seniority) :

- (1) Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das
Presently Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, Berhampur (Odisha)
- (2) Prof. Satyakam, Professor in Hindi, School of Humanities, IGNOU, New Delhi
- (3) Dr. Kshiti Bhusan Das
Former Professor, Head and Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

The brief resume of the above persons were placed before the Board for information. The same are placed at **Appendix-11**.

BM 135.26.2 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor for appointment of the Pro-Vice Chancellors, as mentioned above.

BM 135.26.3 The Board confirmed the above Item and directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard for implementation.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman