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FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

HELD ON JANUARY 25, 1989.

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF IGNOU HELD IN THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE AT YMCA, CULTURAL CENTRE, 1 JAI SINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI ON JANUARY 25, 1989 AT 12.00 HOURS.

The following were present:

1. Prof. G.Ram Reddy, Vice-Chancellor Chairman
2. Prof. R.P. Bambah
3. Prof. C. Narayana Reddy
4. Dr. (Miss) Armaity S.Desai
5. Prof. Mrinal Miri
6. Prof. B.S. Sharma
7. Prof. J.S. Bajaj
8. Prof. Ranjit Gupta

Shri K. Narayanan

Secretary

Shri Anil Bordia, Shri Gopi K. Arora and Dr. Jagmeet Singh could not attend the meeting.

Prof. D.D. Joshi, Pro-Vice Chancellor-II, Prof. S. Garde Pro-Vice Chancellor-III and Shri S.N. Sharma, Finance Officer were present as special invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Deputy Registrar was present to assist the Chairman and the Secretary.

The main item of the Agenda was to discuss the proposal on the conferment of Honorary Degree.

NO.1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL ON THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES:

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the first Convocation of the University was scheduled to be held on February 21, 1989, and that the Prime Minister had kindly agreed to preside over it. He said that the meeting had been convened mainly to consider a proposal for

the conferment of an honorary degree at the first Convocation of the University.

1.1.2

The Vice-Chancellor informed that a Committee was constituted to recommend the name of a distinguished person for this purpose. The unanimous recommendation of the Committee was that the University may confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) Honoris-Causa on Dr. Shridath Surendranath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General. This proposal was approved by the Academic Council at the Second Meeting of the Academic Council held on 10th January, 1989.

1.1.3

The Board noted that Dr. Ramphal had made significant and substantial contributions in the area of distance education, and approved the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) Honoris-Causa on him. The Board decided that the proposal may be submitted to the Visitor for confirmation.

ITEM NO.2

ITEM FROM THE CHAIR.

1.2.1

The Vice-Chancellor briefly apprised the members of the progress of the work relating to the First Convocation, and requested Prof. R.J. Garde, Pro-V.C.III to make a detailed presentation of the efforts that are under way.

1.2.2

After Prof. Garde's presentation, the Regulations made by the Academic Council on the Convocation were tabled for the information of members.

1.2.3

The Board suggested the following modifications in the Regulations:

i) Academic Procession: The Board suggested the following order:

- (1) Registrar
- (2) The Directors of Schools of Studies
- (3) The Pro-Vice Chancellors
- (4) The Members of the Board of Management
- (5) Vice-Chancellor
- (6) The Chief Guest (s)

ii) The Board suggested that the presentation of candidates be in

the following form:

Sir, I present before you students, whose names are given in the list, who have successfully completed the prescribed programme and have been found qualified for the award of the Degree/Diploma in - - - - -. I request that the Degree/Diploma be awarded to them."

- (iii) The Board also suggested that the procedure to be followed at the Convocation be printed giving details of every step to be followed at the Convocation as is done in most of the Universities so that there is no scope for any ambiguity.

The Chairman informed the members that he will have the modifications incorporated in the Regulations and have them circulated to the members of the Academic Council for their information.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the

Prof. G. Ram Reddy
Chairman