



MINUTES OF THE 140TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON DECEMBER 29, 2020 AT 11.30 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. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Madan Mohan, ADG (HE), MHRD	- Nominee, Secretary, MHRD
4	Prof. V.S. Prasad	- Member
5	Prof. S.G. Deshmukh	- Member
6	Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar	- Member
7	Dr. P. Prakash	- Member
8	Prof. K.K. Aggarwal	- Member
9	Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam	- Member
10	Prof. Jitendra Kr. Srivastava	- Member
11	Dr. Bharat Bhushan	- Member
	Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

The Secretary (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting), Shri Ashok Bhaghat and Shri Atul Kantilal Nishar, Members could not attend the meeting.

Shri A.K. Gigoo, Assistant Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, the Chairman, Board of Management (BoM), Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, welcomed all the members of the Board of Management in its 140th meeting held on 29th December 2020. He welcomed new members of the BoM, Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Professor, School of Humanities; Prof. V. Subrahmanyam, Director, School of Computer & Information Sciences; and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Director, Student Support Service Centre. The Vice Chancellor also appreciated significant contributions of the outgoing members namely; Prof. R.R. Kanhere, former Pro-VC; Prof. Poornima Mittal; Prof. Debal K. Singharoy; and Dr. Ranjan Kumar. The Vice Chancellor also welcomed external members of the BoM, Sh. Madan Mohan, ADG; Ministry of Education and Prof. S.G. Deshmukh in the meeting. The five members of the BoM namely; Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor;

Prof. K. K. Aggrawal; Prof. V.S. Prasad, Dr. Subha Sankar Sarkar and Dr. P. Prakash attended the meeting through virtual mode. The Vice Chancellor also welcomed and thanked them for attending the meeting online.

In his introductory remarks, the Vice Chancellor informed the Board that during Covid-19 lockdown, the University tried its best to maintain academic activities of the University including online admissions and nationwide term end examinations.

The Vice Chancellor illustrated the significant developments of the University since the last meeting of the BoM and these were:

- (1) Hon'ble Minister, MoE, Sh. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched two online PG programmes in MA Hindi and MA (Gandhi and Peace Studies) and a few certificate courses.
- (2) Hon'ble Minister, MoE inaugurated the construction work of Karnal Regional Centre on 21st August 2020. We are extremely grateful for his kind encouragement.
- (3) NAAC Visit: 5-7th January 2021. IGNOU is the first Open University to be visited by NAAC Peer Team for accreditation. The Chairperson requested the BOM members to support and guide the University in this process.
- (4) **Term End Examinations:**
 - a. The theory examination commenced from 17th September 2020 and completed on 17th October 2020.
 - b. Around 3.64 lakhs students had registered for these examinations out of which around 60% students appeared for the examinations.
 - c. The practical examination and project evaluation/ viva-voce were conducted subsequently through online mode.
 - d. Scheme for the promotion of intermediate year/ semester students is notified.
- (5) **Admission:**
 - a. **July 2020 Fresh Enrollment (4.87 lakhs):** University achieved over 80% of fresh enrollment of July 2019 (5.40 lakhs)
 - b. **July 2020 Re-registration (3.49 lakhs):** University has already crossed the enrollment of the previous session (i.e. 3.21 lakhs July 2019)
 - c. 15 new online programmes including MA Hindi have more than 2300 enrollments;
 - d. Fee waiver scheme of the University for SC/ST students has also benefited around 75000 students for the current admission session i.e. July 2020 session.

- (6) **NCIDE: IGNOU received Five Star rating for Innovations and Startup** by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Council (MIC) for the year 2020. Last year, it was two star rating for the University.
- (7) **Centre for Online Education (CoE):** For July 2020, **Fifty two (52) new courses were** launched on SWAYAM and total courses offered by the University rose to 73 courses. Total enrollment for SWAYAM Courses (July 2020): **Over 1.5 lakhs**
 - a. 8 to 10 SWAYAM courses have enrollment ranging from 5000 to 8000.
 - b. Additional **15 new standalone courses** would be launched from January 2021 session.
 - c. Translation of 11 SWAYAM courses completed and process of translation of remaining 5 SWAYAM courses has been going on.
- (8) **Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies (CGPS)** launched a new two (02) credit online course on *Relevance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the Contemporary World*, developed on the request of Department of Personnel & Training, Govt. of India. A two (02) credit course on Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World (RGCW) in collaboration with DoPT was already on offer.
- (9) **MPDD:** The dispatch of printed study materials for January 2020 **session** has been **completed**. For July 2020 session, around 50% dispatch of printed learning materials has been completed.
- (10) **HEFA loan for Construction of Regional Centre Buildings:** HEFA **loan for construction** of RC buildings at Pune, Rajkot, Trivendrum, Port Blair, Bangalore and NOIDA. MoU has been signed with CPWD for construction of Administration and RC buildings.
- (11) **Solar Energy:** Installation work of 500 kWp solar panel was commenced on 15th August, 2020. The Solar Panel was switched on 19th November, 2020 (Foundation day). The University is expected to save around Rs. 30 lakhs per annum using solar energy.
- (12) **Student Support during Covid 19 Pandemic:**
 - a. Several thousands of online counselling sessions through video conferencing app such as Zoom, Google Meet, Webex, Gyan Darshan, Gyanvani and Facebook Live were conducted by Hq and most of the Regional Centres.
 - b. To facilitate the students, a country wide consolidated online counselling schedule was uploaded on daily basis on the social media platform of the university.
 - c. Assignments of the students were allowed to be submitted through dedicated mail ids of the Regional Centres and through online google form;

- (13) **International Delegation from Republic of Guyana:** A MoC was signed between IGNOU and National Open Learning Institute (NOLI), Republic of Guyana on 2nd December 2020 for providing consultancy to NOLI Guyana for the institutional development to offer Online and ODL programmes; and facilitating to offer Online Programmes through twenty thousand scholarships dedicated by NOLI to students of Guyana.
- (14) **Finance and Accounts:** Balance Sheet of the financial year 2019-20 has been prepared and the same has been audited by Director General of Accounts (Civil Estimates) DGACE team. Audit observations on certification audit are expected to be received very soon. Once the Audit Observation is received, the University shall submit its comments and thereafter, the Separate Audit Report (SAR) shall be issued. It is expected that SAR will be received by 15th January, 2021. The same shall be presented before the BoM shortly thereafter, after the consent of Finance Committee.

Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2020-21 and Budget Estimates for 2021-22 have been prepared. The same is under process for presentation before the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee Meeting shall be convened soon after the receipt of SAR from DGACE. There is a shortfall in revenues by Rs.180.31 Crores on comparison to proposed revised estimates.

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

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 139TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON

BM 140.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 139th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 17.3.2020 were circulated to the members of the Board on 20.3.2020. No comments were received from the members on the 139th BOM minutes.

BM 140.1.2 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 139th Board Meeting and also noted the Action Taken Report thereon.

BM 140.1.3 The Board also directed to present the details of ATRs for which action taken was pending.

ITEM NO. 2 TO REPORT THE NOMINATIONS OF FOUR MEMBERS MADE ON THE WORKS COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM UNDER CLAUSE (3) OF ITS

COMPOSITION

BM 140.2.1 The Board noted the nominations of four members made on the Works Committee, Standing Committee of the BOM, under Clause (3) of its composition.

ITEM NO. 3 **TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF FIVE MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING BOARD UNDER STATUTE 10(1) OF THE CLAUSE (IV) OF THE IGNOU ACT**

BM 140.3.1 The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate the members on the Planning Board under Clause (iv) of Statute 10(1) of the Statutes of the University under IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 4 **TO REPORT THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM MHRD REGARDING THE COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF PROF. PARVIN SINCLAIR, FORMER DIRECTOR, NCERT PRESENTLY WORKING AS PROFESSOR IN IGNOU**

BM 140.4.1 The Board noted that the MOE vide its letter dated 7.7.2020 addressed to Director, NCERT informed therein that the Competent Authority in the MOE in consonance with the advice of CVC had decided to drop the charges against Prof. Parvin Sinclair.

ITEM NO. 5 **TO RATIFY THE SIGNING OF MOA WITH TWO NEWLY RECOGNIZED OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES AT BAKHTAR UNIVERSITY, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN INDIAN INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION (CAIDE), INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF KYRGYZSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN**

BM 140.5.1 The Board noted that as per the approval of the Visitor conveyed by the MOE vide its letter No.5-28/ 2014-DL(pt.) dated 11.02.2019 for recognition of fourteen institutions as Overseas Study Centres of the University, MoAs have been signed with the following two institutions on 8.11.2019 & 29.11.2019 respectively and ratified the same:

1. Central Asian Indian Institute of Distance Education (CAIDE), International University of Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyzstan.
2. Bakhtar University, Kabul, Afghanistan

BM 140.5.2 Prof. V.S. Prasad while highlighting the importance of international operations of the University especially as also emphasized in the

National Education Policy, stressed upon the need for timely processing of applications which at present has been taking undue long time.

Approval of the Visitor is to be taken for establishing Study Centres outside India as per the IGNOU Act. It was also discussed that Overseas Study Centres are at present not established but only recognized.

The Vice Chancellor said that the Ministry is looking into this issue and a detailed note will be sent to Ministry in this regard.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA FOR OFFER OF EDUCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL PROGRAMMES UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

BM 140.6.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that the Joint Secretary (Parliament & Coordination), MEA and Prof. Jacob Opadeyi, consultant, MOD, Republic of Guyana have forwarded proposals to IGNOU for collaboration with the Govt. of Guyana for providing educational/technical programmes. As highlighted in the proposal, Govt. of Guyana's priority was to provide 20,000 online scholarships to its learners over the next five years in its quest to improve educational skills and capacity building among the youth of Guyana. In order to achieve this objective, Govt. of Guyana was of the view that IGNOU would be the best option for collaboration with the University of Guyana, for providing up to 5,000 slots for its students per year under a scholarship scheme. It was further informed that the High Commissioner of India in Guyana H.E. Dr. K.J.Srinivasa has suggested IGNOU to consider providing around 2000 slots on gratis basis or offering specially subsidized rates for the total 20,000 slots as an incentive to promote Indo-Guyanese cooperation in the education sector and support the long-term scholarship scheme of Govt. of Guyana.

The Board noted that a delegation from Guyana visited IGNOU Hqrs. on a Study Tour recently to explore collaboration with the University to offer online/ODL programmes to the Guyanese learners. The delegates also had the opportunity to visit one Regional Centres and one Study Centre to understand the operational aspects of student support services. The Board also noted

that after deliberations, the following mutually acceptable points were agreed upon for the collaboration between IGNOU and National Open Learning Institute (NOLI), Guyana:

- IGNOU to provide consultancy to National Open Learning Institute (NOLI), Guyana for the Institutional Development to offer Online and ODL programmes;
- IGNOU to conduct capacity building programmes for NOLI and other tertiary institutions of Guyana;
- IGNOU to conduct training and orientation of NOLI, Guyana functionaries at mutually agreed place and mode (online / face to face);
- IGNOU will facilitate to offer online programmes for 20,000 scholarship students of Guyana; and
- IGNOU and NOLI to explore additional areas of mutual cooperation.

Accordingly, a generic Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) was made between IGNOU and NOLI, Georgetown, Guyana on 02.12.2020 for execution of the operational framework of this collaboration.

BM 140.6.2 The Board considered the collaboration with the Govt. of Guyana and directed to process the collaboration as per the laid down procedure expeditiously.

ITEM NO. 7 TO RATIFY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SSC), A STANDING COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MADE AT ITS 48TH MEETING HELD ON 01ST SEPTEMBER 2020

BM 140.7.1 After discussions, the Board ratified the decisions taken on the recommendations of the Student Services Committee, a Standing Committee of the BOM made at its 48th meeting held on 01.09.2020.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (1) (IV), (VI) AND (IX) OF STATUTE 9 OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 140.8.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate the members on the Academic Council of the University under Clause (1)(iv),(vi) & (ix) of Statute 9 of the

Statutes of the University under IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 9 **TO REPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE VISITOR TO THE PROPOSAL OF IGNOU ON (I) ORDINANCE FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME OF TEACHERS, AND (II) ORDINANCE FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME OF ACADEMICS INCLUDING LIBRARIAN 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 140.9.1 The Board noted that as per the approval of the President of India in his capacity as Visitor of the University, conveyed by the MOE vide its letter No.F.5-39.2012-DL dt.15.9.2020, the University had notified the (i) Ordinance for Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and (ii) Ordinance for Career Advancement Scheme of Academics including Librarian, vide notification No.F.IG/ACD/7thCPC/CAS/2019-20/06 dt.18.9.2020.

BM 140.9.2 The Board further resolved to put on record its appreciation to officers of the University Grants Commission, officers of Ministry of Education and Director, ACD for their support in getting the Ordinance approved in a time bound manner.

ITEM NO. 10 **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTMENT/GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS/DIVISION/CENTRE/UNIT**

BM 140.10.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointment/giving charge of Directorship of Schools/Division/Centre/Unit to the following Teacher/Academics as per details given below:

#	Name of the Teacher/Academic	School/Division/Centre/Unit/Cell	Period of Appointment/Charge given
1.	Prof. Malati Mathur, Professor of English	School of Humanities (SOH)	19.03.2020 to 30.09.2022
2.	Prof. Sujatha Verma, Professor of Mathematics	School of Sciences (SOS)	01.05.2020 to 08.07.2022
3.	Prof. Subhasis Maji, Professor of Mechanical	School of Engineering & Technology (SOET)	05.08.2020 to 31.01.2021

	Engineering		
4.	Prof. Pity Koul, Professor of Nursing	School of Health Sciences (SOHS)	06.08.2020 to 31.05.2022
5.	Prof. Rose Nembiakkim, Professor of Social Work	School of Social Work (SOSW)	15.10.2020 to 14.10.2023
6.	Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey, Professor of Translation Studies	School of Translation Studies & Training (SOTST)	06.06.2020 to 05.06.2023
7.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Professor of Environmental Science	School of InterDisciplinary and TransDisciplinary Studies (SOITS)	05.10.2020 to 04.10.2023

The Board was also informed that Prof. R.P. Singh, Professor of Rural Development, School of Continuing Education was given the charge of Director of the School w.e.f. 01.01.2021. The Board ratified the same.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF PROFESSORS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS

BM 140.11.1 The Board was informed that the University had conducted the Selection Committee meetings for appointment to the posts of Professors and Associate Professors in the Discipline of Sanskrit and Political Sciences, in the School of Humanities and School of Social Sciences, respectively. The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees, as per details given below:

Date of Selection Committee Meeting	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee
01.12.2020	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor of Sanskrit (UR-02) in the School of Humanities in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr Devesh Kumar Mishra 2. Dr Pushpa <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Govind Sharma
02.12.2020	Appointment to the post of Professor of Political Science (UR-01) in the School of Social Sciences in the Academic level 14 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,44,200-2,18,200/-)	1. Dr Satish Kumar <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Rajendra Kumar Pandey

		2. Dr Sudhir Kumar Singh
02.12.2020	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor of Political Science (OBC-01) in the School of Social Sciences in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr D Ananda <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Arvind Kumar

As regard the post of Professor of Sanskrit (1SC), in the School of Humanities, the opening of envelop was deferred.

BM 140.11.2 The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that Appointment Orders be issued accordingly. The Board directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS AS PER VACANCIES ADVERTISED FOR FILLING UP OF THE VACANT POSITIONS OF TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 140.12.1 The Board was informed that as per the DoPT OM No.36039/1/2019-Estt.(Res.) dt.31.1.2019 and MOE letter No.F.12-1/2019-DL dt.01.5.2019 regarding reservation for Economically Weaker Sections in direct recruitment in Civil posts and service in Govt. of India, the University had advertised (vide Advt.No.03/2019/ACD dt.21.9.2019) the teaching positions at the level of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor (vide Advt.No.02/2019/ACD dt.28.9.2019) in the Employment News. The applications were invited Online through Online Portal designed in consultation with SAMARTH. In response to the advertisements, the University received 5152 applications and all the applications received online/hard copies were sent to respective Schools of Studies for screening the same in accordance with screening criteria and as per the provisions contained 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 including UGC guidelines on list of Journals etc. The Vice Chancellor had also constituted a Standing Screening Committee having due representation of School Director and Senior Professor in the discipline/from School for screening the applications for teaching positions in order to bring uniformity and further screen the

applications. The Board observed that as on date, Selection Committees have been conducted for 5 posts under 2 Disciplines and that because of lockdown due to COVID 19, almost 7-8 months were lost. A large number of applications, especially against the posts of Assistant Professors, were required to be screened and the process of selection (against the posts advertised) was likely to take more time. Therefore, the validity of advertisement would be required to be extended by one year i.e. upto 31.10.2021 so that the selection process may be completed. It was also observed, that there have been certain posts against whom the number of applications received were very few and in turn a few candidates could be shortlisted. Therefore, in order to give a fair chance of competition, there was a need to decide a minimum number of shortlisted candidates for convening the selection committees.

BM 140.12.2 The matter was deliberated at length. The Board, after detailed deliberations, decided to extend the validity of Advertisement upto 31.10.2021 to complete the selection process. Regarding the minimum number of candidates shortlisted, the Board advised to follow the convention and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take other appropriate decisions relating to recruitment process.

ITEM NO. 13 **TO REPORT THE SIGNING OF MOU BETWEEN IGNOU AND THE INSTITUTE OF COMPANY SECRETARIES OF INDIA (ICSI) FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**

BM 140.13.1 The Board noted the signing of an MOU with Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for academic collaboration.

ITEM NO. 14 **TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN ALLOWING SWITCHOVER OF 26 EMPLOYEES FROM CPF TO GPF CUM PENSION SCHEME AND RELEASE OF PENSION/COMMUTED VALUE OF PENSION TO THE RETIRED EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER SWITCHOVER**

BM 140.14.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the University in allowing switchover of 26 employees from CPF to GPF cum Pension Scheme and release of pension/commuted value of pension arrears to the retired employees covered under switchover.

ITEM NO. 15 **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN CONSIDERING THE REQUEST OF OFFICE OF THE**

CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (DIVYANGJAN) AND GRANTING PERMISSION/NOC FOR EXTENDING THE TENURE OF DEPUTATION OF DR. SANJAY KANT PRASAD, DY DIRECTOR, NCDS PRESENTLY ON DEPUTATION AS DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (DIVYANGJAN) FOR A TOTAL PERIOD OF FIVE YEAR

BM 140.15.1 The Board noted the action taken by the University in extending the tenure of EOL cum deputation of Dr. Sanjay Kant Prasad, Dy. Director, NCDS presently working as Deputy Chief Commissioner in the Office of the Chief Commissioner for persons with Disability (Divyangjan) for a total period of five year till March 2021.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT/FINDINGS SUBMITTED BY THE INQUIRY OFFICER IN RESPECT OF CHARGE-SHEET ISSUED TO DR. PANKAJ KHANNA, DY. DIRECTOR, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION FOR PLAGIARISM CHARGES AGAINST HIM

BM 140.16.1 The Board noted the directions of the BOM in its 130th meeting held on 8.9.2018 for initiating disciplinary proceedings against Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Dy. Director in the matter of plagiarism charges against him. The Inquiry Officer appointed in his case had submitted the findings alongwith all supporting documents on 6.3.2020. The findings of the Inquiry Officer was placed before the Board for consideration. In the findings of the Inquiry Officer, it has been established that Dr. Pankaj Khanna has plagiarized the article to the tune of 55%. The IO further mentioned that any decision on the case needed to be taken into account while deciding the level of penalty as rendered to the co-author Prof. P.C. Basak who was equally responsible for the article.

BM 140.16.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Board decided to award the following punishment to Dr. Pankaj Khanna:

- (i) Dr. Pankaj Khanna be served with a stern warning for act of plagiarism.
- (ii) The date of eligibility for promotion to Dr. Pankaj Khanna under CAS be postponed by one year from the date he become eligible and found successful for promotion by Selection Committee. During this period of deferment he will

not be given any benefit of financial or otherwise including seniority and the same shall be regulated on expiry of said period, by granting the benefits prospectively.

ITEM NO.17 TO RATIFY THE CHANGES MADE IN THE EXISTING IGNOU HOUSE ALLOTMENT RULES

BM 140.17.1 The Board ratified the changes made in the existing IGNOU House Allotment Rules under Clauses 8.3, 11.2, 15.2 & 22.1 notified on 31.8.2020 & 22.9.2020.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM MADE IN ITS 75TH AND 76TH MEETINGS HELD ON 21.9.2020 & 14.12.2020 RESPECTIVELY

BM 140.18.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that as per the BOM decision (vide Resolution No.BM98.5.2), the delegation of financial powers with the Works Committee is upto Rs.5 crores. In view of this, the brief of the following matters which were taken up in 75th and 76th meetings of the Works Committee were placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval, being a statutory requirement:

BM 140.18.2 The Board after deliberations, decided to refer the proposals of Works Committee to the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 19 TO REPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOM MEMBERS THROUGH CIRCULATION ON FOLLOWING AGENDA PROPOSALS:

- (i) MINUTES OF THE 99TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14.10.2020**
- (ii) THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20**

BM 140.19.1 The Board noted the approval of the BOM members obtained through circulation on the following agenda proposals:

- (1) To consider and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee of the University made in its 99th meeting held on 14.10.2020
- (2) To consider the draft Annual Report of the University for the Financial Year 2019-20

ITEM NO. 20 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION OF DR. MEETA, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE PATNA FROM THE SERVICES OF IGNOU

BM 140.20.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Meeta, Assistant Regional Director, RC Patna for joining Nava Nalanda Mahavihrara, Nalanda, Bihar as Associate Professor in the Department of English and granting her lien of two years against her substantive post in IGNOU.

ITEM NO.21 TO CONSIDER THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LETTER DATED 21.12.2020 REGARDING THE ITEMS INVARIABLY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA ITEMS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE(FC)/BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (BOM)/BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (HEIS)

BM 140.21.1 The Board discussed the contents of the MOE letter No.F.5-21/2020-DL dt.21.12.2020 (**Appendix**) regarding the Items invariably to be included in the Agenda Items of Finance Committee (FC)/Board of Management (BoM)/Board of Governance (BoG) of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). The Board also noted the status of outstanding paras as per Inspection Report issued by the DGACE, CAG and status of grievances received and disposed on iGRAM Portal PG Portal. As per the suggestions given by the MOE, the Board resolved as under:

- (i) The complete details and status of audit paras be placed before the Finance Committee as Standing Agenda item in each meeting of the FC for consideration.
- (ii) The Public Grievances pending in the University, Agenda item in this regard be placed before the BOM.
- (iii) The Parliamentary Assurance pending in the University, be placed before the Board of Management as Standing Agenda item in each meeting for its consideration.

As regards point No.(ii) above, the Additional Director General, MOE suggested that the Covid-19 grievances, marked in red, should be cleared within 24 hours.

BM 140.21.2 The details regarding audit paras pending and grievances were

placed before the Board. The Board was satisfied with the progress. However, the Board directed the concerned to monitor them on regular basis. It was further suggested that the status of vigilance cases pending in the University may also be brought to the notice of the Board of Management regularly.

ITEN NO.22 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE SCREENING CUM EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTIONS OF TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS)

BM 140.22.1 The Board was informed that the University had conducted “Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees” for Career Advancement of Teachers and Academics of the University as per Ordinances on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and Ordinances on Career Advancement Scheme of Academics as per UGC Regulations, 2010 alongwith subsequent amendment thereto under 6th CPC, and UGC Regulations, 2018 under 7th CPC. The recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the “Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees”, as per details given below:

S. No.	Date of Screening cum-Evaluation Committee	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Screening cum-Evaluation Committee	Due date of eligibility
1	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director (Selection Grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 3, AGP Rs.8,000/-) in ACD	Dr. Vandana Varma	23.05.2020
2	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Regional Director (Selection Grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 3, AGP Rs.8,000/-) in RC, Panaji	Dr. G. Shrinivas	16.05.2020
3	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Regional Director (Selection	Dr. E Krishna Rao	01.10.2018

		Grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 3, AGP Rs.8,000/-) in RC, Mumbai		
4	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 3, AGP Rs.8,000/-) in SOJNMS	Dr. Shikha Rai	01.05.2018
5	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 3, AGP Rs.8,000/-) in SOL	Dr. Mansi Sharma	08.05.2018
6	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 3, AGP Rs.8,000/-) in SOS	Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba	18.01.2015
7	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in SOET	Dr. Shashank Srivastava	30/12/2013 (Past services counted)
8	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in SOET	Dr. Anuj Kumar Purwar	11/01/2017
9	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in SOSW	Dr. G. Mahesh	24.08.2013
10	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in SOJNMS	Dr. Ramesh Yadav	24.08.2013
11	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in	Dr. Sweta Singh	09.08.2015

		RSD		
12	27.12.2020	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in RSD/RC Jabalpur	Dr. Anita (Tanwar) Pahadiya	11.11.2016 (EOL of 180 days deducted)
13	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh	02.07.2016
14	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Ms. Ashuni Pou	01.08.2017
15	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Ms. Reena Boro	01.07.2017
16	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Mr. Mukesh Yadav	27.07.2017
17	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Mr. Mohd. Kausar	02.07.2016
18	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Dr. Jitender Jit Kour	02.07.2017
19	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Mr. Santosh Kumar P.	02.07.2017
20	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer	Mr. Manoj Bhatnagar	02.07.2017

		(Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC		
21	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Dr. Amitosh Dubey	15.09.2015
22	27.12.2020	Promotion from Producer (Academic Level 10) to Producer (Senior scale/Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 2, AGP Rs.7,000/-) in EMPC	Mr. Dinesh Kumar Diwakar	09.11.2017

BM 140.22.2 The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that Promotion Orders under CAS be issued accordingly. The Board directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO.23 TO REPORT THE INITIATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR NAAC ACCREDITATION AND TENTATIVE VISIT OF THE NAAC PEER TEAM TO THE UNIVERSITY IN JANUARY 2021

BM 140.23.1 The Board was informed that as per the ODL Regulations, 2017, it was mandatory for the University to apply for Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) by the NAAC within one year of the launch of the NAAC Manual for Open Universities, which was released on 29th April, 2019. The institutional data was filled up in the IIQA format on NAAC portal and submitted on 16.10.2019. The queries raised on IIQA by NAAC were also responded to, based on which NAAC approved the IIQA of the University on 9.1.2020 and asked IGNOU to submit its Self Study Report (SSR) within 45 days. On receiving the IIQA acceptance, the University uploaded the Self-Study Report (SSR). Under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor a series of meetings were held with the PVCs, Directors/Registrars/ Finance Officer/ Head and Senior Professors of the University, to finalize the SSR before final submission on NAAC Portal online. After paying the initial payment of SSR to NAAC the finalized SSR of IGNOU after detailed discussion and consultations; selecting non-applicable metrics was successfully submitted to NAAC on 7th March 2020.

It was further informed that Post-SSR submission, all the

data/information submitted by IGNOU was validated through the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process. The data/information submitted by IGNOU in its SSR was validated through the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process by NAAC. The NAAC had raised 11 queries pertaining to the Extended Profile and 58 to the metrics. The University submitted its response clarifying the issues raised by the DVV team on 13th July 2020, well in time. The Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) was started by NAAC on 19th March 2020 and completed on 31st August 2020. On 08th December, 2020 NAAC had communicated to the University that IGNOU has pre-qualified the SSR. The final payment for Accreditation application was made by the University on the NAAC portal on 8th December, 2020.

The Chairman apprised the Board that the NAAC Peer Team will be visiting the University from 5th -7th January 2021; 02 Regional Centres and 04 Learner Support Centres on 02nd January 2021 prior to the Visit to the Hqrs.

BM 140.23.1 The Board appreciated the initiatives of the University for NAAC Accreditation and noted the tentative visit of NAAC Peer Team to the University.

ITEM NO. 24 **TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF REGISTRAR (MPDD) AND ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, RC SRINAGAR (ON DEPUTATION)**

BM 140.24.1 The Item was taken for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for re-advertisement of the positions of Registrar (MPDD) and Assistant Regional Director, RC Srinagar (on deputation) afresh, since more than a year has passed when the Selection Committees for these posts were constituted and more than one & half year since advertisement.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman