

MINUTES OF THE 150TH MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 28, 2022 AT 4.00 P.M. IN THE BLENDED MODE

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, JS, MOE	- Nominee, Secretary (HE)
4.	Dr. Bansh Gopal Singh	- Member
5.	Prof. Ashok Sharma	- Member
6.	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar	- Member
7.	Prof. Jitendra Kr. Srivastava	- Member
8.	Dr. Bharat Bhushan	- Member
	Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

The Secretary, MOE and Secretary, MIB, Members could not attend the meeting. The meeting was conducted through blended mode. Dr. Alok Chaube, Registrar (Admn.)/Secretary, BOM attended the meeting through virtual mode. Dr. J.D. Gangwar, Finance Officer also attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

Dr. S.P. Rout, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and the Chairman of the Board welcomed all the members of the Board of Management. The Chairman especially welcomed Dr. Bansh Gopal Singh and Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, Members BOM, who were attending the Board meeting for the first time. He then introduced the new Members with other members of the Board of Management. The Chairman also thanked Shri Mrutyunjay Behera (JS) for his presence despite of his busy schedule. The Chairman also placed on record the contributions made by the outgoing members viz., Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Prof. K.K. Aggrwal and Prof. S.K. Yadav during their tenure on the Board of Management.

The Chairman informed that the Emergent meeting of the Board of Management was convened primarily to consider the matters regarding the recommendations of the 103rd Finance Committee meeting including unaudited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-22 to be submitted to DGA(HE&SD) for Audit and re-appropriation of funds during 2021-22, signing of MOU between IGNOU and Indian Air Force for offering Skill-Based Bachelor's Degree to serving



Air Force Personnel and proposal of Wisdom Educational Consultant, Abu Dhabi for recognition as an Overseas Study Centre of the University.

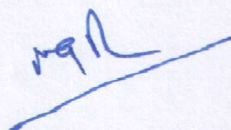
Thereafter, the following agenda items were presented by the Secretary before the Board.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS 103RD MEETING HELD ON 27.06.2022 INCLUDING UNAUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22 TO BE SUBMITTED TO DGA(HE&SD) FOR AUDIT AND RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS DURING 2021-22

BM 150.1.1 The Board noted that as per the provisions under Section 29 read with further provision under Clause (6) of Statute 11 of the IGNOU Act, the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet of the University are required to be prepared by the Finance Officer and placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and thereafter submitted to the Board of Management (BOM) for approval and for its further submission to the statutory Audit. Accordingly, the Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-2022 were considered and approved by the Finance Committee at its 103rd meeting held on 27.6.2022. The Annual Accounts of the University, duly recommended by the Finance Committee is required to be placed before the Board of Management for approval.

BM 150.1.2 The Board was apprised of the observations/comments received from the Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Education on the agenda items of 103rd meeting of the Finance Committee, which was circulated to the BOM members before the meeting through e-mail (**Appendix**). The observations of IFD were deliberated in detail and relevant clarifications were given.

BM 150.1.3 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the 103rd Finance Committee alongwith the Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-22 and also noted the re-appropriation of budget during 2021-22. The Board directed to forward the recommendations of the Finance Committee alongwith the Annual Accounts 2021-22 to DGA (HE&SD) for audit.



ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SIGNING OF MOU BETWEEN IGNOU AND INDIAN AIR FORCE FOR OFFERING SKILL-BASED BACHELOR'S DEGREE TO SERVING AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

BM 150.2.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. It was informed that the proposal was considered and approved by the Board in its 149th meeting held on 26.5.2022 about the skill-based Bachelor's Degree programme of IGNOU for the serving personnel of the Defence Forces. The scheme was communicated to Army, Navy and Air Force on 3. 6. 2022. The proposal was also approved in the 78th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13th June 2022. On 15.6.2022 Ministry of Education in its press release recognised in-service training received by Agniveers as credits for graduation degree to be designed and executed by IGNOU. The three-year degree will be recognized both in India and abroad for higher education and employment. The Education Ministry desired that Army, Navy and Air Force will sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IGNOU for implementation of the scheme.

The Board was further informed that the Indian Air Force has submitted draft MOU on 17. 6. 2022 for consideration and also submitted a proposal for including degree in Science (B. Sc.) to the scheme so that large group of people in Air Force will avail benefit of the scheme. The proposal was forwarded to the Ministry with a scheme to offer skill-based Bachelor's Degree in Science and allied disciplines with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics and Geography. Ministry has advised to add new programmes under the scheme within the framework of in-principle approval given by the regulatory bodies- UGC, AICTE and NCVET. Accordingly Bachelor's Degree in Science has been added to the scheme and the MOU to be signed with the Indian Air Force. A Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) shall monitor the smooth implementation of various provisions under the MOU.

BM 150.2.2

The Board considered and approved proposal for signing of MOU with the Indian Air Force for offering skill-based Bachelor's Degree to serving Air Force personnel.



ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF WISDOM EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT, ABU DHABI FOR RECOGNITION AS AN OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 150.3.1 The Board was informed that a proposal had been received from Wisdom Educational Consultant, Abu Dhabi for recognition as an Overseas Study Centre (OSC) of the University. The matter was referred to the Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi on 4th May, 2022 and a subsequent reminder was sent on 14th June, 2022 for seeking a feasibility report for having an Overseas Study Centre at Wisdom Educational Consultant. The Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi vide e-mail dated June 16, 2022 has forwarded their earlier report as well as clarified that the name of the institute is Wisdom Educational Consultant in place of Wisdom Educational Institute and have necessary approvals to offer IGNOU programmes. The Indian Embassy will continue to facilitate IGNOU for its Centre in Abu Dhabi to cater the educational requirements of Indian diaspora in Abu Dhabi.

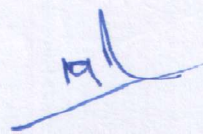
The Board noted that the Centre was earlier approved as Wisdom Educational Institute by the Hon'ble Visitor, but due to variation in the name of the institute in the licence, the Overseas Study Centre was not established.

BM 150.3.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the proposal of Wisdom Educational Consultant, Abu Dhabi for recognition as an Overseas Study Centre of the University.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR ON THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR(S) IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 150.4.1 Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor sought permission to leave the meeting before presenting this Item.

The Chairman placed the proposal before the Board for re-appointments of Pro-Vice Chancellors in the University under the provision of Clause (2) of Statute 3 of the IGNOU Act. The Chairman recommended the following names (in order of



seniority) for re-appointments of Pro-Vice Chancellors whose tenure is going to be over by 8.8.2022 & 18.7.2022 respectively:

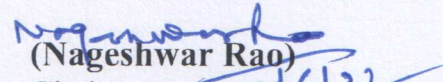
- (1) Prof. R.P. Das
- (2) Prof. Satyakam

BM 150.4.2

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor for re-appointment of the Pro-Vice Chancellors, as mentioned above in that order.

The Board confirmed the above items for taking necessary action and directed to issue the minutes in this regard to the concerned Divisions/Units for implementation.

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


(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman 28/6/22