

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD AT UNIVERSITY OFFICE AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI-110 016 ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1992 AT 11.00 HOURS**

The following were present :

1. Prof. V.C. Kulandai Swamy, Vice-Chancellor, Chairman
2. Shri. Anil Bordia
3. Dr Gurpreet Singh
4. Prof. Sitanshu Mehta
5. Dr M.P. Parameswaran
6. Prof. Ram G. Takwale
7. Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal
8. Prof. Jamal A. Kidwai
9. Prof. H.P. Dikshit
10. Prof. B.N. Koul
11. Dr S. Kannan

Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar

Secretary

Shri Mahesh Prasad, Prof. (Mrs) Rajammal P. Devadas, and Shri Nikhil Chakravartty could not attend the meeting.

Prof. S.K. Gandhe, Prof. C.L. Anand (Pro-Vice-Chancellors), Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (P & TA) and Shri S.K. Johorey, Finance Officer attended the meeting as special invitees.

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Dy. Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Secretary of the Board.

Before the items of the agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed Prof. C.L. Anand, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Special Invitee, who joined the University recently.

The following items were considered :

**ITEM NO.1** TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 1991 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

**BM 27.1.1** The minutes of the 26th meeting of the Board of Management held on November 29, 1991 were confirmed. The Board also noted the action taken on the minutes.

**ITEM NO.2** TO NOTE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 30, 1991.

**BM 27.2.1** The Board noted the Proceedings of the Academic

Council meeting held on December 30, 1991.  
(Appendix I).

**ITEM NO.3**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 1992.**

BM 27.3.1

The Board noted that the Finance Committee had recommended the following ceilings of expenditure under plan and non-plan for the current year and the next year:

	Plan (Rupees in crores)	Non-plan
i) Revised Estimates for 1991-92	10.00	12.65
ii) Budget Estimates for 1992-93	14.00	14.00

The Board was informed that the internal resources expected to be generated by the University was about Rs.4.89 crores in 1991-92 and Rs.5.00 crores in 1992-93.

BM 27.3.2 The Education Secretary informed the Board that in view of the severe constraint of resources, it may not be possible for the Govt. to provide budgetary support for higher education programmes as in the past. He indicated that the grants from Government both under plan and non-plan would be less than what the Finance Committee has projected. He also mentioned that the whole question relating to the pattern of maintenance funding of the Central Universities was presently under review.

BM 27.3.3 Subject to the above observations, the Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee (Appendix-II).

**ITEM NO.4**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 1991.**

BM 27.4.1 The Board considered and approved the Proceedings of the Purchase Committee meeting held on December 18, 1991 (Appendix III).

**ITEM NO.5**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE.**

BM 27.5.1

The Board considered the proceedings of the sixth meeting of the Establishment Committee held on February 7, 1992. The Board noted that the two candidates recommended for appointment as Readers in Management Studies have not so far joined. The

Board therefore, approved the candidates recommended by the Selection Committee and placed in the waiting list so that offers can be made to them.

BM 27.5.2 The Board also approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Production Officer/Joint Registrar (PPD) held on 9.12.91 and noted that the candidate recommended, namely, Shri M.P. Sharma was offered the post and that he joined the University on deputation w.e.f. 16.1.92.

BM 27.5.3 The Board approved the Proceedings of the Establishment Committee meeting held on February 7, 1992. (Appendix IV).

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR ON THE STRUCTURE FOR THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SYSTEM OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE PATTERN OF ITS STAFFING.

BM 27.6.1 The consideration of this item was deferred.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ACADEMIC ORDINANCES.

BM 27.7.1 The Board noted that the Academic Council at its meeting held on December 30, 1991 approved the following ordinances :

- i) Ordinance on recognition of Examinations/Degrees
- ii) Ordinance on Fees payable by students
- iii) Ordinance on Degrees/Diplomas and certificates

BM 27.7.2 The Board approved the Ordinances which are placed at Appendix-V.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE LEAVE RULES INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF VACATION FOR TEACHERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 27.8.1 The matter was discussed at some length. It was observed during the course of discussions that the issues involved need careful study in view of the fact that the nature of functions of teachers in the open University system are significantly different from those of the conventional Universities. Further, any pattern adopted by the IGNOU in respect of vacation, shall have a bearing on other open Universities.

BM 27.8.2 The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to appoint



a Committee to examine all the issues involved, and to make appropriate recommendations after a comprehensive review of the existing leave rules and the issue of vacation.

**ITEM NO.9**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSOR IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON DEPUTATION.**

BM 27.9.1.

The Board considered the proposal for appointment of a professor in Rural Development on deputation. The bio-data of Dr Mohammad Aslam, Joint Director, Institute of Management and Public Administration, Srinagar, and the evaluation reports of the experts were considered. The Board approved the appointment of Dr Mohammad Aslam as Professor in Rural Development on deputation or on contract for a term of 2 years under the provisions of Statute 13 (2).

**ITEM NO.10**

**TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT AGAINST THE SECOND POST OF PROFESSOR IN ENGLISH.**

BM 27.10.1

The Board, approved the proposal for offering the second vacant post of Professor in English to Dr Asha Kanwar who was placed on the waiting list by the Selection Committee.

**ITEM NO.11**

**TO CONSIDER A SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF FOR PUBLICATION OF REPORTS OF RESEARCH PROJECTS, DOCTORAL THESIS ETC.**

BM 27.11.1

The Board considered the proposal and approved the scheme with the following observations:

- (1) The condition that an application for assistance under the scheme shall be made within three years of the approval of the doctoral thesis/research project needs a review as many teachers who joined the University in the initial phase would not be able to avail themselves of this benefit as the three year period in their case has already elapsed. It was suggested that in such cases, the applications may be considered by a committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to recommend exemption from the time limit, based on merit.
- (2) The payment should be made to the publisher directly.

BM 27.11.2

The scheme incorporating the above suggestions is placed at Appendix VI.

**ITEM NO.12** TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN WHICH INVOLVED FORGOING THE CLAIM FOR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX AND SCAVANGING TAX OVERCHARGED BY MCD IN RESPECT OF 60 FLATS IN THE ASIAN GAMES VILLAGE COMPLEX, NEW DELHI, FOR THE PERIOD PRIOR TO 1.4.88.

**BM 27.12.1** The Vice-Chancellor explained the circumstances under which the IGNOU has to forgo the claim for refund of property and scavanging tax overcharged by the Municipal Corporation, Delhi, in respect of flats in Asian Games Village for the period prior to 1.4.88. It was noted that the amount overpaid upto 1.4.88 towards the property tax including scavanging tax is Rs.3.06 lakhs. In view of the circumstances explained, the Board approved the forgoing of the amount indicated above.

**ITEM NO.13** TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 3(1) REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO-VICE-CHANCELLORS.

**BM 27.13.1** The Board noted that the amendment to statute 3(3) (a) approved by it at its meeting held on September 30, 1991 will be effective only if the second proviso to clause (1) of statute 3 is also appropriately amended. The Board approved the proposed amendment to clause (1) of Statute 3 as indicated in the statement at Appendix VII.

**ITEM NO.14** TO CONSIDER PAY FIXATION OF PRO-VICE-CHANCELLORS.

**BM 27.14.1** The Board considered the proposal on pay fixation of Pro-Vice-Chancellors and resolved to fix their pay as indicated below in the revised pay scale of Rs.5900-200-7300, from the date of their assuming office :

Dr H.P. Dikshit	Rs.7300/-
Dr S.K. Gandhe	Rs.7300/-
Prof. C.L. Anand	Rs.7300/-

**BM 27.14.2** It was further resolved that the usual contributions on account of pension and leave salary shall be made by the University to their parent institutions.

**ITEM NO.15** (A) TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS

AND

(B) TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR/PROFESSOR, COMMUNICATION DIVISION

**BM 27.15.1** The Board, on the recommendations made by the Vice-Chancellor, resolved that the following persons be

appointed as Directors of the Schools indicated against each:

1. Prof. (Mrs) Jasbir Jain      Director  
Professor of English      School of Humanities  
School of Humanities
2. Prof. M.B. Menon      Director  
Professor of Education      School of Education
3. Prof. B.N. Koul      Director  
Director      School of Continuing  
Distance Education      Education  
Division      (Prof. Koul will  
continue to be  
Director  
Distance Education  
Division.)

BM 27.15.2 It was further resolved that their appointment may be effective from the date they assume charge of the office of Director and until further orders.

BM 27.15.3 The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee made at its meeting held on 15.2.92. The Board decided that Shri B.S. Bhatia be appointed as Director (Communication Division) for a five-year term.

**ITEM NO.16      TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO DELEGATION OF POWERS CONCERNING PURCHASES IN THE FINANCIAL CODE.**

BM 27.16.1 The Board, noting the need for decentralisation of purchase procedures, approved the proposed amendment to schedule III & IV of the Financial Code. Details of existing provisions and the amended version are indicated in the statement at Appendix VIII.)

**ITEM NO.17      TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF TIME FOR UTILISATION OF GRANTS SANCTIONED TO STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES.**

BM 27.17.1 The Board considered the requests from the Kota Open University and the AP Open University (now renamed Dr B.R. Ambedkar University) and approved the extension of time for utilisation of the grants sanctioned to them till 31st March, 1992.

**ITEM NO.18      TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR GRANTING LIEN TO PROF. A.W. KHAN TO TAKE UP AN ASSIGNMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING, CANADA.**

BM 27.18.1 The Board noted that the University has not so far framed any policy for granting lien to its



employees for taking up assignments outside the University. However, teachers of the University are eligible for extra-ordinary leave for taking up fellowships, assignments, etc outside the University if certain specified conditions are fulfilled. The Board was of the view that the University should evolve a policy for granting lien, which should also prescribe the specific conditions to be fulfilled. Pending formulation of such a policy, the Board was not in favour of granting lien to Dr Khan. It is also in view of the fact that the post at the level of a Director/Professor could not be kept vacant and competent persons will not be available for temporary appointment.

BM 27.18.2 Taking into account the fact that the offer in this case has been made by the COL, the Board agreed to Dr Khan being relieved to take up the assignment subject to his furnishing an undertaking to the effect that in the event of the University declining to grant him lien, he would be deemed to have resigned the post of Professor/Director in the Communication Division with effect from the date of his release.

**ITEM NO.19 TO REPORT FOR RATIFICATION THE COPYRIGHT PERMISSION GRANTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL EXTENSION COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, LONDON.**

BM 27.19.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting copyright permission to the International Extension College, London for reproducing the article "APOU Learner Profile -a Case Study" (PP 121-129) contributed by Dr V.S. Prasad in the AIU/IGNOU Publication - Studies in Distance Education.

**ITEM NO.20 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN SUPPLYING OF IGNOU COURSE MATERIALS TO UNIVERSITIES/OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR DISPLAY.**

BM 27.20.1 The Board noted that steps have been taken to display IGNOU course material in the libraries of Universities in the country and that a rebate of 50% was granted on course material purchased by the Universities for display purposes. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor was ratified by the Board.

**ITEM NO.21 TO REPORT ABOUT THE HOLDING OF THE THIRD CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY IN APRIL 1992.**

BM 27.21.1 The Board noted that the third Convocation will be held on April 25, 1992.

video programmes of 25 to 30 minutes duration each on human environment in collaboration with AIOU, Pakistan Open University of Srilanka and the University of Dhaka and noted that a sum of 25,000 Canadian Dollars for the purpose will be provided by the Commonwealth of Learning.

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

V.C. KULANDAI SWAMY  
Vice-Chancellor