

MINUTES OF THE TWENTYEIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF  
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI 110 016 ON FRIDAY, MAY 22,  
1992 AT 11.00 HOURS

The following were present :-

1. Prof. V.C. Kulandai Swamy, Vice-Chancellor, Chairman
2. Shri. Anil Bordia
3. Dr (Mrs) Rajammal P. Devadas
4. Prof. Ram G. Takwale
5. Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal
6. Prof. A.J. Kidwai
7. Prof. H.P. Dikshit
8. Prof. B.N. Koul
9. Dr S. Kannan

Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar - Secretary

Shri Mahesh Prasad, Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Dr M.P. Parameswaran, Prof. Sitanshu Mehta, and Shri Nikhil Chakravartty could not attend the meeting.

Dr S.K. Gandhe, Prof. C.L. Anand (Pro-Vice-Chancellors), Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Plg & TA) and Shri S.C. 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.

The following matters were considered.

ITEM NO.1      TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 1992 AND  
TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 28.1.1      The minutes of the 27th meeting of the Board of  
Management held on February 18, 1992 were  
confirmed. The Board noted the action taken on the  
minutes.

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✓ MINUTES OF THE MEETING BETWEEN VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
IGNOU AND THE LEADER OF THE JICA TEAM ON THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF AUDIO-VIDEO STUDIOS AND SUPPLY OF  
EQUIPMENT.

BM 28.2.1

The Vice-Chancellor, while explaining the details, stated that the University had formulated a detailed project proposal for the development of production facilities for the audio-video programmes of the University in a long-term perspective and submitted it to the Dept. of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The proposal, along with two other project proposals were forwarded to the Govt. of Japan for their consideration. The Japanese side chose the IGNOU project and indicated that their support would have two components - construction of a building for housing the studios and providing, erecting and commissioning the equipment for two audio and two video studios. The offer of assistance by the Japanese side for construction of the buildings was significant as normally the Govt. of India has not been in favour of receiving aid from foreign governments for building construction. The Dept. of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance, however, accepted the offer.

BM 28.2.2

The Vice-Chancellor observed that a team from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) visited India from April 4 to 17, 1992, held discussions with the University officials, the representatives of the Dept of Education and the Dept of Economic Affairs of the Govt of India, and based on these discussions, minutes were drawn up and signed on 16th April 92 which were circulated as part of the agenda. The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the help and advice rendered by Shri A.J. Kidwai, member, Board of Management during the discussions with the Japanese team. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that the University had agreed to pay the local taxes, out of its own funds as there was no possibility of obtaining exemption from payment of such taxes. The minutes of the discussions were forwarded to the Govt. of India, and the University has been informed by the Dept of Economic Affairs, Govt. of India that the minutes have been accepted by Govt. and forwarded to the Govt. of Japan for further action.

BM 28.2.3

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The Board, while noting the above, congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and his team of officers on the good work done, and emphasised that this was a great boost and support to the distance education system. The Board also noted the point made that training of the manpower to handle the equipment and supply of spares should be projected to the Japanese side for consideration.

ITEM NO.3

TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 1992.

BM 28.3.1

The Board noted the minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Planning Board held on May 11, 1992 (Appendix I).

BM 28.3.2

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board of the suggestions made by members of the Planning Board which was being communicated to the various Schools for consideration and inclusion in the approach paper which the Schools have prepared.

BM 28.3.3

The Board also noted that the Planning Board had considered the need for training and development of human resources for the distance education system, in the context of its growth in the future and the proposals made by the University for meeting such needs. The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that a proposal for setting up a National Institute of Distance Education for training of manpower in this area had been submitted to the Commonwealth of Learning (COL); the COL while supporting the proposal, had suggested that the University might approach Asian Development Bank (ADB) or Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for financial assistance as COL was not in a position to finance a project of this size. This training facility, to begin with, could meet the national needs but could later be augmented to cater to the needs of the South Asian Region.

ITEM NO.4

TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 1992.

BM 28.4.1

The Board noted the minutes of the first meeting of the Distance Education Council (DEC) held on April 28, 1992 (Appendix II) and the decision to appoint a Committee under the Chairmanship of Fr T.V. Kunnunkal to examine and make recommendations on various operational aspects of the functioning of the DEC.



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The Vice-Chancellor informed the members of the recommendations of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), made at its meeting held in March 91, that every state should have an Open University, which was reiterated at the recent meeting held on 5th & 6th of May 1992; this strengthened the need for effective functioning of the DEC. The Standing Committee on Open Universities constituted by the CABE would make appropriate recommendations to Government regarding funding of Open Universities.

BM 28.4.3

It was pointed out that while State Open Universities would be eligible for Central assistance only after they are declared fit under section 12 B of the UGC Act, it may be necessary to devise ways and means of funding academic programme development of State Open Universities by the IGNOU in the interregnum. The Vice-Chancellor felt that funding by IGNOU might be possible when funds are allocated by Government for this purpose, and observed that the suggestion may be referred to the Committee headed by Fr Kunnunkal for consideration. However, declaration by the UGC under section 12B of the UGC Act is mandatory for financial support.

ITEM NO.5

**TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 1992.**

BM 28.5.1

The Board considered the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Establishment Committee held on April 10, 1992, and approved of the same (Appendix III).

BM 28.5.2

The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees for the posts shown below:

Post	Date of Selection Committee Meeting
i) Professor in Health Sciences	16.3.92
ii) Reader in Nursing	17.3.92
iii) Professor/Director in Computer & Information Sciences	24.3.92
iv) Reader in Computer & Information Sciences	24.3.92

BM 28.5.3

The proposal to appoint Dr Prem Kumar as Regional Director of the Patna Regional Centre on deputation approved by the Establishment Committee was considered. In view of the clarifications furnished regarding the procedure followed, and in view of the fact that appointment by deputation was one of the accepted modes of recruitment in the University, the recommendations of the Establishment Committee to appoint Dr Prem Kumar on standard deputation terms was approved. However, Dr. S. Kannan expressed his reservation against appointment on deputation.

ITEM NO.6

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STRUCTURE FOR THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SYSTEM OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE PATTERN OF ITS STAFFING.

BM 28.6.1

The Board considered the matter. The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the background of the classification of other academic staff which had been looked into earlier by a Committee headed by Prof. Rais Ahmed, and later by the Committee headed by Prof. Ram G. Takwale. It was noted that the report of the Takwale Committee was placed before the Board of Management for consideration at the last meeting but its consideration was deferred as teachers asked for some time to study the recommendations and give their views. In the meanwhile, the Dept. of Education, Govt. of India, which had considered the report at the instance of the Education Secretary and member of the Board of Management, had communicated certain views on some of the recommendations.

BM 28.6.2

The Vice-Chancellor observed that the staff in Computer Division were classified as Professional staff by the committee. Opinions have been expressed that the staff of Communication Division may be similarly classified particularly in the light of the existence of feeder cadres for the first level group A posts, which was not the case in respect of teachers. A view has also been expressed that the function of the Director of the Evaluation Division, is similar to that of the Controller of Examinations in other Universities and could not be classified as other academic staff. He requested the Board to take a comprehensive view of the proposals, keeping all these factors in view.

BM 28.6.3

The Board considered the matter at great length. The Board was appraised of the views of the IGNOU Teachers Association communicated in their letter

dated May 21, 1992 on various recommendations. A suggestion was also made that in areas like Communication in which there is a shortage of professionals, and consequent high mobility in the context of expanding opportunities the University's endeavour should be to retain the persons it has recruited and trained. It was also necessary to consider, whether for professional posts which are equated with those of teachers in regard to pay scales, the qualifications prescribed for teachers should be made applicable.

BM 28.6.4

After considerable discussion, the following decisions were taken:

- (1) The Group A positions in the Regional Services Division both at the Headquarters and the Regional Centres as shown below be constituted into a distinct category as other academic staff:

- (i) Regional Services (Headquarters)

- (a) Director
    - (b) Joint Director
    - (c) Deputy Director
    - (d) Assistant Director

- (ii) Regional Centres

- (a) Regional Director
    - (b) Assistant Regional Director

- (2) The conditions of service of these officers of the Regional Services Division at the Headquarters and the Regional Centres shall be:

- (a) Qualifications for recruitment to the positions of Regional Director/Deputy Director and Assistant Regional Director/Assistant Director shall be as indicated in Appendix IV to the minutes.

- (b) The career advancement scheme presently applicable to teachers shall be extended to other academic staff. While the conditions for promotion to and placement in higher positions will remain the same in principle, a separate ordinance will be framed to make appropriate provisions for this purpose in the context of the nature of their functions.



- (c) A separate performance appraisal system will be developed for the other academic staff. 37
- (d) The age of retirement of teachers and other academic staff shall be the same.
- (e) Other academic staff will be eligible for study leave as per provisions of the leave rules.
- (3) There would be mobility among teachers and other academic staff working at the Headquarters and the Regional Centres and also between Schools and the Regional Services.
- (4) Teachers when appointed to other academic positions would be entitled only to the privileges and advantages attached to these positions.
- (5) Lecturers presently working at the Regional Centres and in the Schools will be given an option to be absorbed permanently in the newly constituted cadre of other academic staff, or remain attached to the school and be posted for the time being at the Regional Centres.
- (6) The proposal to classify group A posts in the Communication Division as professional staff will be further examined by the Committee headed by Dr A.J. Kidwai which was appointed to look into the staff requirements of the Communication Division and its recommendations will be considered later.
- (7) The position of Director, Evaluation Division may not be classified as other academic staff; when the Examination Research Unit is set up and posts are created, a specific decision could be taken to declare such posts as other academic positions depending upon the job specifications and qualifications prescribed in each case.
- (8) The posts in the Computer Division be classified as professional as recommended by the Takwale Committee.
- (9) The recommendations concerning the positions in the Planning Division and the Project Control Unit as well as certain isolated posts like Research Officer, Analyst etc, in

other Divisions may be further examined and brought before the Board for consideration.

- (10) Most of the Group A positions in the Distance Education Division and the Editorial and Translation Units have been recruited as Professors, Readers and Lecturers, and they are already teachers of the University. ✓

ITEM NO.7

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF LECTURERS IN SCHOOLS AND ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS AT REGIONAL CENTRES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS TO BE FILLED UP IN THESE TWO CATEGORIES

BM 28.7.1

The Vice-Chancellor explained the proposal in detail. The Board approved the proposal for allotment of the positions of Lecturers to various schools on the basis of a norm of 3 and not more than 4 in a discipline with appropriate additions to meet the needs of specialisation and interdisciplinary nature of programmes. The number of positions of Lecturers allotted to various schools is given in Appendix V. The additional posts of Lecturers/ARDs to be filled up immediately by recruitment disciplinewise within the sanctioned strength of lecturers and ARD's is as indicated in Appendix VI to the minutes (46 posts).

BM 28.7.2

The Board also resolved that the Lecturers already posted to the Regional Centres be given an option to come back to the respective Schools or remain at the Regional Centres. Those Lecturers who opt to remain in the Regional Centres will be governed by the terms and conditions of service applicable to other academic staff as long as they are working in the Regional Services. The Board approved the proposal to give a similar option to Lecturers working in different Schools if they opt to come under the Regional Services cadre. The mobility of staff from the Regions to the Schools and vice versa will be subject to the exigencies of work, and request from staff and administrative needs.

BM 28.7.3

The Board also approved the proposal that in posting Asst. Regional Directors at various Regional Centres, efforts will be made to provide as far as possible a proper mix of persons belonging to different disciplines in Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Management, Engineering & Technology etc.



**ITEM NO.8****TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENTS OF DIRECTORS IN CERTAIN SCHOOLS.****339**

BM 28.8.1

The Board noted that the School of Sciences, School of Computer and Information Sciences and the School of Management Studies were without Directors. The Board also noted that Prof. Rakesh Khurana had been relieved at his request from the post of Director, School of Management Studies with effect from 30.4.92 and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor. On the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor, the Board resolved that the following Professors be appointed as Directors of the Schools noted against each, until further orders:

Prof. R.K. Bose                      Director, School of Sciences

Prof. M.M. Pant                     Director, School of Computer  
& Information Sciences on  
transfer from the Computer  
Division.

Prof. R.K. Grover                  Director, School of Management  
Studies

**ITEM NO.9****TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER TO THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL AND DESIGNATING THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL.**

BM 28.9.1

The Board noted that as per Clause (3) (a)(ix) of Statute 28 relating to the Distance Education Council, one teacher from the open University/distance education system was to be nominated by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Chairman, DEC. The Board, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, resolved that Prof. L. Kaul of Himachal Pradesh University be nominated as a member of the Distance Education Council under the above provision.

BM 28.9.2

It was also resolved that Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Planning & TA) will, in addition to his duties, function as the Secretary of the Distance Education Council, until the Director of the DEC is appointed.

ITEM NO.10

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TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES.

BM 28.10.1

In addition to those listed in the agenda note, the recommendations of the Selection Committees for the following positions were circulated to the members at the meeting:

- (1) Upgradation of the Post of Academic Associate to Lecturer (Selection Committee meeting held on 18-5-92)
- (2) Placement of a Lecturer in Selection Grade (Selection Committee meeting held on 19.5.92)
- (3) Absorption of a Lecturer who was on deputation and working in School of Engineering and Technology (Selection Committee meeting held on 19.5.92).

BM 28.10.2

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that in response to the advertisement for the post of Lecturers and ARD's issued last year, a very large number of applications were received. The screening and shortlisting of these applicants on the basis of quantitative criteria was done by a Committee consisting of two Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Director of the School concerned and the Director, Teachers Affairs. The Vice-Chancellor explained that this Committee was later enlarged to include an external expert also, and the enlarged Committee either reviewed the shortlisting already done, or did the entire screening. The Board ratified the procedure adopted for the screening of the applications.

BM 28.10.3

The Board also noted that selection of candidates belonging to the reserved category of SC/ST was done in most cases on the basis of relaxed norms, and therefore they should be ranked next in merit to the general candidates selected, unless the selection committee itself has ranked them in the general list.

BM 28.10.4

The Board approved the recommendations of the following Selection Committees for appointment to the post of ASST. Regional Director (ARD)/Lecturer (from the approved panels, offers will be issued to the persons shown against each at column (3) below):

Date of Selection Committee Meeting	Post	Offers to be issued in the first instance
(1)	(2)	(3)
30.3.92	ARD/Lecturer in Sociology	1. Ms B. Kiranmayi(SC) 2. Dr Debal Singharoy 3. Ms Archana Singh (Minimum in the scale to all listed above)
29.4.92	ARD/Lecturer in Political Science	1. Ms Helen Sangeeta Majhi (ST) (Minimum in the scale)
30.4.92	ARD/Lecturer in Public Administration	1. Ms Dolly Mathew (Minimum in the scale)
4.5.92	ARD/Lecturer in History	1. Dr Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay (Minimum in the scale)
12.5.92 & 13.5.92 )	ARD/Lecturer in Management Studies	1. Sh. Anil Yadav (Rs.2425/-in the scale) 2. Sh. Kamal Yadava 3. Sh. Sant Saran Mantri 4. Sh. Ananda D(SC) (Minimum in the scale to 2,3,4 listed above)
14.5.92	ARD/Lecturer in Commerce	1. Dr(Mrs)Madhu Tyagi (Rs.2425 in the scale) 2. Dr P. Mohan Reddy (Minimum in the scale)
15.5.92	ARD/Lecturer in Mathematics	1. Dr(Mrs) Sujatha Varma (Minimum in the scale)



(1)	(2)	(3)
18.5.92 ) 19.5.92 )	ARD/Lecturer in Distance Education	1. Ms V Ranga (Rs.2425 in the scale) 2. Sh. CRK Murthy (Pay and date of increment to be protected) 3. Dr D.B. Damle(SC) (Minimum in the scale)
20.5.92	ARD/Lecturer in Life Sciences	1. Dr (Mrs)K.Sumathy (Rs.2350/-in the scale) 2. Dr Masood Parveez (Minimum in the scale)
21.5.92	ARD/Lecturer in Rural Development	1. Dr Gurchain Singh 2. Ms Kameshwari Moorthy 3. Dr Sole Nagendra Ambedkar (SC) (Minimum in the scale to all listed above)

BM 28.10.5

The Board also approved the recommendations of the concerned Selection Committees for appointment of Shri R. Satyanarayana, Academic Associate as Lecturer in Distance Education; for placement of Shri T.R. Srinivasan in the Selection Grade of Lecturers (Rs.3700-5700); and for the permanent absorption of Shri Pankaj Khare Lecturer on deputation as Lecturer in Applied Science in the services of the University.

ITEM NO.11

TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF TERM OF THE STANDING COUNSEL FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

BM 28.11.1

The Board approved the proposal to extend the term of engagement of Shri A.V. Rangam, Advocate, Supreme Court as Standing Counsel for a further period of one year with effect from 1.7.1992 on the same terms and conditions as before.

## ITEM NO.12

TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF PROF. RAKESH KHURANA FOR ACCEPTING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (ISCT) NEW DELHI.

BM 28.12.1

The Board considered the matter and the letter dated 10th March, 1992 from Dr Utpal K Banerjee, Chairman, Governing Council of ISCT. The Board took note of the fact that it is a relatively new private organisation offering programmes in the area of computers charging heavy fees. It also observed that it has not yet been recognised by the Department of Electronics. Taking all these aspects and the implications of a senior faculty member of IGNOU associating himself at the Governing Council level, the Board resolved that Prof. Rakesh Khurana may not accept the membership of the Governing Council of the ISCT.

## ITEM NO.13

TO REPORT ON THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN IGNOU AND PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY.

BM 28.13.1

The Vice-Chancellor briefly outlined the significance of promoting mobility of students between the open University system and the conventional universities and stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the IGNOU and the Pondicherry University on 15th May, 1992, was a major step in this direction. Copies of the MOU were placed on the Table. The Board noted the MOU and commended the action taken by the two Universities which will widen access to higher education. The MOU signed between Pondicherry University and the IGNOU and ratified by the Board of Management is placed at Appendix VII.

## ITEM NO.14

TO - REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

BM 28.14.1

This was noted.

## ITEM NO.15

TO REPORT ON THE ALLOTMENT OF QUARTERS IN OLD JNU CAMPUS ON LEASE TO IGNOU

BM 28.15.1

The Board noted that 50-Type I, 18-Type II and 6-Type III quarters had been allotted to the University by the Director of Estates on payment of monthly lease of Rs.362 each for type I, Rs.511 each for type II and Rs.700/ each for type III quarters.

ITEM NO.16

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TO REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION TEACHERS IN MAURITIUS.

BM 28.16.1

The Board noted that Dr A.R. Khan, Reader, School of Social Sciences, and Shri K. Murugan, Lecturer, Distance Education had successfully conducted a workshop in Mauritius from April 6 to April 30, 1992 for training a core group of teachers in Mauritius in distance education, pursuant to discussions between the Director, Distance Education, and Vice-Chancellor IGNOU, and the Mauritian authorities.

ITEM NO.17

TO REPORT ON THE THIRD CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY HELD ON APRIL 25, 1992.

BM 28.17.1

The Board noted that at the third convocation of the University held on April 25, 1992 at which Shri Arjun Singh, Minister for Human Resource Development was the Chief Guest, Diplomas/Degrees were awarded to the following students in various programmes:

	Total	In person	In absentia
DIM	2147	438	1709
ADIM	900	225	675
DHRM	126	43	83
DFM	136	44	92
DMM	163	55	108
MBA	143	100	43
BLS	310	154	156
DDE	141	29	112
DCE	48	7	41

BM 28.17.2

In addition to the above the Board noted that 793 candidates qualified for the Certificate in Food & Nutrition.

ITEM NO.18

TO CONSIDER THE TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF DR M. ASLAM, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, J & K INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AS PROFESSOR ON DEPUTATION.

BM 28.18.1

The Board considered the matter and approved the appointment of Dr M. Aslam as Professor in Rural Development on standard deputation terms for a period of two years. Since Dr Aslam has opted for the University's scale of pay, and not for his grade pay plus deputation allowance, which will be Rs.450/- per month. The Board decided to sanction him two advance increments and fix his basic pay at Rs.4800/- per month in the scale of Rs.4500-7300.



ITEM NO.19 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FROM THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY FOR EXTENSION OF RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PROF. C.S. MOORTHY, PROFESSOR IN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY 945

BM 28.19.1 The Board considered the proposal and approved the extension of re-employment of Prof. C.S. Moorthy, Professor for one more year with effect from 1.6.1992 on the same terms and conditions as before.

ITEM NO.20 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE R & P RULES, IGNOU (NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES) OF GROUP B,C & D EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 28.20.1 The Board noted the corrections to Annexure I to the agenda note as given below:

For Senior Assistants, in the column 'Mode of Selection' it should be only Written Test (WT) and not WT & ST as entered erroneously; for JATs in the column 'Mode of Selection' it should be Written Test & Skill Test instead of ST & Interview.

BM 28.20.2 The Board considered the proposal and approved the amendment to the Recruitment and Promotion Rules, IGNOU Non-Academic employees of Group B,C & D to select JAT, Assistant, Senior Assistant, Stenographer and PA Grade II on the basis of the Written Test and Skill Test where applicable without holding interviews.

ITEM NO.21 TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSULTANCY PROJECT FOR THE WORLD BANK ON COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF OPEN UNIVERSITIES IN ASIAN COUNTRIES.

BM 28.21.1 The Board noted that the project initially assigned by the World Bank envisaged that the Vice-Chancellor himself undertake the study as a personal consultancy project with a consultancy fee of US dollars 6000 on the basis of data available from secondary sources and prepare the report. The Vice-Chancellor, however, was of the view that the scope of the project should be enlarged to cover more recent data so as to make the final report more comprehensive. In order to undertake such a study and prepare a detailed report the Vice-Chancellor had decided to request the following persons to assist him in conducting studies of the cost of their own Universities, but within the initial sanction of 6000 Dollars as the overall cost.

(1) Pakistan : Dr Abdul Ghaffoor Choudhary, Vice-Chancellor & Chairman, Allama Iqbal Open

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- (2) Indonesia: Dr Setijadi, Rector, Universitas Terbuka
- (3) Sri Lanka: Shri A. Rana Singhe, Director of Operations, Open University of Sri Lanka
- (4) Thailand: Dr Petchsing, Director, Distance Education Regional Resource Centre, STOU, Bangkok
- (5) India: Shri C.R.Pillai, Director, Planning & Teachers Affairs & Shri C.G. Naidu, Analyst, IGNOU.

BM 28.21.2      The Board noted that the final report will be prepared on the basis of the preliminary studies by the above persons, and that appropriate honorarium will be paid to those participating in the study from the funds made available as stated above by the World Bank.

ITEM NO.22      TO REPORT ON A WRIT PETITION FILED BY SOME CONSULTANTS PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR PERMANENT ABSORPTION AS LECTURERS.

BM 28.22.1      The Board noted that a writ petition had been filed by some consultants presently working in the School of Social Sciences and the School of Continuing Education in the Delhi High Court, praying that the University should be prohibited from terminating their services and that they should be declared as permanent Lecturers of the University and placed on regular scales of pay and that no regular appointments should be made which would replace them as Consultants, etc. The Board also noted that the University had filed a counter affidavit on May 4, 1992 and that the Court heard the matter partly on May 18, 1992. The writ petition has not yet been admitted; the next hearing is on July 6, 1992. The court has also not issued any orders or directions to the University.

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BM 28.22 2      The Board noted that some of the Consultants who had applied for the position of Lecturers and who fulfilled the qualifications and other conditions of eligibility have appeared before the concerned Selection Committees. and that the University will take necessary action for appointment of Lecturers wherever interviews have been completed. As far as the existing consultancy assignments are concerned, their continuance may be regulated as per orders of appointment issued.

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BM 28.22.3 The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that Shri Altaf Ahmed, Addl. Solicitor General had been engaged by the University to appear on its behalf in the writ petition, and that his fees were Rs.15,000/- per appearance. This was noted by the Board.

ITEM NO.23 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON IGNOU'S PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCE BEING ORGANISED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION AT JOHANNESBERG.

BM 28.23.1 The Board considered the proposal and approved the participation by IGNOU in the Conference being organised by the South African Institute for Distance Education at Johannesburg from September 7-10, 1992, by sending one representative and the requisite material at an estimated cost of Rs.50,000/-

ITEM NO.24 TO REPORT ON VICE-CHANCELLOR AVAILING LEAVE FROM JUNE 15 TO JULY 10, 1992.

BM 28.24.1 The Board noted that the Vice-Chancellor would be availing himself of leave from June 15, 1992 to July 10, 1992 and that Prof. H.P. Dikshit, the senior most Pro-Vice-Chancellor will look after the routine duties of the Vice-Chancellor during the leave period.

#### Other matters

The Board noted that this is the last meeting at which Shri Anil Bordia is attending as Education Secretary, as he would be retiring on May 31, 1992 on attaining the age of superannuation. The Chairman, on behalf of the Board and on his own behalf, paid glowing tributes to Shri Anil Bordia for his rich contributions to the cause of education; his record association with the Central Advisory Board on Education for nearly twenty five years; his contributions to the formulation of the national policy on education, and his zeal, enthusiasm and deep commitment to primary education and to the open university system. He placed on record Shri Bordia's unfailing support, counsel and significant contributions in the deliberations of the Board of Management of the IGNOU on every occasion, and wished him the best of health and happiness in retirement in which he would continue to be active, and concluded by saying that the Board records thankfully his valuable services and contributions to



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IGNOU. Shri Anil Bordia thanked the Chairman and the members of the Board for their kind sentiments and gratefully acknowledged the support provided to him and the Ministry by the Vice-Chancellor and the members of the staff of the University and that he would continue to watch the developments of the IGNOU with interest as this was an institution very close to him.

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

(V.C. Kulandai Swamy)  
Vice-Chancellor