

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI-110 016 ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1993 AT 1100 HOURS.

The following were present :

1. Prof. V.C. Kulandai Swamy, Vice-Chancellor, Chairman
2. Dr Gurpreet Singh
3. Prof. Sitanshu Mehta
4. Dr (Mrs) Rajammal P. Devadas
5. Sh. M.P. Parameswaran
6. Prof. Ram G. Takwale
7. Dr A. Jamal Kidwai
8. Prof. V.V. Mandke
9. Dr S.K. Singh
10. Sh. P. Satyanarayana

Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar, Secretary.

Shri S.V. Giri, Shri Nikhil Chakravartty, Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal and Prof. H.P. Dikshit could not attend the meeting.

Prof. C.L. Anand, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Planning & Teachers Affairs) 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 items were considered:

- ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 1993 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.
- BM 32.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that no comments have been received from the members. The Minutes of the Thirty First Meeting of the Board of Management held on February 1, 1993 were confirmed. The Board also noted the action taken on the minutes
- BM 32.1.2 One of the members stated that the presentation of agenda in two volumes, i.e., Volume-1 consisting of Agenda Notes and Volume-2 of Annexures to Agenda notes is a significant improvement and that this practice should be continued. He also suggested that the title of an agenda item may also indicate the specific subject with which the note is concerned. The suggestion was noted.

ITEM NO.2

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL CONCERNING THE GRANTS TO STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES AND TO NOTE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15.3.93.

BM 32.2.1

The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the decisions taken by the Distance Education Council at its meeting held on 15.3.93. It was noted that the Distance Education Council had, based on a report submitted by a Visiting Committee, recommended to the Board that the following grants may be sanctioned during the financial year 1992-93:

(i) Dr BR Ambedkar open University Rs. 23.20 lakhs

(ii) Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University Rs. 21.60 lakhs

BM 32.2.2

The Board approved the above recommendations made by the Distance Education Council. The Board also took note of the minutes of the Distance Education Council which are placed at Appendix-1.

ITEM NO.3

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NIRD).

BM 32.3.1

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that IGNOU had signed earlier Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with Pondicherry University and the NCERT. This type of collaboration with other Universities and Institutes of national importance is extremely beneficial to the institutions involved as the expertise available in these institutions can be shared to mutual benefit. It is in this context that the IGNOU has been exploring the possibility of signing MOUs with other national institutions. He informed the Board that on 12th February, 1993 an MOU was signed between the IGNOU and the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD). A copy of the memorandum signed is placed at Appendix-2. The Board was also informed that efforts are on to enter into an agreement on similar pattern with Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, and the Institute of Rural Management, Anand.

BM 32.3.2

The Board ratified the action taken in signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Rural Development. The Board also appreciated the efforts being made to sign similar MOUs with other institutions of national importance.

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING SOME INCENTIVE TO EXISTING TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF WHO QUALIFY IN THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN DISTANCE EDUCATION.

BM 32.4.1

The Vice-Chancellor explained the salient features of the proposal concerning the provision of incentive to existing teachers and other academic staff who qualify in the Diploma Programme in Distance Education. It was stated that the majority of IGNOU teachers, especially lecturers, are young and it would be desirable that they acquire proper theoretical knowledge of Distance Education. It was felt that possession of a formal qualification like the Diploma in Distance Education would help them to effectively interact with coordinators and counsellors who are mostly senior academics and professionals. The Board of Management has recently stipulated that persons recruited in 1992 must obtain the Diploma in Distance Education within a period of 3 years. There was no such provision for teachers appointed earlier. In order to encourage them to do the programme of Diploma in Distance Education, it is proposed that one increment, as an one time measure, may be given to those who obtain the Diploma.

BM 32.4.2

One of the members pointed out that the possession of the Diploma should not be made compulsory but should be left to the choice of the teachers. Another suggestion made was that the incentive of an additional increment should be made uniformly applicable to all teachers including those recruited in 1992. The matter was discussed at length. After considerable discussion, the Board resolved that:

- (i) The decision that Lecturers and other academic staff appointed in 1992 should acquire the Diploma in Distance Education need not be reviewed, but on successful completion of the Diploma, they too should be given one additional increment.
- (ii) In the case of teachers (Professors, Readers and Lecturers) who joined the University prior to June, 1992, the question of obtaining the Diploma in Distance Education may be made optional with the provision that if they obtain the diploma, they would be eligible for one advance increment as an one-time measure.



- (iii) For recruitment in future, it may be stipulated that acquisition of the Diploma in Distance Education within a specified period would be a condition of appointment for the positions of Readers and Lecturers.

ITEM NO.5

TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 12 OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY ON SELECTION COMMITTEES.

BM 32.5.1

The Board considered and approved the amendment proposed to Statute 12 as under:

- (i) Sub-Clause (d) of Statute 12(2)(i) may be amended to read as below:

"(d) three experts, not in the service of the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in such manner as may be specified in the Ordinances."

- (ii) Sub-Clause (e) of Statute 12 (2)(ii) may be amended to read as below:

"(e) one person, not in the service of the University, nominated by the Board of Management."

ITEM NO.6

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL REGARDING THE MAKING/AMENDMENT OF ACADEMIC ORDINANCES.

BM 32.6.1

The Board considered the recommendations of the Academic Council regarding the new ordinances and the amendment proposed to Clause 5(1) of the ordinance on Conduct of Examinations and Evaluation etc.

BM 32.6.2

The Board approved the following ordinances which are placed at Appendix 3 and 4:

- (i) Ordinance on Master of Philosophy (M.Phil).  
(ii) Ordinance on Admission, Eligibility, Duration and Structure of various Degree, Diploma and Certificate Programmes

BM 32.6.3

The Board also considered and approved the amendment proposed to Clause 5(1) of the ordinance on Conduct of Examinations and Evaluation of Student Performance. The provisions in the Clause



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as exist now, the proposed amendments, and the provisions of the Clause after amendment are indicated in the statement at Appendix-5.

ITEM NO.7

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES.

BM 32.7.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations made by the Selection Committee which met on 21.1.93 and 18.2.93 for the post of Assistant Regional Directors/Lecturers in Computer Science and decided that the offer of appointments may be issued to the following in the first instance:

Order or merit	Name	Gen/SC ST	Pay recommended
1.	Ms S.P. Lakshmi	Gen	Rs.2275/-
2.	Sh.Polepalli Krishna Reddy	Gen	Rs.2275/-
3.	Sh. Misbahur Rahman Warsi	Gen	Rs.2350/-
4.	Sh. R. Manavalan	Gen	Rs.2275/-
5.	Sh. Somaie Prasad	SC	Minimum of the scale

BM 32.7.2

The Board decided that out of the positions of ARDs/Lecturers which have not been assigned to specific disciplines one position may be assigned to Computer Science.

ITEM NO.8

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE 4TH CONVOCATION.

BM 32.8.1

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that at the 4th Convocation of the University, scheduled to be held on May 4, 1993 at the Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi, Rt. Hon'ble Lord Briggs of Lewes, Chairman, Board of Governors, COL would be the Chief Guest who would deliver the Convocation address and that Prof. James A. Maraj, President, COL who will be present would announce and confer the distinction of "Centre of Excellence in Distance Education" on IGNOU. The Vice-Chancellor made the following two proposals for the consideration of the Board:

- (i) It would be appropriate to confer an Honorary Degree of D.Litt. on Prof. G. Ram Reddy, the first Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU who made significant contribution to the cause of higher education in general and the distance education system in particular. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that he had consulted the Academic Council on this proposal at its meeting held on March 4, 1993 and that the Academic Council had unanimously endorsed it.
- (ii) It would be appropriate to invite a distinguished dignitary to preside over the 4th convocation.

BM 32.8.2 The Board unanimously endorsed the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor to confer an Honorary Degree of D.Litt on Prof. G. Ram Reddy at the 4th Convocation on May 4, 1993. The Board also authorised the Vice-Chancellor to invite a distinguished dignitary to preside over the convocation.

ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION.

BM 32.9.1 The Board, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, approved the appointment of Prof. A.B. Bose as Director, School of Continuing Education until further orders.

ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5.3.93.

BM 32.10.1 The Vice-Chancellor explained that the Finance Committee which met on March 5, 1993 had one member short of the required quorum. Prof. H.P. Dikshit, who is a member of the Finance Committee, had to go to the Ministry on a very important and urgent matter and, therefore, could not be present. However, he was in broad agreement with the Minutes of the Committee. The representatives of the Ministry of HRD, though could not be present at the meeting, had sent their comments on the agenda notes which were taken into account. Since the reappropriation of funds for the year 1992-93 have to be undertaken before 31.3.93, the Finance Committee adjourned for half an hour and reassembled again to transact the business. This practice is normally followed for such Committees when quorum is not complete. The Vice-Chancellor also explained the urgency for the establishment of

a Legal Cell with creation of the posts of one Assistant Registrar (Legal) and a Senior Assistant (Legal). He further explained that the jurisdiction of the University extends to the whole country with 16 Regional Centres and over 200 Study Centres functioning in different parts of the country. The University is finding it extremely difficult to attend to the court cases coming up in different parts of the country including those in the Counsumers' Council without a full-fledged Legal Cell. The Vice-Chancellor proposed that the Board may consider the decisions taken by the Finance Committee in the context of the position explained by him.

BM 32.10.2

Taking into account the position explained by the Vice-Chancellor, the Board approved the decisions taken by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 5, 1993. The proceedings of the Finance Committee are placed at Appendix-6.

BM 32.10.3

The Board approved of the creation of the following posts for the Legal Cell:

Post	No. of posts	Pay scale Rs.
Asst. Registrar (Legal)	One	2200-4000
Sr. Asst (Legal)	One	1640-2900

ITEM NO.11

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 4, 1993.

BM 32.11.1

The minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on March 4, 1993, were noted by the Board. While on the subject one of the members suggested modification to Clause 7(iii) of the M.Phil Ordinance which deals with the admission of part-time (external) students. He was of the view that the Clause provides for admission to persons employed only in certain select category of Institutions and that such restriction may not be advisable. In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:

- (i) M.Phil,/ Ph.d programmes being research degrees the admission policy should be restrictive enough so that the credibility of



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the programmes can be established in the initial stages.

(ii) The Academic Council, had deliberated at length before finalising the draft.

(iii) It was also the opinion of the Academic Council that the ordinance as proposed now may be given a fair trial and modifications/amendments, if any, can be thought of at a later stage taking into account the experience gained in the operationalisation of the ordinance.

BM 32.11.2 Considering the views expressed at the meeting and also taking into account the views of the Academic Council on the subject, the Board approved the M.Phil Ordinance as proposed by the Academic Council.

ITEM NO.12 TO REPORT ON THE SETTING UP OF NEW STUDY CENTRES.

BM 32.12.1 The Board noted that as on 1.3.93 there were 204 Regular Study Centres and 10 Recognised Study Centres taking the total to 214.

ITEM NO.13 PROMOTION TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT REGISTRAR IN THE PAY SCALE OF RS.2200-4000 FROM THE CADRE OF SECTION OFFICER/SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT/JUNIOR STORES OFFICER/APRO IN THE PAY SCALE OF RS.2000-3500.

BM 32.13.1 The item was tabled. The Vice-Chancellor explained that as per the provisions of the Recruitment & Promotion Rules, 1992 of Group A employees (Non-academic), persons in the grade of Section Officer/Senior Personal Assistant/Jr Stores Officer/APRO in the pay scale of Rs.2000-3500 were considered by the Departmental Promotion Committee at its meeting held on 18.2.93 for promotion to the post of Asst Registrar or equivalent in the pay scale of Rs.2200-4000. Based on the recommendations of the DPC, the following persons were promoted to the post of Assistant Registrar by the Vice-Chancellor:

1. Shri M.S. Chauhan
2. Shri Krishanlal Juneja
3. Shri S. Srinivasan
4. Shri K. Ramesh

32.13.2

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the above four persons to the post of Assistant Registrar on the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee.

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

(V.C. KULANDAI SWAMY)  
Vice-Chancellor