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MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1995, AT 1100 HOURS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK NO.8, IGNOU CAMPUS, NEW DELHI.

The following were present:

1. Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor, Chairman
2. Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya
3. Shri. N.V.K. Murthy
4. Prof. Prabhat Patnaik
5. Prof. S.K. Verma
6. Dr. S.K. Gandhe
7. Prof. Pandav Nayak
8. Prof. Kapil Kumar
9. Prof. B.S. Sharma

Shri D.C. Pant, Registrar, (Acting)

Shri S.V. Giri, Shri Bhaskar Ghose, Shri Kapil Sibal, Shri C.K. Birla, Ms. Nirmala Deshpande and Dr. P.K. Mehta could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Rakesh Khurana, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Planning & Teachers Affairs) attended the meeting as special invitees.

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

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor extended a cordial welcome to Prof. B.S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Kota Open University, the newly co-opted member to the Board of Management.

Before the items on the agenda were taken-up for consideration, the Vice-Chancellor made a brief reference to his note circulated at the last meeting of the Board. He said that certain follow-up steps have since been initiated arising out of the proposals made in the note under reference. These include : Constituting the Coordination Committee and a Research Committee; setting up of Core groups for Computers, Delivery systems and Quality Assurance systems. On a point concerning research, it was stated that areas of research at IGNOU need to be specialised fields related to open / distance learning and that relevant thrust areas in such fields need to be identified.

Discussing IGNOU's international role, the members of the Board felt that it was time some concrete action is taken for extending IGNOU's activities abroad. The members were conscious that this would need detailed consideration of various relevant aspects and it was therefore, decided that the Vice-Chancellor should appoint a committee which would look into this question and put up detailed questions as soon as possible, preferably within a period of 3 months.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MARCH 13, 1995 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

BM 41.1.1 The Board considered the confirmation of the minutes. A point was raised concerning the effective date of enhancement of lease facility. It was clarified that the Board had accepted the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the subject and any proposal on it would necessarily have to go before the Finance Committee. To a query concerning Resolution No.BM 40.25.2 concerning the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Senior Producer, it was clarified that the matter will be brought before the Board in the next meeting.

BM 41.1.2 The minutes of the 40th meeting of the Board of Management held on March 13, 1995 were confirmed. The Board also noted the action taken on the minutes.

ITEM NO. 2 **TO CONSIDER A NOTE ON THE RESTRUCTURING THE ORGANISATIONAL SET-UP OF THE IGNOU.**

BM 41.2.1 The Vice-Chancellor read out a letter received from the Deptt.of Education, MHRD, conveying the views of the Education Secretary, a member of the Board of Management, who desired that consideration of the item be deferred to next meeting, since the papers on the proposal were received late.

BM 41.2.2 While taking note of the contents of the letter, the Board felt that a discussion on the proposal could be initiated since the changes suggested in the organisational structure require a detailed

discussion requiring consultations with the concerned Divisions in the University internally and later at the Board's level. Since the deliberations on the proposals would be continued in the next meeting, the views of the members on this subject would help future discussion meaningful. In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:

- (1) the University should be clear in its mind as to what it aims to achieve by the proposed changes;
- (2) the proposal should be discussed internally with concerned divisions;
- (3) with many areas of operations being devolved on Regional Centres, a fresh look at the existing structures become imperative;
- (4) The structural change should provide for extensive use of modern communication technology;
- (5) like conventional university system, distance learning institutions too must undertake extension as a necessary dimension;
- (6) existing administrative/financial procedures need to be reviewed in the light of decentralisation; and
- (7) this being the decennial year of the university, it would be appropriate to look at the existing structures and effect changes to meet the emerging requirements.

BM 41.2.3

After a detailed discussion, the Board decided that:

- i) The discussion on the subject be continued both internally and at the Board's level; and
- ii) a committee consisting of the following members be constituted to examine all the issues involved and submit its report to the Board for consideration:

- i) Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
- ii) Prof. B.S. Sharma
- iii) Dr. S.K. Gandhe
- iv) Prof. Mihir Bhattacharya
- v) Shri N.V.K. Murthy
- vi) Secretary, Education, Govt. of India or his nominee not below the rank of a Joint Secretary
- vii) Prof. Rakesh Khurana

ITEM NO.3

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 1995.

BM 41.3.1

The Board noted the minutes of the Planning Board meeting held on April 7, 1995. In this connection a suggestion was made that it would be appropriate to place the minutes of other authorities before the Board normally after these have been confirmed by the concerned authority. This was noted. However, it was decided that this matter may be further examined in the light of administrative and other exigencies.

ITEM NO.4

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 1995.

BM 41.4.1

The Board, while taking note of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on April 17, 1995, suggested that it would be appropriate to place the minutes of other authorities before the Board normally after these have been confirmed by the concerned authority. However, it was decided that this matter may be further examined in the light of administrative and other exigencies.

ITEM NO.5

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF LEASE DEED IN RESPECT OF COMMUNICATION DIVISION BUILDING AT 52 TUGHLAKABAD INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW DELHI.

BM 41.5.1

The Board considered the matter and approved the enhanced licence fee @ 25% on the existing rate for the Communication Building w.e.f. 12.3.95. With the above enhancement, the rent for the building works out to Rs.94,498/- p.m.

ITEM NO.6 **TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF RENEWAL OF THE TERM OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SHRI B. SELVARAJ, REGISTRAR (PPD).**

BM 41.6.1 The Board carefully considered the case in its totality and decided that Shri B. Selvaraj's services as Registrar (PPD) be continued for another period of one year with effect from 22.5.95.

ITEM NO.7 **TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL.**

BM 41.7.1 The Board considered the proposal which was tabled. In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:

- (1) the best option would have been to advertise the post so as to attract the best talent available in the country;
- (2) deputation is one of the accepted modes of appointment for which provision exists in the statutes; and
- (3) open recruitment through advertisement takes considerable time and there is urgency for filling up the post of Director, DEC.

BM 41.7.2 The Board, after a detailed discussion, approved the recommendations made by the committee appointed for the purpose and decided that Prof. V.S. Prasad, be offered the post of Director, Distance Education Council, on deputation terms and that the other terms and conditions be decided by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO.8 & 9 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FROM 1.1.1986 TO 31.1.1991 TO SENIOR ASSISTANTS AND PERSONAL ASSISTANTS GRADE II CONSEQUENT ON REVISION OF THE PAY SCALE FROM RS.1400-2600 TO RS.1640-2900.

AND

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON PROVISION OF HIGHER START FOR DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTEES TO THE SECTION OFFICERS' GRADE OF CENTRAL SECRETARIAT SERVICE AND GRADE A AND B (MERGED) OF CENTRAL SECRETARIAT STENOGRAPHERS' SERVICE

BM 41.8/9.1 The Board considered item Nos. 8 and 9 together. In the context of the comments received from the Department of Education, MHRD, on the decisions of the Finance Committee, which were accepted by the Board, communicated vide their letter dated 21.3.95, the sequence of events leading to the Board of Management taking decisions to release the arrears of pay and allowances in respect of Senior Assistants and Personal Assistants Grade II and for providing higher start for Departmental promotees to the Section Officers was chronologically explained. The Board was also apprised of the decisions of the Finance Committee in both the cases (which were later approved by the Board). The Board was also informed of the feelings of the concerned employees. The Board further noted that other central universities located in Delhi have already taken decisions to pay the arrears of pay and allowances to Senior Assistants and PA Grade II with effect from 1.1.1986 consequent to the adoption of the revised pay scale of Rs.1640-2900.

BM 41.8/9.2 The Board, after a detailed discussion and taking into account all the issues involved, decided to reiterate its decisions on the above two subjects taken at its 40th meeting held on 13.3.95.

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

**R.G. TAKWALE
VICE-CHANCELLOR**