

## IGNOU

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1995, AT 1100 HOURS AT K-76, HAUZ KHAS, 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. S.K. Verma
5. Dr. S.K. Gandhe
6. Prof. Pandav Nayak
7. Prof. Kapil Kumar
8. Dr. P.K. Mehta

Dr. T.R. Kem, Registrar - Secretary

Prof Prabhat Patnaik, Shri C.K. Birla, Shri Kapil Sibal, Ms. Nirmala Deshpande, Shri Bhaskar Ghose and prof B.S. Sharma could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Rakesh Khurana and Prof. Janardan Jha, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Prof. B.N. Koul, Pro Vice-Chancellor (STRIDE) and Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (Planning & Development) attended the meeting as special invitees.

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

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor gave a brief account of the sequence of events that followed the unfortunate road accident in front of the University gate on 13-10-95 in which a teen-ager was killed. The rioting that followed by a group of persons from the nearby villages resulted in the loss of University property around Rs.25 lakhs. In addition to the burning of three University vehicles and a few motor cycles that were parked, the intruders broke the window and door glass-panes and set fire to certain areas within the premises which were accessible to them. In the melee, two security guards were attacked, one was stabbed and the other was hit on the head. Both were rushed to the hospital by the police and are out of danger. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that the Registrar, Dr. T.R. Kem, and few other officials were trapped in the building when the rioting broke out but they showed exemplary courage in getting things organized in spite of the fact that their lives were in danger. The Vice-Chancellor stated that, while the incidents were unfortunate and reprehensible, the University should now address the issue and initiate steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

The following points emerged after a detailed discussion:

- (i) Explore the possibility of widening the access road, or providing an alternate road.
- (ii) Take up the matter with the police for setting up a permanent police out-post near the University gate;
- (iii) Explore the possibility of locating public institutions like the Bank, Post Office and Telegraph Office in a manner which would restrict the entry of outsiders into the Campus; and
- (iv) Initiate steps, to establish proper rapport with the villages in the vicinity of the University.

Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor made a brief mention of the role of the University in the important areas like its international role, Open University networking and developing IGNOU as a national resource centre.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor placed on record the Board's appreciation of the services rendered by Shri D.C. Pant as Acting Registrar, and extended a cordial welcome to Dr T.R. Kem, the new Registrar.

The following items were considered:

**ITEM NO. 1** TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JULY 18, 1995 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

**BM 43.1.1** The Vice-Chancellor referred to the comments sent by one of the members and read out the contents of the letter. It was noted that the member's comments did not point out any wrong recording of the decisions but desired that the views expressed by him at the meeting on some of the items should also find a place in the proceedings. It was agreed that the letter of the member may be appended to the minutes so that his views were on record. The letter is placed at **Appendix-1**.

**BM 43.1.2** The Vice-Chancellor made a reference to Resolution No.BM 42.9.1 concerning the cases of Shri D.K. Tetri and Shri N. Sundaram. He said that the case of Shri Tetri was considered by the Establishment Committee again at its meeting held on 25-8-1995 and that its recommendations are brought before the Board under a separate item. So far as the case of confirmation of Shri Sundaram is concerned, the Vice-Chancellor stated that he had examined all the relevant documents and based on his objective assessment recommends to the Board Shri Sundaram's confirmation. The Board confirmed

Shri N. Sundaram, Dy. Registrar, with effect from 31-8-1994 as proposed by the Establishment Committee vide its Resolution No.EC 18.6.1.

BM 43.1.3

With the above observations, the Board confirmed the Minutes of its 42nd Meeting held on July 18, 1995. The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE VARIOUS ASPECTS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE IGNOU.

BM 43.2.1

The Board considered the report of the Committee appointed to examine various aspects relating to the international role of the IGNOU. After detailed discussion, the Board accepted the Report in principle and desired that a Committee consisting of professionals be appointed to advise the Vice-Chancellor on operationalising the proposals made in the Report.

ITEM NO. 3

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO EXAMINE THE MATTERS RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL BOARDS AND APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS OF STUDIES.

BM 43.3.1

The Board considered the Report of the Committee which examined the matters relating to membership of the Academic Council, the School Boards and the appointment of Directors of Schools. On a request from the Vice-Chancellor, Shri C.R. Pillai briefly explained the salient features of the proposal. Before the matter was taken up for discussion, a minor correction was suggested in the Report. The words "Member-Secretary" needs to be added immediately after the word "Registrar" appearing at the 5th line under para 10(B)(i) of the Report. After some discussion, the Board approved the following:

- (i) Academic Council: The amendments proposed to Statute 9 in the Agenda Note concerning the Academic Council, with a suggestion that Sub-Clause (iv) of Statute 9(1) may provide for one teacher from each School by rotation according to seniority;
- (ii) School Boards: Amendment to Statute 10A(2) to provide for one Reader and one Lecturer from each discipline assigned to a School on its Board. Provided that where there is



no Professor in any discipline the senior most Reader may be nominated to the School Board; and

- (iii) Appointment of Directors of Schools: That the Director of a School shall be appointed from among the Professors of the School by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor; that the rotation of director-ship among the disciplines of a School be kept in view while making the recommendation; and that a Director of a School shall hold office for a period of three years and that he shall be eligible for reappointment.

BM 43.3.2

The Board accepted the proposals made in the Report with the above observations and desired that the statutes concerned, with appropriate amendments be brought before the Board.

ITEM NO. 4

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE (EMPC).

BM 43.4.1

On a request from the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the Report of the Committee on optimum utilisation of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC). Broadly, it is envisaged, among others, that the EMPC shall have adequate autonomy with independent personnel policy in the matter of contract appointments of competent professionals and that it would have a Management Committee which would be responsible to the Board of Management.

BM 43.4.2

After some discussion the Board approved the proposals made in the Report of the Committee on optimum utilisation of the Electronic Media Production Centre.

ITEM NO. 5

TO DESIGNATE A REGISTRAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 5(3)-(7) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 43.5.1

The Board considered the proposal and took the following decisions:

- (i) Empowered the Registrar, Dr T.R. Kem, with powers to enter into, and sign, agreements and authenticate records on behalf of the University in accordance with the

provisions contained in Section 13(2) of the IGNOU Act; and

- (ii) designated the Registrar, Dr T.R. Kem to exercise the powers and perform the functions specified in Clauses (3) to (7) of Statute 5 of the statutes of the University.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER TO THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE (3) (A) (ix) OF STATUTE 28.**

**BM 43.6.1**

The Board nominated Prof A.N. Joshi of YCMOU as a Member of the Distance Education Council under the provisions of Clause 3(a)(ix) of Statute 28 on the recommendations of the Chairman, DEC.

**ITEM NO. 7**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON THE POST OF DIRECTOR (TEACHERS' AFFAIRS).**

**BM 43.7.1**

The Board considered the proposal and approved the conversion of one of the senior positions available consequent to merger of certain divisions and decided that the post would be designated as Director (Academic Co-ordination) to deal with all academic matters including the administrative affairs of the academic and other academic staff of the University.

**ITEM NO. 8**

**TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1994-95.**

**BM 43.8.1**

The Board approved the draft Annual Report for the year 1994-95 and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to finalise the draft after having it edited.

**ITEM NO. 9**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE BLOCK GRANT SCHEME.**

**BM 43.9.1**

The Vice-Chancellor briefly highlighted the salient features of the Scheme. The major provisions of the Scheme are:

- (i) Determination of non-plan grant from 1993-94 at the level of grant in 1992-93 plus 10% thereof till 1996-97;
- (ii) Retention of the income generated by the University for making any excess expenditure during the period upto 1997;

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- (iii) Transfer of savings in non-plan expenditure and any additional income generated to Development Fund;
  - (iv) Greater autonomy in internal administration especially in matters relating to staff policy etc.;
  - (v) Government support by way of special grants to meet additional expenditure arising out of steep increases in DA, revision of Pay Scales based on Fifth Pay Commission, etc.;
  - (vi) Provision for an Endowment Fund contribution to which will receive a matching share from the Government; and
  - (vii) The recurring component of the 8th Plan expenditure in 1996-97 would be transferred to the non-plan account and the level of non-plan grant for the 9th Plan will be reassessed.

BM 43.9.2

It was generally opined that before opting for the block-grant scheme, it would be desirable to carefully consider all aspects and discuss the issues involved thread-bare with wider consultations. After a detailed discussion, the Board decided to constitute a Committee consisting of Prof Mihir Bhattacharya, Prof S.K. Verma, Prof Rakesh Khurana and Shri C.R. Pillai to examine the proposal in depth and present its Report to the Board for consideration.

|| ITEM NO. 10

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON PARTIAL REORGANISATION OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION.

BM 43.10.1

The proposal was considered. After some discussion, the Board approved the upgradation of six posts of Regional Directors to the grade of the Professor in the Pay Scale of Rs.4500-7300; creation of one additional post of Technical Assistant in the Pay Scale Rs.1400-2300; abolition of five posts of Sr. Technical Assistant in the Pay Scale of Rs.1640-2900; and conversion of one post of Asstt. Regional Director in each Regional Centre to that of Assistant Registrar. The Board noted that these changes would not only not involve any additional financial burden but would actually result in a saving of Rs.1.62 Lakhs per annum.



**ITEM NO. 11**

BM 43.11.1

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO FRAME A STATUTE FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS AN OFFICER OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The Board considered the proposal on the creation of three positions of Executive Directors to head the STRIDE, Distance Education Council and the Electronic Media Production Centre. After some discussion, the Board approved the proposed draft statute, Statute 3A, providing for the positions of Executive Directors. The Board also modified Clause (5) of the Statute as given below:

"The Executive Director shall be appointed in the Scale of Pay of Rs.5900-200-7300 subject to a minimum of Rs.6500 p.m. and that he shall be eligible for all allowances admissible to the employees of the University from time to time."

BM 43.11.2

The proposed Statute 3A, with the modification incorporated, is placed at Appendix-2.

**ITEM NO. 12**

BM 43.12.1

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 28, 1995.

The Board considered the minutes of the Distance Education Council meeting held on July 28, 1995 and approved them. A copy of the minutes of the DEC is placed at Appendix-3.

**ITEM NO. 13**

BM 43.13.1

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1995.

The Board considered the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Planning Board held on September 15, 1995 and approved them.

**ITEM NO. 14**

BM 43.14.1

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1995 AND APPROVAL ON SPECIFIC ITEMS.

The Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 22, 1995 were considered and approved by the Board (Appendix-4). The Board, in particular approved the following specific items referred to it by the Finance Committee:

- (i) Allocation of Rs.5 Lakhs and Rs.10 Lakhs for the current year and the next year for implementation of the Research Policy,

- (ii) Allocation of Rs.15 Lakhs for the current year for the establishment of a Centre for Extension Education and for creating separate budget head for the purpose;
- (iii) Extending the benefit of one advance increment to teachers and other academic staff appointed after 1992 and who qualify in the Diploma Programme in Distance Education;
- (iv) The proposal on revision of the pay scale of Executive Engineer from Rs.3000-5000 to Rs.3700-5700 and that of Asstt. Engineer from Rs.2000-3500 to Rs.2200-4000 to be par with the scales prevailing in other central universities;
- (v) Revision of pay scale of Proof Reader Grade from Rs.1200-2040 to Rs.1400-2300.
- (vi) The annual accounts of the University for the financial year 1994-95;
- (vii) Proposal for extension of 10% increase in lease facility to the existing lease cases also;
- (viii) Variations in the expenditure over the final grants during the financial year 1994-95; and
- (ix) Creation of two posts of Joint Director (Rs.4500-6300) and four posts of Dy. Director (Rs.3700-5700) on matching saving basis.

## ITEM NO. 15

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 1995.

## BM 43.15.1

The Board considered the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on August 25, 1995. A copy of the Minutes is placed at Appendix-5.

## BM 43.15.2

While discussing the minutes the following observations were made:

- (i) Shri D.K. Tetri was since absorbed as Asstt. Registrar in IGNOU W.O.S. 17.10.1994 and was given a pay scale of Rs.3000-5000 only on 21-7-1994, he may be regularised as Dy. Registrar effective from the date of confirmation of the Minutes of the Board of Management.



- (ii) To a point that the case of Shri M.K. Murugesan should also be considered by the Board alongwith that of Shri Tetri, it was clarified that his case was not considered specifically at the last meeting of the Establishment Committee; his case may be considered separately if it was proposed by the Establishment Committee.

BM 43.15.3

With the above observations, the Board approved the Minutes of the Establishment Committee held on August 25, 1995.

ITEM NO. 16

TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

BM 43.16.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations made by the Selection Committees indicated below:

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1.	Professor in Computer Science	16.09.95
2.	Professor in Library Science	18.09.95
3.	Reader in Library Science	18.09.95
4.	Reader in Chemistry	19.09.95
5.	Reader in Economics	20.09.95
6.	Reader in Physics	21.09.95
7.	Reader in Sociology	22.09.95
8.	Reader in Women's Education	23.09.95
9.	Professor in Programme Evaluation	06.10.95
10.	Joint Director, RSD	09.10.95
11.	Regional Director/Deputy Director, RSD	10.10.95
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ITEM NO. 17

TO REPORT THE VISIT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN IN SEPTEMBER, 1995.

BM 43.17.1

The Board noted with appreciation a report on the visit of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof R.G. Takwala to Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Pakistan from 26 to 28 September, 1995.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN GIVING EXTENSION OF LIEN OF PROF. V.R. JAGANNATHAN AS VISITING PROFESSOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES.

BM 43.18.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in giving extension of the term of deputation to Prof Jagannathan upto April, 1996 as a special case.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER AND RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN GIVING EXTENSION OF SERVICES OF PROF. S.P. MULICK FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

BM 43.19.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in extending the period of reemployment of Prof S.P. Mullick for a further period of six months from 1-11-95.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS AFTER SUPERANNUATION.

BM 43.20.1 The Board, after carefully considering the matter on the re-employment of teachers after superannuation, approved the proposal in principle and desired that a Committee be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to work out the mechanisms for the implementation of the Scheme.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR, DR.S.K.GANDHE AT THE IX AAOU CONFERENCE AT TAIPEI.

BM 43.21.1 The Board approved the proposal concerning the participation of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof R.G. Takwale and the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr S.K. Gandhe at the IX AAOU Conference at Taipei from 3rd to 5th December, 1995 and approved the expenditure on TA/DA etc. The Board also noted that Prof Takwale was nominated for the Presidentship of the AAOU for a three year term beginning from January, 1996.

ITEM NO. 22 TO RECEIVE A NOTE REGARDING EVICTION OF ALLOTTED RESIDENCE IN ASIAN GAMES VILLAGE COMPLEX

BM 43.22.1 The Board considered the proposal made in the Agenda Note regarding eviction of allotted residence in Asian Games Village. The Board approved the steps proposed to be taken in this regard as proposed in the Agenda Note.

ITEM NO. 23

TO REPORT THE PAY FIXATION OF PROF V.S. PRASAD,  
DIRECTOR, DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL.

BM 43.23.1

The Board considered the proposal on the pay fixation of Prof V.S. Prasad, Director, Distance Education Council and approved the following:

- (i) He will draw a basic pay of Rs.6500 in the scale of pay of Rs.4500-7300 instead of a basic pay of Rs.6100 plus deputation allowance of Rs.500.
- (ii) He will not draw any deputation allowance.
- (iii) He will be eligible to draw the revised rates of DA., interim relief, etc. as admissible to IGNOU employees.

ITEM NO. 24

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE FOR NON-ACADEMIC  
GROUP 'A' EMPLOYEES.

BM 43.24.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for non-academic Group 'A' employees which met on October 4, 1995 regarding the placement of Copy Editor in the senior scale of Rs.3000-5000.

ITEM NO. 25

TO CONSIDER THE FIXATION OF PAY OF DR T.R. KEM,  
REGISTRAR (ADMN.).

BM 43.25.1

The Board, having noted the revised recommendation of the Selection Committee, approved the proposal to grant three increments to Dr. T.R. Kem, Registrar over and above the last basic pay of Rs.5700 drawn by him in the UGC.

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

(R.G. Takwale)  
Vice-Chancellor