

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1996, AT 1100 HOURS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI 110 068.

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. Prabhat Patnaik
7. Prof. Pandav Nayak
8. Prof. Kapil Kumar
9. Dr. P.K. Mehta

Dr. Tilak R. Kem, Registrar - Secretary

Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Shri C.K. Birla, Shri Kapil Sibal, Ms. Nirmala Deshpande and Prof. B.S. Sharma could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Rakesh Khurana and Prof. Janardan Jha, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, 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 Board.

Before the items on the agenda were considered, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Board of the successful completion of the 7th Convocation which was held on May 11, 1996. He further stated that IGNOU, for the first time, used the tele-conferencing mode to hold the Convocation simultaneously at five other Regional Centres, namely, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Calcutta, Hyderabad and Madras. The programme at Headquarters, as also at the five Regional Centres, was conducted smoothly and that there was also good coverage of the Convocation in the media, especially in the five regions.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 46TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MARCH 19, 1996 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 47.1.1 It was noted that no comments were received from any member on the Minutes. The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 46th Meeting held on March 19, 1996 and also noted the action taken thereon.

At this point, the Registrar informed that a fax message was just then received from the Department of Education with their comments on various agenda items. The Board noted these comments and suggested that a suitable reply may be sent to the Department of Education.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER THE ORDINANCE ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES - MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.PHIL) AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D).

BM 47.2.1 The Board considered the draft Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes. The Board was informed that the draft Ordinance was considered by the Academic Council at its meeting held on April 22, 1996, and that the Council had proposed its adoption after incorporating certain suggestions made by it. The Academic Council had authorised the Vice-Chancellor to finalise the draft Ordinance accordingly and submit it to the Board of Management. The Vice-Chancellor has finalised the draft Ordinance which is placed before the Board of Management for consideration. The Board was also informed that the present draft provides for both M.Phil and Ph.D Degree Programmes and therefore the Academic Council had proposed that the earlier Ordinance on M.Phil programme be repealed.

BM 47.2.2 The Board approved the draft Ordinance with the following marginal changes:

- (i) The Board accepted the suggestion that the Research Council should have a statutory status and decided that an appropriate provision be made for this purpose in the Statutes. It is, therefore, not necessary to make a provision in the Ordinance that the Research Council shall be a statutory body.

(ii) In Para 4.3, after the words "An academic", the following words be added in paranthesis (includes teachers and other academic staff) and the words 'post-doctoral experience' be replaced by 'post-doctoral research and/or teaching experience'; consequently, the last two sentences in Para 4.2 may be deleted.

(iii) The proviso under 8.1 may read as follows:
"Provided that the period may be curtailed or extended with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

BM 47.2.3

Incorporating the above minor changes, the Board approved the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes (Appendix - 1).

BM 47.2.4

The Board also approved the proposal that the existing Ordinance on the M.Phil Programme be repealed.

ITEM NO. 3

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES/ REFRESHER COURSES/SUMMER INSTITUTES, ETC. FOR TEACHERS IN THE CONTEXT OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT, CAREER ADVANCEMENT, ETC.

BM 47.3.1

The Board noted that the Academic Council, at its meeting held on April 22, 1996 had considered the Report of the Committee on Orientation Programmes/ Refresher Courses/Summer Institutes, etc. for teachers of the University in the context of faculty development, career advancement, etc. It was further noted that the Academic Council, while accepting the recommendations made in the Report, suggested certain minor changes. The finalised statement indicating the recommendations, as approved by the Academic Council, was considered by the Board.

BM 47.3.2

The Board accepted the Report and decided to approve the recommendations of the Committee as modified by the Academic Council. A copy of the recommendations is placed at Appendix - 2.

ITEM NO. 4

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

BM 47.4.1

The matter was considered. A point was made by one of the members that the qualifications proposed now for the post of Assistant Regional Directors (ARDs) are slightly different from the

qualifications prescribed for the post of Lecturer. If the proposal is accepted, the operation of the earlier decision of the Board of Management providing for inter-changeability between the positions of ARDs and Lecturers would require a review. It was stated that the roles and responsibilities of ARDs being different from that of the Lecturers such inter-changeability would not be advisable in future.

BM 47.4.2 Taking an overall view, the Board decided:

- (i) to approve the qualifications/experience prescribed for the post of Asstt. Regional Director (**Appendix - 3**) in supersession of the qualifications approved by it earlier at its meeting held on 22-5-1992; and
- (ii) that, as a consequence to the above decision, the inter-changeability between the positions of Lecturers and Asstt. Regional Directors in vogue earlier will not be operative henceforth.

BM 47.4.3 The Board also noted the roles and responsibilities assigned to ARDs.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE (1) OF STATUTE 9 REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL.

BM 47.5.1 The Board noted that the proposed amendment to Clause (1) of Statute 9 was considered and approved by the Academic Council at its meeting held on April 22, 1996 in accordance with the proviso to Sub-Section (2) of Section 25 of the IGNOU Act.

BM 47.5.2 The Board approved the proposed amendment to Clause (1) of Statute 9 relating to the membership of the Academic Council. A Statement giving the details such as the existing provisions of the Statute, the proposed amendment and the Statute after amendment is placed at **Appendix - 4**.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ON THE CONVOCATIONS.

BM 47.6.1 The Board noted that the proposal concerning the amendment to Ordinance on Convocations was considered and approved by the Academic Council at its meeting held on April 22, 1996.

BM 47.6.2 The Board approved the amendment proposed for

adding the following additional clause, namely, Clause 6A:

"6A. Such students who have passed their examinations and who have been issued their degrees/diplomas on payment of prescribed fees on request before the Convocation as are unable to present themselves in person at the Convocation, shall be admitted to the Degrees/Diplomas in absentia by the Vice-Chancellor."

ITEM NO. 7

TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS FOR THE CONVOCATION.

BM 47.7.1

The Board considered the proposal of the Academic Council for amending certain clauses of the Regulations for the Convocation. The Board, while accepting the proposed amendments, also decided that two new clauses be added to provide for the Registrar to request the Vice-Chancellor "to declare the Convocation open" and "to declare the Convocation closed".

BM 47.7.2

A modified Statement indicating the existing clauses and the amendments proposed is given in **Appendix - 5.**

ITEM NO. 8

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 22, 1996.

BM 47.8.1

The Board noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Academic Council held on April 22, 1996.

BM 47.8.2

While taking note of the Minutes, the Board was of the view that Para 10 of Appendix - 2 to the Minutes concerning Policy Guidelines for transfer of credits in Management Programmes may be deleted since no mention was made about fee in the admission brochure. The Board further requested the Vice-Chancellor that this deletion of Para 10 in the said Appendix may be brought to the notice of the Academic Council when it meets next.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE EMPC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 1996.

BM 47.9.1

The Board of Management considered and approved the minutes of the first meeting of the Management Committee of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) held on April 9, 1996 and decided that the implementation of the decisions will be

subject to the overall control and supervision of the Board of Management and the Vice-Chancellor.

BM 47.9.2 A copy of the Minutes of the first meeting of the Management Committee of the EMPC held on April 9, 1996 is placed at **Appendix - 6.**

BM 47.9.3 The Board placed on record its appreciation to Dr. S.K. Gandhe for getting the Sanchar Kendra completed on schedule and Prof. Rakesh Khurana for getting the EMPC operationalised.

ITEM NO. 10 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN GRANTING EXTENSION OF LIEN TO PROF V.R. JAGANNATHAN AS VISITING PROFESSOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES.

BM 47.10.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in acceding to the request of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations which sought the extension of period of deputation of Prof. V.R. Jagannathan by another four months, i.e., upto August, 1996.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE CONFIRMATION CASE OF SHRI D.W.F. RAJA SINGH, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN.

BM 47.11.1 Pro Vice-Chancellor I explained in brief the issues concerning the confirmation of Shri D.W.F. Raja Singh, Assistant Regional Director, Cochin. The Board confirmed Shri D.W.F. Raja Singh in the service of the University w.e.f. 18-10-1994 (FN).

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER THE CONFIRMATION OF TEACHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES.

BM 47.12.1 The Board considered and approved the confirmation of the following as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Date of Appointment	Date of Confirmation
1.	Dr M L Koul, Reader	29-09-1993	29-09-1994
2.	Dr (Ms) Jyoti Upadhyia Hindi Officer	31-10-1994	31-10-1995

- BM 47.12.2 While on the subject, the Board observed that confirmation cases should be brought before it within the stipulated periods stated in the statutes.
- ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES.**
- BM 47.13.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations made by the Selection Committee for the post of Assistant Registrars held on May 6, 1996. The Board also noted the resume of bio-data of the candidates called for interview.
- ITEM NO. 14 TO REPORT THE INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR REPROGRAPHIC AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES IN THE LIBRARY.**
- BM 47.14.1 The Board noted that the rate for the reprographic and bibliographic services of the Library has been revised from 0.50 paise to Re.1.00 per page w.e.f. 1-5-1996.
- ITEM NO. 15 TO REPORT ON THE SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNED BETWEEN THE INDIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LTD. (IREDA) AND THE IGNOU.**
- BM 47.15.1 The Board noted that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and the IGNOU. It was noted that this MoU would help foster co-operation and collaboration between the two institutions in the areas of information dissemination in HRD and renewable energy fields in the country. A copy of the MoU is placed at **Appendix - 7.**
- BM 47.15.2 While on the subject a point was made that according to the provisions of the IGNOU Act, the Registrar empowered by the Board of Management is the authorised signatory of agreements to be signed on behalf of the University. While this is so, whether MoUs related to purely academic areas could be signed by any other official especially where the question of protocol is involved. While the Board agreed that agreements between the University and other agencies should be signed by the Registrar empowered by the Board of Management, legal opinion may be obtained with reference to the provisions of IGNOU Act on the subject.

ITEM NO. 16 **TO REPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEVENTEENTH REGIONAL CENTRE AT GUWAHATI AND THE REORGANISATION OF THE OPERATIONAL AREAS IN THE EASTERN REGION.**

BM 47.16.1 The Board noted that, consequent to the establishment of a new Regional Centre at Guwahati, the operational areas of the East and the North-East regions have been reorganised as indicated below:

Region	Operational Area
Guwahati	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim
Shillong	Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura
Calcutta	West Bengal

BM 47.16.2 The Board also noted and approved the deputation of Shri B.N. Sabhapandit as Regional Director of Guwahati Regional Centre.

ITEM NO. 17 **TO REPORT ON THE HOLDING OF THE FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL LECTURE IN MEMORY OF PROF G. RAM REDDY IN JULY, 1996.**

BM 47.17.1 The Board noted that the first Annual International Memorial Lecture in memory of Prof. G. Ram Reddy will be held in July 1996 and that Prof. G. Dhanarajan, President, COL has agreed to deliver the first memorial lecture.

BM 47.17.2 The Board noted with appreciation the kind gesture of the COL in granting Cdn Dollars 6,000 p.a. for a three-year period (1996-98) towards the institution of the Annual Memorial Lecture in memory of Late Prof. G. Ram Reddy.

ITEM NO. 18 **TO REPORT THE EXTENSION OF TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF SHRI Y.P. SAWHNEY, CONSULTANT FOR ANOTHER PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.**

BM 47.18.1 The Board ratified the action taken in extending the term of appointment of Shri Y.P. Sawhney, Consultant for another period of one year from 1-1-1996 to 31-12-1996 on a consolidated fee of Rs.4,000/- p.m.

BM 47.18.2 The Board desired that such extensions, where considered necessary, may be brought before it

well before the expiry of the term of appointment/consultancy.

ITEM NO. 19 TO REPORT THE EXTENSION IN THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF SHRI D.K. AGGARWAL AS ASSTT. ENGINEER (ELECTRICAL) ON CONTRACT BASIS.

BM 47.19.1 The Board ratified the action taken in extending the term of appointment of Shri D.K. Aggarwal as Assistant Engineer (Electrical) on contract basis for another period of six months from 24-12-1995 to 23-6-1996.

BM 47.19.2 The Board, taking into account that the extension given to Shri D.K. Aggarwal expires next month, i.e. June, 1996, decided to further extend his term of appointment, on the recommendation of Pro Vice-Chancellor (I), for a further period of six months from 24-6-1996 to 23-12-1996.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH OF ICDE GENERAL SECRETARIAT AT IGNOU, DELHI.

BM 47.20.1 The matter was considered. The Board decided to approve the establishment of a Branch of the ICDE General Secretariat at IGNOU, to meet the corresponding expenditure of the office and to sign the MoU with the ICDE for a period of two years.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE VISIT OF PROF R.G. TAKWALE, VICE-CHANCELLOR, TO ATTEND THE ICDE STANDING CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS (ICDE SCOP) MEETING AT LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY IN JUNE, 1996.

BM 47.21.1 The Board considered and approved the visit of Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor to attend the ICDE Standing Conference of Presidents (ICDE SCOP) meeting at Lillehammer, Norway during 9-12, June 1996. The Board also noted that ICDE will meet all the expenditure for the visit and that the Vice-Chancellor would, on his way back, visit the offices of the Higher Education Funding Council (HEFC), the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of Universities of U.K. (CVCP) and the new Secretary-General of Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) at London during 13-14 June, 1996.

**ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEARCH
COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR OF STRIDE.**

**BM 47.22.1 The recommendations of the Search Committee were
placed before the Board. Consideration of the
recommendations and a decision on it was deferred.**

**ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF RENEWAL OF THE TERM OF
APPOINTMENT OF SHRI B. SELVARAJ AS REGISTRAR
(PPD).**

**BM 47.23.1 The Board considered the matter and decided not to
extend the term of appointment of Shri B. Selvaraj
as Registrar, and as such the term of appointment
of Shri Selvaraj as Registrar (PPD) is terminated
w.e.f. 17-5-1996, and he is reverted back to his
original position of Production Officer with
immediate effect.**

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

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