

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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. Dr S.K. Gandhe
3. Prof Mihir Bhattacharya
4. Prof Prabhat Patnaik
5. Dr (Ms.) Nirmala Deshpande
6. Prof N.V.K. Murthy
7. Prof B.S. Sharma
8. Dr P.K. Mehta
9. Prof Kapil Kumar

Dr Tilak R. Kem, Registrar - Secretary

Shri C.K. Birla, Shri Kapil Sibal, Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Prof S.K. Verma, Shri N.P. Nawani and Prof M.M. Pant could not attend the meeting.

Pro Vice-Chancellors, Prof. Rakesh Khurana and Prof. Janardan Jha, Shri C.R. Pillai, Adviser to Vice-Chancellor on Planning and Development, and Ms. Urmila Sharma, Finance Officer, attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

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

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the following members would be completing their term of membership of the Board in November, 1996:

Prof Mihir Bhattacharya  
Prof Prabhat Patnaik  
Dr (Ms) Nirmala Deshpande  
Shri Kapil Sibal  
Shri C.K. Birla  
Prof B.S. Sharma  
Prof S.K. Verma  
Prof N.V.K Murthy

The Vice-Chancellor also informed that Prof. Pandav Nayak is no longer a member of the Board consequent to his relinquishing the post of Director of a School.

The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the contributions made by the above members to the deliberations of the Board. On behalf of the retiring members, Prof Mihir Bhattacharya thanked the Vice-Chancellor and other members of the Board.

The Secretary informed the Board that Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Education Secretary, who could not attend the meeting, sent his comments on various agenda items. It was decided to take up the comments on each item when the item is taken up for discussion.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 48TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JULY 30, 1996 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 49.1.1 On a suggestion by one of the members, the Board accepted to modify Resolution No, BM 48.15.6 which would now be read as under:

"The Board took a very serious view of the incident. The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to initiate appropriate action against the person in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Statutes."

BM 49.1.2 With the above correction, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 48th Meeting held on July 30, 1996. The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNESCO CHAIR IN TEACHER EDUCATION THROUGH DISTANCE MODE.

BM 49.2.1 The comments of the Education Secretary were read out. The Board suggested that the Vice-Chancellor may send a suitable reply to the Education Secretary.

BM 49.2.2 The matter was considered. In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed:

- (i) The post of Professor to be created for the Chair should not be in lieu of the existing posts in the School;
- (ii) The job requirement for the post be specified and criteria for selection be clearly spelt out;
- (iii) Accommodation to the selected person should

not be from the IGNOU's common pool; and

- (iv) Post should carry adequate incentives to attract capable and dynamic persons.

BM 49.2.3 After a detailed discussion, the Board decided:

- (i) that the proposal for establishment of UNESCO Chair be accepted;
- (ii) that a separate post of Professor be created in the School of Education; and
- (iii) that initially the post may be filled up on contract basis.

BM 49.2.4 The Board further suggested that UNESCO may be requested to contribute towards certain incentives such as sharing the cost of leased accommodation, etc.

ITEM NO. 3 TO REPORT ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROJECT (DEP) UNDER DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME II (DPEP) - II).

BM 49.3.1 The comments of the Education Secretary on the Item were noted. The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained that the School of Education, with active collaboration of NCERT and MHRD is involved in this project which will be funded by the World Bank. The proposal is project based and is expected to be formally launched in January, 1997 and that there would be no financial liability on the part of the University. Responding to certain views expressed concerning the functioning of such project based proposals vis-a-vis. the provisions in the University's Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the Vice-Chancellor stated that he would present a detailed paper to the Board of Management in respect of such project based proposals and their operations for future guidance.

BM 49.3.2 The Board approved the proposal as presented in the agenda note.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE AUDIT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUDIT, CENTRAL REVENUES, NEW DELHI, ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1993-94.

BM 49.4.1 The comments of the Education Secretary on the Item were noted. It was stated that the Annual Accounts for the year 1993-94 have already been

approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Management. However, the comments of the University on the audit report which was considered and approved by the Finance Committee were not placed before the Board earlier. It was explained that this was being done now. A copy of the printed Annual Accounts for the year 1993-94 (Revised) which were tabled at the meeting were noted by the Board.

BM 49.4.2

The Board took note of the replies to the Audit Report as approved by the Finance Committee and approved the same.

ITEM NO. 5

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSIFICATION OF DELIVERY OF IGNOU PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES.

BM 49.5.1 The comments received from the Education Secretary were read out. It was explained that the proposal made in the note is to strengthen the efforts of the University to develop an effective delivery mechanism. In this context, it was pointed out that efforts of this nature in no way violate the provisions of the Act and Statutes; rather they strengthen the efforts of the University to redeem its mandate given in the Act as exemplified in the first Schedule of the Act, 1985.

BM 49.5.2 The Board, while approving the proposal in principle, desired that the Vice-Chancellor may write to the Education Secretary clarifying the points raised in MHRD's letter.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE PROJECT PROPOSAL ON DELIVERY OF SHORT-TERM MANAGEMENT AND COMPUTER COURSES.

BM 49.6.1

The proposal on delivery of short-term Management Courses through inter-active delivery system was considered. The Vice-Chancellor clarified that, although the item as included originally makes a mention of Management and Computer Courses, the present note deals with only Management Courses. The proposal was considered at some length.

BM 49.6.2 Responding to some of the points raised in the course of the discussion, the following clarifications were given:

- (i) The popularity of the Management Programmes can be gauged from the steady growth in the admission figures;
- (ii) The self-instructional material of IGNOU's Management Programmes is in great demand by

other institutions/agencies;

- (iii) The magnitude of the operations involved necessitates alternative methods of delivery mechanisms;
- (iv) While modern technology is made use of, the role and use of print material will continue to play a dominant role;
- (v) The proposal would be introduced in a project mode.

BM 49.6.3 The Board approved the proposal.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING BOARD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSE (iv) OF STATUTE 10(1).

BM 49.7.1 The Board considered and nominated the following persons as members on the Planning Board under the provisions of Sub-Clause (iv) of Statute 10(1):

Area of Specialisation	Member nominated
(a) Management	Shri N.C.B. Nath
(b) Learned Professions	Shri S.K. Agarwal
(c) Education	Prof C.L. Anand
(d) Distance Education	Prof Mihir Bhatta-charya
(e) Commerce and Industry	Dr S.A. Reddy, Gammon India

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR (REGIONAL SERVICES) FROM AMONG THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS (IN THE SCALE OF RS.4500-7300) AND THE CONSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THE RELEVANT STATUTE AND ORDINANCE.

BM 49.8.1 The comments of the Education Secretary on this subject were noted. After a detailed discussion, the Board decided to keep in abeyance the proposed amendment to the relevant statute and the ordinance. Thus, the term of the office of the Director, Regional Services Division, remains five years as in the case of other Directors (other than Directors of Schools).

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON ACQUIRING RESIDENTIAL FLATS FROM THE WEST BENGAL HOUSING BOARD FOR IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE STAFF AT CALCUTTA.

BM 49.9.1 The Board welcomed the proposal and approved the outright purchase of 16 MIG Flats from the West Bengal Housing Board for the staff working at IGNOU Regional Centre, Calcutta and authorised the expenditure of around Rs. 60 Lakhs for this purpose.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATIONS TO THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER SUB-CLAUSE (iv) AND (vi) OF STATUTE 9(1).

BM 49.10.1 The Board noted that it has to nominate two members on the Academic Council for residual term of the vacancy period in terms of Clause 1(iv) and Clause 1(vi) of Statute 9. The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make these two nominations on its behalf.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON A NEW STATUTE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR REGULATING THE WORK OF THE TRIBUNAL OF ARBITRATION, IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 31(3) OF THE IGNOU ACT.

BM 49.11.1 The matter was considered. The Board also noted the comments received from the Education Secretary on the item.

BM 49.11.2 The Board considered and approved the draft Statute for the procedure for regulating the work of the Tribunal of Arbitration which is placed at Appendix - 1.

BM 49.11.3 Pending the approval of the Visitor to the proposed Statute, the Board desired that the Tribunal of Arbitration may adopt its own procedures for conducting its business.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 10A REGARDING SCHOOLS OF STUDIES.

BM 49.12.1 The proposal on the amendment to Statute 10A for providing in the Statutes for the Centres of Studies was considered. Taking into account the views emerged after discussion, the Board decided that this draft Statute as proposed may be circulated to all the Schools of Studies and



brought it before the Board for consideration after due consultations and discussions with all concerned.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF CERTAIN GROUP 'A' POSITIONS IN THE 8TH PLAN.

BM 49.13.1 The proposal for creation of certain Group A positions in the 8th Plan was considered. The Board also noted the views of Education Secretary in the matter.

BM 49.13.2 The Vice-Chancellor briefly gave a chronological account of the proposal which was mooted in 1992-93. He also stated that the discussions were held with the officials of the MHRD. It was stated that the original proposal which was considered at the meeting of the Board on December 27, 1995, was for 97 Group 'A' positions. Since the 8th Plan is coming to a close and since the University is facing serious problems in implementing the current development efforts, the matter is brought before the Board once again for consideration for creating atleast half the positions proposed earlier, i.e., 45 posts in the current Plan period and take up the creation of the other 52 positions in the 9th Plan period.

EM 49.13.3 After a detailed discussion, the Board was of the view that the creation of the positions proposed is a minimum requirement for the effective functioning of the University. Strong views were expressed in the meeting that all the 97 positions should be created by the Board immediately. Taking an overall view, the Board decided to create immediately 45 Group A positions as indicated below and that the creation of remaining 52 positions be taken up in the 9th Plan period:

Post	Professor/ Equivalent	Reader/ Equivalent	Lecturer/ Equivalent	Total
1. Teachers	5	15	-	20
2. Other Academic Staff	-	5	10	15
3. Technical/ Professional/ Administrative	2	4	4	10
	7	24	14	45

- ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR OF STRIDE.
- BM 49.14.1 The item was withdrawn.
- ITEM NO. 15 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 15, 1996.
- BM 49.15.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Distance Education Council held on July 15, 1996.
- ITEM NO. 16 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 19, 1996.
- BM 49.16.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Academic Council held on August 19, 1996.
- ITEM NO. 17 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 1996.
- BM 49.17.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Planning Board held on October 18, 1996. The Board also noted that the Planning Board had approved the document "IGNOU 2002 : Vision and Strategy" and the Report of the Sub-Group on the 9th Five year Plan. The Board of Management also approved the above two proposals.
- ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND ACCORD EX-POST FACTO SANCTION FOR THE PRINTING WORKS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1996 FROM THE EMPANELLED PRINTERS.
- BM 49.18.1 The Board considered and accorded ex-post facto sanction for the printing works undertaken by the School of Sciences.
- ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE HELD ON AUGUST 5, 1996 AND TO CONSIDER ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE SPECIFIC APPROVAL BY THE BOARD.
- BM 49.19.1 The Board considered the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Management Committee of the Electronic Media Production Centre held on August 5, 1996. The Board gave its specific approval to



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the following:

- ✓ (i) Constitution of the Academic Advisory Committee for the EMPC.
- ✓ (ii) Revised fee structure for various services of the EMPC.
- ✓ (iii) Appointment of temporary Consultant in the marketing and customer's services of EMPC.

BM 49.19.2 While considering the delegation of financial powers, it was felt that these delegations should properly be incorporated in the Financial Code of the University. The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to appoint a Committee to revise the Financial Code after taking the powers to be delegated to various functional units into account including that of the EMPC.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES IN RESPECT OF THE POSTS OF ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

BM 49.20.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations made by the Selection Committees for the posts of Assistant Regional Director held on the following dates:

23-10-1996  
24-10-1996  
25-10-1996  
29-10-1996  
30-10-1996  
31-10-1996  
01-11-1996  
02-11-1996

BM 49.20.2 In this connection, the Board has noted that the University has been circulating the profiles of the candidates called for interviews alongwith the Minutes of the Selection Committees at the Board meeting and suggested that this practice be followed.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POSTS OF PRODUCERS.

BM 49.21.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the posts of Producers held on September 12, 1996.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION RULES FOR INCORPORATING THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ON RELAXATION OF STANDARDS.

BM 49.22.1 The Board considered and approved the amendment to Clause (8) of the Recruitment and Promotion Rules. A Statement indicating the details of existing provisions and amended provision is given at Appendix - 2.

ITEM NO. 23 TO REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF IGNOU PROGRAMMES TO ARMY PERSONNEL THROUGH THE SCHEME OF SINGLE WINDOW OPERATION.

BM 49.23.1 The Board ratified the action taken in implementing the Scheme of delivery of IGNOU Programmes to army personnel through a scheme of Single Window Operation. A Statement giving details of the Scheme is placed at Appendix - 3.

ITEM NO. 24 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ELECTRICAL).

BM 49.24.1 The Board ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Executive Engineer (Electrical) and the consequent appointment of Shri Yog Raj to the above post on contract basis.

ITEM NO. 25 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UNDER SECTION 10(3) OF THE IGNOU ACT IN THE APPOINTMENT OF PROF. R.K. GROVER AS DIRECTOR (ACAD. CDN.).

BM 49.25.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under Section 10(3) of the IGNOU Act in appointing Prof. R.K. Grover as Director of Academic Coordination on temporary basis until further orders.

ITEM NO. 26 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF STAFF FOR MASS COMPUTER EDUCATION.

BM 49.26.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for recruiting the following staff for Mass Computer Education

## Programme:

## 1. Project Manager

- a) Wg. Cdr.S.K. Wadhwa at a consolidated sum of Rs.15,000/-p.m.
- b) Shri M.P. Goel at a consolidated salary of Rs. 12,500/-p.m.

## 2. Project Officer

- a) Sh. Sanjay Jasola at a consolidated salary of Rs.10,000/-p.m.
- b) Sh. Anil Jain at a consolidated sum of Rs. 10,000/-p.m.

## 3. Project Executive

- a) Ms Reshminder Kaur Narula at a consolidated sum of Rs.8,000/-p.m.
- b) Ms Alka at a consolidated sum of Rs.5000/-p.m.

ITEM NO. 27 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN GIVING EXTENSIONS TO CONSULTANTS AND OTHERS.

BM 49.27.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in extending the term of contract of the following persons as detailed below:

S.No.	Name of the person with Division	Period of Extension from to		Remarks
1.	Sh. R.T. Pandey Consultant, SOMS	1.8.96	31.1.97	on existing terms
2.	Sh. S.C. Kaushik Consultant CCMD	1.10.96	31.3.97	Rs.4000 p.m Consolidated
3.	Sh. D.R. Vohra Consultant, F&A Dn.	-do-	-do-	Rs. 4000/- p.m (fixed)
4.	Sh. R.L. Khanna Liaison Officer (Admn)	-do-	-do-	Rs. 3000/- p.m. (fixed)
5.	Sh Puneet Bhalla Part-time Hardware Engineer, Computer Dn.	4.10.96	3.4.97	on existing terms

ITEM NO. 28 TO REPORT FOR RATIFICATION THE ACTION TAKEN IN SIGNING AN MOU WITH THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

BM 49.28.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken in signing an MoU with the Institute of Engineers. A copy of the MoU signed is placed at Appendix-4.

ITEM NO. 29 TO CONSIDER THE INVITATION RECEIVED FROM AAOU AND COL TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, IGNOU.

BM 49.29.1 The Board considered and approved the following visits of the Vice-Chancellor abroad:

- (i) To attend the Annual Conference of the Asian Association of Open Universities at Payame Noor University, Tehran from 14-17 November, 1996.
- (ii) His visits to Kuwait, Dubai and Muscat from 18-23 November, 1996.
- (iii) To attend a meeting of Vice-Chancellors and Senior Institutional Representatives at London to review a proposal for development and delivery of a joint Master's programme in business and public administration during the period from 26-27th November, 1996.

BM 49.29.2 The Board noted that air fare for the sector from Delhi-London-Delhi will be paid by the Commonwealth of Learning and that the IGNOU has to meet the remaining travel expenditure which is estimated to be around Rs.80,000/-.

ITEM NO. 30 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ARRANGEMENT MADE IN THE POSTING OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS (IN THE PAY SCALE OF RS. 4500-7300).

BM 49.30.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the posting of Regional Directors (in the Pay Scale of Rs.4500-7300) as proposed in the agenda note. The Board also approved the proposal to locate the sixth upgraded post of Regional Director at the Lucknow Regional Centre instead of at Shillong.

- ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER AND APPORVE THE MODIFIED QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST OF PROFESSOR OF PROGRAMME EVALUATION.
- BM 49.31.1 The Board considered and approved the modified qualifications for the post of Professor of Programme Evaluation with the suggestion that the disciplines of Education and Economics be added to the disciplines indicated. The qualifications approved by the Board are placed at Appendix - 5.
- ITEM NO. 32 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEES FOR GROUP 'A' POSTS.
- BM 49.32.1 The Board considered and approved the proceedings of the Departmental Promotion Committees for Group 'A' posts for the placement of Assistant Engineers/Assistant Registrars and Copy Editor in the senior scale of Rs.3000-5000/-.
- ITEM NO. 33 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PLACEMENT OF LECTURER IN SENIOR SCALE IN THE DISCIPLINE OF PHYSICS.
- BM 49.33.1 The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee for Placement of Lecturer in senior scale of Rs.3000-5000/- in the discipline of Physics held on November 4, 1996.
- ITEM NO. 34 TO REPORT THE MATTER CONCERNING THE EXONERATION OF SHRI ARJUN CHAWLA, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FROM THE CHARGES LEVELLED.
- BM 49.34.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in exonerating Shri Arjun Chawla, Executive Engineer from the charges levelled, as recommended by the Inquiry Officer appointed for the purpose.
- ITEM NO. 35 TO REPORT EXTENSION IN TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF SH. Y.P. SAWHNEY, CONSULTANT FOR ANOTHER PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.
- BM 49.35.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for extending the tenure of Shri Y.P. Sawhney, Consultant for a period of one year w.e.f. 1-1-1997 to 31-12-1997, on a consolidated fee of Rs.5,000/-p.m.

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ITEM NO. 36 TO REPORT ON INTRODUCTION OF DELIVERY SYSTEM OF  
STUDY MATERIAL THROUGH COURIER SERVICE IN DELHI  
REGIONAL CENTRE.

BM 49.36.1 The Board noted that the University has taken  
steps to introduce courier service on experimental  
basis at Delhi Regional Centre and noted that the  
rates quoted by the courier services are lower  
than the postal rates. The Board ratified the  
action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this  
behalf.

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

(R.G. TAKWALE)  
Vice-Chancellor