

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1997, AT 11.00 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. Habibur Rehman
4. Dr. (Ms.) Shakuntala Verma
5. Shri J.P. Javali
6. Prof. Suhash Chakravorty
7. Prof. M.M. Pant
8. Dr. A.R. Khan
9. Dr. D.D. Kaushik
10. Prof. Afzal Mohammad
11. Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao
12. Shri Kiran Karnik

Prof. R.P. Hooda, Acting Registrar

Shri P.R. Dasgupta and Dr. A.C. Muthaiah could not attend the meeting.

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 placed on record the Board's appreciation to Shri N.P. Nawani, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting whose term as member of the Board of Management ceased consequent to his retirement as Secretary of M/o I&B.

The Vice-Chancellor extended a cordial welcome to Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao who was attending the meeting for the first time.

The Vice-Chancellor gave a brief introduction to some of the important items that were slated for discussion.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that comments were received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development on certain items of the Agenda and that these would be taken up when the concerned items are considered by the Board.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 51ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 19, 1997 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 52.1.1 The comments received from Dr. A.R. Khan, Member, vide his letter dated July 17, 1997 were considered. According to Dr. Khan the Statement in Resolution No.BM 51.7.5 - "the amendment to Statute 3 on Pro Vice-Chancellors as proposed now be placed before the Visitor", was not a correct recording of the Minute. Dr. Khan's contention was that if the MHRD does not agree to Statute 3A on Executive Directors, then the matter of amendment to Statute 3 on Pro Vice-Chancellors requires reconsideration by the Board. The Vice-Chancellor explained that he could not get an opportunity to discuss with the Secretary, Department of Education, MHRD to clarify these issues and that he will try to meet the Education Secretary at the earliest.

BM 52.1.2 The Vice-Chancellor informed that, subsequent to the circulation on the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Management, Resolution No.BM 51.3.4 was slightly modified and that the modified version was circulated to Members vide IGNOU's Letter No.IG/Admn(G)/BM-51/97/1394 dated August 21, 1997. The Board took on record the modified Resolution as below:

"BM 51.3.4 With the above observations, the Board approved the proposed allocation of faculty positions for development as well as core faculty posts during 1997-98 (Appendix - 1). The position-wise allocation of additional faculty posts (core faculty) to be created in 1997-98 is placed at Appendix-1A".

Accordingly, a copy each of the Appendix - 1 and Appendix - 1A are appended to these Minutes to complete the record.

BM 52.1.3 With the above observations/corrections, the Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Board of Management held on June 19, 1997 were confirmed. The Board also took note of the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR ON SERVICE CONDITIONS OF "OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF".

BM 52.2.1

The comments of the MHRD on the item were noted. The observation of the MHRD was that the deletion of the word "Other" from the expression "Other Academic Staff" from the proposed Ordinance was not possible until Statute 17 is also amended. The Board considered the Report of the Committee on service conditions of "Other Academic Staff". In the course of the discussion, the following views were expressed:

- (i) The weightage (similar to that of Ph.D holders) for "Creative Work" done by Academic staff may find expression in the Ordinance;
- (ii) The present practice of prescribing a period of three weeks' refresher course under the UGC Guidelines may be adopted by IGNOU instead of the existing four weeks' duration;
- (iii) The content of the Refresher Course should be so designed as to give adequate coverage rather than treating the period of a refresher course as the sole criteria.

BM 52.2.2

Responding to the observations of the MHRD, the Vice-Chancellor explained that the Ordinance as formulated now does not seem to violate the statutory provisions. However, this aspect will be examined and if any amendment is required in Statute 17, it will be processed. As for organising refresher course/training programmes, the Vice-Chancellor said that the STRIDE is formulating a detailed proposal in consultation with the Distance Education Council.

BM 52.2.3

Taking note of the above observations, the Board approved the Ordinance on Career Advancement of Academic Staff [Under Statute 17(14)] together with the appraisal form and the explanatory notes appended to it (Appendix - 2).

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPOROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ON CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE.

BM 52.3.1 The Board, having considered the recommendation of the Academic Council proposing an amendment to Clause 7 of the Ordinance on Conduct of Examinations and Evaluation of Student's Performance, approved the amendment as proposed, providing for a Moderation Board for moderating results. Details of the existing provisions, proposed amendment, and the Clause after amendment are given in the Statement at Appendix - 3.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ON CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHERS.

BM 52.4.1 The Board considered the proposed amendment to Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers. One of the members opined that since the nature of work of a teacher at IGNOU is different from that of a conventional University, certain weightage may be considered even for periods of Extra Ordinary Leave availed by a teacher for non-academic purposes, if he had done relatively more work than what is prescribed during the period prior to his proceeding on Extra Ordinary Leave. It was clarified that such procedures may create more problems at the implementation level.

BM 52.4.2 After a brief discussion, the Board approved the amendment as proposed. Consequently, the following additional Sub-Clause (8) is added under Clause 4 of the Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers:

"(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, the period of Extra Ordinary Leave availed of by a teacher for other than academic purpose and periods of EOL availed of on personal grounds shall not qualify as service for placement in senior scale/selection grade/promotion to the post of Reader."

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 28(3) (a) (vii).

BM 52.5.1 The Board nominated Shri Bhaskar Rao, Head, Centre for Distance Education, Kakatiya University as a Member of the Distance Education Council under the provisions of Statute 28(3) (a) (vii) for a term of two years.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 1996-97.

BM 52.6.1

The Board considered the draft Annual Report. The Board also noted the comments of the MHRD on the item. After a brief discussion, the Board:

- (i) approved the draft Annual Report for the year 1996-97 in principle;
- (ii) authorised the Annual Report Committee to undertake final editing with such additions/deletions as the Committee may deem fit; and
- (iii) authorised the Vice-Chancellor to submit the Annual Report to the Visitor and the Central Government as required under the provisions of the Act.

ITEM NO. 7

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR OUT-RIGHT PURCHASE OF FLATS FROM THE RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD FOR THE OFFICES AND STAFF QUARTERS FOR JAIPUR REGIONAL CENTRE.

BM 52.7.1

The Board considered the proposal on the outright purchase of flats from the Rajasthan Housing Board for the offices and staff quarters for the Jaipur Regional Centre. The Vice-Chancellor informed that the Board had recently approved a similar purchase in Calcutta for the staff quarters of the Regional Centre from the West Bengal State Housing Board. With increasing operations being delegated to Regional Centres, good office space and staff quarters acquire urgency. He informed that only a few State Governments have allotted land to IGNOU for locating its Regional Centres but many have not done so inspite of repeated efforts. The Vice-Chancellor felt that it may be a worthwhile proposition for the University to go in for outright purchase of government constructed houses, as a second option in States where land is either difficult to obtain or acquisition of land and construction is costly.

BM 52.7.2

The Board, having considered the matter, approved:

- (i) the purchase of eight HIG Flats (total area of about 8,000 Sq. ft.) at an estimated cost of Rs.50,00,000/- for office space of the Regional Centre at Jaipur;
- (ii) the purchase of three HIG Flats for Regional Centre Officers at an estimated cost of Rs.18,75,000/-; and

(iii) the purchase of six MIG (B) Flats for Regional Centre Staff at an estimated cost of Rs.33,00,000/-.

BM 52.7.3

The Board further suggested that the University may prepare a general policy note on the acquisition of property for Regional Centres either through purchase of land and construction by the University or outright purchase of Flats constructed by government agencies and brought it before the Board for its consideration.

ITEM NO. 8

TO NOTE THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR LAUNCHING OF IGNOU PROGRAMMES ABROAD.

BM 52.8.1

The comments of the MHRD were noted. The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the steps taken by the University for launching of IGNOU Programmes abroad.

BM 52.8.2

The Board of Management approved the steps taken by the University for launching of IGNOU programmes abroad.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 3, 1997 AND APPROVE THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY IT.

BM 52.9.1

The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained some of the important proposals considered by the Distance Education Council. These include, among others, the norms and guidelines for support to the State Open Universities and Correspondence Course Institutes during the Ninth Plan Period, guidelines for design, development and delivery of programmes/courses through distance mode, etc. The Vice-Chancellor also complimented the DEC Committee (under the chairmanship of Prof. RVR Chandrasekhara Rao) for bringing out an excellent report on the revised norms and guidelines for support to State Open Universities and Correspondence Course Institutes. The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that Distance Education Council will take up the proposal on Performance Indicators later.

BM 52.9.2

The Board approved the Minutes of the Distance Education Council Meeting held on July 3, 1997, a copy of which is placed at Appendix - 4).

- ITEM NO. 10 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON JULY 22, 1997.
- BM 52.10.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Planning Board held on July 22, 1997.
- ITEM NO. 11 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 24, 1997.
- BM 52.11.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Academic Council held on July 24, 1997.
- BM 52.11.2 While on the subject, a view was expressed as to whether Minutes of the authorities like the Academic Council and the Planning Board are brought before the Board of Management for information only or for seeking its specific approval. It was clarified by the Vice-Chancellor that the Academic Council and the Planning Board are the authorities of the University in their own right with specified responsibilities. However, whenever items are considered by these bodies which fall within the purview of the Board of Management, such subjects are invariably brought before the Board as separate items for seeking its specific approval.
- ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE EMPC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON APRIL 28, 1997.
- BM 52.12.1 The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the EMPC Management Committee held on April 28, 1997 (Appendix - 5).
- ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 1997.
- BM 52.13.1 The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Works Committee Meeting held on August 13, 1997 (Appendix - 6). The Board expressed concern for the delays in the completion of construction programme on the Campus. On a request from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.K. Gandhe explained briefly the reasons for the delays. He stated that even repeated consultations with the CPWD and in particular the DVB on the subject are not producing any tangible results.

BM 52.13.2

After considerable discussion, the Board took the following decisions to speed up the construction work on the Campus:

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor alongwith a few of the Board Members may seek an appointment with the Prime Minister and meet him to explain the problems being faced by the University in the campus construction programme;
- (ii) a well-drafted document, giving full details in a chronological order of delays in obtaining clearances from various authorities be prepared;
- (iii) an abstract of the above document highlighting the salient features be prepared for presenting to the Prime Minister when the team from IGNOU meets him; and
- (iv) a policy document may also be prepared by a small committee to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for preparing a report on the strategies to be followed in the campus construction in the 9th Plan Period.

BM 52.13.3

The Board suggested that two documents be prepared; One in an abstract form for presenting to the Prime Minister when IGNOU Group meets him; and the other a detailed report (in chronological order) on the Campus Construction giving a total picture from the beginning.

ITEM NO. 14

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1997.

BM 52.14.1

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on September 15, 1997 (Appendix - 7).

ITEM NO. 15

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (C-DET), IN STUDENT REGISTRATION AND EVALUATION DIVISION.

BM 52.15.1

The Board considered and approved the qualifications for the post of Deputy Director (C-DET). Details of the qualifications are given in Appendix- 8.

BM 52.15.2

The Board also noted that the post will be under the category "Other Academic Staff".

ITEM NO. 16

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES.

BM 52.16.1

A supplementary note on this item was also tabled. The Selection Committee proceedings of all the Committees indicated in both the agenda notes were tabled alongwith the profiles of the candidates called for interviews.

BM 52.16.2

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the following Selection Committees held on the dates indicated against each:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Date of the Meeting
1.	Deputy Director (Planning)	- 18-09-1997
2.	Analyst	- 19-09-1997
3.	Research Officer	- 20-09-1997
4.	Director (Centre for Extension Education)	- 22-09-1997
5.	Deputy Director (CEE)	- 23-09-1997
6.	Joint Registrar (MPDD)	- 20-08-1997
7.	Assistant Registrar	- 24/25-09-1997
8.	Professor & Director (Computer Division)	- 02-09-1997
9.	Professor & OSD, DEC	- 02-09-1997
10.	Joint Director (Research, EMPC)	- 16-09-1997
11.	Jt. Director (Programmes, EMPC)	- 16-09-1997

It was clarified that the posts at Sl.Nos.1,2,3,5,10 and 11, which belong to the category "Other Academic Staff" are being filled in under Statute 12, the posts at Sl.Nos.6 and 7 which belong to the non-academic category are being filled in as per the relevant R & P Rules, the post of Director at Sl.No.4 is being filled in under Statute 4, and that posts at Sl.Nos.8 and 9 under Statute 13.2. The Board also noted that so far as the post at Sl.No.6 is concerned, no suitable candidate was found by the Selection Committee and hence not filled in.

BM 52.16.3

To a query from one of the Members concerning the selections to the posts of Professor & Director for the Computer Division and Professor & OSD for the Distance Education Council, it was clarified by the Vice-Chancellor that these appointments were sought to be made to tide over a difficult situation as there is a vacuum at senior level

both in the Computer Division and the Distance Education Council. It was stated that the persons appointed to these positions would only be on tenure for a specified period. He further clarified that these posts will be advertised and recruitment made through open selection at appropriate time.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PLACEMENT OF LECTURERS/OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF IN SENIOR SCALE.

BM 52.17.1 The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the Committees for placement of Lecturers/Academic Staff in senior scale as per the details given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Date of the Meeting
1.	Lecturer in Women's Education	- 15-09-1997
2.	Lecturer in Public Administration-	15-09-1997
3.	Lecturer in Economics	- 15-09-1997
4.	Assistant Librarian	- 15-09-1997
5.	Analyst (Planning)	- 16-09-1997
6.	Research Officer (Planning)	- 16-09-1997
7.	Asstt. Regional Director/ Assistant Director (RSD)	- 17-09-1997

ITEM NO. 18 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSTS OF DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR EXTENSION EDUCATION.

BM 52.18.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the qualifications prescribed for the posts of Director and Deputy Director, Centre for Extension Education. Details of qualifications of the above posts are given at Appendix - 9.

ITEM NO. 19 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ALLOCATING THE ACADEMIC POSTS CREATED DURING 1997-98.

BM 52.19.1 A modified note on the subject was tabled at the meeting. The Board ratified the action of allocating the academic posts created in 1997-98. The Board also approved the increase of 3 academic

posts taking the total posts created to 48 (instead of 45) of which 41 were academic posts. A copy of the Office Order dated 2-09-1997 notifying the allocations made is placed at Appendix - 10.

ITEM NO. 20

TO REPORT ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF PROF. R.K. BOSE, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS, AFTER HIS SUPERANNUATION ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1997.

BM 52.20.1

The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. R.K. Bose as Professor of Mathematics on contract basis for a period of two years initially with effect from 1-10-1997 after his superannuation on 30-09-1997.

ITEM NO. 21

TO REPORT ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, MPDD.

BM 52.21.1

The matter was considered by the Board. Taking into account the position explained in the Agenda Note and also the legal opinion obtained by the University in the matter, the Board decided to withdraw its approval given earlier to the recommendations made by the Selection Committee for the post of Director (MPDD) held on May 24, 1997.

BM 52.21.2

Consequently, the Board decided:

- (i) that the post of Director (MPDD) be readvertised; and
- (ii) that the following relaxation clause be indicated in this and all future advertisements:

"The University reserves the right to relax any of the qualifications/experience in exceptional cases or in the case of persons already holding analogous posts in a University/Research Institution, etc."

BM 52.21.3

The Board further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to give any relaxation in the qualifications/experience advertised for a post, in exceptional cases and after recording the reasons in writing if, in his opinion, such relaxation is considered necessary.

ITEM NO. 22 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO PURCHASE VHS CASSETTES, LIBRARY CASES AND STICKERS FOR THE EMPC.

BM 52.22.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the purchase of VHS Cassettes, Library Cases and Stickers at a cost of Rs.6,39,300/-.

ITEM NO. 23 TO REPORT FOR RATIFICATION THE SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERSITY (GJU), HISSAR (HARYANA).

BM 52.23.1 The matter was considered. The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained the salient features of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Guru Jambheshwar University (GJU), Hissar. The Board approved the signing of MoU with GJU. A copy of the MoU signed with the GJU is placed at Appendix - 11.

ITEM NO. 24 TO REPORT FOR INFORMATION THE MATTER RELATING TO OUTSOURCING OF SERVICES FOR ADMISSION ENTRANCE TEST RELATING TO MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES, 1998 AND SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INSTITUTE OF BANKING PERSONNEL SELECTION (IBPS) IN THIS REGARD.

BM 52.24.1 The Vice-Chancellor explained the reasons for availing the services of the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) for conducting admission entrance test for Management Programmes. The comments of the MHRD on the subject were also noted. To a query as to whether normal procedures of selection were followed as IBPS is a private concern, it was clarified that many prestigious professional organisations like the banks, LIC, etc. make use of its services and that the IBPS has an excellent track record in conducting such examinations. It was also pointed out that there are very few organisations which conduct such examinations and among them, as stated earlier, the IBPS has excellent test conducting facilities.

BM 52.24.2 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in entrusting the entrance test for admission to Management Programmes 1998 to the IBPS.

ITEM NO. 25

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO OFFER THE POSITION OF READER IN MANAGEMENT (MARKETING AREA) TO SHRI RAVI SHANKER ON DEPUTATION BASIS FOR ONE YEAR.

BM 52.25.1

The item was considered. A view was expressed that taking people on deputation and their subsequent absorption in the University service would have a demoralising effect on internal candidates who would otherwise have had an opportunity to compete in the open selection, had the post been advertised. The Vice-Chancellor clarified that the present arrangement is only for a limited tenure and that it is not against a regular post. He further stated that the post will be advertised.

BM 52.25.2

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in offering the position of Reader in Management (Marketing Area) to Shri Ravi Shankar on deputation basis for a year.

ITEM NO. 26

TO NOTE FOR INFORMATION - THE NOMINATION OF PROF. RAM TAKWALE, VICE-CHANCELLOR, IGNOU AS REGIONAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT, COL (HONORARY POSITION) AND APPROVE HIS PARTICIPATION IN A CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL ADVISERS OF COL AT VANCOUVER FROM 8-10TH OCTOBER, 1997 AND AAOU ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM 12-17TH NOVEMBER, 1997.,

BM 52.26.1

The comments of the MHRD on the subject were noted. The Board, while congratulating the Vice-Chancellor for his nomination as Regional Adviser to the President, COL, approved his participation in the Conference of Regional Advisers of COL at Vancouver from 8-10th October, 1997. The Board also approved Vice-Chancellor's participation at the AAOU Annual Conference at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the period 12-17th November, 1997. Since the Ministry's comments confused Prof. Takwale's visit to Kuala Lumpur for Commonwealth Of Learning work, it was decided to send a suitable clarification without delay.

BM 52.26.2

The Board noted that the entire expenditure for his visit to Vancouver to participate in the Conference of Regional Advisers from 8-10th October, 1997 will be met by the Commonwealth of Learning.

BM 52.26.3

The Board approved the estimated expenditure of Rs.60,000/- for Vice-Chancellor's visit to Kuala Lumpur during 11-17th November, 1997 to attend the AAOU Annual Conference.

- ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL CELL.
- BM 52.27.1 The Board considered and approved the qualifications for the post of Director and Deputy Director, International Cell. The prescribed qualifications are given at Appendix - 12.
- ITEM NO. 28 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO PURCHASE BETACAM TAPES FOR THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE.
- BM 52.28.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in purchasing Betacam Tapes for the Electronic Media Production Centre at a cost of Rs.5,14,393/-.
- ITEM NO. 29 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN INITIATING ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES.
- BM 52.29.1 The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in taking certain steps to deal with corruption cases and approved the appointment of a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri Anand Sarup to deal with corruption cases.
- ITEM NO. 30 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF MS.VIJAYLUXMI BOSE AS COORDINATOR OF THE PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES.
- BM 52.30.1 The Board considered the proposal on the appointment of Ms. Vijayluxmi Bose as Coordinator of the Project for Development of Knowledge Technologies in Reader's Scale under the provisions of Statute 13(2). Taking into account the recommendations of the experts, the Board approved the appointment for a period of two years. It was stated that the details regarding the salary etc. will be settled in consultation with her.
- ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1997.
- BM 52.31.1 The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 26, 1997. A copy of the Minutes of the above Finance Committee are placed at the Appendix - 13.

ITEM NO. 32

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE HOUSE ALLOTMENT RULES.

BM 52.32.1

The Board considered the proposal on House Allotment Rules. On a request from the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.K. Gandhe explained the issues involved and of the discussions the University had with various Staff Associations. The most acceptable option to majority of the associations (all except one), it was stated, was option No. III. According to this option, the distribution of Type III Houses between the academic and non-academic is to be in the ratio of 50:50. However, this ratio would be applicable to the houses that have been constructed and available for occupation now, and that the ratio would be 60:40 between academic and non-academic categories for quarters in Type III category to be constructed hereafter.

BM 52.32.2

The Board discussed the matter at some length. The Board approved the ratio of distribution of Type III quarters at the ratio of 50:50 between Academic and Non-academic staff for the houses already constructed. It was decided that this ratio would be 60:40 between academic and non-academic categories for subsequently constructed Type III quarters.

BM 52.32.3

While on the subject, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Board of the acute shortage of office space and suggested that a few of the newly constructed Type IV/V quarters may be used for office accommodation for a period of one or two years. The Board, however, felt that it may not be advisable to use the residential quarters for office accommodation. In this context, the Board suggested that the University may go ahead and hire the required office space in nearby localities so as to tide over the present shortage of office accommodation.

ITEM NO. 33

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN THE ALLOCATIONS OF THE NON-ACADEMIC POSTS CREATED DURING 1997-98.

BM 52.33.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in allocating the seven administrative posts as under:

1. Four posts of Jt. Registrar (Pay Scale - Rs.4500-6300/-), one each for the Divisions of Administration, Finance & Accounts, Student Registration & Evaluation, and the Distance Education Council.

2. One post of Dy. Registrar (Pay Scale - Rs.3700-5700/-) for the Academic Coordination Division.

3. Two posts of Asstt. Registrars (Pay Scale - Rs.2200-4000/-), one each for the Divisions of Administration and Finance & Accounts.

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

(R.G. TAKWALE)
Vice-Chancellor