

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1998 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Abdul W. Khan - Chairman  
Vice-Chancellor
2. Dr. Janaradan Jha
3. Shri P.R. Dasgupta
4. Prof. Habibur Rahman
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

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Registrar - Secretary

Dr. A.C. Muttaiiah, Dr.(Mrs.) Shakuntala Varma, Shri P.G. Mankad could not attend the meeting.

Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Board.

The following Items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON OCTOBER 05, 1998 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 61.1.1 The confirmation of the Minutes of the 60th meeting of the Board of Management was considered and the following changes/comments/modifications were noted:

- (i) In reference to the Resolution No.60.1.2, it was agreed by the members to delete the

following sentence from the above Resolution.

"However, the agenda items circulated to the members for consideration would form a part of the official record".

(ii) In reference to the Resolution No.BM 60.2.1, it was noted that the word 'Ordinance' be replaced by the word 'Statute' between the words 'the' and 'and' in the last sentence of the above Resolution.

(iii) In reference to the Resolution No.BM 60.2.3, it was agreed that the said Resolution needed modification and the modified version is as under:

"Resolution No.BM 60.2.3 - The Board having regard to this aspect, decided that the Vice-Chancellor, if he feels the need for, may recommend to the Board for the appointment of three more Pro Vice-Chancellors to take care of the functional needs of the University."

(iv) In reference to the Resolution No.BM 60.8.1, some members were of the opinion that the names of the selected candidates be recorded in the Resolution itself. The Registrar explained that the University had, in the initial years, used to record the names but this practice was changed subsequently as recording the names, including the waitlisted persons, caused certain administrative problems.

(v) In this context, some members pointed out certain technical points regarding panel and validity of panel, etc. It was stated that the panel is a list of candidates showing the names of candidates selected for a post against the specific advertisement. It represents the list of successful candidates in order of merit as recommended by the Selection Committee. The first person in the panel gets the first chance for offering the appointment for the specific post. If he/ she accepts

the offer and joins the post, the panel stands lapsed. The remaining candidates in the panel, therefore, cannot be appointed for any other vacant post in the organisation. However, if the first person in the panel refuses/declines to join the post, then the name of the second person in the order of merit be offered the post provided the period of panel as prescribed is not over and any appointment made in contravention to the above procedure, stands technically flawed.

BM 61.1.3

In the light of the discussion, all the members of the Board agreed that the entire panel showing the names of the persons be recorded in the Resolution itself.

BM 61.1.4

In reference to the Resolution No.60.13.2, it was agreed by the members that the word "henceforth" as recorded in the said Resolution stands deleted.

BM 61.1.5

In reference to the Resolution No.BM 60.5.2, it was stated by the Vice-Chancellor that the order indicated in listing the names of two Pro Vice-Chancellors also relate to the relative seniority of the two Pro Vice-Chancellors. This was accepted by the Board.

BM 61.1.6

With the above modifications, the Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Board of Management held on October 05, 1998 were confirmed.

The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

TO CONSIDER THE INQUIRY REPORT SUBMITTED BY JUSTICE S.B. WAD (RETD.) AND THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE CHARGED OFFICER.

BM 61.2.1

The Board considered Justice S.B. Wad's Inquiry Report about Professor Rakesh Khurana and after considerable discussion of the same as also of

Professor Khurana's remarks on the Report, the Board records its deep sense of distress at the improprieties committed by Professor Khurana as highlighted in the Report, and records its censure against Professor Khurana.

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BM 61.2.2 Further, the Board decided that Professor Khurana be not entrusted with any office carrying administrative responsibilities.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE RESIGNATION OF PROF. RAKESH KHURANA OF THE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND ITS SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL.

BM 61.3.1 The Board noted that Prof. Rakesh Khurana has since withdrawn his resignation and consequently no further action is necessary in this regard.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 1(3) OF THE ORDINANCE ON ELIGIBILITY, ADMISSIONS, DURATION AND STRUCTURE OF VARIOUS DEGREES/DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES AND COURSES.

BM 61.4.1 The Registrar explained the background of the amendment to Clause 1(3) of the Ordinance and stated that the present amendment has been proposed by the Academic Council based on a legal opinion and as desired by the Board of Management at its meeting held on 26-2-1998.

BM 61.4.2 While on the subject, the Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, a member of the Board, suggested that provisions for laying down the procedures for outsourcing the Entrance Test like open tender on all India basis, opening of tender and its evaluation by a Tender Evaluation Committee be included in the proposed amendment to make it more elaborate.

After some discussion, the Board approved the proposed amendment with certain modifications to Clause 1(3) as under:

Existing Clause	Clause after amendment
"It shall be open to the University to conduct such tests as it may prescribe from time to time for admission to specific academic programmes/courses".	<p>"It shall be open to the University to conduct such tests as it may prescribe from time to time for admission to specific academic programmes/courses. Provided that the University may engage the services of any external agency(ies) of repute for performance of any task(s) connected with such test(s) on such terms and conditions as it may decide.</p> <p>"Provided further that selection of such agencies will be based on an open tender on All India basis and that tenders shall be opened and evaluated by a Committee constituted for the purpose by the Vice-Chancellor. The composition of the Tender Evaluation Committee shall be as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Pro Vice-Chancellor, (nominated by the Vice-Chancellor - Chairman)</li> <li>2. A Member of the Board of Management nominated by the Vice-Chancellor</li> <li>3. Finance Officer</li> <li>4. Registrar</li> </ol>



BM 61.4.4

The Board further decided that the modified amendment be placed before the Academic Council for information.

ITEM NO. 5

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 7 REGARDING MODERATION BOARD FOR MODERATING THE QUESTION PAPERS OF THE ORDINANCE ON CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION OF THE STUDENT PERFORMANCE.

BM 61.5.1

The Board considered and approved the amendment proposed by the Academic Council to Clause 7(A)(1) of the Ordinance on Conduct of Examination and Evaluation of Student Performance regarding Moderation Board for moderation of Question Papers with a minor modification in the proviso to Sub-Clause (c):

Existing Clause	Clause after amendment
Clause 7(A) (1)	Clause 7(A) (1) "
c) Three experts in the discipline/specialisation nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of whom two shall be external and one internal - Members.	c) Three experts in the discipline/ specialisation nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of whom one shall be external and one internal - Members.  Provided that the Director of the School concerned may co-opt or associate not exceeding three other experts, if required.
	d) Three members shall constitute the quorum for meetings.

BM 61.5.2

The Board further decided that the modified amendment be placed before the Academic Council for information.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE DURING THE DECENNIAL CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 61.6.1

The matter was considered. The Board was in unanimous agreement with the names proposed by the

Vice-Chancellor for the honorary degree and suggested that this proposal be taken up in the Academic Council in the first instance and placed before the Board of Management thereafter.

**ITEM NO. 7**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1997-98.**

**BM 61.7.1**

It was stated by the Registrar that the draft Annual Report for the year 1997-98 with its Hindi version will be available by a week's time. The Report in the present form has been placed before the Board to get its approval in principle so as to submit the Annual Report with necessary addition/modification, etc. to the Visitor and the Central Government.

**BM 61.7.2**

In the course of discussion, some members pointed out that the Annual Report must adequately reflect the progress or shortfalls of the University during the year. A view was expressed that the Report followed by and large the pattern of previous year's report.

**BM 61.7.3**

It was pointed out by one of the members that the performance of the Regional Centres and Study Centres should be brought out clearly making a mention of any shortfalls in their functioning.

**BM 61.7.4**

In this context, the Vice-Chancellor, while making a reference to the Report on Campus Development, was critical on the slow progress of the Campus Construction work and expressed a view that all the three agencies namely, the Architect, the CPWD and IGNOU Construction and Maintenance Division are equally responsible for the inordinate delays in the Campus construction. The Board was in agreement with the Vice-Chancellor that progress of construction work is tardy and needs urgent and firm handling. The Vice-Chancellor sought the support and cooperation of the members of the Board to take appropriate measures to speed up the construction work including the changing any of the agencies/individuals involved if such a step becomes necessary in the interest of the University.

**BM 61.7.5**

The Board, while approving the Annual Report, suggested that a three-member Committee consisting of Prof. M.M. Pant, Dr. A.R. Khan and the Registrar may identify any shortcomings in the report for making a reference to the concerned Schools / Divisions for taking corrective measures for future guidance.

**ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS.**

BM 61.8.1 The Board considered and approved the proposal for the appointment of Prof. V.R. Jagannathan as the Director of the School of Humanities for a period of three years with effect from December 28, 1998 as Prof. Asha Kanwar, will complete her term as Director of School of Humanities on December 27, 1998.

**ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES.**

BM 61.9.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees for the posts of Finance Officer, Hardware Engineer and Software Engineer held on 13-11-1998, and 13-10-1998 respectively as under:

Post	Date of the Selection Committee Meeting	Name of the Person(s) recommended
Finance Officer	13-11-1998	Shri Vikram Chandra
Hardware Engineer	13-10-1998	None found suitable
Software Engineer	13-10-1998	None found suitable

BM 61.9.2 The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the Selection Committee for the post of Finance Officer was constituted as authorised by members through circulation with a change that he had invited Dr. Amrik Singh as one of the experts. This was noted.

**ITEM NO. 10 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1998.**

BM 61.10.1 While on the subject one of the members expressed a view that the Resolution No.PB 21.2.2 of the above Minutes concerning the Review Committee and the terms of reference given to it under this Resolution are so comprehensive whether such a review has the sanction of the statutory provisions. The Secretary of the Board, in clarification, read out the relevant provision of the Act concerning the Planning Board.



BM 61.10.2

The members also desired that a copy of the document on the 9th Plan Proposals be made available to all the members of the Board of Management.

BM 61.10.3

With the above observations, the Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Planning Board held on September 17, 1998 were noted.

**ITEM NO. 11**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 1998.**

BM 61.11.1

The Board noted the Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on November 13, 1998 and gave its approval to the decisions/recommendations made by the Establishment Committee.

**ITEM NO. 12**

**TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A TEACHER FROM OPEN UNIVERSITY/DISTANCE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND TO DESIGNATE THE SECRETARY TO THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL, IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 28.**

BM 61.12.1

The Board considered and approved the nomination of Prof. S.P. Goutam of M.P. Bhoj Open University, Bhopal as a member of the Distance Education Council, IGNOU, under Clause 3(a)(ix) of Statute 28.

BM 61.12.2

The Board also designated, the Director of the Distance Education Council as the Secretary of the Distance Education Council in terms of the provisions of Clause 3(b) of Statute 28.

**ITEM NO. 13**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1998.**

BM 61.13.1

The item was deferred.

**ITEM NO. 14**

**TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE IN KASHMIR VALLEY.**

BM 61.14.1

The Board considered and approved the establishment of IGNOU Regional Centre for the Kashmir Valley at Srinagar during the financial year 1998-99 and also approved necessary provisions in the Plan budget to provide for appointment of staff and necessary infrastructure facilities and services.

- ITEM NO. 15**      **TO CONSIDER OPENMAT : ENTRANCE TEST FOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - SESSION 2000.**
- BM 61.15.1      The members agreed to the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor that for admission to Management Programme - Session 2000, the Entrance Test be conducted by the University.
- ITEM NO. 16**      **TO REPORT THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH SHRI P.K. BHATNAGAR, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR WAS PLACED UNDER SUSPENSION.**
- BM 61.16.1      The Board noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in placing Shri P.K. Bhatnagar, Assistant Registrar under suspension with effect from 29-07-1998 and proceeding with consequential follow-up action as per extant rules.
- ITEM NO. 17**      **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON HIRING OF ACCOMMODATION FOR REGIONAL CENTRE-I, DELHI AT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU STADIUM, NEW DELHI.**
- BM 61.17.1      The Board considered and approved the proposal of hiring accommodation for the Regional Centre - I, Delhi at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at a monthly rent of Rs.6,03,400/-.
- BM 61.17.2      The Board also noted the proposal by the University for setting up its own computer lab in the proposed building at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and conduct practicals for the students enrolled in Computer Programmes so that the hire charges for computers to the tune of Rs.1.9 Crores be saved annually and which will be more than the liability of rent payable to Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium authority annually.
- ITEM NO. 18**      **TO CONSIDER THE PROJECT ENTITLED 'IGNOU EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES' AND APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR THE PROJECT.**
- BM 61.18.1      The Board considered and approved the feasibility study entitled 'IGNOU Educational Enterprises' and approved the appointment of Shri Prashant Kapoor as Consultant for this study.
- BM 61.18.2      It was further agreed that the Consultancy Fee be payable on mutual negotiation. The basis for this negotiation may be at the rates payable for developing a professional course in the University with certain flexibility as the work to be undertaken by a professional in the field.

BM 61.18.3

The outcome of the Project should be made available in six to eight weeks.

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

(ABDUL W. KHAN)  
Vice-Chancellor