

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 05, 1999 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, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman.
2. Prof. V.S. Prasad
3. Prof. Habibur Rahman
4. Shri J.P. Javali
5. Prof. Suhash Chakravarty
6. Prof. M.M. Pant
7. Dr. A.R. Khan
8. Dr. D.D. Kaushik
9. Prof. Afzal Mohammad
10. Shri Kiran Karnik

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

Shri P.G. Mankad, Dr.(Mrs.) Shakuntala Varma, Dr. A.C. Muthaiah and Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao could not attend the meeting.

Shri M.M. Jha, Joint Secretary, Department of Education, MHRD and Prof. K.N. Tripathi, Pro Vice-Chancellor attended the meeting as a Special Invitees.

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 61ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 1998 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 62.1.1 The confirmation of the Minutes of the 61st meeting of the Board of Management was considered. The Registrar read out the comments received from one of the members which were tabled at the meeting. The comments relate to Resolution Nos.

BM 61.2.1 and BM 61.2.2. The member expressed view that the summary of the discussions raised while considering the subject under Item No.2 were not recorded as was the practice in the past. The second point made by the member under Resolution No.BM 61.2.2 was that the action taken does not fall under the penalties described there. In clarification, it was stated that the Resolutions recorded under BM 61.2.1 and BM 61.2.2 were based on the consensus reached after the discussions and that the Resolution was drafted in the meeting itself and was adopted after it was read out. Even so, the Vice-Chancellor sought the opinion of each individual member to express their opinion as to the correctness of the recording of the decisions under BM 61.2.1 and BM 61.2.2 and the consensus emerged was that the recording of the minutes were correct and needs no change.

BM 62.1.2

Prof. Suhas Chakravarty another member of the Board of Management, made a reference to BM 61.2.2 and stated that views were also expressed in the meeting that some procedural lapses have taken place in the conduct of the inquiry and that the matter be amicably settled by taking conciliatory attitude by the Management. In his opinion, he stated, that the Resolution recorded at BM 61.2.2 is at variance from the views expressed in the meeting.

BM 61.1.3

It was clarified that in a meeting of the Board each member expresses his views on each item but what is normally recorded is the consensus that emerges from the discussions. As stated earlier the Resolution under BM 61.2.1 and BM 61.2.2 have been correctly recorded based on the consensus emerged at the meeting.

BM 61.1.4

Prof. Suhas Chakravarty, however, insisted that he has serious reservations about Resolution No.BM 61.2.2, and that his note of dissent be recorded. This was noted.

BM 61.1.5

With the above observations, the Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Management held on November 16, 1998 were confirmed. The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

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ITEM NO. 2

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TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE ANAND SARUP INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

BM 62.2.1

The Board considered the Report of the Anand Swarup Inquiry Committee. It was informed by the Registrar that the Report, as presented to the Board is the main Report and the annexures and appendices in six volumes are available with the Registrar for reference.

BM 62.2.2

The Board discussed the matter at length. Considering the voluminous nature of the Report and the various issues it dealt with, the Board felt that the Report requires careful consideration. It was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee of the Board to study the Report and make its observations for Board's consideration at its next meeting. The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute the above Sub-Committee.

BM 62.2.3

Shri M.M. Jha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of HRD, who was present as a special invitee, made a request that a copy of the report may be sent to the Ministry of HRD and Central Vigilance Commission so that issues concerning the affairs of the University either through VIP reference or questions in the Parliament could be responded to by the Ministry of HRD.

ITEM NO. 3

TO CONSIDER THE STATUS CONCERNING DELAYS ON CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ENTRUSTING THE WORK TO OTHER AGENCIES.

BM 62.3.1

The Committee considered the status concerning delays on campus construction. The matter was considered in great detail. The following views were expressed:

- (i) There was general consensus that the slow rate of campus construction is a matter of great concern.
- (ii) It was stated that although IGNOU is 13 years old, in comparison, the campuses of some of the State Open Universities, which have started later than IGNOU, have developed well with adequate campus facilities.
- (iii) The University has to seriously consider whether alternative steps need to be initiated at least for the 2nd Phase of campus construction.

BM 62.3.2

Shri M.M. Jha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of HRD stated that UGC has developed certain guidelines on the matter of awarding campus works which IGNOU may obtain for University guidance.

BM 62.3.3

After a detailed discussion, the Board took the following decisions:

- (i) The University may consider assigning the work of Phase-II of the Campus construction to any other Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) or even to reputed private agencies after following all required procedures.
- (ii) The Works Committee may be requested to short list possible Public Sector Undertakings and reputed private agencies for the purpose.

ITEM NO. 4

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

BM 62.4.1

The Board considered the proposal on conferment of honorary degree on Mr. Julius Nyrere, first President of Tanzania and Smt. Mahasveta Devi, a well-known Writer and Social Worker at the Decennial Convocation of the University scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 14, 1999. It was informed that overwhelming majority of the members of the Academic Council have responded positively for the conferment of honorary degree.

BM 62.4.2

The Board accorded its approval to the proposal on the conferment of the Honorary Degrees as proposed and desired that the Vice-Chancellor may place the matter before the Visitor for confirmation.

ITEM NO. 5

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (3) (a) (v) & (vii) OF STATUTE 28.

BM 62.5.1

The Board considered the nomination of members on the Distance Education Council under Clause 3(a)(v) and (vii) of Statute 28 and nominated the following persons:

S. No.	Name of the Member	Term upto	Relevant Provision
1.	Sh. J.P. Javali Member, BOM	nominated for two years or until he is a member of the Board of Management, whichever is earlier.	Clause 3(a)(v)
2.	Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao	- do -	
3.	Prof. K.K. Anand Director Institute of Distance Education	nominated for two years or until he holds the position of Director of Institute of Distance Education	Clause 3(a)(vii)

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

BM 62.6.1 The Item has been deferred.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 1998 AND
APPROVE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

BM 62.7.1 The Board considered the recommendations arising
out of 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee held
on December 28, 1998. The Board, while approving
the Minutes of the Finance Committee
(Appendix - 1), gave its specific approval to the
following items as recommended by the Finance
Committee:

- (1) Revision of payment of Lab. Assistant, Lab
Attendant, Host Institute and consumable
for conduct of B.Sc. practicals at IGNOU
Study Centres.
- (2) Fixation of remuneration for setting of
Question Papers, Questions for Question Bank
and evaluation of Answer Books and Project
Reports.
- (3) Proposal for Construction of Semi Permanent
Structure Office accommodation at IGNOU
Campus at Maidan Garhi.
- (4) Recommendations regarding upward revision of
the pay scales in respect of Cameraman, Se
Designer, Make-up Assistant, Carpenter and
Technician working in EMPC.
- (5) The Financial Estimates for the year 1999-
2000 and the Revised Estimate 1998-99.
- (6) Audit report of the Director General of
Audit, Central Revenues, New Delhi appended
to the accounts for the year 1996-97.

- (7) Annual Accounts of the University for the year 1997-98.

BM 62.7.2

After the discussion on the Minutes of the Finance Committee, the following points were made:

- (1) A reference was made that the ten yearly Audit Report of the Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, needs to be presented to the Board alongwith the action taken report on the Audit Report.
- (2) A note on strengthening computer facilities at IGNOU was circulated, a copy of which is annexed at Appendix - 2.

The Finance Officer informed the members that due care has been taken with regard to tenders relating to computer facilities for the Regional/Study Centres in respect of Computer Courses.

ITEM NO. 8

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THE ANOMALIES, IF ANY, ARISING OUT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED PAY SCALES IN RESPECT OF TEACHERS AND GROUP 'A' OFFICERS.

BM 62.8.1

The Board considered the Report of the Anomalies Committee arising out of implementation of the revised pay scales in respect of teachers and Group A Officers.

BM 62.8.2

The Board accepted and approved the recommendations of the Committee in respect of teachers and Group A officers. However, it was agreed that the recommendations of the Committee be sent to the MHRD before implementation of the recommendations by the University.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES.

BM 62.9.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees as indicated below and that offers be made as per vacancies:

Post with Pay Scale	Date of Selection Committee	Persons recommended	Remarks
Deputy Director, C-DET Rs.3700-5700 (Pre-revised)	8-12-1998	Dr. Anurag Saxena	Basic Pay per rules
Director (MPDD) Rs.4500-7300 (Pre-revised)	11-01-1999	None found suitable	
Assistant Engineer (Civil) Rs.2200-4000 (Pre-revised)	12-01-1999	1. Shri Y. Nuruddin 2. Shri M. Suresh Kumar 3. Shri Thakur Balaji Singh	Basic Pay per rules
Deputy Director (Computer) Rs.3700-5300 (Pre-revised)	13-01-1999	1. Shri Sanjay Jasola 2. Mrs. Anjana Verma 3. Shri S.K. Prasad 4. Shri Sanjay Srivastava 5. Mrs. Poonam Goyal 6. Shri Bhupenora Dhar Badagaiyan 7. Shri Kunal 8. Shri Ram Trehan	Basic Pay per rules
Assistant Engineer (Electrical) (Pre-revised)	14-01-1999	1. Shri Shushil Chander 2. Shri Ashish Kumar Srivastava 3. Shri Nilotpol Choudhery	Basic Pay per rules

MEM NO. 10 ✓

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE QUALIFICATION FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, STAFF TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN DISTANCE EDUCATION (STRIDE).

62.10.1

The Board considered and approved the qualification for the post of Director, Staff Training and Research in Distance Education (STRIDE) as under:

"An outstanding Scholar who has made significant contribution to knowledge and development of open and distance education. The person should be holding high academic position with wide experience in training. He is expected to lead the IGNOU's Staff Training and Research Institute in Distance Education and guide its academic programmes."

62.10.2

It was stated that the above post will be on tennure basis for a term of five years renewable for similar terms.

MEM NO. 11

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF MEDICAL BENEFITS TO THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY AFTER RETIREMENT.

62.11.1

The Board considered the proposal for extension of medical benefits to the staff of the University after retirement. Members agreed that this Item should be placed before the Sub-Committee of the Administrative Reforms Committee on Medical facilities in the first instance and its recommendations be brought before the Board thereafter.

ITEM NO. 12

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL ADVISERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

62.12.1

The Board considered and approved the engagement of Shri Sandeep Sethi, Advocate as Legal Advisor of IGNOU on retainership basis. The term and amount of fee be decided on mutual agreement basis.

62.12.2

Shri S.P. Bhullar, Advocate as Legal Advisor who is specialised in Contracts and Agreements, on retainership basis. The term and amount of fee be decided on mutual agreement basis.

- ITEM NO. 13 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 1998.
- BM 62.13.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Academic Council held on October 12, 1998.
- ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1998.
- BM 62.14.1 The Board considered and accepted the recommendations of the 24th Meeting of the Works Committee held on September 28, 1998. The Minutes of the Works Committee are placed at Appendix - 3.
- ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1999.
- BM 62.15.1 While considering the recommendations of the 26th Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on February 04, 1999, it was informed in reference to the issue of one upward movement to twelve employees in Group B and C who have completed eight or more years of service as on 26-02-1999 that the decisions relating to one upward movement was approved by both Finance Committee and the Board of Management of IGNOU earlier. The decision was also notified vide its Circular No.IG/Admn/NA/1-37/97/9100 dated 4-11-1997. Therefore, the present recommendation is for operating this decision of the Board.
- BM 62.15.2 With the above observations, the Board accepted the recommendations of the 26th Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on February 04, 1999 (Appendix - 4).
- ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY REPORT ENTITLED "IGNOU - EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISE".
- BM 62.16.1 The Board considered the Feasibility Report entitled "IGNOU - Educational Enterprise". Some members expressed the view that the creation of such enterprise may have to be examined in terms of the provisions of the Act and Statutes vis-à-vis duties and functions of the University given therein. It was stated by a member that the word "Enterprise" may give the impression of commercial venture rather than the actual intent and objective of the project. It would thus be desirable to change the nomenclature. Some names

suggested were - IGNOU Consultancy Services/ IGNOU Consultancy Enterprise/IGNOU Consultancy Forum, etc.

BM 62.16.2

Some members expressed that a detailed document be prepared for its creation and this proposal should pass through all the appropriate bodies/forums before its final implementation.

BM 62.16.3

With the above observations, the Board approved the proposal in principle.

ITEM NO. 17

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN SIGNING THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENTS BY THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 62.17.1

The Board considered and ratified the action taken in signing the MoU and agreements by the University with the following:

- (1) Price Warehouse on strengthening of local government in Madhya Pradesh (MoU).
- (2) Academy of Hospital Administration, New Delhi (MoU).
- (3) Uttar Pradesh Academy of Administration, Nainital (UP) (MoU).
- (4) Australian Education International - India (Two Memoranda of Agreement for grant-in-aid).
- (5) Letter of Agreement with Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances and Pensions.
- (6) Agreement with Commonwealth of Learning to review the Modules.

ITEM NO. 18

TO REPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF PROF. V.S. PRASAD, PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR ON STANDARD TERMS OF DEPUTATION.

BM 62.18.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. V.S. Prasad as Pro Vice-Chancellors of IGNOU on standard terms of deputation for a period of three years from the date of joining the post.

BM 62.18.2

The Board also considered the supplementary note tabled at the meeting and ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. K.N. Tripathi on standard deputation terms for a period of three years with effect from the date of his joining the post as Pro Vice-Chancellor from 14-10-1998.

ITEM NO. 19

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN FIXING THE PAY OF CERTAIN TEACHERS/ACADEMICS IN THE REVISED SCALES OF PAY.

BM 62.19.1

The Board ratified the action taken in fixing the pay of certain teachers/academics in the revised scales of pay. The details are given in Appendix - 5.

ITEM NO. 20

TO CONSIDER A LETTER OF REPRESENTATION FROM PROF. RAKESH KHURANA TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RELATING TO BOARD'S RESOLUTION NO. BM 61.2.2.

BM 62.20.1

The Board considered the letter of representation of Prof. Rakesh Khurana. After some discussion the members agreed that there is no new reason of justification in reviewing/revising the decision of the Board.

ITEM NO. 21

TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN CHANGING TO THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL GOWNS FOR THE DECENNIAL CONVOCATION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 14, 1999.

BM 62.21.1

The Board considered the report and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in changing to the use of academic gowns for the Decennial Convocation of the University to be held on Sunday, March 14, 1999 for the persons sitting on the dais and also dignitaries attending at the Regional Centres.

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

(ABDUL W. KHAN)
Vice-Chancellor