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MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON AUGUST 06, 2001, 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. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
- (2) Prof. N.K. Ambasht
- (3) Prof. S.C. Garg
- (4) Dr. C.K. Ghosh
- (5) Prof. N.R.M. Menon
- (6) Prof. H.C. Pandey
- (7) Prof. B.S. Saraswat

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

Shri Pawan Chopra, Shri L.N. Jhunjhunwala, Shri M.K. Kaw, and Shri J. Veeraraghavan could not attend the meeting.

Shri Vikram Chandra, Finance Officer, IGNOU, attended the meeting as a Special Invitee. Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

The Vice-Chancellor placed on record our deep sense of appreciation for the services rendered by the acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. V.S. Prasad and the following other former members of the Board:

- (i) Prof. A.K. Agarwal
- (ii) Shri Y.N. Chaturvedi, former Secretary, Ministry of I&B
- (iii) Dr. D.K. Choudhry
- (iv) Dr. J.M. Parakh

The Vice-Chancellor also extended a hearty welcome to the following new members nominated on the Board of Management:

- (i) Shri Pawan Chopra, Secretary, Ministry of I & B
- (ii) Prof. S.C. Garg
- (iii) Dr. C.K. Ghosh
- (iv) Prof. B.S. Saraswat

This being the first meeting of the BOM under the chairmanship of the new Vice Chancellor he made the following presentation for the consideration of the Board:

"I have great pleasure in welcoming all of you to the first meeting of the BOM after my joining IGNOU as the fifth Vice Chancellor of the University on June 24, 2001. In this first meeting I would seek your kind indulgence, your valued consideration and support to a few initial observations and some of the proposed directions of our development. In doing so I wish to record, significant contributions made by my able predecessors and the entire community of IGNOU during the last sixteen years of our existence. Sustained efforts with new initiatives and successful collaborative interventions during this period have all contributed to emergence of not only one of the largest Universities in the world today but a new system of education where IGNOU is at the centre stage of a network of 9 State Open Universities and 63 Correspondence Course Institutes existing in the conventional Universities. We may draw your kind attention to the following provisions of the Act of the University specifying some major and unique roles of IGNOU as a system and not just as another University.

- I. Responsibility for determining standards of distance education and maintaining them across the institutions in the country and to promote the system.
- II. Another very important responsibility, which is again unique for the open and distance learning system, is to provide education for the well being of the community.

All these dimensions and complexions taken together make us realize that the expectations from IGNOU cover a fairly wide area of applications and multidimensional tasks to be handled by us. Added to this, is the inherent dynamic growth of the systems requiring special capabilities to handle very large systems maintaining quality. We may have to plan innovative and decentralized systems, try them as pilot projects and then replicate them. In the important context of the responsibility at (I) above, there appear to be some very serious concerns about the quality of distance education programmes being introduced and conducted by a variety of institutions without having even a minimum level of student support and expertise in distance education. The Distance Education Council may have to play a more serious and effective role in this direction so that quality of distance education is maintained. On one hand we have to evolve innovative subsystems like Inter University Consortium for development of Self Instructional Material for Region Specific requirements and needs, Schools \ Departments \ Institutions of excellence and at the same

time we may have to firmly deal with nonviable systems of distance education and make serious efforts to transform them into viable systems. In the background of the fact that Distance Education has emerged as a highly technical area with limited available expertise, we may have to play a more proactive role as the National University in extending expertise for development, transformation and expansion of the open and flexible learning system in the country and even abroad. We could share resources with the conventional Universities and Institutions of higher learning as well. We may also have to focus our greater attention in implementation of a recommendation of the Planning Commission, Govt. of India to the effect that each state in the country should have at least one Open University. As regards the second point mentioned above we may have to take major initiatives to reach the unreached and to address the problems concerning special target groups of learners.

We would like to share with the BOM some of the problems that may need our greater attention. The funding from the Government for non plan items of expenditure has been declining and is already insignificant. Even for the plan items the flow of funds is difficult. The first installment of the approved grant for the current financial year, which should have been released in April 2001 could be cleared only recently with special intervention of the Secretary Education (Higher & Secondary) and we should be able to receive the amount within the next few days. Such delays adversely affect our action plans and have also lead to situations when amounts received from projects had to be temporarily utilized so that ongoing projects, like equipment for EMPC, building works etc., which have to be completed within a fixed time frame should not be delayed. As a consequence of such financial hardships on my joining the University it was noted by us in the last week of June 2001 that we had even withdrawn nearly Rs. 13 crores from the corpus fund of the University. We have to make some special efforts to ensure regular flow of the sanctioned amounts for better financial management.

IGNOU has attained a level of credibility and acceptability due to which lot of funded projects from within the country and abroad are offered. We may promote such collaborations with a greater effort to maintain schedules of implementation.

It will be our endeavor to share with you our problems and our achievements as we grow and to seek your valuable guidance and support through the meetings of the BOM or otherwise. In all humility and in keeping with the past traditions and experience, we feel confident that with your cooperation and valuable support we will all together be able to make most sincere efforts to meet the challenges successfully, efficiently and effectively."

At the end of the above presentation the members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the initiative of the Chairman in placing before them some of the crucial areas which needed with some urgency, policy decisions for some

new initiatives and interventions for effective implementation of the mandate given to IGNOU. While endorsing the presentation of the Vice Chancellor for further necessary action, the following additional points were also made for implementation.

(i) Distance Education Council (DEC) should endeavour to act as an effective source for improving the quality of all distance education programmes in the country and should provide leadership and guidance to other institutions in achieving this objective. In general IGNOU should play a proactive role in helping other institutions to develop and improve the quality of distance education. However the Board also expressed its serious concerns about the existence of some nonviable systems of distance education in the country with very weak student support and programme delivery which still charge substantial fees from learners. As per the requirements of the Act and consequent responsibilities of IGNOU, effective measures have to be taken on priority by the DEC also to check such practices which adversely affect the credibility of distance education.

(ii) Networking of existing resources both in the conventional and open and distance learning systems should be strengthened and greater attention should be given to education and skill upgradation for programmes leading to general improvement in the quality of life of our people.

(iii) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) had a tremendous task before them to assess and accredit nearly 12,000 Colleges and 264 Universities/Deemed Universities in the conventional systems out of which the NAAC has been able to accomplish the process for a very small percentage of such institutions during the last few years. In contrast to this there are only nine State Open Universities and 64 Correspondence Course Institutions out of which quite a number of them are in initial stages of being set up. The DEC may have to play more of a promotional role in bringing these institutions to an appropriate level and develop inbuilt systems for quality control and quality assurance.

(iv) In development of programmes which are of highly specialized nature through distance mode, we may have to keep in view the norms prescribed by the corresponding regulatory agencies.

(v) Programmes addressing the regional needs may also be developed.

(vi) Indira Gandhi National Open University should develop a Vision Paper identifying missions to be achieved.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 68TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2001 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 69.1.1

The Item was considered. Registrar informed the Board that no comments have been received on the Minutes. The action taken on the Minutes was noted by the members. The Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Board of Management held on January 24, 2001 were confirmed with the following incorporations/modifications:

- (i) With reference to BM 68.3.2(v), it has been suggested that the University should adopt one scheme of medical reimbursement. The Medical Review Committee should submit its report to the Board of Management at its next meeting. Prof. S.C. Garg has been nominated as a member of the Medical Review Committee.
- (ii) With reference to BM 68.3.4(i), it was agreed that revision in the rates of remuneration for part-time staff of study centers needs to be reviewed.
- (iii) With reference to BM 68.6.4, it was clarified that the issues of the said resolution have been clarified in the Agenda Item No. 4 of the present meeting.

ITEM NO. 2

TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE (1)(vi) OF STATUTE 6A.

BM 69.2.1

The Board co-opted the following members on the Board of Management under Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 6A representing the following constituencies:

- (i) Vice-Chancellor of a State Open University :

Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Vice Chancellor, KSOU,

Mysore

- (ii) An expert on distance education:

Prof. C.L. Anand, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor,
IGNOU.

- (iii) A person who has knowledge of, or experience
in media/communication field:

Shri Y.N. Chaturvedi, Former Secretary,
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

ITEM NO. 3

**TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS OF CLAUSE (6)
OF STATUTE 2 OF THE STATUTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY.**

BM 69.3.1

The Board considered and approved the amendments proposed to Clause (6) of Statute 2 of the Statutes of the University with a minor modification. The statement giving the provisions of existing Statute, amendments proposed and the Statute after amendment is given at Appendix - 1.

ITEM NO. 4

**TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF 16TH, 17TH AND 18TH
MEETINGS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, MARCH 28 AND JUNE 4,
2001 RESPECTIVELY.**

**ADDITIONAL
ITEM NO. 32**

**TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING
OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON
AUGUST 03, 2001.**

BM 69.4.1

The Board considered Item No. 4 and Item No. 32 together. On a request from Vice-Chancellor, the Finance Officer briefed the members on the Purchase Committee minutes presented with particular reference to the 17th Meeting of the Purchase Committee regarding the Purchase of Computers. The Board of Management, at its meeting held on January 24, 2001, while approving the purchase of computers in principle, suggested that the points raised by WIPRO be addressed and after satisfactorily dealing with them, place the orders. The Finance Officer informed the Board that issues raised by WIPRO have been considered by the Purchase Committee. It was stated that the

instructions and guidelines issued by the CVC, Ministry of Industry, Department of Public Enterprises and Government of India's general instructions on public sector undertakings on purchase matters have been duly followed before placing the orders. It was stated by him that the Purchase Committee has gone through the issues raised minutely and only after satisfactory compliance, orders were placed. The Board, having considered the Minutes and the brief given by the Finance Officer approved the computer purchases made.

BM 69.4.2

With reference to the PC 17.9.1, the Board noted that the two year agreement with Godrej would be over soon and its extension or otherwise may be reviewed before giving further extension. Pending a decision in the matter the present arrangement should continue.

BM 69.4.3

With reference to PC 18.1.1 and PC 18.1.4, it was noted that, inspite of Rs.1.33 Crores already released by the National Open School as an advance, there has been considerable delay in the completion of the project thereby causing concern and apprehension to National Open School authorities. The Board suggested that the pending issues be settled and the Project completed on priority.

BM 69.4.4

With the above, the Minutes of the 16th, 17th and 18th Meetings of the Purchase Committee held on 2nd February, 28th March and 4th June, 2001 respectively were confirmed.

BM 69.4.5

The Board, thereafter considered the recommendations of the 19th Meeting of the Purchase Committee held on August 03, 2001. Dr. R. Sreedher, Director, EMPC, who was invited to the meeting, briefed the members on the proposals made in the 19th meeting of the Purchase Committee. It was pointed out that under resolution PC 19.6.1, the amount stated has to be read as Rs.1.05 Crores.

BM 69.4.6

After considering the recommendations, the Board resolved that :

- (i) In future the purchases of transmitter should include a provision on Annual Maintenance Contract with 3(three) years warranty.
- (ii) In place of Mr. Krishna Murthy, a Consultant at EMPC there should be an external member who may be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

BM 69.4.7

With the above, the Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Purchase Committee held on August 03, 2001 were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 5

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2001.

BM 69.5.1

The Board noted the Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Academic Council held on February 9, 2001.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE CONFIRMATION OF TEACHERS/ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 69.6.1

The Board considered and approved the confirmation of the following Teachers/Academic Staff in the services of the University:

S.No.	Name and Designation	Date of Joining	Date of completion of probation
1.	Prof. P.N. Pandit, Professor/Editor in English	25.8.1999	24.8.2000
2.	Dr. S.S Sharma, Reader in English	7.9.1999	6.9.2000
3.	Dr. (Ms). Anju Sehgal Gupta, Reader in English	25.8.1999	24.8.2000
4.	Ms. Mridula Rashmi Kindo, Lecturer in English	7.9.1999	6.9.2000
5.	Ms. Pema Eden Samdup, Lecturer in English	27.8.1999	26.8.2000
6.	Sh. Gopal, Lecturer in Management	27.5.1999	26.5.2001
7.	Dr. Somasi Srinivas ARD, RC Jammu	10.3.1998	9.3.1999

The lifting of probation in respect of the teachers/academics at S.No. 3,4,5 and 7, is subject to enrolment by them in PGDDE.

ITEM NO. 7

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN SIGNING MOUS/AGREEMENTS.

BM 69.7.1

This Item was considered along with Item No. 34 (Additional Item). The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in signing the following MoUs/Agreements:

1. MoU between Distance Education Council, IGNOU and AICTE.
2. MoU between Distance Education Council, IGNOU and NCTE
3. Agreement between IGNOU and COL for the Certificate programme in Disaster Management.
4. MoU with Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) on 2nd August, 2001.

ITEM NO. 8

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN RECKONING THE PAY DRAWN BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNIVERSITY APPOINTED AGAINST A TENURE POST FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

BM 69.8.1

The Board considered and ratified the action taken in reckoning the pay drawn by Shri D.C. Pant, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor of the IGNOU which appointment has been reckoned against a tenure post for the purpose of retirement benefits.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF GRANT OF TWO ADDITIONAL INCREMENTS TO PRODUCERS IN EMPC.

BM 69.9.1

The Board considered the item and resolved that the matter be examined by the Establishment Committee and its recommendations be brought before the Board of Management for consideration.

ITEM NO. 10

TO CONSIDER EX-POST FACTO APPROVAL OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN MODIFYING THE PAY SCALE OF SENIOR ASSISTANTS AND PERSONAL ASSISTANTS GRADE - II FROM RS.5000-8000 TO RS.5500-9000.

BM 69.10.1

The Board decided that the item be considered by the Establishment Committee first and with its recommendations brought before the Board for consideration.

ITEM NO. 11

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON UPWARD MOVEMENT FOR NON-ACADEMIC STAFF.

BM 69.11.1

The Board considered and resolved that the issues involved need to be examined by the Establishment Committee. The recommendations of the Establishment Committee be brought before the Board of Management for its consideration.

ITEM NO. 12

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO SANCTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NON-ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE ON CONTINGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINALIZATION AND SUBMISSION OF PH.D. THESES.

BM 69.12.1

The Board considered and approved the financial assistance with the ceiling of Rs.5000/- for reimbursement for finalisation and submission of Ph.D. thesis by non-academic staff of the University.

ITEM NO. 13

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR GRANT OF NURSING ALLOWANCE TO NURSING PERSONNEL IN THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES.

BM 69.13.1

The Board considered the proposal and resolved that the matter be examined by the Establishment Committee. The recommendations of the Committee thereafter should be placed before the Board of Management for consideration.

ITEM NO. 14

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ALLOWING SOME OF THE GROUP 'A' OFFICERS TO HOLD THE FULL CHARGE OF DUTIES OF HIGHER POSTS IN ADDITION TO THEIR OWN DUTIES.

BM 69.14.1

The Board, while ratifying the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, resolved as follows:

- (i) The further extension of FR 49 Provisions be reviewed by the Establishment Committee;
- (ii) The vacant posts be advertised; and
- (iii) The benefit under FR 49 extended to Shri Arjun Chawla giving charge to the post of Chief Project Manager be withdrawn forthwith as the position of Chief Project Manager is of the same grade as that of a Pro Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO. 15

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS UNDER SUB-CLAUSES (iv) AND (v) OF STATUTE 11(1) ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

BM 69.15.1

The Board considered the matter and nominated the following members on the Finance Committee under Sub-Clauses (iv) and (v) of Statute 11(1) :

- (i) Shri J. Veeraraghavan,
Member, Board of Management.
- (ii) Shri V.K. Bhussry,
19, Ravinder Nagar, New Delhi.

ITEM NO. 16**TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS
ON THE STANDING COMMITTEES.****BM 69.16.1**

The Board considered the matter and nominated the following members on its Standing Committees:

Name of the Standing Committee	Name of the Member
Establishment Committee	(1) Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Member, Board of Management (2) Prof. S.C. Garg, Member, Board of Management
Student Service Committee	(1) Prof. N.R.M. Menon, Member, Board of Management (2) Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Member, Board of Management
Works Committee	<u>Clause (2):</u> (1) Shri J. Vecraraghavan, Member, Board of Management, (2) Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Member, Board of Management <u>Clause (3):</u> (1) Shri Santosh Auluck, Former Chief Architect, DDA, 199, Mount Kailash, New Delhi – 110 065. (2) Prof. V. V. Mandke, B-64, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi. (3) Sri D.K. Ghosh, Registrar, IIT, Powai, Mumbai –400 076. (4) Shri P.R. Swarup, Chairman, CIDC, Nehru Place, New Delhi.
Purchase Committee	(1) Shri L.N. Jhunhunwala, Member, Board of Management (2) Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Member, Board of Management

ITEM NO. 17

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

BM 69.17.1

The Board considered the matter and nominated the following members on the Distance Education Council of IGNOU under Clauses (3)(a)(v) and (vii) of Statute 28:

Clause 28(3)(a) (v)

- (1) Prof. H.C. Pandey
- (2) Prof. N.K. Ambasht

Clause 28(3)(a) (vii)

- (1) Dr. D. Hari Narayana, Director, School of Distance Education, Andhra University.
- (2) Prof. O.P. Saraswat, Director, International Institute of Distance Education, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

ITEM NO. 18

**TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS
ON THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE
(1)(iv), (vi) AND (ix) OF STATUTE 9.**

BM 69.18.1

The Board, on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor, nominated the following members on the Academic Council of IGNOU under Clause (1)(iv), (vi) and (ix) of Statute 9:

Clause (1) (iv) of Statute 9

- (1) Prof. Asha Kanwar, School of Humanities
- (2) Prof. Shobita Jain, School of Social Sciences
- (3) Prof. B.B. Khanna, School of Management Studies
- (4) Dr. S.B. Arora, Reader, School of Health Sciences
- (5) Dr. M.C. Sharma, Reader, School of Education
- (6) Dr. Shashi Bhushan Sharma, Reader, School of Computer and Information Sciences.
- (7) Dr. Lalita S. Kumar, Lecturer, School of Sciences
- (8) Ms. Rekha S. Sen, Lecturer, School of Continuing Education
- (9) Shri Ashish Aggarwal, Lecturer, School of Engineering and Technology

Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 9

1. Director, STRIDE
2. Director, Student Registration & Evaluation Division
3. Director, Planning and Development Division.

Clause (1)(ix) of Statute 9

1. Dr.(Mrs.) K. Soundravalli, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Chennai.
2. Ms. Zeba Khan, Producer (EMPC), IGNOU

ITEM NO. 19

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE PLANNING BOARD UNDER CLAUSE (1)(iv) OF STATUTE 10 *vice* DR. Y.V. REDDY.

BM 69.19.1

The Board considered the matter and nominated the following person as a member on the Planning Board of IGNOU under Clause (1)(iv) of Statute 10 *vice* Dr. Y.V. Reddy who did not accept the membership of the Planning Board:

Mr. Vinod Dhall, Secretary,
Ministry of Company Affairs.

ITEM NO. 20

TO REPORT ON THE 12TH CONVOCATION OF IGNOU HELD ON MARCH 3, 2001.

BM 69.20.1

The Board noted the Report on the 12th Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University held on March 03, 2001.

ITEM NO. 21

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE INQUIRY OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCIPLINARY CASE INITIATED AGAINST SHRI B. SELVARAJ, EX-REGISTRAR, PPD.

BM 69.21.1

The Board took into account the Inquiry Report and the representation of the Charged Officer on the Inquiry Report. The Board noted that the Inquiry Officer had found no substance in the seven of the eight charges and exonerated

him. While finding him guilty of one of the charges, the Inquiry Officer recommended a lenient view since payment made by him was at the prescribed rates. The Board also noted that the enquiry took almost 8 years and in the meanwhile the Charged Officer had retired from service. Taking all factors into account, the Board decided to impose the penalty of deducting 10% of the gratuity admissible to Shri B. Selvaraj.

ITEM NO. 22

TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF MS. ANJANA VERMA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION FOR LIFTING OF HER PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION.

BM 69.22.1

The Board considered the case of Ms. Anjana Verma, Deputy Director, Computer Division, IGNOU and lifted her probation with effect from 09-08-2001 and Ms. Anjana Verma has been confirmed with effect from 10-08-2001.

ITEM NO. 23

TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS.

BM 69.23.1

The Board considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the following teachers as Directors for a period of three years with effect from 1st July, 2001:

- (i) Prof. (Mrs.) Prabha Chawla - Director, School of Continuing Education
- (ii) Prof. Kapil Kumar - Director, School of Social Sciences

ITEM NO. 24

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPLYING THE REVISED RATES OF PER DIEM TO TEACHERS/ ACADEMICS/GROUP 'A' NON-ACADEMIC OFFICERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

BM 69.24.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in applying the revised rates of per diem to Teachers/ Academics/Group 'A' Non-academic Officers with effect

from 1-12-2000 for participation in International Conferences.

ITEM NO. 25

TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF PROF. AGARWAL COMMITTEE ON THE ISSUES RELATING TO JATs.

BM 69.25.1

The Board considered the Report of Prof. Agarwal Committee on the issues relating to Jr. Assistant-cum-Typists and resolved that the matter be examined by the Establishment Committee in the first instance and brought before the Board of Management for its consideration.

ITEM NO. 26

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN EXTENDING THE TERM OF CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENT OF SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS.

BM 69.26.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in extending the term of contractual appointment of following superannuated teachers for the period mentioned against each:

Name of Person	Period
(i) Prof. R.K. Bose Professor of Mathematics	- one year w.e.f. 1-10-2000
(ii) Prof. R.K. Grover	- one year w.e.f. 1-05-2001

ITEM NO. 27

TO REPORT THE ENGAGEMENT OF MS. PARAMITA SUKLABAIDYA, AS A CONSULTANT IN TOURISM STUDIES, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BEYOND TWO YEARS.

BM 69.27.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the engagement of Ms. Paramita Suklabaidya as a Consultant in Tourism Studies, School of Social Sciences, with effect from 28.06.2001 for six months with no further extension.

BM 69.27.2

The Board further resolved that a uniform policy on the matter of engagement of Consultants on contract and their extensions need to be formulated.

ITEM NO. 28

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 03-04-2001 IN RESPECT OF GROUP 'A' OFFICERS.

BM 69.28.1

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting held on 3rd April, 2001 in respect of the following Group 'A' Officers for placement in the senior scale:

Sl. No.	Name of the officers	Date of eligibility for placement in senior scale
1.	Sh. K.L. Juneja	06.11.2000
2.	Sh. S. Srinivasan	06.11.2000
3.	Sh. K. Ramesh	06.11.2000
4.	Sh. S.K. Sharma	06.11.2000
5.	Sh. O.P. Bangia	06.11.2000

ITEM NO. 29

TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE REFERRED BY MHRD REGARDING THE RECRUITMENT OF REGISTRAR.

BM 69.29.1

The Board considered the enclosed letter received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development and decided that the following Committee should thoroughly examine the relevant papers and files and give a report for the consideration to Board of Management:

- (i) Prof. N.K. Ambasht
- (ii) Prof. S.C. Garg, Convener

ITEM NO. 30

TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 28(3)(vi) AND (vii) CONCERNING THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO DEC.

BM 69.30.1

In view of the decision of University Grants Commission to transfer the responsibility of providing Development Grants to Open and Distant Learning Institutions to Distance Education Council with effect from the beginning of the Ninth Plan, the Board had taken a decision on the recommendations of the Distance Education Council to

process the eligibility of State Open Universities for receiving development funding to avoid duplication in going through an additional process for eligibility under provisions of 12B of UGC Act. The Board also considered the fact that in the corresponding Clause of nomination of Open University Vice-Chancellors on the Board of Management, there is no restriction of recognition under the provisions of 12B of University Grants Commission Act.

BM 69.30.2

In view of the above, the Board approved the amendment to Statute 28(3)(vi) and (vii) concerning the nomination of members to Distance Education Council. The statement giving details of existing provisions, proposed amendment and the Statute after amendment is given at **Appendix - 2**.

ITEM NO. 31

TO REPORT RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER A RESEARCH PROJECT OF PROF. H.P. DIKSHIT AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WHILE HE WAS AT MADHYA PRADESH BHOJ OPEN UNIVERSITY (MPBOU), BHOPAL.

BM 69.31.1

The Board was pleased to note that our Vice-Chancellor, Prof. H.P. Dikshit is able to continue contributions to the research in the areas like, computational mathematics and computer aided geometrical design in collaboration with Indian and some foreign distinguished scholars. The Board resolved to support this important activity being undertaken by the Vice-Chancellor. It was further resolved that the visit of scholars coming from within the country and abroad having collaboration in the research with Prof. Dikshit should be supported by Indira Gandhi National Open University to the extent of travel within the country and local hospitality for the period of their stay for collaboration in research.

ITEM NO. 32

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON AUGUST 03, 2001.

BM 69.32.1

This Item was considered along with Item No. 4 of the Meeting. (Please see Item No. 4)

ITEM NO. 33

TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE RELATING TO THE ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION AT THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR.

BM 69.33.1

The Board considered and resolved that no electricity charges for electricity consumption at the official residence of the Vice-Chancellor will be levied personally to the Vice-Chancellor in view of the grounds that the Vice-Chancellor's residence houses substantial portion as office & guest rooms, etc. and in consonance with the statutory provision that 'no charge shall fall on the Vice-Chancellor personally in respect of maintenance of such residences.' This would be effective from the day he assumed charges as Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU, i.e., 24th June, 2001.

ITEM NO. 34

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN SIGNING MOUS/AGREEMENTS.

BM 69.34.1

This Item was considered with Item No. 7 above.

ITEM NO. 35

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE EMPC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 03, 2001.

BM 69.35.1

The Board considered the item. Dr. R. Sreedher, who was invited to meeting, briefed the members on the recommendations made by the EMPC Management Committee. The Board approved the proposals made by the EMPC Management Committee held on August 03, 2001.

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

**(PROF. H.P. DIKSHIT)
VICE-CHANCELLOR**