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93rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 07, 2008 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK NO.-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI- 68

The following members were present:

1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro Vice-Chancellor - Member
3. Prof. C.L. Anand - Member
4. Dr. K. Viswanathan - Member
5. Dr. Devi Shetty - Member
6. Prof. (Mrs.) Surabhi Banerjee - Member
7. Dr. K.R. Srivathsan - Member
8. Prof. N.V. Narasimham - Member
9. Prof. Shatrughna Kumar - Member
10. Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy - Member

Shri K. Laxman, Registrar - Secretary

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary (S&HE), MHRD, Smt. Asha Swarup, Secretary, Ministry of I & B, Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Shri Rajendra Singh Pawar and Prof.(Dr.) Shafiq Parveen members could not attend the meeting. Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Deputy Educational Advisor, MHRD represented the Secretary (S&HE) Ministry of Human Resource Development.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 93rd Meeting of the Board of Management. The Chairman introduced Dr. K.R. Srivathsan, Prof. Shatrughna Kumar and Dr. Venugopal Reddy as the new members on the Board of Management of the University. On behalf of the Board of Management, the Chairman recorded his deep appreciation for the significant contribution made by Shri V.K. Arora and Ms. Poonam Bhushan whose term as members on the Board of Management of the University ended on 14-9-2007 and 6-10-2007 respectively.

Dr. Devi Shetty, Member, BOM, with the permission of the Chair, presented, as a Special Item, a proposal on the 'Opportunities in Medical Education in the country.

Special Item : I - Proposal on the ‘Opportunities in Medical Education in the Country.

(i) Healthcare Industry as an employment generator

- The Health Care Industry is the World’s second largest industry (4.5 trillion dollar).
- By the year 2020, the USA is expected to spend 20% of the GDP on health care, yearly.
- The Health Care Industry is the world’s 3rd largest employer.
- It is also largest employer for people from lower socio economic strata.
- It is largest employer for women from lower socio economic strata.
- Healthcare – vs – IT : The Health Care Services shall overtake I.T. as employment generator in the years to come.
- Healthcare – vs – Agriculture (2% of the jobs in US)

(ii) Global Trends in Supply and Demand

- Demand for allied medical staff (in particular the nurses) is soaring all over the world.
- Training capacity (supply) is not keeping up – even in USA, over 1,50,000 qualified applicants for Nursing Schools were turned down for lack of space in 2004.
- Demand in developed world (in particular USA) leads to increasing international recruitment largely from developing countries.
- Lack of sufficient number of qualified paramedical staff is one of the greatest threats in providing quality healthcare in both developed and developing world in the next decade.

(iii) Global Trends in Supply and Demand

As per the World Health Report, 2006 regarding countries with critical shortage of health service providers, i.e., Doctors, Nurses and Midwives, **India falls in the category of the countries with a critical shortage of health care workforce.**

(iv) WHO estimates that India needs to invest Two Billion Dollar (9000 Crores) in expanding training capacity in the next Five to Ten years to meet 2015 Health workforce targets.

(v) Indian Healthcare – current manpower

□ Doctor Population Ratio

- India - 1 : 1800
- Developed Countries - 1 : 40-60

□ Nurse Population Ratio

- India - 1 : 2198
- Developed Countries - 1 : 150-200

(vi) Unequal Distribution of Medical and Paramedical Training Institutions, among the various States in the country -

- Karnataka State has 31 Medical Colleges (including 4 Government and 2 under Deemed University) and 36 Dental Colleges.
- Karnataka has 905 Nursing Colleges and Schools (581 Schools 324 Colleges).
- West Bengal has 8 Medical Colleges and 2 Dental Colleges.
- West Bengal has 6 Nursing Colleges and 44 Schools.
- India has only 7 exclusive medical universities.

(vii) Medical Education

- India requires atleast 10 lakh medical seats.
- India currently has only 26509 medical seats (162 medical colleges, 143 pharmacy colleges).
- India currently has 10,000 PG seats.
- India currently has 2522 DNB seats
- India needs atleast 2000 training positions for cardiologists.
- US has 800 training position for cardiologists.
- India trains less than 100 cardiologists a year.
- India trains only 60 nephrologists a year.

(viii) Medical, Nursing and Paramedical Education – Obstacles

- Medical education is a state subject.
- Over 300 degree offering bodies of varied standards.
- Even progressive States do not have medical universities.

- For nearly half of specialities no structured training program exists anywhere in the country.
- (ix) The IGNOU's School of Medical Sciences shall enjoy Unique Position
- The University can start programmes in any State.
 - IGNOU's degree is recognized.
 - The IGNOU can act as the Central examining body
 - Opportunity to conduct programme abroad
 - WHO estimates a shortage of more than 4 million doctors, nurses, midwives and others.
 - As per the data of the WHO, India needs to add 80000 hospital beds each year for the next 5 years to meet the demands of its population.

The full text of the power point presentation by Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairman, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore and Member, Board of Management is placed as **Appendix-1**.

Prof. Surabhi Banerjee spoke about the proposal of the University for offering programmes under community medicine. She stated that once the IGNOU launches the need based programmes, the other open universities in the country shall also follow suit and offer programmes on community health. Similar programmes for skill upgradation of the medical and para-medical personnel at the State level can also be undertaken.

Dr. Devi Shetty referred to the possibility of offering medical programmes online and cited the examples of some US Universities, which offer online diplomas and certificates, etc. in tele-medicine.

The Chairman mentioned that Community Health Scheme was one of the important agenda of the UNESCO and the University would strive to offer online programmes on health care through the new Schools, namely, School of Medical Sciences and the School of Nursing. The Expert Committee shall also be requested to examine the feasibility and make appropriate recommendations on the subject.

The Board noted the data on healthcare presented by Dr. Shetty and the staggering gap in the demand for healthcare facilities, and its availability in the country. The Board thanked Dr. Shetty for the extensive research for compilation of the information on the health services in the country as a whole

and bringing out the deficiency in the services to the focus. The Chairman informed the Board that the Academic Council at its 41st meeting held on August 27, 2007 has taken a decision for establishing two new Schools, namely, the School of Medical Sciences and the School of Nursing by the University. The Chairman further informed that a national level meeting of medical experts was convened by the University on August 20, 2007 where the issues concerning health care services was discussed extensively. One of the steps discussed in the meeting in this regard was the creation of a separate School for Medical Sciences and School of Nursing in the University. The experts unanimously recommended the proposal and appreciated that the new initiatives of the University will be a quantum leap in fulfilling the national goals, envisaged under the National Rural Health Mission as well as the National Health Policy. The Chairman further mentioned that proposal also includes initiating creation of separate discipline of the Dental Sciences under the new initiative of School of Medical Sciences. He further apprised the Board that the Dental Council of India has endorsed the proposal. The Chairman hoped that once the new Schools of Medical Sciences and School of Nursing become functional, the details/data recommended by the Board on the Special Item will be utilized by the faculty/programme experts for development of the new programmes under the two Schools.

Special Item – II (Tabled Item): Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

The Chairman apprised the Board about the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme of the Government of India and how the Scheme could be utilized by the University for creation of ICT infrastructure at Regional Centres and Study Centres of the University. He referred specifically to the theme paper on the subject brought out by the Ministry of Finance. The Chairman explained the following salient points of the Scheme of Public-Private Partnership (PPP):

- (i) The Scheme provides that a Project under PPP could be undertaken between a statutory entity with a private sector company for delivery of a infrastructure service.
- (ii) The Project Cost shall be the total capital cost of the Project as per the estimates of the statutory entity, sanctioned by the Lead Finance Institutions and actually spent on the Project, but shall not include the cost of the land.
- (iii) The grant from the Government shall be one-time or on deferred pattern only to meet the viability gap, restricted to 20% of the total Project Cost.

- (iv) The Project shall be undertaken through a process of open competitive bidding and further subject to the statutory entity certifying that the bidding process conforms to the provisions of the Scheme.
- (v) The Lead Financial Institution shall be responsible for monitoring and periodic evaluation of Project implementation with agreed milestones.
- (vi) The grants from the Government shall be disbursed only after the private sector has subscribed and expended its share of equity contribution and shall be in proportion to the debt disbursements. This shall be further subject to the execution of a tripartite agreement by the constituents, namely, the Empowered Institution, the Lead Financial Institution and the Private Sector Company.

A copy of the theme paper on ‘Public-Private Partnership (PPP) is placed as **Appendix – 2.**

The matter was discussed in detail. The members felt that the Scheme of Public Private Partnership of the Government of India was most relevant now, and endorsed the steps proposed by the University in this direction.

Participating in the discussion, Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Deputy Educational Advisor, MHRD mentioned about the issue of credit transfers among the Universities in the conventional and ODL system. He stated that the IGNOU being a University with national jurisdiction should take a lead in recognizing the courses and certificates issued by the other universities and the rest of the universities will follow the initiative in due course. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor explained that a Scheme of convergence of the conventional system and ODL system has been launched on 19th November, 2007. The Scheme has the potential to herald a significant transformation in higher education sector of the country.

Special Item – III : Convocation 2008

Referring to the decision of the Academic Council at its 42nd Meeting held on 31-12-2007 regarding the next Convocation of the University, the Chairman informed the Board that the University proposes to hold the next Convocation of the University on 16th February, 2008. The University has invited the Hon’ble Vice-President of India, Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari, as Chief Guest and the Hon’ble Vice-President of India has kindly consented to the University’s

request. The University proposes to confer honorary degrees (*Honoris Causa*) D.Sc./D.Litt. to the following distinguished personalities in the country, at the Convocation:

- (i) Prof. C.N.R. Rao, FRS, a renowned Scientist, Padamshri and Padam Vibhushan (Linus Pauling Research Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore –560 064).
- (ii) Dr. Anil Kakodkar, well known Nuclear Scientist (Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Anushakti Bhavan, CSM Marg, Mumbai-400 001).
- (iii) Prof. M.S. Valiathan, Padma Vibhushan, Inventor, Vichitra Heart Valve, (National Research Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Madhav Nagar, Manipal-576 104).
- (iv) Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, renowned Santoor Vada, Padam Vibhushan (22, Rajiv Apartment, Zig Zag Road, Pali Hills, Bandra (W), Mumbai-400 050).
- (v) Prof. Abdur Rehman Rahi, Gyanpeeth Award Winner for Kashmiri Literature, Social Activist for reconciliation, (Vichar Nag, Nowshera Srinagar- 190 011).
- (vi) Prof. Indira Goswami, Gyanpeeth Award Winner for Literature (Assamese), (H.No.23, Gandhi Basti, North Saranya, Bylane 6, Umakanth Goswami Marg, Guwahati-781 003).

The Chairman informed that the proposal to confer honorary degrees at the 19th Convocation of the University was considered in the Academic Council at its 42nd meeting. It was also informed that the Convocation function will be webcast and telecast. There will be simultaneous Convocation function in all the Regional Centres. There will also be a Santoor recital by Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma after the Convocation. The Board endorsed the proposal of the University for conferring degrees, *Honoris Causa* to the above mentioned eminent persons in the country, and authorized that the proposal be submitted to the Ministry for confirmation of the Visitor in terms of the provisions under Statute 22 of the IGNOU Act.

The Chairman then requested the Secretary, Board of Management to present the items on the Agenda. The following items on the agenda were taken up seriatim:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 92ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON AUGUST 29, 2007 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON

BM 93.1.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of the 92nd Meeting of the Board of Management were circulated to the members. Comments were received from Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Member, Board of Management. Based on these comments the Minutes in Para 3, Page 2 (Preamble), Item No.10 (92.10.2) and Item No. 27 (92.27.3) were revised with the approval of the Chairman.

BM 93.1.2 The Board noted the modifications made in the Minutes of the 92nd Meeting based on the comments of Prof. Y.K. Alagh. The Board further noted the action taken on the various recommendations of the 92nd Meeting.

With regard to Resolution No. BM 92.13.1, Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the matter relating to the seniority of a Stenographer considered by the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) at its 10th Meeting held on 17-8-2007 and approved by the Board at its 92nd Meeting, has been further examined administratively and it was felt that the same needs a review. He informed that the GRC while considering the representation of Shri Sanjay Verma, Stenographer, had not taken into consideration the recommendations of the Review DPC of 2006, on the basis of which the final seniority list was issued, as per the GOI DOPT OM No. 22011/7/86-Estt(D) dated 3-7-1986. Further, the GRC also did not make any recommendations with regard to another Stenographer, Shri Pramod Kumar Singh, whose case was similar to the case of Shri Sanjay Verma. It is, therefore, proposed to refer the matter again to the Grievance Redressal Committee. The

Board agreed to the proposal and confirmed the Minutes of its 92nd Meeting held on 29th August, 2007.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF TWO MEMBERS ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (3)(A)(VII) OF STATUTE 28 OF THE IGNOU ACT

BM 93.2.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the proposal and nominated Prof. Mohammad Mian, Director (Distance Education), Jamia Millia Islamia, as a Member on the Distance Education Council under Clause (3)(a)(vii) of Statute 28 for a term of the two years. As regards the nomination against the vacancy in the constituency, the Board authorized the Chairman to nominate a Member on its behalf and report the nomination to the next Board.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF THREE MEMBERS ON THE WORKS COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD UNDER CLAUSE (3) AND REPORT THE NOMINATION MADE BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UNDER CLAUSE (2) FOR RATIFICATION

BM 93.3.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board ratified the nomination of Prof. Shatrughna Kumar, Member, BOM, made by the Vice-Chancellor on its behalf under Clause (2) of the composition of the Works Committee. The Board further nominated Prof. Manoj Dutta, IIT, Delhi as a member on the Works Committee under Clause (3) of the composition of the Works Committee.

BM 93.3.2 The Board further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make nomination of two members on the Works Committee under Clause (3) against the remaining vacancies and report the nominations to the next Board.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

BM 93.4.1 The item was taken up for considered. The Board nominated Dr. Venu Gopal Reddy, Regional Director, as a Member on the Student Support Services Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of Management under Clause (ii) of its composition.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF MEMBERS ON THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (1)(IV),(VI) AND (IX) OF STATUTE 9

BM 93.5.1 The Board considered the matter. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor explained that Shri M.P. Mishra, Lecturer, School of Computer & Information Sciences was nominated on the Academic Council by the Board of Management at its 92nd Meeting held on 29-08-2007. However, on re-examination it was found that Shri V.V. Subrahmanyam, Lecturer was next in the seniority and according to the principle of seniority among the teachers in the discipline, Shri V.V. Subrahmanyam should have been nominated on the Academic Council.

BM 93.5.2 The Board considered the matter and nominated Shri V.V. Subrahmanyam also on the Academic Council of the University under Clause (1)(iv) of Statute 9 of IGNOU Act, for a term of 2 years.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE 2 OF ORDINANCE 10 ON EMOLUMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF REGISTRARS IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 93.6.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that as per Clause 2 of Ordinance 10 on Emoluments, Terms

and Conditions of Service of Registrars in the University, 'every Registrar in the University shall be appointed for a term of 5 years provided that the Board of Management may renew the appointment for further terms of 5 years each'. It was further explained that under these provisions, the Board of Management at its 76th Meeting held on 3-7-2003 considered the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for the post of Registrars and approved the appointment of **Registrar, MPDD** for a term of 5 years. However, in the case of **other two Registrars**, i.e., the Registrar (Admn.) and the Registrar (SR&E), none of the candidates was recommended by the Selection Committee. The Board, therefore, decided that the two posts be re-advertised, spelling out clearly the job requirements in each case so as to attract suitable candidates for these posts. To give effect to the above decision of the Board, the draft advertisement for the two posts indicating the specific job requirements was placed before the Board at its 79th Meeting held on 30-4-2004. The Board approved the draft advertisements and also modified the term of the appointments to these posts, to be on deputation basis for initial period of one year, extendable upto 5 years, with two extensions each of two years, on the basis of the review of the work for the 1st and 3rd year. The Board further directed that the Clause 2 of Ordinance 10 may be also suitably amended.

It was further explained that as per the provisions under Statute 26, the Board has full powers to frame an Ordinance and also make amendments thereto. Further, under Clause 3 of Statute 26 of the IGNOU Act, the Ordinance so made by the Board shall come into effect immediately. Accordingly, the above decision of the Board concerning the Registrars, Administration and SR&E was implemented in the University and the proposal to amend Clause 2 of the Ordinance approved by the Board of Management was also submitted to the Ministry vide letter dated 1-6-2005, excluding the post of Registrar (MPDD), as such.

BM 93.6.2

The matter was discussed in detail. The Board noted the existing provisions under Clause 2 of the Ordinance 10 on the service conditions, etc. of the Registrars of the University, and the need for restoration of the parity in the term of appointment of Registrars, as per the original provisions under Ordinance. The Board, therefore, decided that the best practices obtaining in other Central Universities and Institutes regarding the service conditions of Registrars may be ascertained and a comprehensive proposal to deal with the terms and conditions for the post of Registrars including the tenure and specific job requirements be placed before the Board, and till such time, the original provisions under Clause 2 of Ordinance 10 and the procedure followed in other Central Universities for the appointment of Registrar may be adopted.

ITEM NO. 7**TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 41st MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2007****BM 93.7.1**

The Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Academic Council were taken up for consideration. Prof. Omprakash Mishra apprised the Board that the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Academic Council held on 27th August, 2007 could not be placed before the Board at its 92nd Meeting held on 29th August, 2007 as the Minutes could not be finalized. The Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Academic Council are, therefore, now placed before the present meeting of the Board of Management.

BM 93.7.2

The Board noted the various decisions of the Academic Council taken at its 41st Meeting held on 27-8-2007. **(Appendix - 3)** As regards the decision of the Academic Council, (vide Item No. 23 (Resolution No.AC 41.23.1 & 41.23.3) regarding creation of the new Schools of Medical Sciences and the School of Nursing , it was explained that a separate proposal for creation of two separate Schools, namely, the School of Medical Sciences and the School of Nursing is placed before the present meeting of the Board, (Item No.54 of the agenda).

ITEM NO. 8 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD TAKEN AT ITS 33rd MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

BM 93.8.1 The Board noted the decisions of the Planning Board taken at its 33rd Meeting held on September 17, 2007. (**Appendix-4**) With regard to the proposed composition of the University Review Committee vide Item No.7 (Resolution No. PB 33.7.3), Dr. D.K. Paliwal stated that the composition of the Committee should be first approved by the Board of Management. Further, the recommendations of the Committee should also be placed before the Board of Management for approval before implementation.

ITEM NO. 9 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 9th MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2007

BM 93.9.1 The Board noted the decisions of the Research Council taken at its 9th Meeting held on August 21,2007. A copy of the decisions is placed as **Appendix – 5**.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR RECRUITMENT/CAS TO VARIOUS TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSTS

BM 93.10.1 The item was taken up for consideration alongwith Item Nos. 11 of the Agenda items. The recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings/Departmental Promotion Committees were placed before the Board. The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees/Departmental Promotion Committees for various teaching/academic and non-academic (Group ‘A’) posts as per details given below:

1. Teaching Positions

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Names Recommended
25-9-2007	Placement in Selection Grade under the CAS of Lecturer in Life Sciences	Ms. Bano Saidullah
25-9-2007	Promotion to the post of Professor of Physics under CAS	Dr. S.R. Jha
14-11-2007	Promotion to the post of Professor of Management under the CAS	Dr. Anurag Saxena
6-12-2007	Appointment to the post of Lecturer in Commerce	1. Dr. Nishi Sharma (Pay Protection Recommended) 2. Dr. Anupriya Pandey 3. Dr. Sakshi Vasudeva
20-12-2007	Placement of Lecturer in Management in Senior Scale of Rs.10000-15200	1. Dr. Kamal Vagrecha - (With the observation that he needs to pay serious attention to research work) 2. Dr. Nayantara Padhi - (With the observation that she needs to pay serious attention to the quality of developing course material)
20-12-2007	Placement of Dr. R.Vashum, Lecturer in Sociology in the Senior Scale of Rs.10000-15200	Dr. R.Vashum's presence was required for a discussion and clarifications, with the Committee. As he is not available, the Committee recommended that the meeting be re-scheduled to when he would

		be available for the discussion.
24-12-2007	Promotion to the post of Professor of Political Science under the CAS	Dr. Anurag Joshi (Recommended from the BOM's approval date)

2. Non-academic Group 'A' posts.

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Names Recommended
29-11-2007	Regularization to the post of Joint Registrar	Shri Cherian Thomas, Joint Registrar
	Promotion to the post of Joint Registrar	1. Shri K.K. Sharma 2. Ms. Manjula Verma 3. Shri D. Deb
	Promotion to the post of Executive Engineer	Shri U.P. Sharma
	Promotion to the post of Software Engineer	Shri S.Thiruvengadathan
31-12-2007	Regularization to the post of Assistant Registrars	1. Shri D. Moulik 2. Shri Mohan Veer Gautam
	Promotion to the post of Assistant Registrar (on Regular basis)	1. Shri K.D. Sharma, SO 2. Shri G.R. Choudhary, SO 3. Shri Jagdish Singh, SO 4. Shri G.S. Bhandari, SO 5. Ms. Geeta Sharda, SO 6. Ms. Santosh Gogia, SPA 7. Shri D.J. Bhikabhai, SO
	Promotion to the post of Assistant Registrar (on Temporary basis)	Shri Manjeet Malhotra, SPA

	Placement of Group 'A' officers who have completed 8 years of service in the pay scale of Rs.8000-13500 in the Senior Scale of Rs.10,000-15200	1. Ms. Azra Arshad, Assistant Engineer 2. Ms. Neena Jain, Assistant Engineer
	Placement of Group 'B' officers who have completed 8/16 years of service in the Scale of Rs.6500-10500, in the next scale of Rs.8000-13500 under the Upward Movement Scheme	<u>Section Officers</u> 1. Shri C.P Ahuja <u>Senior Personal Assistants</u> 1. Ms. Inderveer Maini 2. Ms. Nishi Saxena 3. Ms. S. Mittimani 4. Ms. Parvesh Jain 5. Ms. Sadhana Malhotra

BM 93.10.2 It was further resolved that promotions in all the above cases shall take effect from the date on which they join the respective positions at their place of posting.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NON-ACADEMIC GROUP 'A' POSTS

BM 93.11.1 The item was considered alongwith Item No. 10 of the Agenda.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND TO NOMINATE A MEMBER THEREON

BM 93.12.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the Board of Management at its 77th Meeting held on 6-10-2003 constituted a Grievance Redressal Committee

(GRC) as a Standing Committee of the Board of Management. The decision of the Board of Management provided that the GRC will also cover the provisions of Section 10(3) and Section 31 of the IGNOU Act and also the provisions under Clause (1) of Statute 7.

On expiry of the term of two years on 26-11-2005, the GRC was reconstituted by the Board at its 85th Meeting for a fresh term of two years till 23-12-2007.

BM 93.12.2 The matter was discussed in detail. Dr. D.K. Paliwal stated that the provisions of Section 10(3) and Section 31 (Tribunal of Arbitration) of the IGNOU Act and Clause (1) of Statute 7 have wrongly been linked to cover the jurisdiction of the Grievance Redressal Committee of the University. Dr. Paliwal emphasized that the Committee has been constituted by the Board of Management as its Standing Committee to act on its behalf, and it can not act as the Tribunal of Arbitration, as it would amount to the appointing authority also acting as the adjudicating authority. This was not tenable under the law. Dr. Paliwal suggested that the Grievance Redressal Committee of the Board of Management should be constituted under provisions of Statute 16 of the IGNOU Act, which deals with the appointment of Standing Committees or Special Committees, by an authority of the University.

BM 93.12.3 The matter was discussed in detail. The Board decided that the Grievance Redressal Committee may be reconstituted under provisions of Statute 16 of the IGNOU Act as a Standing Committee of the Board of Management. The Board further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute the Standing Committee and also nominate members thereon and report the matter to the next Board.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE DISCONTINUATION OF COLLABORATION WITH THE NON-FUNCTIONAL PARTNER INSTITUTIONS (PIS)

BM 93.13.1 The Board noted the action taken by the University in regard

to discontinuation of collaboration with the following non-functional Partner Institutions (PIS):

1. Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi (PI Code: 7101) (offered IGNOU's programmes to the students of Seychelles).
2. University of Distance Education (UDE), Myanmar (PI Code: 9101)
3. Hanoi Open University, Hanoi, Vietnam (PI Code:9201)
4. University of Management, Windhoek, Namibia (PI Code: 8702)
5. International Academy, Pokhara, Nepal (PI Code: 9601)
6. International Education Programmes College, Jakarta, Indonesia (PI Code: 9302)
7. Mascareigns Academy of Law, Economics and Management (MALEM), Mauritius (PI Code: 7202)
8. International Computer Advice, Chatta Chowk, Dharan-4, Nepal.
9. Nepal Information Technology (NIT), Kathmandu.

ITEM NO. 14 TO REPORT ON MOUS/MOCS/AGREEMENTS SIGNED/ENTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREUPON

BM 93.14.1 The Board considered and approved the 27 MOUs/MOCs/Agreements signed/to be signed by the University as per details in the **Appendix - 6**.

BM 93.14.2 The Chairman apprised the Board that the University has entered into about 300 MOUs, etc. so far. It was felt that some of the MOUs, etc. may not be functional now or might have out lived their validity period. With a view to ascertaining the status, he has circulated a note among the Heads of the Divisions/Schools/Centres in the University for a report on the action taken/the present status of these MOUs, etc. The matter will be examined on receipt of the status report and the same will be placed before the Board for consideration at its next meeting.

BM 93.14.3 The Board noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with the MOUs, etc. entered by the University in the past. At this point Dr. Paliwal mentioned that as per the present practice followed by the University, the MOUs, etc. are first signed by the University and then reported to the Board. He emphasized that the procedure followed by the University may not be in order. Responding to the above observations, it was explained that the University follows a very clear-cut procedure for entering into MOUs/MOCs/Agreements and other collaborations for the last 22 years. Nevertheless, it was resolved to evolve an updated and comprehensive guideline and procedure for entering into the MOUs, etc. by the University in future. The Board, therefore, decided that a comprehensive procedure and guidelines be framed by the University for entering into MOUs/MOCs/Agreements, which will be placed before the Board of Management for its approval.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 50th MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2007

BM 93.15.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Establishment made at its 50th Meeting held on November 13, 2007. A copy of the recommendations is placed as **Appendix - 7**.

BM 93.15.2 With regard to Item No. 2 (Resolution No. EC 50.2.3) of the Minutes, Dr. Paliwal stated that in the matter of counting of past service, elaborate provisions exists under the respective Statutes/Ordinances of the University. In the present case there is a proposal to condone the period of break in service, which are nowhere provided in the Statutes/Ordinances. Prof. N.V. Narsimham clarified that it was not a case of condonation of break in service. Dr. B.I. Fozdar was working as a Lecturer in a Government College before joining the services in the University without a break. The proposal was to count the period of service rendered by Dr. B.I. Fozdar in similar capacity for the purpose of combined

pensionary benefits in the University, which was as per the extant Rules. The Board specifically approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee regarding the case of Dr. B.I. Fozdar vide Resolution No. EC 50.2.3 (a) & (b).

BM 93.15.3 As regards the proposal for amendments under the Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers in the University, namely, Clause V(5) and Clause V(8) and incorporation of new Clauses V(6)(a) and further renumbering of Clause V(6) as Clause V(6)(b), the Board decided to defer the matter pending finalization of the UGC Report on the revision of Pay Scales for the teachers. However, the Board approved the amendment to Clause V(8), as follows:

“V(8) A teacher who has not been recommended by the Screening/Selection Committee for placement in the Senior Scale/Selection Grade/Promotion to the post of Reader or Professor can offer himself/herself for review after the expiry of one year from the date of initial interview. The new date of eligibility will be one year from the date of last interview in which the candidate was not recommended for placement/promotion.”

BM 93.15.4 The Board further directed that the amendments to Clause V(8) be submitted to the MHRD for approval of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 47th MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2007

BM 93.16.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Purchase Committee made at its 47th Meeting held on November 21, 2007. A copy of the recommendations is placed as **Appendix - 8**.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 57TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 17TH 2007

BM 93.17.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 57th Meeting held on December 17, 2007, placed as **Appendix - 9**. The Board specifically approved the Revised Estimates for the year 2007-2008, and Budget Estimates for the year 2008-2009 of the University, and authorized that these proposals be submitted to the MHRD for consideration and approval.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF DR. B.I. FOZDAR, READER IN CHEMISTRY, SCHOOL OF SCIENCES FOR COUNTING THE PERIOD OF SERVICE RENDERED BY HIM AS LECTURER IN HIS PARENT INSTITUTION AS QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTION UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 93.18.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for counting of the period of service from 11-8-1988 to 31-12-1990 rendered by Dr. B.I. Fozdar when he worked as an Academic Associate in the University, for the purpose of CAS and to reckon the period for his placement in the senior scale with effect from 3-6-1994 and promotion to the post of Reader in Chemistry from 27-7-1998, counting his service as Lecturer rendered in Government PG College, Dungarpur from 14-01-1987 to 10-08-1988 on a notional basis i.e., without financial benefits, to the effect that Dr. Fozdar shall become eligible to apply for promotion to the post of Professor on completion of 8 years of service reckoned from the date of his deemed promotion to the post of Reader from 27-7-2006.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF DR. SMITA CHATURVEDI, READER IN HINDI FOR PLACEMENT IN LECTURER (SELECTION GRADE) WITH EFFECT FROM 2-1-2001

BM 93.19.1 The Board approved the proposal for placement of Dr. Smita Chaturvedi, Reader in Hindi, following the provisions under the Ordinance on the subject.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE SENIORITY OF COMPUTER PERSONNEL IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 93.20.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Omprakash Mishra explained the genesis of the issue relating to the seniority of computer personnel appointed in the University from time to time. He further explained that a number of Committees were set up by the University in the past. However, the issue could not be resolved as fresh demands and representations continued to be made by the computer personnel. A Committee was again constituted in June, 2006 under the Chairmanship of Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination, to examine the issues in totality, particularly, the following issues:

- (i) the matter of seniority of Graduate and Non-Graduate Computer Operators Grade-I and II (now Data Entry Operator), on the basis of their positions in the selection panel.
- (ii) to determine the seniority of the JATs who were promoted as Data Entry Operators and appropriate placement in the seniority list of Computer personnel.
- (iii) the issues and the implications arising on the implementation of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance OM dated 11-09-1989, relating to the computer personnel.

BM 93.20.2 Prof. Mishra further gave a brief account of the observations of the Committee and its recommendations. (**Appendix - 10**)

Prof. Mishra explained that the Computer Operators Gd II (DEO Gd-C) have been demanding seniority and grant of scale of DEO Gd-D from their date of appointment, instead of from 15-7-1999. Dr. Paliwal opined that the University should ensure that there are no further representations in the matter from the concerned staff.

BM 93.20.3 The Board considered the matter and approved the recommendations of the Committee relating to the issue of seniority of computer personnel. As regards the demand for grant of the scale from the date of their appointment in the cadre, it was resolved that the issue may be examined by the Finance Committee and its recommendations be placed before the Board of Management for a decision.

ITEM NO. 21 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN PERMITTING DR. S. GANESAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, IGNOU SRC, JABALPUR TO JOIN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION IN PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY ON STANDARD TERMS OF DEPUTATION

BM 93.21.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting Dr. S. Ganesan, Deputy Director, IGNOU SRC, Jabalpur to join the post of Deputy Director, Directorate of Distance Education in Pondicherry University on standard deputation terms for a period of three years with effect from 17-8-2005.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE LIFTING OF PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION OF AN ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 93.22.1 The Board approved the proposal for lifting of probation and

confirmation of Dr. Masood Parveez, Regional Director with effect from 27-12-2007 and 28-12-2007 respectively.

ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 26th MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2007

BM 93.23.1 The Board approved the recommendations of the Student Support Services Committee made at its 26th meeting held on October 15, 2007. (**Appendix – 11**)

BM 93.23.2 The Board specifically approved the upgradation of the following Sub-Regional Centres into full-fledged Regional Centres of the University:

(i) Aligarh (ii) Rajkot (iii) Siliguri (iv) Madurai
(v) Varanasi

**ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION, DEO GD – C AND SEMI PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT VIDE ADVERTISE-
MENT NO.37/RECTT/06**

BM 93.24.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board after detailed discussion extended the validity of the Advertisement No.37/Recruitment/2006 for a further period of six months with effect from 10-10-2007.

ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF DR. S.S. JENA, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE

BM 93.25.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for grant of Extra Ordinary Leave for a period of three years to Dr. S.S. Jena, Regional Director, to enable him to join the post of Dean of Distance Learning, NMIMS University.

ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A CELL AT RSD TO MONITOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES AT ECONOMICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD BLOCKS IDENTIFIED BY THE SACHAR COMMITTEE AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION

BM 93.26.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered and approved the proposal for establishment of a Cell at Regional Services Division to monitor establishment of Learner Support Centres in the economically and educationally backward blocks identified by the Sachar Committee and the Planning Commission.

BM 93.26.2 The Board further approved the following proposals in this regard:

1. Core Academic and Non-Academic positions for the Cell:
 - (i) Nodal Officer (in the rank of a Deputy Director)
 - (ii) One Junior Consultant
 - (iii) One Assistant
 - (iv) One Data Entry Operator, and
 - (v) One Attendant
2. Creation of a corpus of fund at the University for establishment and functioning of learner support centres and for providing freeships, scholarships and such other support to the needy learners at the economically and educationally backward blocks, for which suitable norms shall be evolved.
3. Constitution of a Committee on establishment of learner support centres at Economically and Educationally Backward Blocks identified by the Sachar Committee and the Planning Commission, which will function as a Task Force.

ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR COMPOSITE RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE FACILITY TO THE OFFICERS EXEMPTED FROM THE CEILING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CHARGES

BM 93.27.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for extension of a composite residence telephone facility to the entitled officers in the University. However, the Board noted that there was some ceiling in the matter of reimbursement of rent and official calls for one landline connection in the Government of India. The Board, therefore, directed that the rates in this regard may be ascertained from the MHRD, GOI and implemented. The Board agreed to a suggestion, that the composite residential telephone facility may also be extended to incumbent of the post of Director, Academic Coordination.

ITEM NO. 28 TO REPORT THE NOMINATION BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE (1)(VI)(B) OF STATUTE 6A OF THE IGNOU ACT

BM 93.28.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the nomination of Prof. (Dr.) Shafiq Parveen on the Board of Management of the University under Clause (1)(vi)(b) of Statute 6A of the IGNOU Act, made by the Vice-Chancellor, as authorized by the Board.

BM 93.28.2 The Chairman informed the Board that recently the University Grants Commission has circulated guidelines to the effect that all the Statutory Authorities of the Universities should have a representative from the SC/ST community as a Member. The present composition of the Board of Management of the University as per Statute 6A of IGNOU Act, however, does not provide for such a position on the Board. It is, therefore, necessary to make provision in the Act for a representative of the SC/ST community as an additional Member of the Board of Management.

BM 93.28.3 The Board appreciated the proposal for inclusion of a representative of the SC/ST community as an additional Member on the Board of Management of the University. It was, however, felt that suitable provision will have to be made in the IGNOU Act to include a Section for representation of a Member from SC/ST Community on the University's Board of Management. The Board, therefore, decided to recommend that the matter may be taken up with the MHRD for making such a provision in the IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 29 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE PROPOSAL FOR BIFURCATION OF STUDENT REGISTRATION & EVALUATION DIVISION

BM 93.29.1 The Board approved the proposal for bifurcation of Student Registration & Evaluation Division. The Board authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee to work out the modalities, the details of the staff positions, their task profiles and infrastructural requirements.

ITEM NO. 30 TO COUNT THE PERIOD OF PAST SERVICES RENDERED BY DR. K.K. GAUTAM, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR (RS.16400-22400), IGNOU RC, JAIPUR FOR PENSIONARY BENEFITS IN IGNOU

BM 93.30.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the conditions stipulated under Clause 6(ii) of Statute 23 for counting of the past service in the University have been fulfilled in the case of Dr. K.K. Gautam, former Regional Director. It was further explained that the pro-rata retirement dues in the case, on account of retirement gratuity, EPF and UPF Contributions have been remitted to the University by the previous employer, namely, Vardhman Mahaveer Open University (YMOU), Kota. The Board approved the proposal for counting of the past services rendered by Dr. K.K. Gautam, former Regional Director

with the Vardhman Mahaveer Open University in IGNOU for the purpose of pensionary benefits.

ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER AN OPERATIONAL SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED MOBILE STUDY CENTRE FOR DINDORI AREA

BM 93.31.1 The Board considered the proposal. It was explained that the University has established Study Centres through out the country. However, there are certain parts of the country where regular Study Centres of the University could not be operationalised owing to shortage of appropriate human resources and infrastructure. In such a situation, particularly, with a view to cater to the socially disadvantaged and underdeveloped regions, it is proposed to implement a Scheme of Mobile Study Centres of the University. To start with, it has been proposed to set up a Mobile Study Centre at Dindori, which is a tribal belt in the State of Madhya Pradesh under the Regional Centre, Jabalpur on a pilot basis.

BM 93.31.2 The Board considered and approved the proposal as per the **Appendix – 12**, and further resolved to approve this Scheme of Mobile Study Centres to other regions where regular Study Centres cannot be operationalised for logistic reasons.

ITEM NO. 32 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO REVISIT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SHARING IGNOU COURSE MATERIALS WITH SOUS AND CCIS

BM 93.32.1 The Board approved the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to review the terms and conditions for sharing of IGNOU Course Materials with the State Open Universities and Correspondence Course Institutes as per the detailed guidelines contained in the **Appendix- 13**.

ITEM NO. 33 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE PROPOSAL FOR COLLABORATION WITH CONFEDERATION OF NGOS OF RURAL INDIA (CNRI)

BM 93.33.1 The Board considered and approved the proposal for collaboration with Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI) as per the details in the **Appendix - 14**.

ITEM NO. 34 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE FOR CREATION OF A SEPARATE CADRE FOR FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

BM 93.34.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board appreciated that there is a need for persons with professional skills to man the various processes of the Finance & Accounts Division as well as other Units of the University and approved the proposal for creation of a separate cadre for the Finance & Accounts Division, in principle. The Board further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to examine the related issues and work out proper modalities for creation of the separate cadre for the Division.

ITEM NO. 35 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE PROPOSAL FOR BIFURCATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE (EMPC) OF THE UNIVERSITY INTO TWO DIVISIONS

BM 93.35.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board was apprised of the functions of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) and the need for its bifurcation into two separate Units for better monitoring of activities. The Board also noted the recommendations of the 15th Meeting of the EMPC Advisory Committee in this regard and approved the proposal. (**Appendix - 15**) The Board further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute Committees to work out the

details of the staffing pattern of the two Divisions keeping also in view their area of functioning, the future needs of the University and also the aspirations of the present and future staff members.

ITEM NO. 36 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF IGNOU HOUSE ALLOTMENT RULES TO PROVIDE FOR RETENTION OF UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION ON TRANSFER TO NORTH-EASTERN REGION

BM 93.36.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for amendment of IGNOU House Allotment Rules as per details in the **Appendix - 16**.

ITEM NO. 37 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR COLLABORATION WITH INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ASTROPHYSICS, BANGALORE

BM 93.37.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for collaboration with Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore as per details in the **Appendix -17**.

ITEM NO. 38 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS AT DELHI PURSUING RESEARCH IN IGNOU

BM 93.38.1 The Board approved the proposal for providing residential facility at Delhi for the Research Students pursuing Research Programmes, in the University.

ITEM NO. 39 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT FACILITY FOR THE STAFF WHO COULD NOT BE PROVIDED RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION IN THE CAMPUS

BM 93.39.1 The Board approved the proposal for provision of transport facility to the staff in the University including those residing at the Asian Games Village **on the lines it was provided by the University earlier**, subject to the condition that the beneficiary staff shall also forego the Transport Allowance as per admissible rates.

ITEM NO. 40 TO CONSIDER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY OF ZERO GARBAGE IN IGNOU

BM 93.40.1 The Board approved the proposal to implement the Zero Garbage Policy in the University.

ITEM NO. 41 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF UNIVERSITY WEBSITE, UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY LITERATURE

BM 93.41.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the University has a Website, which broadly provides information related to students, the Regional and Study Centres, the Authorities of the University and the calendars relating to the admissions and examinations as also information on programmes on offer and the fee structure, etc. However, it is felt that there is scope for upgradation of the Website both in terms of content and quality of the information presently posted on the Website. The University has also been receiving feedback and representation from the student community for its upgradation and as a result several options have been considered. It has been decided to modernize and improve the content and quality of the University Website, including the University Publications

and Publicity Literature brought out by the University. In this regard, a proposal of Indo-Asian News Services (IANS) has been considered by the University and it is proposed to entrust the work to the agency.

BM 93.41.2 The Board considered the proposal. The Board appreciated the need for content and quality upgradation of the University Website, which was being used by the distant learners across the country as also internationally, and approved the proposal.

ITEM NO. 42 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP A CITY CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY TO POPULARIZE THE PROGRAMMES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 93.42.1 The Board approved the proposal for setting up of a City Centre (City Liaison Office) of the University to popularize the activities and programmes of the University. The Board desired that the City Centre should be centrally located to ensure accessibility to the students.

ITEM NO. 43 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN RESPECT OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF LAND OF REGIONAL CENTRE, AHMEDABAD TO JANASAHAYAK TRUST

BM 93.43.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the University in providing a portion of land of the Regional Centre, Ahmedabad to the Janasahayak Trust at Ahmedabad.

ITEM NO. 44 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DAE)-IGNOU COLLABORATION FOR “TOTAL PROFICIENCY IN SATELLITE- AND ICT-ENABLED EDUCATION FOR ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY (AEES) TEACHERS” – A SPONSORED PROJECT FROM THE AEC’S AEES

BM 93.44.1

The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES) was established in 1969 under the leadership of stalwarts such as Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, then Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Dr. H.N. Sethna, then Director, BARC. The Society has a network of 30 Schools spread over 15 centres across the country. The society has 1600 teachers and a student strength of about 28000. With a view to keep pace with paradigm shift in school education and the national aspirations to have a pool of well-trained school teachers, the AEES has embarked on an ambitious programme called “Application of Science and Technology in Educational Reform (ASTER)”. The programme was launched on December 11, 2007 by the former President of India Prof. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam during the National Science Conference of the society in the presence of Shri Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU. As part of the various activities planned to be undertaken by the society under their programme Application of Science & Technology in Educational Reform (ASTER), the society has approached IGNOU to conduct a programme on “Total Proficiency in Satellite – and ICT-enabled Education for AEES Teachers”. The Chairman explained that the IGNOU has the inbuilt capabilities for development of training modules and these training modules will be designed and developed by the IGNOU faculty and academics. The training will be delivered through the Regional Centres and the Study Centres of IGNOU equipped with necessary computers and library facilities. The training shall be of one-week duration over a period of one year made of face-to-face one week training and supply of study materials and will be

run on sponsored project mode as per the project guidelines of the AEES. It is proposed that the Regional Centres shall coordinate the training programme following the guidelines of the “Short-term capsule courses programmes for Regional Centres” approved by the Academic Council. The Chairman further explained that no financial liability shall pass on IGNOU and the entire expenditure including the overhead charges incurred by the University will be borne by AEES. The total expenditure is likely to be of the order of Rs.1,77,00,000 as per details, below:

Three programmes per month from January to April (3X4) (12 X 40 = 480 teachers)	12 programmes
Four programmes per month from May to July (4X4) (16 X 40 = 640 teachers)	16 programmes
Three programmes per month from Sept. to Dec. (3X4) (12 X 40 = 480 teachers)	12 programmes
1600 teachers	40 programmes

S. No.	Item of Expenditure	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	40 programmes X 4.35 lakh	1,74,00,000/-
2.	Review meeting of experts	3,00,000/-
	Total	1,77,00,000/-

BM 93.44.2 The Board appreciated the proposal. The Board further noted that the entire expenditure including overhead charges to IGNOU for administering the project shall be borne by the sponsoring agency, i.e., Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES) and approved the proposal.

ITEM NO. 45 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP A (I) NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (NIVET) (II) NORTH EAST CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NECRD) AND (III) INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHERS THROUGH ODL (IPCAT) TO STRENGTHEN IGNOU'S OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

BM 93.45.1

The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the objectives of the University as defined in the **First Schedule of IGNOU Act** *inter alia* include provision of access to higher education for large segments of population and in particular the disadvantaged groups such as those living in remote and rural areas and also to work for promotion of national integration and the integrated development of the human personality through its policies and programmes. The North-East Unit in the University was created with the object to work for fulfillment of the above objects of the University with the educational and training initiatives in the North-East Region as its thrust areas. The University has offered several need based and vocational programmes to cater to the local needs of the North-East Region, which were so far disadvantaged due to the geographical reasons. However, the vocational education programmes need a holistic planning, need assessment, research and surveys as its prerequisites for launching the programme. Prof. Mishra informed that the 8th summit meeting of the North-East Council held at New Delhi on 20th-21st August, 2007 emphasized the need to further strengthen the ODL system in the North-East Region and to achieve this, the Council suggested enhancing of the organizational capacity of IGNOU in the region, including strengthening of the University network in the region. The North East Council maintained that IGNOU as the premier national level institution has the responsibility as well as the capabilities to make a tangible impact in skill upgradation of the region. It was further emphasized that the North-East States have a high percentage of untrained teachers which can be reversed

through a massive teacher training programme under distance mode by the University. In view of the above, the Educational Development of North-East Region (EDNER) Unit of the University has proposed to set up following dedicated units:

- (i) Establishing a National Institute for Vocational Education and Training (NIVET) for NE Region covering all the NE States.
- (ii) Establishing a North-East Centre for Research and Development (NECRD) in Guwahati.
- (iii) Establishing an Institute for Professional Competency Advancement of Teachers through ODL (IPCAT) in NE Region.

The detailed proposal is as per **Appendix - 18**.

BM 93.45.2

Further, to monitor the various activities planned to be undertaken, the Unit has proposed following academic positions:

Sl. No	Designation	Number of Position(s)	Scale of Pay/Remuneration	Qualifications
1	Officer on Special Duty (OSD) on deputation/transfer.	03 (each one position for Vocational Training, Teacher Education and Indigenous Knowledge and Technology.	Rs.16,400-22,400	A Doctorate degree, holding an academic position in University or national level institution in the scale of Rs. 16,400 – 20,900; Understanding and knowledge of the educational and developmental problems and issues of the North East
2	Deputy Director	02 (for NECRD)	Rs.12,000-18,300	A Doctorate degree, holding academic position in University or national level institution in the scale of 12,000 – 18,300; Understanding and knowledge of the societal and developmental problems and issues of the North East.

BM 93.45.3 The Board appreciated and approved the proposal for creation of 3 dedicated units for educational development of the North-East Region in a focused manner. The Board specifically approved the 03 positions of the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) and two positions of Deputy Director with the provision that the Officers on Special Duty (03) shall be recruited on deputation/transfer and the Deputy Directors (02) should be directly recruited by the University following the laid down procedures. As regards the positions such as Research Assistants, Administrative and Support Staff, the Board agreed that the same may be filled in through local recruitment on contractual basis. The Board resolved that the detailed administrative set up for the 03 initiatives should be organized following the Recruitment Rules of the University. Considering the importance and relevance of vocational education and training and professional competency advancement of teachers at all levels through ODL, it was also resolved to establish institutes of these two kinds in other four (North, South, East and West) geographical regions of the country also.

BM 93.45.4 The Board also considered and approved that the entire expenditure on the above initiatives of the University may be met from the Plan allocations of the University. The Private-Public-Participation mode for creating infrastructure may also be resorted following the adopted Government of India Rules in this regard.

ITEM NO. 46 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A CALL CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 93.46.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor explained that the Indira

Gandhi National Open University has a national jurisdiction. The University has, therefore, been offering programmes throughout the country with the help of Regional Centres, Study Centres of the University set up across the country. The University also offers its programmes overseas through partner institutes in 13 countries. With a view to retain the competitive edge and also in keeping with the growing competition among the various educational establishments in the country including the advent of foreign educational institutions, it has become necessary to establish closer links with our students. To cater to the needs of the distant learners, the University has been considering several options. It has now been decided to establish a Call Centre of the University to provide another window of communication with our students as well as the public in general. The Call Centre of the University once set up shall entertain queries from the students and the public through telephones/Toll Free numbers and will be equipped to respond and clarify the queries. The systems provided to the Call Centres shall have access to the data base of the University wherein the calls shall initially land up at the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) followed by manual interactions and the unresolved queries will be forwarded to the relevant Schools/Divisions/Centres of the University for further response and action.

BM 93.46.2 The Board appreciated the initiative of the University to set up a Call Centre dedicated to the service of students and public generally. The Board approved the proposal for implementation following the necessary administrative and financial provisions.

ITEM NO. 47 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION OF RAJIV GANDHI PROJECT FOR EDUSAT SUPPORTED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (RGPEEE) NETWORK

BM 93.47.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary, explained that the Rajiv Gandhi Project for

EduSat Supported Elementary Education (RGPEEE) Network was inaugurated on 17-12-2005 as a joint venture of IGNOU-ISRO-MHRD and the State Governments. The transmission is available on Ku Band supported National Beam, which can be viewed in any part of the country. The hub and the studios are located at the Prantiya Shiksha Mahavidyalaya, Jabalpur. The transmission on the hub was started from 19-12-2005 and since then the programmes are transmitted for four hours duration on regular basis. The apex core group of the Rajiv Gandhi Project which monitors the activities of the Project at its 3rd Meeting on 5-12-2007, *inter alia* decided to provide 500 additional Receive Only Terminals (ROTs) in each Hindi Speaking States, each year in its existing network. At present the RGPEEE network is spread over 7 Hindi Speaking States, namely, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. The Ministry has asked RGPEEE to explore the possibility of enhancement of educational infrastructure in respect of distance education also in Himachal Pradesh. The Secretary explained the distribution of the ROTs in different States, the equipments and facilities, as well as the estimates of requirement of funds for the envisaged expansions. He explained that the total fund requirement would be Rs.187.22 Crores (approx.).

BM 93.47.2

The item was discussed in detail. The Board noted the RGPEEE network in the various States including the infrastructure facilities. The Board also noted the requirement of the fund of Rs.187.22 Crore for further expansion of the project. It was particularly emphasized that for proper implementation of the project, monitoring of the various activities was very essential particularly, in view of the reports of thefts of ROTs and the Solar Power Packs from some Schools. To overcome the situation, the members suggested that the Project should be attached to the Regional Centre of the States for effective monitoring and supervision. Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Deputy Educational Advisor, MHRD suggested that there was a need to prepare a comprehensive paper on the working of the RGPEEE including the plans for its future expansion. The Board after

detailed discussion approved the proposal. The Board specifically approved the estimates for funds of Rs.187.22 Crore and directed that the matter may be submitted to the MHRD for consideration of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC). The Board resolved that a paper on the working of the Project may also be prepared and submitted to the Ministry alongwith the proposal for funds.

A copy of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Apex Core Group of RGPEEE held on 5-11-2007 is placed as **Appendix - 19**.

ITEM NO. 48 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE I(2) OF THE ORDINANCE ON CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHERS (UNDER THE STATUTE 17(14) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY)

BM 93.48.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that a comprehensive Career Advancement Scheme for teachers is under consideration of the UGC and decided to defer the proposal, for the present.

ITEM NO. 49 TO REPORT THE MATTER REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR PERMANENT BUILDING FOR REGIONAL CENTRE, KOHIMA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

BM 93.49.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary informed the Board the the Regional Centre of the University at Kohima was established in December, 2000 and was functioning from a rented building. With the expansion of the various activities of the Regional Centre, Kohima and in the whole of the North-East Region, it became necessary to have its permanent office complex for the Regional Centre. The University approached the State Government to allot suitable site to the University for development of its Regional Campus. He informed that the Government of Nagaland has since allotted land to the

University measuring 6.9188 acres and the Perpetual Lease Agreement has already been signed between the Government of Nagaland and the IGNOU. The land has also been demised to the University in perpetuity for a period till 7th October, 2057. He further explained that the State Land Acquisition Authority has exempted the University from payment of land premium and the rents. The further action to construct the building for Regional Centre, Kohima, has already been initiated by the University.

BM 93.49.2 The Board appreciated the gesture on the part of the State Government of Nagaland for allotting the land to IGNOU free from payment of land premium and rent and directed that the development of the building and other infrastructure be expedited, following the codal provisions.

ITEM NO. 50 TO REPORT ON THE MATTER RELATING TO THE PENALTY IMPOSED ON SHRI D. ANAND REDDY, SR. ASSISTANT

BM 93.50.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed the Board that as per the decision of the Board of Management at its 92nd Meeting held on 29-08-2007, the appeal made by Shri D. Anand Reddy, Sr. Assistant to waive the penalty of withholding of increment imposed on him was reexamined, administratively, and it was found that the case did not merit a review. The Board noted the position and directed that the matter be treated as closed.

ITEM NO. 51 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE AT VIJAYAWADA (ANDHRA PRADESH)

BM 93.51.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board appreciated the need for establishment of a full-fledged Regional Centre of the University at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh to cater to the special needs of the coastal districts of the Andhra Pradesh and approved the proposal. The Board

further directed that the State Government should be approached for providing rent-free built-up space of about 7000 sq. ft. or a land of about five acres for free or at nominal rates for construction of the Regional Centre buildings. The Board approved the proposal for hiring premises at Vijayawada following the relevant rules, as an interim measure, subject to economic viability.

ITEM NO. 52 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 10TH MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 2007

BM 93.52.1 The Board noted the decisions of the Research Council taken at its 10th Meeting held on December 31, 2007. A copy of the decisions is placed as **Appendix - 20**.

ITEM NO. 53 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 42ND MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 2007

BM 93.53.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the various decisions of the Academic Council taken at its 42nd Meeting held on December 31, 2007. (**Appendix – 21**) The Board approved the following decisions of the Academic Council:

- (i) the proposals regarding conferment of honorary degree in the 19th Convocation of the University to be held on 16th February, 2008 (Resolution No.42.0.1 to 42.0.3).
- (ii) decision of the School of Humanities for including the Editorial Unit in the discipline.
- (iii) The proposal to amend Ordinance 9 on conduct of examinations and evaluation of Student Performance including the composition of the Examination Committee as under:

- (i) Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Incharge of SRED - Chairman
- (ii) Convenor, BDP Coordination Committee - Member
- (iii) Two Directors of Schools nominated by the Vice-Chancellor - Member
- (iv) Registrar, SR&ED - Convenor

BM 93.53.2 The Board specifically approved the draft amendment to Ordinance 9 on Conduct of Examination and Evaluation of Students Performance (Resolution No.42.4.1 to 3) including the composition of the Examination Committee as above (**Appendix-22**) and directed that the proposal may be submitted to the Ministry for assent of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 54 **TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO CLAUSE (1)(8) AND TO CREATE THE SCHOOL OF NURSING SCIENCES AS NEW SCHOOL TO BE PLACED AT S.NO.8 AND TO CREATE THE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AS NEW SCHOOL TO BE PLACED AT S.NO. 22 OF STATUTE 10A OF THE IGNOU ACT INCORPORATING THE DISCIPLINE OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

BM 93.54.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed the Board that the Academic Council at its 41st Meeting held on 27-08-2007 approved a proposal for creation of two separate Schools, namely, School of Medical Sciences and School of Nursing Sciences. As a further follow up, a meeting of the faculty of the School of Health Sciences was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. D.K. Choudhry, Pro Vice-Chancellor and it was decided that two Schools, namely, the School of Medical Sciences and the School of Nursing be established by the University in line with decision of the Academic Council. To give effect to the above decision, it is proposed to amend Clause (1) of Statute 10A of the IGNOU Act suitably to accommodate the two new Schools. The Secretary further explained that in a meeting held on 25-8-2007 with the President, the Vice-President and other office bearers of Dental Council of India (DCI) and medical faculty of School of Health Sciences,

IGNOU, a view was expressed that a separate faculty of Dental Sciences should also be created in the School of Medical Sciences. The proposal was endorsed by the Dental Council of India. It is, therefore, further proposed that the discipline of Dental Sciences be established under the School of Medical Sciences.

BM 93.54.2 The Board approved the proposal for establishment of two Schools (i) School of Medical Sciences, and (ii) School of Nursing Sciences. The Board also approved the amendments to Clause (1) of Statute 10A of the IGNOU Act to accommodate the two Schools as per the proposal as under:

Proposal for amendments to Clause (1) of Statute 10A of the IGNOU Act

- (i) 'School of Health Sciences' at S.No.8 ceases to exist;
- (ii) To create the new School, namely, 'School of Nursing Sciences' at S.No. 8,
- (iii) To add, new School, namely, 'School of Medical Sciences' at S.No.22, and
- (iv) To renumber, existing S.No.22 as 23 as 'such other Schools as may be set up by the Statutes'.

BM 93.54.3 The Board further directed that the amendments to the Statute as above be submitted to the MHRD for approval of the Visitor.

BM 93.54.4 The Board also considered the proposal for creation of a separate discipline of Dental Sciences in the School of Medical Sciences with the following core positions:

S. No.	Position	Scale of Pay	Number of positions
1.	Professor	Rs.16400-450-20900-500-22400	One
2.	Reader	Rs.12000-420-18300	Two
3.	Lecturer	Rs.8000-275-13500	Four

ITEM NO. 55 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUANCE OF TELEPHONE REIMBURSEMENT FACILITY TO SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANTS TO PRO-VICE-CHANCELLORS

BM 93.55.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary explained that the Senior Personal Assistants (SPAs) attached to the Pro-Vice-Chancellors were earlier extended the telephone reimbursement facility as per the approval of the Board of Management accorded at its 66th Meeting. However, for a brief spell the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor remained unfilled in the University and as such there were no cases of the type. Since the Board has appointed five Pro-Vice-Chancellors in the University now, it is proposed to restore the facility of reimbursement of telephone charges to the SPAs attached to the Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University. The Board approved the proposal.

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ITEM NO. 56 TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DECEMBER, 2007 TERM-END EXAMINATION

BM 93.56.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the arrangements by the University for smooth conduct of December 2007 term-end examination. The Board further noted the December 2007 term-end examinations of the University have concluded, smoothly. The Chairman explained that with the approval of the Board of Management a nominal Examination Fee of Rs.50/- was charged from the candidates, intending to take examinations of the University. This has resulted in a qualitative improvement in the conduct of examinations in terms of reduction of the drop out rates from the earlier 40-50% to 10-20%. This has further resulted in savings to the University, as it could avoid the wasteful expenditure on

account of printing of the examinations stationary and other related charges. Besides, it has resulted in better planning and accuracy in the student data generation. The Board approved the expenditure of Rs.62,64,000/- incurred on the conduct of December, 2007 term-end examinations of the University.

ITEM NO. 57 TO CONSIDER CONTINUANCE OF 1ST BATCH OF ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS FOR MBA PROGRAMME AND LAUNCH OF MBA & MA (ECO) TO 2ND BATCH

BM 93.57.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the University has launched a tele-education for Ethiopian students through e-Network in PAN-Africa. For the purpose, an MOU was signed with Tele-communication Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL). The estimates of expenditure were also submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs to cover the expenditure on contextualizing the study material and the programme delivery through e-Network. Subsequently, during discussion with the Joint Secretary, MEA, GOI (West Africa), it was suggested that the University may consider offering its content for tele-education free-of-cost for the Pilot Project in Ethiopia. This was approved by the competent authority. As a follow up the Pilot Project was launched from 15-3-2007 with the offer of MBA Programme to 40 students from Addis Ababa and Haramaya Universities in Ethiopia with relaxed eligibility criteria, etc. The University has now received a fresh proposal from TCIL for launching 2nd batch of MBA to the Ethiopian students and also MA (Economics) Programme under the Pilot Project.

BM 93.57.2 The Board approved the proposal for continuance of the Pilot Project for 1st batch MBA students registered in the year 2007 cycle, with provision to meet the costs from internal resources and also to offer MBA and MA (Economics) Programme under the Pilot Project with provision from internal resources. The Board directed that the School of Management should be actively involved in the execution of the Programme.

ITEM NO. 58 TO REPORT THE ARRANGEMENT MADE FOR OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND DIRECTOR (I/C), RSD ON EXPIRY OF THE TERM OF DR. C.K. GHOSH AS DIRECTOR, RSD W.E.F. 4TH JANUARY, 2008

BM 93.58.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the post of Director, Regional Services Division (RSD) is a tenure post and the tenure of Dr. C.K. Ghosh appointed as Director, RSD for a period of 3 years has expired on 3rd January, 2008. The Board noted that the University has entrusted the charge of Director, RSD to Dr. Masood Parveez, Regional Director (Sr. Scale), RSD as a temporary measure and till the date, Director of the RSD is appointed. The Board further noted that the responsibility of the Student Support Services Centre has been entrusted to Dr. C.K. Ghosh on cessation of his term on the post of Director, RSD with effect from 4th January, 2008, until further orders.

ITEM NO. 59 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR INITIATING A PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF PRIOR LEARNING

BM 93.59.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman explained that a process to undertake Assessment and Certification of Prior Learning (ACPL) has been under consideration of the University. The Academic Council of the University has approved the proposal. He further explained that the assessment and certification of prior learning is a process of assessment used to find out the actual impact in the form as to what has been learnt from the wide range of past activities and if found appropriate to award credit by way of certification for this learning. The credit, so earned could be counted towards award of a certificate from IGNOU or any other open university. The Chairman emphasized that to start the process, however, it is necessary to undertake extensive brainstorming and consultations with experts in the field and also to develop certain strict parameters. In view of the emphasis on skill initiative being

laid by the Ministries, particularly, the emphasis on skill certification in vocational education by the MHRD and the recommendations of the NKC, it is proposed to appoint an Expert Committee to recommend ways, measures and the parameters for the purpose. The Committee may use the expertise of a full-time Consultant in the field. The Committee may be advised to submit a report in three months period.

BM 93.59.2 The Board approved the proposal and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to nominate an Expert Committee, the activities of which may be coordinated by a full-time Consultant.

ITEM NO. 60 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL (A Special Item)

BM 93.60.1 The Chairman apprised the Board that the Distance Education Council (DEC) was established under Statute 28 of IGNOU Act as an Authority of the University. The Council has the mandate to take all steps as it may deem fit, consistent with the duty and mandate of IGNOU, for promotion of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) System in the country. The DEC has been further mandated to work on coordination and determination of the standards of teaching, evaluation and research in such system. The Council has continuously strived towards the fulfillment of the above mandate. However, the Council could be expected to make a more decisive impact in the educational pattern in the country generally and ODL System in particular for which, however, there is need to make suitable provisions under the Statute. Dr. Paliwal agreed with the views expressed by the Chairman adding further that there was need to empower the Council to grant recognition to the institutions and the programmes being offered by them. Some members also mentioned that there have been numerous complaints regarding non-recognition of the degrees offered by the universities and institutions under ODL system. Dr. Paliwal opined that once the Council is empowered to grant

recognition to the institutions and their programmes, the problem of non-recognition of degrees/diplomas offered under the ODL system will be settled to a large extent.

BM 93.60.2 The Board endorsed the views expressed by the Members. The Board further agreed with the views expressed by Dr. Paliwal that there was a need to empower the Distance Education Council (DEC) and directed that a Committee may be constituted to bring out a proposal for suitable amendments to the provisions under Statute 28, and the recommendations of the Committee placed before the Board for consideration.

ITEM NO. 61 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL REGARDING LAUNCH OF CERTIFICATION COURSES BASED ON THE MHRD PROJECT ON NPTEL

BM 93.61.1 Chairman informed the Board that IGNOU is now part of the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) Phase-II of the MHRD. Under NPTEL, the IITs and the Indian Institute of Science are developing video and web-content in courses for the engineering colleges. These are also made available in the open. It was proposed in the Board that IGNOU should take up offering certificate courses using NPTEL (and other relevant content in basic science and humanities for teachers in arts and science colleges). The objective is to increase the number of quality and certified teachers in colleges, most of which face acute shortage of experienced teachers. The Board noted that this initiative would require considerable work in posting supplementary content and evaluation systems in place. The Board approved the launch of certification courses based upon NPTEL content for teachers in the colleges and interested graduates.

In this context, Chairman observed that the courses may be delivered like the proposed portal driven postgraduate level certification courses in the subject areas related to Computational Chemistry that is launched jointly with the

Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management – Kerala. The Board observed that this new exercise will also help modernize the course delivery systems of IGNOU in all its courses as it will facilitate the induction of strong web-accessed resources and technology-enhanced learning and teaching that go beyond the present modes in ODL.

Prof. K.R. Srivathsan pointed out that effective practice of Technology-Enhanced Learning and Teaching would require considerable R&D and capacity building in applying advanced informatics and collaborative systems and web resources in higher education. Further the development needs adapting the technology enhanced instruction methods to different domains and nature of the subjects. It was suggested that IGNOU should explore establishing an ‘Advanced School of Informatics and Innovative Learning’ to fill this need. Prof. Srivathsan further suggested that this Advanced School is evolved by expanding the scope of the present IUC in IGNOU. Board requested Prof. Srivathsan to prepare a detailed proposal on this Advanced School of Innovative Learning.

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

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Chairman