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94th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 10, 2008 AT 3.00 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. (Mrs.) Surabhi Banerjee - Member
4. Dr. K.R. Srivathsan - Member
5. Prof.(Ms.) Shafiq Parveen - Member
6. Prof. N.V. Narasimham - Member
7. Prof. Shatrughna Kumar - Member
8. 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, members could not attend the meeting. Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Deputy Educational Advisor, MHRD represented the Secretary (S&HE) Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Shri R. Chauhan, Finance Officer, attended the meeting as special invitee.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 94th Meeting of the Board of Management. On behalf of the Board of Management, the Chairman recorded his deep appreciation for the significant contributions made by Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Prof. C.L. Anand, Dr. K. Viswanathan, Shri Rajendra Singh Pawar and Dr. Devi Shetty whose term as members on the Board of Management of the University ended on 16-2-2008. He welcomed Prof. Shafiq Parveen, a new member who attended the meeting first time after her nomination to the Board.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced with a Presentation by Dr. K. Srivathsan, Member, BOM on the proposed Advanced School of Informatics and Innovative Learning (ASIIL), as well as on NPTEL, as under:

The country has made phenomenal growth in the IT Sector. However, there are several areas of concern. There is acute shortage of quality educators/teachers in IT Sector. Similarly, the opportunities in higher education in the country and more so in the area of advanced IT Sector with just a few thousand seats in the IITS etc. were inadequate. The University education has been reduced to stale syllabus and mostly degree oriented. In short, the present university education system has become compartmentalized and rigid with the artificial entry constraints which tends to preclude supporting life long learning. Serious lacunae has started showing up in the area of interdisciplinary learning and education with very little attention being given to the issues. The country and more particularly those concerned with the issues related to education will have to ponder over this delusion of the quality so as to provide a sustainable quality education in the Information Technology sector to keep pace with the growth in this area worldwide. With a view to address the above situation the country shall have to move fast to quality education which would mean a move out from the present set of teaching learning methodology. The new system should provide a combination of the following:

- The next generation education should use open internet resources and open learning support services.
- It should combine the best of both conventional class room education and the open flexible education with the Open Learning Support (OLS) for both kinds of education as the common meeting ground.
- The system should recognize that everyone wishing to learn basics of any subject should be provided an opportunity of admission to the programmes of his choice.

In his presentation, Dr. Srivathsan also suggested the broad outlines for ensuring the academic rigor. He emphasized the adoption of a Education Grid Approach underlining the need for a systematic technology facilitated collaborative course management framework using National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) and Open Content. He further elaborated the NPTEL support funded by MHRD being executed by all the IITs/IISc in the country.

The Board appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Srivathsan in compiling and collating the data with such vivid details with regard to the IT applications in education and research which should go a long way in helping the stakeholders in identifying the areas requiring focus and thus helping removal of the deficiencies and anomalies in the higher education in general and IT

Sector in particular. The researches done by Dr. Srivathsan for mastering the IT applications in education and research vis-a-vis the problems of quality education should be a major concern for the stakeholders. The Board directed that the issues and concerns outlined in the Power Point presentation should be further studied by the University and may be used while developing programmes and courses particularly in the area of Information Technology.

A full text of the Power Point presentation by Dr. K.R. Srivathsan is placed at **Appendix-1**.

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:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 93RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 07, 2007 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

BM 94.1.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary, Board of Management informed the Board that the Minutes of the 93rd Meeting of the Board of Management were circulated to the members. Comments on the minutes of 93rd Meeting have been received from some members of the Board. Comments have also been received from the Ministry on certain resolutions vide MHRD letter No. F.5-139/2007- DL dt.19.2.2008. He explained that these comments have been examined and the clarifications of the University have been placed before the Board (**Appendix-2**). He informed that the action taken on the various decisions taken by the Board at its 93rd meeting have been given in a separate report, also placed before the Board.

BM 94.1.2 The Board noted the comments from the members and the clarifications and status report furnished by the University as also further action taken/proposed to be taken by the University with regard to these comments. The status in respect of the comments is as under:

- (i) With regard to the comments on Resolution No.93.15.3

from Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Regional Director (Item No.15), the Board noted that the amendments to Clause V(9) of the Ordinance on Career Advance Scheme has already been submitted to the Ministry, for consideration of the Visitor, as per the approval of the Board. As regards the amendments to other clauses under this Item, the Board reiterated its earlier decision that the comprehensive guidelines on the CAS Scheme being considered by the UGC be awaited. The Board also noted the anomaly in the budget allocations for the year 2008-09 for some regional centres as pointed out by the Member and directed that the same may be looked into by the Finance Division and rectified while preparing the Revised Estimates of the University. The Board also noted the typographical error in the Resolution No.93.15.3 in referring certain clauses of the Ordinance on CAS and authorized that the correct version be adopted in the minutes.

- (ii) With regard to the comments received from Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Dy. Educational Adviser, MHRD, the Board noted comments received from the Ministry item-wise and the further clarifications of the University tabled before the Board. With regard to the comments on Item No.10, the Board appreciated that in processing the proposals for recruitments the procedures laid down in the rules are being observed meticulously in the University. Similarly, in respect of the proposals having financial implications the same are processed by the University strictly as per the provisions of the Financial Code of the University, the Delegation of Financial Powers and the provisions under the General Financial Rules of the Govt. of India. These proposals are also placed before the appropriate bodies like Finance Committee, Establishment Committee and the Purchase Committee with the concurrence of the internal Audit/Finance Division. The Board ensured that all the proposals and actions thereof are in strict adherence to the Act, statutes, financial codes and other rules pertaining to the University.

- (iii) With regard to the comments on Item No. 14 (also Item No.33) of the 93rd meeting, the Board noted that the Registrar, designated by the Board has been authorized to sign the agreements/MOUs on behalf of the University as per the provisions under Section 13(2) of the IGNOU Act. The Board was thus convinced that the procedure being followed by the University in the matter of processing the MOUs/Agreements like the Legal scrutiny, vetting of the terms of the MOUs/Agreements and the academic deliberations which precede signing of the MOUs/Agreements was adequate. Nevertheless, as decided by the Board at its 93rd meeting, the University has already appointed a Committee to examine the issue and frame guidelines. The Board directed that the recommendations of the Committee be expedited.
- (iv) With regard to the case of Dr. B.I. Fozdar (Item No.18) the Board reiterated its approval in the matter of counting of past services rendered by Dr. Fozdar from 11.8.1988 to 31.12.1990 for the purpose of CAS in the University (vide Resolution No.93.18.1).
- (v) The Board noted the Action Taken Report and the clarifications given by the University with regard to Item Nos. 20, 24, 27, 33 and reiterated its approval at the earlier meeting.
- (vi) With regard to Item No.55 of the 93rd meeting of the Board regarding reimbursement of official telephone charges to the Sr. PAs attached to the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Board noted the comments from the Ministry and reiterated its approval of the proposal. Dr. D.K. Paliwal who represented the Ministry, however, did not agree to the decision and desired that his dissent be recorded.

BM 94.1.3

The Board further noted the Action Taken Report by the University on the various decisions taken at its 93rd meeting and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL.

BM 94.2.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board decided that since the vacancy was represented by the Visitor's nominees on the Board of Management earlier, the nominations by the Visitor against the vacancies on the University's Board of Management may be awaited. In this connection, Dr.Paliwal assured the Board that he will look into the matter for expediting the nominations of the Visitor on the Board of Management of the University.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE AND THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

BM 94.3.1 The item was taken up for consideration. After some deliberations it was felt that the Visitorial nominations on the Board may not be available immediately and the vacancies on the Standing Committees are required to be filled in, so as to have the benefit of full composition it was agreed that the Chairman may nominate one of the members of the Board of Management on two Standing Committees and report the matter to the next Board.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 94.4.1 The Board considered the nomination of Prof. A.K. Bakshi, Director, Institute of Life Long Learning, Delhi University, recommended by the Chairman, DEC and approved the nomination.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 48TH MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20, 2008.

BM 94.5.1 The Minutes of the 48th meeting of the Purchase Committee were taken up for consideration. With regard to the powers of the Purchase Committee, the Chairman clarified that the Purchase Committee has been constituted by the Board in terms of the provision under Statute 16 of IGNOU Act. The recommendations of the Committee are placed before the Board of Management for confirmation as per the provisions under Clause (2) of Statute *ibid*. He further clarified that the Committee exercises the powers and functions assigned to it by the Board of Management. The Purchase Committee examines the proposals in light of the provisions under the GFRs of the Govt. of India and the Financial Code of the University. The Committee also ensures that the proposals for purchases are brought before the Committee only after thorough scrutiny by the Internal Audit Unit of the University in the Finance Division and the concurrence of the Finance Division.

BM 94.5.2 The Board approved the recommendations of the Purchase Committee. A copy of the Minutes of the Purchase Committee is enclosed as **Appendix-3**.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 51ST MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2008.

BM 94.6.1 The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made at its 51st meeting held on 26.3.2008. A copy of the Minutes of the Establishment Committee is enclosed as **Appendix-4**.

ITEM NO. 7 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD TAKEN AT ITS 34TH MEETING HELD ON MARCH 31, 2008.

BM 94.7.1 The Board noted the decisions taken by the Planning Board, an Authority of the University in terms of provisions under Section 16 (3), made at its 34th meeting held on 31.3.2008. A copy of the minutes are enclosed as **Appendix-5**.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TAKEN AT ITS 58TH MEETING HELD ON MARCH 31, 2008.

BM 94.8.1 The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 58th and 59th meetings held on 31.3.2008 and 09.4.2008 respectively. A copy each of the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings is enclosed at **Appendix-6 & 7**.

BM 94.8.2 The Board accorded specific approval to the following recommendations of the Finance Committee at its 59th meeting and authorized that the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2006-07 be submitted to the Ministry alongwith the replies to SAR:

- (i) Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2006-07
- (ii) The revised draft replies to the SAR on the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2006-07 and directed that the Annual Accounts of the University and the replies to the Audit Reports may be furnished to the Ministry/DGCR (Res. No. FC 59.1.3) at the earliest.
- (iii) The remuneration payable to the Gyan Vani staff at the revised rates, as under:

Station Manager	- Rs. 20000-25000
Asstt. Station Manager	- Rs. 15000-20000
Technical Assistant	- Rs. 8000-10000
Accountant-cum-Office Asstt.	- Rs. 8000-10000

The range depends on criteria like type of city in which

station is located, experience of the applicant etc. The remuneration may be administratively decided and paid on case-to-case basis.

The Attendant (Daily wage) shall be on contract, and the wages shall be as per the prevailing Govt. rates (Res. No.FC 59.12.1).

BM 94.8.3

With regard to the status of the purchase of paper for printing of study material, Dr. Rajeev Kohli, Registrar, MPDD who was called in to place a report before the Board, informed that approx. 5 lakhs students register under different programmes with the University every year. The University has to arrange printing of the course material of this magnitude and supply to the students the study material immediately after the finalization of the admissions, for which huge quantity of print paper is required. The University had earlier followed the procedure of Tendering. However, the system did not work satisfactorily; the quality of paper was found inferior to our specifications, the supplies were being delayed. The processing of tenders etc itself was time consuming process. The matter was therefore, placed before the Board, at its 92nd meeting held on 29.8.2007. As authorized by the Board, the University has been purchasing the papers from HPL, a Govt. of India enterprise at the same rates being paid by the NCERT, NBT etc. The Chairman informed the Board that the arrangements have worked very satisfactorily. The cases of delays in supply or other malpractices have been completely eliminated with the result that the University is now in a position to provide the study material to the students timely. As to the rates, the Chairman informed that the NCERT enjoys the exemption from payment of excise duty on their books, as the same are categorized as Text Books, while no such exemption was available to IGNOU. But still the rates charged by HPL are very much lower, while the quality much superior. The Board noted the action taken by the University in the matter of procurement of papers from M/s HPL and ratified the action taken by the University for the purpose of printing papers from M/s HPL, a Govt. of India enterprise. (Res. No.FC 58.14.2). Dr. Paliwal stated that if University

represents for exemption of excise duty considering the University works equivalent to text books of NCERT, he will try to get exemption.

BM 94.8.4 With the above deliberations and specific approval, the Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 58th & 59th Meetings held on 31.3.2008 and 9.4.2008.

ITEM NO. 9 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 43rd MEETING HELD ON APRIL 05, 2008.

BM 94.9.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the various decisions of the Academic Council, an Authority of the University under Section 16 of the IGNOU Act, taken at its 43rd Meeting held on 05.4.2008.

BM 94.9.2 The Board specifically considered the recommendations of the Academic Council vide Item No.3 relating to the amendments to the Regulations for Convocation at the University Headquarters, as per details in the **Appendix –8** and approved the recommendations. The Board further directed that the amendments made to the Regulations on Convocations be submitted to the Ministry and further action as provided in Section 40 of Act be taken.

A copy of the minutes of the Academic Council is enclosed as **Appendix-9**.

ITEM NO. 10 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 11TH MEETING HELD ON APRIL 09, 2008.

BM 94.10.1 The Item was deferred.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DETAILED PROPOSAL PERTAINING TO THE ADVANCED SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING (ASIL), OF THE UNIVERSITY.

BM 94.11.1

The item was taken up for consideration. Dr. K.R. Srivathsan explained that the Board of Management of the university at its 93rd meeting held on 7.1.2008 had decided that the University should explore the feasibilities for establishing an Advanced School of Informatics and Innovative Learning to fill in the need emerging out of the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) Phase-II sponsored by the MHRD, Govt. of India. The Board had further requested him to prepare a paper/feasibility report for consideration of the Board. As a sequel to the above, he submitted a detailed paper on establishment of the Advanced School of Informatics and Innovative Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (ASIIL) in the University. The concept paper with the executive summary etc. is placed before the Board. Elaborating on the salient points, Dr. Srivathsan explained that for effective practice in technology enhanced learning and teaching, considerable amount of R&D and capacity building, in application of advanced informatics and collaborative systems and web resources in higher education was necessary. Moreover, the development needed adapting to the technology enhanced methods under different domain and nature of the subject. He further mentioned that with establishment of the ASIIL jointly with IGNOU and IIT-M Kerala, the University will be able to position itself in the field of education delivery as Virtual Campus. Participating in the discussion Dr. Paliwal mentioned that the objective of the School should be (i) empowerment of the academic community, (ii) strengthening of the IT infrastructure and conducting of certain programmes. While the proposal for advanced School was welcome, the role of IGNOU in this area vis-à-vis others engaged in the field should be clearly outlined and it should be ensured that there is complete synergy and integration without duplication in the efforts. Further, Dr. Paliwal suggested that the University should consider launch of M.Tech level programmes in IT under the new School, both for teachers and learners as a national mission to be implemented with a national perspective. In this enterprise the new School of Informatics and Innovative Learning may also associate activities of the AICTE suitably.

At this point, it was suggested that the University has already set up a School of Computer and Information Sciences. Besides, in the social sector, the University has a School of Social Sciences. The University has further started knowledge centres at the village level. It should therefore be seen that the efforts made by these dedicated units are also integrated, appropriately.

BM 94.11.2 The proposal was discussed at length. The Board appreciated the proposal and directed that the School of Computer & Information Sciences may study the proposal for establishment of the Advanced School of Informatics and Innovative Learning in the University under the guidance of Dr. K. R. Srivathsan, Member BOM and submit its recommendations for establishment of the School for consideration of the appropriate academic body of the University. A copy of the documents submitted by Dr. Srivathsan in this regard is enclosed as **Appendix-10**

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER RENAMING OF ‘NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED’ (NCDA)

BM 94.12.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for renaming of the ‘National Centre for Differently Abled’ (NCDA) as ‘National Centre for Disability Studies’ (NCDS), in line with the Govt. of India guidelines on the matter.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR RECRUITMENT/CAS TO VARIOUS TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSTS.

BM 94.13.1 The item was considered alongwith Item No.14 of the Agenda. The recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings/Departmental Promotion Committees were placed before the Board and presented by the Chairman. The Board considered and approved the recommendations, as per details given below:

1. Teaching/Academic Positions

Dates of Meeting	Positions	Names recommended	Remarks
11.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Lecturer in Management	1. Dr. Leena Singh 2. Dr. Radhakrishna 3. Dr. Neetu Jain	Pay protection
11.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Professor in Management	1. Dr. T.U. Fulzele 2. Dr. Balla Appa Rao	-- --
16.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Physical Chemistry	Dr. Sanjiv Kumar	Pay protection plus 2 (two) advance increments
17.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Social Work	1. Dr. Ashok Kr. Sarkar 2. Dr. Brahm Prakash	Pay protection plus 2 (two) increments Wait List
23.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Lecturer in Law	1. Ms. Mansi Sharma 2. Sh. Ajay Kumar Pandey	-- --
23.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Professor in Law	Dr. K. Elumalai	Pay protection plus 3 (three) advance increments
29.1.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Mechanical Engineering	1. Dr. T.K. Tamilmannan 2. Sh. N.Venkateswarlu 3. Sh. Arvind Jayant	-- -- --
6.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Lecturer in Library Science	1. Dr. Archana Upadhyay 2. Dr. Manorama Tripathi 3. Dr. Attaluri Srinivasacharyulu	-- -- --
6.2.2008	Promotion to the post of Professor of Library Science under CAS	Dr. Neena Talwar Kanungo	Committee observed that this case is a marginal one with regard to research contributions and independent

			initiatives. While recommending, an advice to the candidate may be sent from VC to this effect
6.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Life Science	Dr. Kripamoy Aguan	--
6.2.2008	Promotion to the post of Professor in Life Sciences under CAS	Dr. Pushpalata Tripathi	--
6.2.2008	Promotion to the post of Reader in Life Sciences under CAS	Dr. Bano Saidullah	--
7.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Sociology	Dr. Rabindra Kumar	--
7.2.2008	Placement of Lecturer in Senior Scale of Rs.10000-325-15200	Dr. Vashum R.	--
7.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Public Admn.	--	The candidate was not found suitable for selection as Reader
12.2.2008	Promotion to the post of Reader in Women's Education under CAS	Dr. Rekha Sen	--
12.2.2008	Promotion to the post of Reader in Rural Development under CAS	Dr. S.K. Palit	--
13.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in English (Gen.)	1.Dr. Malati Mathur 2.Dr. Vijaya Singh 3.Dr. Ajay Sharma	-- -- --
13.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in English (SC)	--	No candidate was found suitable-recommended to re-notify
20.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Professor in Distance Education (Programme Evaluation)	--	No candidate was found suitable for selection. The post may be readvertised.

20.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Reader in Distance Education	Dr. Vashum (Not recommended)	No candidate was found suitable - may be readvertised.
25.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (NCDA)	1. Dr. Hemlata 2. Dr. Sanjay Kant Prasad 3. Dr. S.K. Mishra	-- -- --
25.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Astt. Director (NCDA)	--	No candidate turned up. Recommended to readvertise the post
26.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (NCIDE)	Dr. Oum Prakash Sharma	--
26.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Assistant Director (NCIDE)	1. Ms. Sujatha Santosh 2. Mrs. Jitha, T J 3. Mrs. Madhavi Vivek Dharenkar	The Selection Committee recommended that the two candidates in the waiting list could be used for future positions of similar qualification in IGNOU. Hence this rank list will be applicable for similar positions/qualification in the University.
27.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (DEC)	Dr. Dev Kant Rao	--
27.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (P&DD)	--	Nobody was found suitable. Recommended to renotify.
27.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (Programmes) (EMPC)	--	No candidate was found suitable. Recommended to readvertise
27.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (Production) (EMPC)	1. Sh. M. Abdul Samad Ibrahim 2. Ms. Rita Dhar	-- --
27.2.2008	Appointment to the post of Dy. Director (ERT) (EMPC)	--	The candidate was not found suitable

27.2.2008	Placement of Producers in the Selection Grade under CAS in the scale of Rs.12000-420-18300	1. Sh. S.K. Das 2. Sh. Daljeet Sachdeva	-- --
27.2.2008	Promotion to the post of Dy. Director and equivalent under CAS in the scale of pay of Rs.12000-420-18300	1. Dr. A. Varadarajan 2. Dr. K.D. Prasad 3. Dr. M.Krishnaiah 4. Dr. Santhosh Kumari	-- -- -- --

2. Non-Academic Group 'A' positions

Date of Meeting	Positions	Names recommended
26.2.2008	Regularization in the post of Joint Registrar	1. Sh.Y.V.Ramakrishna Rao
	Regularization in the post of Dy.Registrar	2. Sh.T.Kemmai
26.2.2008	Promotion of the to the post of Assistant Registrar	3. Sh. R. K. Diwakar 4. Sh. Manjeet S. Malhotra 5. Sh. M.R. Siddiqui 6. Ms. Rosamma George 7. Sh. Satish Chander 8. Sh. C.L. Sharma. 9. Ms. Shanti Ramachandran
	Placement in the Senior Scale of Rs. 8000-13500 under Upward Movement Scheme	1. Ms. Bina Chaturvedi 2. Sh. C.N. Pandey 3. Sh. Manjeet Singh

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NON-ACADEMIC GROUP 'A' POSTS.

BM 94.14.1 The recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee Meetings for Group 'A' positions were considered alongwith Item No.13, *supra*.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MOUS/MOCS/AGREEMENTS SIGNED/ ENTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY

BM 94.15.1 The Board approved the 16 MOUs/MOCs/Agreements signed/entered by the University, as per the details in the **Appendix-11.**

BM 94.15.2 The Board however, observed that the MOUs etc. should be circulated to the members of the Board of Management well ahead of the date of the meeting. The Board further directed that the recommendations of the Committee constituted in the matter of framing guidelines as per the directions of the Board at its 93rd meeting for signing of the MOU etc. be expedited.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A “SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC ANALYSES (SIRSA)” IN THE UNIVERSITY AND AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE (1) OF STATUTE 10 A.

BM 94.16.1 Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor explained the rationale behind the proposal for establishment of a School of International Relations and Strategic Analyses in the University. He observed that the bases of International Relations are undergoing profound changes. With the emergence of new power centres in the world, the outbreak of ethnic and nationalistic ethos, the rise of religiously motivated terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the nature of conflicts facing international arena have transformed the complexes and nature of conflicts, impacting the nations across the globe. Besides, the issues relating to economic and ecological concerns, immigrations, drug trafficking and other non-military issues have also assumed global magnitudes. These challenges have brought to the fore the stark gaps in the demand and availability of the professionals who can understand the core issues and also can work in complex international environments.

Prof. Mishra further explained that the matter was placed before the 41st meeting of the Academic Council. The Academic Council constituted an Expert Committee to study and examine rationale and the feasibilities of establishment of a School of International Relations and Strategic Analyses (SIRSA) in the University. The Expert Committee unanimously recommended the establishment of the School of International Relations and Strategic Analyses. The recommendations of the expert committee were circulated to the members of the Academic Council soliciting the approval of the Council through circulation, in terms of Para 8 of Regulation for the Meetings of the Academic Council. The Academic Council approved the proposal of establishment of the new School i.e. School of International Relations and Strategic Analyses (SIRSA) in the University. The Academic Council further recommended amendments to Clause (1) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University to accommodate the new School (SIRSA).

BM 94.16.2

The Board considered the proposal. The Board noted the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the proposal for establishment of the School of International Relations and Strategic Analyses (SIRSA). The Board further approved the amendments to Clause (1) of Statute 10A of the IGNOU Act to add the new School at S.No.22, renumbering the existing S.No.22 as Sl. No.23. The Board authorized that the proposal for establishment of new School and the amendments to the Statute be submitted to the Ministry for consideration of the Visitor. The statement showing the proposed amendments is placed at **Appendix-12**.

ITEM NO. 17

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF PROF. M.B. MENON, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION TO WORK AS CHIEF, EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, UNRWA (UNESCO), AMMAN, JORDAN DURING THE PERIOD OF EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE (EOL) ENDING 31-7-2009.

BM 94.17.1

The Board considered and approved the request of Prof. M.B. Menon, Professor of Education to work as Chief,

Educational Planning and Management, UNRWA (UNESCO), Amman, Jordan during the remaining period of Extra Ordinary Leave granted to him till 31.7.2009.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO EXAMINE THE CASE OF DR. S.S. DUBEY, EX-LECTURER IN PHYSICS, SOS IN THE LIGHT OF THE MHRD LETTER DATED 24.10.2007.

BM 94.18.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that Dr. S.S. Dubey joined IGNOU on 1.1.1991 as Lecturer in Physics. He was issued a charge memo under Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 on 16.11.2000 on following Articles of charges:

- (i) Unauthorised absence in different spells from July 1996 to April 2000.
- (ii) Non-completion of the task assigned to him.
- (iii) Refusal to receive official communication addressed to him.

An Inquiry Officer was accordingly, appointed in the case. The Inquiry Officer found that the charges were proved. However, Dr. Dubey did not attend the inquiry. The Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer was placed before the Board at its 72nd meeting held on 1.7.2002 and as decided by the Board, Dr. Dubey was removed from the services of the University w.e.f. 17.7.2002. Subsequently, Dr. Dubey made an appeal to the Visitor against the penalty imposed on him vide his appeal letter 24.7.2002. The appeal was forwarded to the MHRD alongwith para-wise comments of the University on 11.11.2002. The Ministry vide their letter dated 24.10.2007 made certain observations/queries as to whether the University was following uniform policy in acting as appellate authority/reviewing authority in the cases of major penalty. Pursuant to the above letter the Vice-Chancellor appointed a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. D.K. Chaudhry, Pro-Vice-Chancellor to examine the case in the light of the communication received from the Ministry. The Committee has opined that the penalty of

removal from service imposed on Dr. S.S. Dubey was disproportionate to the alleged action of his misconduct.

BM 94.18.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Members felt that there was need for providing suitable provisions under the Statutes so that such cases of disproportionate penalty do not recur particularly in the cases of major penalty of removal from service. The Board taking note of findings of the Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor decided that the issue of Dr. S.S. Dubey's removal may be reviewed after taking legal opinion for reinstatement and imposition of a penalty proportionate to the alleged action of his misconduct in services of the University immediately and the matter reported to the Board at its next meeting.

BM 94.18.3 The Board also considered the recommendations of the Committee related to amendments to Statutes 2, 7, 13 and 19 of the IGNOU Act. The Board directed that the matter of amendments to these statutes as recommended by the Committee, be further examined in totality and a sound proposal placed before the Board of Management at its next meeting. A copy of the recommendation of the Committee is placed at **Appendix-13**.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF NON-FUNCTIONAL SCALE OF RS. 8000-275-13500 TO SECTION OFFICERS/SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 94.19.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary explained that the Govt. of India, Deptt. Of Personnel and Training vide OM Nos.21/36/03 dt. 13.11.2003 and No.10/3/2004-CS-II(Part-1) dt. 24.6.2005 implemented a Non-functional scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500 to Section Officers and Private Secretaries of CSSS on completion of 4 years of service in respective cadres w.e.f. 3.10.2003. The pay was to be fixed notionally w.e.f. 1.1.1996 but the financial benefits have been allowed to the eligible officers w.e.f. 3.10.2003 vide DOPT OM No.5/4/2005-CS-I dt. 25.1.2006. He informed that ever since the implementation of the non-functional scale in the

Ministries, the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistant have been representing for implementation of the non-functional scale of Rs. 8000-13500 to the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants in the University. The officers in these cadres have been pleading that from the very inception of the University the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistant were allowed total parity in pay scales and other service conditions with the cadre of SOs and PSs in the Ministries. The recommendations of the Vth Central Pay Commission relating to these two cadres in the Ministries were also equally and evenly extended to the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants in this University by the Board of Management with the approval of the Ministry.

The demand of the staff side was placed before the Finance Committee and the Board of Management earlier. The matter was also referred to the Ministry as back as in January, 2004 with full justification. It was further explained that even the two increments over the minimum of pay scale recommended by the Central Pay Commission on fixation of pay in the revised scales were extended to the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants in this University following the provisions of DOPT OMs dt. 21.3.1994 and dt. 1.1.1998 and thus the principle of parity among the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants of the University with Section Officers and Private Secretaries of the Universities has always been accepted in the University.

With a view to examining the demand of the staff side, the Vice-Chancellor nominated Dr. D.K. Chaudhry, Pro-Vice-Chancellor to look into the whole gamut of issues and submit his recommendations for consideration of the Board. After a thorough examination of the matter and extensive interaction with the representatives of the staff, taking also into consideration the related administrative and financial implications, recommended as under:

- (i) The non-functional scale of Rs. 8000-13500 to the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants in the University be accepted and implemented w.e.f. 3.10.2003 as an extension and culmination of the

review process which started as a result of arbitration granting two advance increments on promotion to posts of Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants. Further, the extension of this benefit was the outcome of the ongoing process of rationalization of these grades; the first part of which was already implemented in the University.

- (ii) The Committee noted that non-functional scale of Rs.8000-275-13500 on completion of 4 years in grade has already been extended in a number of autonomous bodies and Government Organizations.
- (iii) The actual benefit of notional pay for Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants shall be strictly in terms of the Govt. of India DOPT OMs in this regard with the provision that the pay fixation shall be done notionally w.e.f. 1.1.1996 and arrears shall be payable w.e.f. 3.10.2003. The pay fixation however, will be done under the provisions of FR-22(i)(a)(1).
- (iv) The Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants on grant of the non-functional scale shall continue to remain in Group 'B' categories and their further promotion in the scale of pay of Rs.10000-15200 will be reckoned on the basis of total length of service in both the pay scales of Rs.6500-10500 and Rs. 8000-13500 put together, as per the extant Rules followed by the University.
- (v) After the grant of non-functional scale of Rs.8000-275-13500 on completion of the 4 years service in the scale of Rs.6500-10500 the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants shall be designated as Section Officer (Sr. Scale) and Sr. Personal Assistant (Sr. Scale) respectively.

BM 94.19.2

The Board considered the matter from the stand point of the demand of the staff in the two cadres in the University and also from the stand point of the rules, the service conditions, the deliberation on the issue at various forum including the discussion in the Finance Committee and the Board of Management and also the response from the Ministry. The Board noted the financial implication of the proposal and decided that the proposal be implemented as per the

parameters decided by the Govt. of India OM No.5/4/2005-CA-I dt. 25.1.2006 vis-à-vis recommendations of Dr. D.K. Chaudhry Committee. However, the placement of the SOs and Sr.PAs in the next scale under Upward Movement Scheme will be as per the University's existing rules. As regards the designation of the Section Officers and Sr. Personal Assistants there shall be no change after the implementation of the non-function scale.

BM 94.19.3 The Board also considered the possible anomalies arising out of implementation of the scheme or its implications vis-à-vis other administrative cadres and cadres on the academic side. The Board decided that the implications shall be examined in detail before issuing the orders for implementation of this proposal.

BM 94.19.4 Dr. D.K. Paliwal who represented the Ministry, maintained that the non-functional scale of Rs.8000-275-13500 allowed to the Section Officers and Private Secretaries of CSSS in the Ministries was not automatically available to the cadres in the University. He desired that his dissent to the decision be recorded.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE EMPC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JANUARY, 2008

BM 94.20.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the 16th meeting of the EMPC Advisory Committee held on 15.1.2008. The Board noted that the proposals having financial implication have separately been discussed in the Finance Committee and its recommendations have been placed before the Board as separate item.

BM 94.20.2 The Board specifically approved the following recommendations of EMPC Advisory Committee:

- (i) The proposed Scheme of Sponsorship for Gyan Vani Programmes to the effect that a broadcast fee for airing the Gyan Vani Programmes of secondary stake holders

be levied with a view to cover part of the operating costs, during the 11th Plan Period.

- (ii) The norms for remuneration, 2007 for Gyan Vani Staff at Gyan Vani Studio Centre.
- (iii) The proposal for starting studio based live programmes with eminent personalities/experts drawn from different fields, experienced moderators/anchors etc. In order to be able to mount these programme initiatives, the Board approved the proposal to hire the services of highly skilled professionals etc., for which, the revised rate of remuneration and fees as recommended by the Advisory Committee shall be paid.

A copy of the recommendations of Advisory Committee meeting held on 15.1.2008 is enclosed as **Appendix-14**.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATING TO THE INTER UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR TECHNOLOGY ENABLED FLEXIBLE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (IUC-TEFED)

BM 94.21.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the Board of Management at its 73rd meeting held on 25.10.2002 decided to establish the Inter-University Consortium for Technology Enabled Flexible Education and Development (IUC-TEFED). With a view to further accelerate the activities of the Centre so as to make it achieve its objectives a meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of open universities was convened on 2.2.2007. The meeting endorsed the formation of the Inter-University Consortium within IGNOU with the other open universities as its founder members. It was further endorsed that the Consortium shall function as an independent entity with provision of multi-lateral membership and a degree of autonomy in functioning, resources, finances and the aims and objectives. Following are main highlights of the Vice-Chancellors' meeting dated 2.2.2007:

- (i) The structure of IUC, its membership and associate membership
- (ii) The role and functions of the IUC

- (iii) To work on the scheme of the convergence of different modes of education in the country
- (iv) To undertake Research and Development related to the socio-economic development through ODL
- (v) To pool the talent of different segments of society for the benefits of the society.
- (vi) To develop need based region/state specific collaborative programmes.
- (vii) To develop of a common portal for use of all the member institutions/others, where the courses offered, by all could be posted.

BM 94.21.2 The Board endorsed and approved the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor's meeting convened on 2.2.2005, the Resolution and the draft MOU. The Board further directed that further action in the matter be initiated.

A copy each of the minutes of the Vice-Chancellor's meeting, the Resolution, the copy of the draft MOU to be entered with state open universities are placed as **Appendix-15**.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY.

BM 94.22.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of Prof. Gayatri Kansal for relieving her from the post of Director, School of Engineering & Technology and further action in assigning the charge of the post of Director of the School to Prof. P. Srinavas Kumar, Professor, Civil Engineering.

ITEM NO. 23 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF DEPUTATION OF DR. MUSHTAQ A. DARZI AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, IGNOU RC, SRINAGAR FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS FROM 16.3.2008.

BM 94.23.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice –Chancellor in extending the period of deputation of Dr. Mushtaq A.

Darzi as Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre for a further period of two months w.e.f. 16.3.2008.

ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO IGNOU HOUSE ALLOTMENT RULES – CLAUSE 11.2.V(C) AND CLAUSE 12.3.

BM 94.24.1 The Board approved the amendments to Clause 11.2.V(c) and 12.3 of the IGNOU House Allotment Rules of the University with modification that the allottee can retain the former house without payment of license fee for a period of two weeks instead of one week proposed in the agenda. A copy of the modified clauses 11.2(V)(c) and 12.3 is placed as **Appendix-16.**

ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER THE REVISION OF LICENCE FEE IN RESPECT OF IGNOU HOUSES/FLATS

BM 94.25.1 The Board approved the proposal for revision of licence fee in respect of IGNOU House/Flats, at par with Govt. of India rates, as follows:

Type	Revised Licence Fee (in Rs.)
I	81.00
II	185.00
III	268.00
IV	371.00
V	639.00

ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER THE MODEL GUIDELINES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT OF SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS, FRAMED BY THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

BM 94.26.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the model guidelines circulated by the University Grants Commission for re-employment of teachers in the University. It was explained that the University Grants Commission has revised guidelines for re-employment of teachers in the universities after their superannuation in view of the enhancement in the age of superannuation from

the present, 62 years to 65 years. The Board also considered the provisions under Statute 17(9) and the Ordinances and decided that the existing provisions in the Act/Statutes and Ordinances of the University and the practice followed shall continue to be followed in the University with modification that the superannuated teachers shall be eligible for reemployment for a maximum period of three years at a time or upto the age of 70 years in this University.

ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAIR ON BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 94.27.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the Ministry has already provided a fund of Rs.2 crores to the University vide Govt. of India, Ministry of Culture letter dt. 10.3.2008 for setting of a Chair on Bahadurshah Zafar and for commemoration of 150th Anniversary of First War of Independent, 1957 and other related events and approved the proposal, with the direction that the activities may be undertaken by the chair within the existing budgetary allocations.

BM 94.27.2 The Board also approved the following proposals:

- (i) Appointment of a renowned person to head the Chair on Bahadurshah Zafar; and
- (ii) The proposal for appointment of a Director for the Indira Gandhi Centre for Studies on Freedom Struggle.

ITEM NO. 28 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MATTER REGARDING INVITATION OF TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PERMANENT BUILDING FOR RC, AIZAWL FROM PRIVATE PARTIES

BM 94.28.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board appreciated the need for a permanent campus to house the Regional Centre of the University at Aizawl and approved the proposal for invitation of tenders for purchase of land for construction of a permanent building/campus from private parties.

BM 94.28.2

During the discussions, members emphasized that there are certain regional centres of the University like Ranchi, Patna, Lucknow and Delhi where the enrollment of the students has crossed over 30,000 mark, with the result that it has become difficult to manage the academic activities at these centres smoothly. The members therefore, suggested that the Regional Centres where enrollments were very high, the University should consider bifurcating the activities of such Centre, setting up more regional centres in the states as a matter of policy. It was further suggested that the enrollment at such centres should be watched, for over a period and if justified proposals for setting up for new regional centres in the states should be placed before the Planning Board of the University, appropriately.

ITEM NO. 29 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTRE AT JORHAT, ASSAM

BM 94.29.1

The Board appreciated the need for establishment of another Regional Centre in Assam to be located at Jorhat and approved the proposal.

BM 94.29.2

The Board also approved the academic and other positions to man the activities of the new Regional Centre, Jorhat as follows:

Sl. No	Designation	Scale of Pay	No. of Posts
1	Regional Director	Rs. 12000-420-18300	01
2	Asst. Regional Director	Rs. 8000-275-13500	01
3	Section Officer	Rs. 6500-200-10500	01
4	Sr. Asst/Assistant	Rs.5500-175-9000/4000-100-6000	01
5	DEO Gr. C(1)	Rs. 5000-150-8000	01
6	P.A. Gr. II	Rs. 5500-175-9000	01
7	Semi-professional Assistant	Rs. 4500-125-7000	01
8	Jr. Assistant-cum-Typist	Rs. 3050-75-3950-80-4590	02
9	Driver	Rs. 3050-75-3950-80-4590	01
10	Attendant	Rs. 2550-55-2660-60-3200	02
	Total	-	12

ITEM NO. 30 TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIOD FOR 45 DAYS OF ADVERTISEMENT NO. 37/06

BM 94.30.1 The Board approved the proposal for extension of validity of Advertisement No.37/06 for further period of 45 days and directed that selection process be expedited so as to complete the work within the extended validity period.

ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER PERTAINING TO EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE DEED AGAINST HOUSE PROPERTY VIS-A-VIS SANCTION ADVANCE/LOAN GIVEN BY IGNOU TO ITS EMPLOYEES

BM 94.31.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the University follows the House Building Rules of the Govt. of India as amended from time to time. The rules ibid enjoin that the employee shall execute mortgage deed in favour of the University as a security of the House Building Advance sanctioned by the Government. The Central Govt. employees are required to mortgage deed in favour of President of India on non-judicial stamp paper of value of 1 per cent of the amount of loan sanctioned by the Government whereas the employees of the University are required to execute the mortgage deed in favour of the University on non-judicial stamps paper of the value of 1 per cent of the advance or at the rate prescribed by the State Governments, where the property is situated from time to time.

The Board further noted that with the approval of the Board of Management, the University has the policy of reimbursing the expenditure incurred by the IGNOU employees on execution of the Mortgage Deed as above which practice was stopped subsequently as per a decision of the Board of Management at its 63rd meeting held on 28.4.1999 on the analogy of withdrawal of the facility of reimbursement by the UGC. The Board further noted that as per OM dated 28.2.1999 issued by the Ministry of Urban Development the stamp duty on the mortgage deed wherever charged has to be borne by the loanee/Govt. servant and reimbursement thereof was not admissible. The issue of reimbursement of the

expenditure on stamp duty for registration of the mortgage deed was looked into by a Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee recommended that the University should adhere to the rules of Govt. of India in this regard.

BM 94.31.2

The matter was referred to Sh. Sandeep Sethi, Legal Adviser of the University. The following recommendations of the Legal Adviser were considered by the House Building Advance Committee and its Sub-Committee. The Board considered various alternatives suggested in the matter of settling the issue of cost of stamp duty for the mortgage deed and approved the following:

- 1 (i) The University shall adopt the practice of granting HBA under the existing HBA policy against deposit of the original title deeds, in original, towards the security of HBA granted.
- (ii) The original title deeds may be deposited with the University with an application under the signature of the employee.
- (iii) The University shall accept the title deeds by the employee and issue a receipt and enter into a memorandum of mortgage within given time preferably within a week pertaining to the deposit of title deeds with the employees.
- (iv) The memorandum of mortgage shall be drawn on Rs.100/- non-judicial stamp papers.
- (v) The title deeds shall be accepted only in original and lawfully executed and registered disclosing the appropriate sale consideration.
- (vi) In the case of any subsequent mortgage or sale deed made by the employee in favour of another person or financial institution etc., the University being the initial mortgagee will retain priority over subsequent mortgage or sale.
- (vii) The original sale deed would be handed over to the subsequent mortgagee by the University on execution of a conventional mortgage deed as per the Stamp Act and registered as per the Registration Act.
- (viii) The dues on the second mortgage payable would be as per the Article 40 of the Schedule 1 of the

Indian Stamp Act, 1899 which would be ad-volerum to the value of the property.

- (ix) In the cases where the title deeds have already been deposited in original to the second mortgagee, the loanee will be required to handover the title deed to the University in order to have the benefit of the simple mortgage agreement for Rs.100/- non-judicial stamp paper. Otherwise, the employees will have to execute the mortgage deed and the due on the mortgage deed payable would be as per the Article 40 of the Schedule 1 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 which would be ad-volerum to the value of the property.

BM 94.31.3

The Board decided to accept the opinion of the legal adviser. However, before implementing the decision a reference will be made to the MHRD for facilitating onward reference to the Ministry of Law for their considered opinion.

ITEM NO. 32 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF A SCIENCE CHANNEL

BM 94.32.1

The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Parveen Sinclair, Pro-Vice-Chancellor who was invited to present the proposal informed the Board that IGNOU was a nodal agency for coordinating the bouquet of 6 Gyan Darshan channels of which 4 were already functional. The input received from various educational and scientific research bodies suggests the need for a dedicated channel for Science and related areas. As the space for launch of two more channels was available, the Development and Educational Communication Unit (DECU), ISRO had submitted a detailed proposal for a Science Channel earlier, which however, did not materialize. It is therefore, felt that University takes up the responsibility of development and running of the dedicated Science Channel. The Channel will primarily focus on telecasting science programmes for non-metro population extending to all age groups covering various aspects of science to develop a scientific temper in the society. It is further envisaged that the channel would initially telecast for at least 8 hours a day through Cable TV,

DTH and IP IV Service Providers. The proposal will involve creation of a strong team for marketing, PR and Distribution aspects in addition to the core team of production and technical staff. As for funding of various activities of development, pre and post launch services and maintenance of the science channel, a comprehensive proposal shall be placed before the Ministry of HRD.

BM 94.32.2 The Board appreciated the proposal and accorded in principle approval for launch of the Science Channel by the University. The Board further directed that proper homework be done for launch of the Science Channel and the proposal submitted to the Ministry covering all aspects for consideration of the Government.

ITEM NO. 33 TO REPORT THE MATTER OF EMPANELMENT OF PRINTERS IN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE STEPS TAKEN FOR TIMELY DESPATCH OF STUDY MATERIAL

BM 94.33.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the action taken by the University in the matter of empanelment of printers and the further steps taken for timely despatch of the study material to the Students. The Board noted that 33 printers have been identified and placed on the panel of the University for printing jobs immediately. The Board desired that further action in the matter be taken up as expeditiously as possible. The Regional Centres and SR&E Div. dealing with admission work shall ensure that the admission data are provided to MPDD as per the schedule of activities of the University relating to the SR&E Div. The Chairman mentioned that the steps initiated by the University to ensure timely printing and dispatch of the study material to the student were very essential from the point of view of the students of the University.

BM 94.33.2 The Chairman further informed the Board that hitherto the despatch of the entire study material to the students throughout the country was centralized and was being despatched from the Headquarters Office. There have been certain difficulties in the study material reaching the students

in time, owing to the facts like geographical distances, the postal delays, change of the residential addresses by the students. There were, thus numerous complaints from students regarding delays and non-delivery of the study material to them. Keeping in view, the interest of the University, it has therefore, been decided to decentralize the distribution of the study materials of all the programmes and entrust the responsibility to the Regional Centres of the University. The Regional Centres shall utilize the services of the Postal Deptt. as far as possible. They may also utilize Courier services in all Metros to supplement the postal services. It is hoped, the decentralization will help mitigate the above difficulties to a great deal and students would not be required to rush their complaints/grievances relating to the delays and non-delivery of study material to the Hqs. at New Delhi. For this purpose, the Regional Centres shall evolve appropriate mechanism in consultation with Registrar, MPDD, Director, RSD and the Pro-Vice-chancellor Incharge of the Region and Pro-Vice-chancellor Incharge MPDD. Responding to a query regarding the system followed by the University for empanelment of printers it was explained that the panel has been drawn meticulously following the laid down procedures, after inviting open tenders and after proper evaluation of the bids.

BM 94.33.3 The Board endorsed the action taken by the University in decentralizing the work relating to distribution of the study material to the students through the Regional Centres of the University, and other related arrangements discussed above.

ITEM NO. 34 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN SANCTIONING TWO ADVANCE INCREMENTS IN RESPECT OF DR. S. MOHANAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR

BM 94.34.1 The Board noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning two increments to Dr. S. Mohanan, Regional Director on his appointment to the post of Regional Director.

ITEM NO. 35 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LICENSE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AUSTRALIA AND SCHOOL OF LAW, INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY ON APRIL 7, 2008 TO OFFER ONLINE MASTERS PROGRAMME IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

BM 94.35.1 The item was considered alongwith Item No.36. The Board approved the action taken by the University in signing of the following License agreements:

- (i) Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia for joint development of online Masters programmes in Intellectual Property Rights; and
- (ii) License Agreement with Commonwealth of Learning, Canada for offering professional diploma in Legislative Drafting

ITEM NO. 36 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LICENSE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING, CANADA AND SCHOOL OF LAW, INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY TO OFFER PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING

BM 94.36.1 The item was considered alongwith Item No.35.

ITEM NO. 37 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES IN ENGINEERING

BM 94.37.1 The Board approved the proposal for launching the professional Diploma programme in Engineering & Technology courses.

ITEM NO. 38 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF PROF. B.S. SARASWAT FROM THE POST OF DIRECTOR, ACADEMIC COORDINATION

**DIVISION AND ENTRUSTING THE DUTIES
TEMPORARILY TO PROF. N.V. NARASIMHAM
TILL FURTHER ORDERS**

BM 94.38.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the resignation of Prof. B.S. Saraswat from the post of Director, Academic Coordination Division and entrusting the charge of the post to Prof. N.V. Narasimham till further orders.

**ITEM NO. 39 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR LIFTING OF
PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE
FOLLOWING TEACHERS**

BM 94.39.1 The Board approved the proposal for lifting of probation in respect of the following teachers, from the dates of their eligibility:

1. Sh. Satya Sundar Sethi, Lecturer in Distance Education, STRIDE
2. Dr. Parmod Kumar, Lecturer in English (Editorial Unit), SOH
3. Dr. (Mrs) Kamalika Banerjee (Kar), Lecturer in Chemistry, SOS

**ITEM NO. 40 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE
COMMITTEE TAKEN AT ITS 59TH MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 09, 2008.**

BM 94.40.1 The Minutes of the 59th meeting of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9.4.2008 were considered alongwith the minutes of the 58th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31.3.2008 and approved.

TABLED ITEM

**ITEM NO. 41 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS IN THE STATUTE
OF DEC EMPOWERING THE DEC TO GRANT**

**RECOGNITION TO UNIVERSITIES/INSTITUTES
OFFERING PROGRAMMES THROUGH DISTANCE
MODE**

BM 94.41.1 The Item was deferred.

**ITEM NO. 42 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO LOOK INTO THE
MATTER OF SUPPORT TO STATE OPEN
UNIVERSITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
BUILDING.**

BM 94.42.1 The Item was deferred.

**ITEM NO. 43 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHAIR ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

BM 94.43.1 The Board noted the various activities initiated by the Chair
on Sustainable Development.

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

**(V.N. RAJASEKHARAN PILLAI)
Chairman**