

## IGNOU

### **95<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON AUGUST 04, 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. Dr. K.R. Srivathsan - Member
4. Prof.(Ms.) Shafiqa Parveen - Member
5. Prof. N.V. Narasimham - Member
6. Prof. Shatrughna Kumar - Member
7. Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy - Member

Shri K. Laxman, Registrar - Secretary

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary (S&HE), MHRD and the Secretary, Ministry of I & B, members could not attend the meeting. Sh. N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, MHRD and Ms. Shruti Thakkar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of I&B represented the Secretary (S&HE) Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Secretary, Ministry of I & B, respectively.

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

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 95<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management. The Chairman informed that Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, co-opted by the Board of Management as a Member, demitted the office of the Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata on 14.5.2008 and as such her term on the BOM of IGNOU has ended from that date. The members recalled the contributions made by Prof. Banerjee as a member of the Board of Management of this University and her services to the ODL System. The Board placed on record its appreciation for the valuable services and contributions rendered by Prof. Surabhi Banerjee as a member of the Board of Management of this University and to the ODL System.

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 94<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 10, 2008 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

**BM 95.1.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Shri K. Laxman, Secretary, Board of Management informed the Board that the Minutes of the 94<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management were circulated to the members. Comments have been received from the Ministry on certain resolutions vide MHRD letter No.5-25/2008-DL dated 25.6.2008. He explained that comments have been examined and the clarifications of the University have been placed before the Board (**Appendix-1**). He informed that a report on the action taken on the various decisions of Board taken at its 94<sup>th</sup> meeting have been given in a separate report, also placed before the Board (**Appendix-2**).

**BM 95.1.2 (1)** The Board took up the Minutes of the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting for confirmation. In reference to the Resolutions No.94.11.1&2 relating to the proposal for establishment of the Advanced School of Informatics and Innovative Learning (ASIIL) in the University presented by Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, Member, BOM in the previous meeting, the members commended the efforts of Prof. Srivathsan in presenting the details and an elaborate paper for the establishment of the ASIIL and the NPTEL etc. with emphasis on the adoption of the Education Grid. The Members felt that once the Scheme of ASIIL is implemented in the University, it will go a long way in covering the need for quality education through the use of advanced technologies. The Board appreciated the idea of Education Grid to mitigate the need for a systematic technology facilitated collaborative framework using the NPTEL etc.

**(2)** Joining the discussion, Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy referred to his comments on the minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board in respect of Resolution No.93.15.3 raised by him, while confirming the minutes in 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board. He pointed that though his comments were discussed and agreed to by the Board the same had not been recorded fully in the minutes of 94<sup>th</sup> meeting. Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Member, BOM mentioned that the issue was also discussed in the Establishment Committee at its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting and the

Committee supported the point raised by Dr. Reddy. The matter was deliberated upon by the members in detail and it was agreed to rectify the resolution recorded in the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the BOM. Accordingly, the resolution No.93.15.3 has been modified as under; incorporating the following amendments to the Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers.

“V(6)(a) Every teacher shall apply for placement/promotion on becoming eligible for such placement/promotion on the prescribed proforma, as early as possible, but not later than six months from the date of becoming eligible for it. If the teacher is recommended for placement/promotion, the same will be brought into effect from the date of eligibility.

“V(6) (b) The appraisal of performance of a teacher will be based on the performance appraisal form submitted by her/him on the prescribed proforma as per the procedure approved by the Board of Management.”

“V(c) If a teacher does not apply for placement/promotion within the period given in Clause V(6)(a) above, the date of eligibility will be the date on which the application was submitted by the teacher to the Director concerned.”

“V(9) 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.

If there are administrative delays, the Selection Committee will look into all those matters by taking into consideration the facts and accordingly, the Selection Committee will decide the date of eligibility.”

The Board authorized that the modified version of the Ordinance may be submitted to the Ministry for consideration of the Visitor.

clarifications/status report of the University as also further action taken/proposed to be taken by the University with regard to these comments. The Board further noted the Action Taken Report by the University on the various decisions taken at its 94<sup>th</sup> meeting and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

**ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 52ND MEETING TO BE HELD ON JULY 22, 2008**

**BM 95.2.1** The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made at its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 22.7.2008. A copy of the Minutes of the Establishment Committee is placed as **Appendix-3**.

**ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 60<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON JULY 21, 2008**

**BM 95.3.1** The Board considered and approved recommendations of the Finance committee made at its 60<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31.7.2008. A copy of the Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee is placed as **Appendix-4**.

**BM 95.3.2** The Board also considered the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet of the University and accorded specific approval to the Annual Accounts for the year 2007-08 prepared in terms of Section 29(1) of IGNOU Act, and directed that the same may be submitted to the Audit.

**BM 95.3.3** The Board further noted the observations made by Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy, Regional Director and Member, BOM, in respect of an item considered by the Finance Committee at its 57<sup>th</sup> meeting (Res. No. 57.18.1) pertaining to the grants to the Study Centres. The Board considered the matter in detail and approved the criteria for allocation of grants for the Study Centres, as under:

Category	Student Enrolment per year	Allocation of grants (Rs. Per Annum)
1	500 to 1000	25, 000
2	1001 to 2000	50,000
3	2001 to 4000	1,00,000
4	Above 4000	1,50,000

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ODL IN RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN AGRICULTURE (NCRTA) AT AGARTALA (TRIPURA), NORTH EAST REGION.**

**BM 95.4.1**

Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor explained the need for establishing the National Centre for ODL in Research and Training in Agriculture (NCRTA) at Agartala in North-East Region. He explained that in the North East Region the pattern of agriculture has remained uneven in spite of its great potential and scope in agriculture and allied sectors. Present education system is not much effective in delivery mechanism to farming community who depend mostly on the field level functionaries. Lack of suitable methodologies and resource materials for extension and education using distance education and extension system has been identified as a serious shortcoming of the present system. The low percentage of educated people at secondary and higher level in agriculture stands in the way of making agriculture an instrument of social and economic development which underlined the need for establishment of a Centre at National level.

Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, School of Agriculture who was invited to present the item, emphasized that research in the area of agriculture education and extension is crucial for effective and immediate imparting of knowledge and skills. Keeping this in view, the National Centre for ODL in Research and Training in Agriculture (NCRTA) proposed to set up at the National level and particularly for the NE Region of the country shall be an ideal proposition. The objectives of the Centre are to develop and upgrade the competencies of human resources in agriculture based activities by identifying the existing gaps and challenges and develop action model for use of Information and Communication Technology based on the level of education required.

**BM 95.4.2** The Board deliberated the issue and approved the proposal for establishing the National Centre for ODL in Research and Training in Agriculture (NCRTA). The Board also directed that the financial implication of the proposal including the provision of manpower for the Centre may be intimated to the Ministry. Further, the Board discussed the prospects of introduction of B.Sc (Agricultural) and M.Sc (Agricultural) programmes in the University for regular as well as in service staff working in the departments of Agriculture & Allied services. Sh. N.K. Sinha, Jt. Secretary, MHRD appreciated the progress and efforts made by the University in developing the need based programmes and its capabilities to develop these programmes which will attract large number of students across the country.

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND NOMINATE DR. AMRITA NIGAM, READER, SOS AS MEMBER OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL ON TERMS OF PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 9(1)(IV) FOR THE RESIDUAL TERM OF PROF. PUSHPLATA TRIPATHI.**

**BM 95.5.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board ratified the nomination of Dr. Amrita Nigam, Reader, SOS as a member of the Academic Council under the provisions of Statute 9(1)(iv) for the residual term of Prof. Pushplata Tripathi i.e. upto 28.8.2009.

**ITEM NO. 6 TO REPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESERVATION FOR OBC CANDIDATES IN THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 95.6.1** Shri K. Laxman, Secretary, Board of Management informed that the item was circulated to the members of the Board vide No.IG/Admn(G)/BM-95/2008/1251 dt. May 30, 2008 for consideration. The proposal was approved by the majority of members. The Board noted that the proposal has already been considered and approved by the Board, through circulation. The Board considered the guidelines circulated under the Govt. of India OM No.1-1/2005-U.1.A/847 dated 20.4.2008 and re-affirmed of the proposal for grant of 27 per cent reservation to candidates belonging to the OBC category in the admission in the programmes of the University where there are restrictions in the number of seats with the condition that the Govt. of India guidelines for exclusion of candidates

belonging to the creamy layer among the OBC as per the provisions in the said OM shall be followed by the University. The Board also noted that the decision has been given effect with admissions in the University starting with July 2008 admission cycle. Further, the number of seats in all such programmes shall accordingly be enhanced from July 2008 admissions onwards.

**ITEM NO. 7 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 44<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2008.**

**BM 95.7.1** The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council were 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 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.7.2008. A copy of the minutes of the Academic Council is placed as **Appendix-5**.

**ITEM NO. 8 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 30<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2008.**

**BM 95.8.1** The Board noted the decisions taken by the Distance Education Council taken at its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.7.2008. A copy of the minutes are placed as **Appendix-6**.

**ITEM NO. 9 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 9, 2008 AND JULY 9, 2008, RESPECTIVELY**

**BM 95.9.1** The Item was taken for consideration. The Board noted the decisions of the Research Council taken at its 11<sup>th</sup> (the Item was deferred in the 94<sup>th</sup> Board meeting) and 12<sup>th</sup> meetings held on 9.4.2008 and 9.7.2008, respectively. A copy each of the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Research Council is placed as **Appendix-7 & 8**.

**ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER (1)(VI)(A) OF STATUTE 6A**

**BM 95.10.1** The item was taken for consideration. The Secretary explained that Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, co-opted by the Board as its Member, has since demitted the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University and as such she ceased to be a member on the Board of Management under Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 6A. He therefore, proposed that the Board may co-opt a Vice-Chancellor of an Open University as the new member on the Board to fill in the vacancy under Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 6A. The Board considered the proposal and co-opted Shri V.S. Dubey (IAS), Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda Open University, Patna on the Board of Management under Clause (1)(vi) of Statute ibid, for the residual period upto 26.11.2009. This nomination is by name, not ex-officio Vice-Chancellor, NOU.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MADE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 18.7.2008.**

**BM 95.11.1** The Board approved the recommendations of the Works Committee made at its 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> meetings held on 23.4.2008 and 18.7.2008 respectively. A copy each of the minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> meetings of the Works Committee is placed as **Appendix-9 & 10**.

**ITEM NO. 12 TO REPORT THE NOMINATIONS OF A MEMBER EACH ON THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE AND THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOM UNDER CLAUSE (II) OF THEIR COMPOSITION**

**BM 95.12.1** The Board ratified the nominations of Dr. Shafiq Parveen and Prof. Shatrughna Kumar, members, BOM on the Purchase Committee and the Establishment Committee, respectively, under Clause (ii) of their composition



**ITEM NO. 13 TO REPORT THE EXEMPTION GRANTED TO DR. SANJAYA MISHRA, READER IN DISTANCE EDUCATION OFFERED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING, VANCOUVER ON THE PROJECT ‘MOODLE IN THE COMMONWEALTH**

**BM 95.13.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the matter regarding the exemption granted to Dr. Sanjaya Mishra, Reader, from payment of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> amount of consultancy fee, amounting to CAD \$334 received by him on completion of a project namely “Moodle in the Commonwealth. The members pointed out that the copyright of the Report submitted by Dr. Sanjaya Mishra should be owned jointly by IGNOU and Commonwealth of Learning (COL), as COL has utilized the intellectual property right of IGNOU faculty. The Members therefore, desired that a letter should be sent to the Commonwealth of Learning in the matter to incorporate the IPR in this case and the procedure be followed in all such cases in future.

**BM 95.13.2** The Board noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in exempting Dr. Sanjaya Mishra from the payment of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> amount of consultancy fee which he has received, and ratified the decision subject to the above observation.

**ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT PERTAINING TO THE RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF JUNIOR ASSISTANT CUM TYPIST.**

**BM 95.14.1** The item was taken for consideration. The Board was of the opinion that the matter has to be examined in further details particularly in view of the fact that it involved vigilance angle. The Board therefore, directed that the entire matter be re-examined thoroughly alongwith the report.

**ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 95.15.1** The item was taken for consideration. It was emphasized that the growth of the University has been quite phenomenal with over 18.5 Million students on its rolls as on February 2008 with an annual enrolment of more than 5,35,000 students. The enrolment figures may well touch 3 million students by

the end of the year 2009 and more with the new programmes and other initiatives taken up for educational development including the proposals with special emphasis for the North-East Region. It was however, conceded that the growth of the University has not been matched with the public information to be disseminated about the University. The reasons being the Public Relation wing in the University so far, has not been given opportunity to play its due role due to certain inherent weaknesses despite the fact that the University has grown horizontally in term of programmes, Regional Centres and Study Centres etc. In view of these, it has become essential to restructure and strengthen the Public Information Unit of the University.

In this connection, Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC informed that the University has already initiated the process of enlisting the services of firms for media consultancy as per a previous BOM decision and Expression of Interest (EOI) has been invited.

**BM 95.15.2** The Board appreciated the efforts being made in the matter and accorded the approval for restructuring of the Public Information Unit with the provisions of essential support staff and related facilities to the Public Information Unit. The Board further approved the proposal for creation of positions for the Public Information Unit, as given in the **Appendix-11**, and directed that the financial implications be reported to the Ministry for concurrence.

**ITEM NO. 16 TO REPORT ON THE MOUS/MOCS/AGREEMENTS SIGNED/ ENTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 95.16.1** The Board noted the MOUs/MOCs/Agreements signed/entered by the University, as per the details in the **Appendix-12**. The Board, however, made the following observations in the matter:

- (i) The University should ensure that the nomenclature of the degrees proposed under the various MOUs with any other institution is in conformity with regard to the UGC nomenclature of degrees.
- (ii) Before entering into MOU/Agreements with any international organizations/institutions, relevant guidelines of the Ministry of External Affairs in this

regard should be followed.

- (iii) Ms. Shruti Thakkar, Jt. Secy., representing the Secretary, Ministry of I & B observed that the IGNOU should also develop programmes in collaboration with AIR/Doordarshan. It was clarified that IGNOU has already launched 2 academic programmes viz. Post Graduate Diploma in Radio Prasaran (GDRP) and Post Graduate Diploma in Audio Programme Production (PGDAPP) in collaboration with AIR.

**BM 95.16.2** As regards the MOU with Deutsche Welle, the Chairman clarified that the DW is a Radio Broadcasting Company of the Govt. of Germany. The Chairman further informed the Board that CEMCA would be offering 150 fellowships for these programmes.

**ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR UNDER CLAUSE (2), SUB-CLAUSES (II)(D) & (E) OF STATUTE 12**

**BM 95.17.1** The item was taken for consideration. The Board authorized the Chairman to nominate members on the Selection Committee for the post of Registrar, under Sub-clauses (ii)(d) & (e) of Clause (2), Statute 12 of the IGNOU Act and report the matter to the next Board.

**ITEM NO. 18 TO INFORM THE PROGRESS REPORT OF BACK OFFICE AUTOMATION USING ERP MODULES**

**BM 95.18.1** The Board deliberated at length the issues relating to the progress and implementation of Back Office Automation using ERP modules. The Board constituted the following Committee to review the progress and work done so far and to suggest the next phase, consisting of the following members:

- (i) Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala, Deptt. of Electrical Engineering, IIT, Chennai
- (ii) Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, IIIT-M, Kerala
- (iii) Prof. J. Satyanarayana, CEO, National Institute of Smart Govt. (NISG), Hyderabad.
- (iv) Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
- (v) An expert from NIC, Deptt. of Inf. Technology,

Ministry of Communication & Inf. Technology, New Delhi

(vi) Sh. N.K. Sinha, Jt. Secy., MHRD, New Delhi

**BM 95.18.2** The Board further directed that the progress report in respect of ERP be circulated to the members.

**ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRES AT TRIVANDRUM, WEST DELHI, NOIDA AND CHANDIGARH**

**BM 95.19.1** The Board deliberated at length the proposal for establishment of Regional Centres at Trivandrum, West Delhi, Noida and Chandigarh taking into consideration the programmes introduced, numbers of study centres activated, students enrolled etc. and the need for extending the outreach of the University further. The Board was appraised that in the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan period the University has envisaged establishment of 10 more Regional Centres in the country. During the year 2007-08 the University has already established 2 Regional Centres namely Vijayawada and Jorhat. The Board appreciated the need to establish four more Regional Centres in year 2008-09 at Trivendrum (Kerala) and Chandigarh (state/union territory), West Delhi and Noida (under NCR) and approved the proposal. The Board further directed that:

- (i) the Regional Centres with large number of students such as Patna, Ranchi etc. be considered for opening additional Regional Centres so as to provide support to learners, nearer their places.
- (ii) the University should consider developing a proper mechanism whereby it can create additional Regional Centres as and when justified.
- (iii) the University should identify such places where additional Regional Centres could be established and provision for staff etc. in all such Regional Centres is made, soon after they are established.

It was also mentioned that the University should ensure that proposal of distribution of students and the Study Centres etc. among the 3 Regional Centres at Delhi and one at Noida is done judiciously so that each Regional Centre gets reasonable no. of students and Study Centres.

**BM 95.19.2** The Board also approved hiring of built up space of about 5000 sq. ft. carpet area following provisions under the GFR 2005 Govt. of India for the establishment of the Regional Centres at Trivendrum, Delhi-3, Noida and Chandigarh.

**ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, STAFF TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION (STRIDE), IGNOU**

**BM 95.20.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that Prof. S.K. Panda was appointed as Director, Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) for tenure of three years with effect from 11.8.2005 and that his tenure of appointment as Director, STRIDE is expiring on 10.8.2008.

**BM 95.20.2** Prof. Shafiq Parvin, Member, BOM enquired whether Prof. Ramanujam in his previous tenure from 2000 to 2005 had completed his full term as Director, STRIDE, or, was removed from the position on some allegations before completing his term. In that case it has to be annulled before appointing him as next Director of STRIDE. It was clarified that he had completed his term successfully, but his administrative and financial powers were withdrawn during the period of enquiry which was instituted in a disciplinary proceedings against him. Later the charges against him were dropped by the disciplinary authority accepting his explanation.

**BM 95.20.2** It was further clarified that, according to the provisions under Clause (1)(ii)(c) of Statute 4, the Director of the STRIDE shall be appointed by the BOM on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in STRIDE. Further, Clause (1)(ii) (d) of the Statute 4 states that a Director shall hold office of a tenure of three years and that he/she shall be eligible for re-appointment. The Board therefore, appointed Prof. P.R. Ramanujam as Director, STRIDE as per the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor, according to seniority of the Professors in the STRIDE, for a period of three years w.e.f. 11.8.2008.

**ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS IN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY UNDER STATUTE 4(1) (a), (b) AND (c)**

**BM 95.21.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board had appointed the following Professors as Directors of the Schools of Management Studies, Health Sciences and Engineering & Technology for a period of three years from the dates mentioned against each:

S. No.	Name of the Professor	Director of the School	Date of assumption of charge
01.	Prof. N.V. Narasimham, Professor of Commerce	School of Management Studies	12.8.2005
02.	Prof. S.B. Arora, Professor of Health Sciences.	School of Health Sciences	6.8.2005
03.	Prof. P. Srinivasa Kumar, Professor of Mechanical Engineering	School of Engg. & Technology	3.7.2008

The term of appointment of Prof. N.V. Narasimham and Prof. S.B. Arora, as Directors of the School of Management Studies and School of Health Sciences shall come to an end 11.8.2008 & 5.8.2008, respectively.

Referring to the appointment of Prof. P. Srinivasa Kumar as Director of the School of Engg. & Tech. by the Board at its 94<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Res. BM 94.22.1), it was pointed out that Prof. P. Srinivasa Kumar was appointed as full fledged Director of the School. However, through an oversight the Resolution was not recorded correctly, as under:

*“.... further action in assigning the charge of the post of Director of the School to Prof. P. Srinivasa Kumar, Professor, Civil Engineering.”*

**BM 95.21.2** It was noted that Prof. P. Srinivasa Kumar was appointed as full fledged Director of the School of Engg. & Tech. The Board therefore, decided that Resolution No. BM 94.22.1 may be modified to read as under:

*'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 to appoint Prof. P. Srinivasa Kumar, Professor Civil Engineering as Director of the School of Engineering & Technology.'*

The term of Prof. Srinivasa Kumar, as Director of the School of Engg. & Technology has already come to an end w.e.f. 4.8.2008, on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor, KLC Institute of Engg. & Tech., Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

**BM 95.21.3** The Board noted the vacancies of the Directors of the three schools, as above and appointed the following teachers as Directors of the Schools, in terms of the provisions under Clause (a) & (b) of Statute 4(1), as per the details given below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Professor</b>	<b>Name of the School</b>	<b>Date of assumption of charge</b>
1.	Prof. G. Subbayamma, Professor of Management	School of Management Studies	12.8.2008
2.	Prof. Bimla Kapoor, Professor of Nursing	School of Health Sciences	6.8.2008
3.	Prof. Ajit Kumar, Professor of Civil Engineering	School of Engg. & Technology	5.8.2008

**ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS IN THE STATUTE 28 OF IGNOU ACT EMPOWERING THE DEC TO GRANT RECOGNITION TO UNIVERSITIES/ INSTITUTES OFFERING PROGRAMMES THROUGH DISTANCE MODE**

**BM 95.22.1** (This item was deferred in the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board). The Board considered the recommendations of the Committee constituted to bring out the proposal for suitable amendments to the provisions under Statute 28 in connection with empowering the Distance Education Council to grant recognition to the University/Institution and their programmes. After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the following amendments in the Statute 28, as per the recommendations of the Committee:

1. To add two sub-clauses as (a) and (b) under Statute 28 (4)(a)(i), as follows:

(i) (a) To recognize any University/Institution offering programmes through Open and Distance Learning mod.

(b) As far as the programmes are concerned, the approval of the respective statutory bodies of the University/Institution is required. However, for technical and professional programmes, where approval of respective regulatory bodies is required the University/Institution concerned has to seek their approval for offering such programmes.

2. Sub-clause (c) under Statute 28 (4) shall be modified as under:

(c) Financial assistance under clause (4) (b) may be sanctioned only to the categories of institutions recognized by DEC, as under:

(i) An Open University established by or under an Act of a State Legislature

(ii) Any other university as defined in Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, provided that such a university is also declared fit, wherever applicable, under Section 12-B of that Act

(iii) An institution deemed to be a university under Section 3 of the UGC Act

(iv) A Private University/Institution is not eligible for receiving financial assistance from the DEC

**BM 95.22.1** The Board further directed that the above amendments made in Statute 28 be submitted to the Ministry for assent of the Visitor.

**ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE SUPPORT TO STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS BY THE DEC**

**BM 95.23.1** (This item was deferred in the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board). The item was taken up for consideration. The Board



considered the recommendations of the Committee constituted to review the guidelines for granting support to State Open universities for construction of buildings. After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the following guidelines, as per the recommendations of the Committee:

“The Open Universities can seek assistance upto 50% of the total grants allocated under Development Assistance in a plan period for construction of buildings. The DEC will provide financial assistance for construction/renovation/extension of library building, class rooms, laboratories, studio for Multi Media Facilities, and other such buildings required for the Open University system. For utilization of building grants, State Open Universities shall be required to produce following documents to DEC.

- (i) Land Ownership Certificate: stating that the land on which the building is to be constructed is under the undisputed possession of the Open Universities. The certificate should be signed by the Registrar of the Open Universities and Secretary of the Management Committee.
- (ii) Load Bearing Certificate: In case the extension of a building is proposed on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor or above, a Load Bearing Certificate from a competent engineer to the effect that the existing building is structurally sound to bear the load of proposed construction is to be submitted.
- (iii) Certificate of engaging an Architect: The Open Universities will engage an Architect registered with the Council of Architecture in case the work is not assigned to CPWD/PSUs.
- (iv) Approved Building Plan by Competent Authority of the State Govt./respective local bodies.
- (v) A certificate to the effect that the construction work will be got done by the State PWD or CPWD or the Local Municipal Authority or such construction agency which is recognized by the State Government.”

The Board further decided that the terms and conditions given under Clause 2.1 in the sanction letter also be changed on the lines of changes suggested in the guidelines, recommended by the Committee.

**ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF GRANT OF FREE STUDENTSHIP/FEE WAIVER IN RESPECT OF STUDENTS BELONGING TO SC CATEGORY IN IGNOU**

**BM 95.24.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board deliberated and approved the recommendations of the Committee to look into the matter of grant of free studentship/fee waiver in respect of students belonging to SC category in the University. Sh. N.K. Sinha, Jt. Secy., MHRD suggested that the University may approach the Ministry of Social Welfare, Govt. of India for granting of freeship to the students belonging to SC category taking admissions under various programmes in this University, through the Ministry of HRD.

A copy of the recommendations of the Committee is placed at **Appendix-13.**

**ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF EMPLOYEES FOR CHANGE OVER FROM CPF SCHEME TO GPF SCHEME.**

**BM 95.25.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The matter was deliberated in detail. It was explained that the University has implemented the GPF Scheme on the lines of the Scheme applicable to the employees of the Govt. of India. However, some of the employees were left out of the Scheme who have continued to subscribe to CPF Scheme which was also available in the University concurrently. Such employees, about 43, have now appealed for considering their cases for change over from CPF to GPF Scheme, claiming that they have not been able to exercise their options for the GPF Scheme in 1994 for the following reasons:

- (i) They were not aware of the circular
- (ii) Some of them were on study leave
- (iii) Not properly guided and hence opted for CPF
- (iv) Could not avail due to unavoidable circumstances
- (v) Applied for conversion from CPF to GPF which was not acceded to.

**BM 95.25.1** One of the members also mentioned that similar facility for

change over from CPF to GPF has been given by the Punjab University (governed by Govt. of India rules) and Kurukshetra University (State University). These universities have extended the facility to their employees who were appointed prior to 1994. In the case of IGNOU, the number of such employees was 43 only and, being an Autonomous Body, the University has its own pension fund and resources. It was therefore, proposed to extend the facility of change over for these employees from CPF to GPF Scheme with the condition that the employees who would exercise such options will be required to deposit the amount as per rules of the GPF Scheme.

**BM 95.25.2**

After detailed deliberations, the Board agreed to the request of the employees for changeover from CPF Scheme to GPF Scheme. The Board, however, directed that the matter may be informed to the Ministry of HRD with full justification.

**ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2007-08**

**BM 95.26.1**

The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the Annual Report of the University is required to be prepared by the University, under provisions of Section 28 of IGNOU Act, read with provisions under Statute 25 of the Statutes of the University indicating *inter-alia*, the steps taken by the University during the year towards the fulfillment of its objects. The Annual Report so prepared under the directions of the Board of Management is required to be submitted to the Visitor on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, following. The Secretary cited the following provisions under Section 28 of the IGNOU Act for information of the Board:

- (1) The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the directions of the Board of Management which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfillment of its objects.
- (2) The annual report so prepared shall be submitted to the Visitor on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- (3) A copy of the annual report, as prepared under sub-section

(1) shall also be submitted to the Central Government which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

The Annual Report of the University for the year 2007-2008 has accordingly been prepared and the draft Report is placed before the Board for perusal.

**BM 95.26.2** The Board considered and approved the Annual Report of the University for the year 2007-2008 and authorized that the same may be submitted to the Ministry in terms of the provisions under Sub-Section (2) Section 28 of IGNOU Act.

**ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ENHANCEMENT OF AGE OF SUPERANNUATION IN RESPECT OF THE PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR AND TO AMEND THE RELATED PROVISIONS UNDER STATUTE 3 (PROVISO BELOW CLAUSE (2) STATUTE 3.**

**BM 95.27.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board deliberated the issue regarding enhancement of the age of superannuation in respect of Pro-Vice-Chancellors from 65 to 70 years. Sh. N.K. Sinha, Jt. Secy., MHRD informed the Board that the Ministry has already considered this proposal in detail and replied the University, recently regretting that the proposal cannot be accepted by the Ministry.

**ITEM NO. 28** *(The item was considered along with item No.29)* **TO CONSIDER (i) THE PROPOSALS FOR LIFTING OF PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION OF TEACHERS/ ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE UNIVERSITY, AND (ii) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF PROJECT DIRECTOR, SARVA SIKHSHA ABHIYAN (DEP-SSA).**

**BM 95. 28.1** The Board considered the proposal for lifting of probation and confirmation of Teachers/Academic Staff of the University and approved the proposal as under:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Date of Joining	Date of Completion of probation	Date of Completion of confirmation
1.	Dr. Didey Laloo, Regional Director, Regional Centre, Shillong.	1.6.2007	31.5.2008	1.6.2008
2.	Dr. Shiva Kumar G.N., Regional Director, Regional Centre, Ranchi.	1.6.2007	31.5.2008	1.6.2008
3.	Dr. Ashok Sharma, Regional Director, Regional Centre, Khanna.	1.6.2007	31.5.2008	1.6.2008
4.	Dr. Gulab Jha, Regional Director, Regional Centre, Karnal.	7.6.2007	6.6.2008	7.6.2008
5.	Shri Pankaj Khanna, Dy. Director, Project Control Unit, Planning and Development Division	2.7.2007	1.7.2008	2.7.2008
6.	Dr. K. Pannerselvam, Director, Regional Centre, Madurai.	13.7.2007	12.7.2008	13.7.2008
7.	Dr. M. Shanmugham, Regional Director, Regional Centre, Cochin.	16.7.2007	15.7.2008	16.7.2008
8.	Ms. Reeta Devi, Lecturer in Nuring	25.9.2007	24.9.2008	25.9.2008
9.	Ms. Neerja Sood, Lecturer in Nuring	17.9.2007	16.9.2008	17.9.2008
10.	Ms. Laxmi, Lecturer in Nursing	5.10.2007	4.10.2007	5.10.2008

**BM 95.28.2** The Board considered the recommendations of Selection Committee meeting for recruitment to the post of Project Director, Sarva Sikhsha Abhiyan (DEP- SSA) held on 23.06.2008 and approved the appointment of Dr. S.S. Jena for the post of Project Director in relaxation of the condition that the selected candidate must be a senior Professor as recommended by the Selection Committee.

**ITEM NO. 30 TO REPORT THE HANDING OVER THE CHARGE OF REGISTRAR (MPDD) TO DR. R.R. RAUSARIA, DY. DIRECTOR, DEC**

**BM 95.30.1** The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that Col. Rajive Kohli, Registrar, MPDD was appointed for a term of 5 years from 7.7.2003 to 6.7.2008. Since the last day of his tenure fell on Sunday i.e. 6.7.2008, Col. Kohli was relieved of his duties as Registrar, MPDD on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. Further, the Vice-Chancellor entrusted the charge of the Registrar, MPDD to Dr. R.R. Rausaria, Dy. Director, DEC w.e.f. 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in giving the charge of Registrar, MPDD to Dr. R.R. Rausaria, Deputy Director, DEC w.e.f. 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

**ITEM NO. 31 THE MATTER RELATING TO THE GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE NEED FOR CREATION OF THE POSTS, COMMENSURATE WITH THE GROWTH OF IGNOU**

**BM 95.31.1** Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Member, Board of Management explained that the expansion of the University in terms of the academic programmes, student enrolment, Regional Centres and Study Centres and new initiatives undertaken in the past 2 years was phenomenal. He mentioned that academic positions created in the Regional Centres were based on the initial enrolment figures and academic programmes introduced before 1990. Taking into consideration the growth and expansion of the University, new initiatives and the addition of several responsibilities on account of decentralization of the activities relating to admissions and evaluations its implications on Regional Centres, there should have been proper increase in the number of positions of Senior Regional Directors, commensurate with addition to their job responsibilities, periodically. He further mentioned that as on today, there are only 7 positions of Senior Regional Directors which were created in the year 1996-97. Therefore, it is necessary for the University to look into this aspect and create positions of Senior Regional Directors, keeping the field expansions of the University. A review in this regard was therefore, necessary so as to encourage the Academics who are working in Regional Centres and to get best out of them.

**BM 95.31.2** The Board agreed that there is a need to look into this aspect and directed that the matter be reviewed urgently and a report submitted to the Board for its consideration.

**ITEM NO. 32 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY PROFESSOR**

**BM 95.32.1** The Chairman, Board of Management reported the appointment of Prof. S.P. Narang, Sr. Professor and Director, Jagannath International Management School, New Delhi, as Honorary Professor in the University without any salary or honorarium.

**ITEM NO. 33 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROF. K.R. SRIVATHSAN FOR ESTABLISHING AND TO HEAD THE ADVANCED CENTRE FOR INFORMATICS AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING (ACIIL) IN IGNOU**

**BM 95.33.1** The Board while considering the minutes of the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting for confirmation vide Item No.1 noted that the proposal for establishment of ASIIL in the University has been welcomed by the School Board of the School of Computer & Information Sciences and the faculty of the SOCIS. However, for widening the scope of the proposal, the School has suggested that we should set up a Centre instead of a School to be named as Advanced Centre for Informatics and Innovative Learning (ACIIL) instead of ASIIL in the University. The Board approved the proposal.

**BM 95.33.2** At this point, Chairman requested Prof. K.R. Srivathsan to withdraw from the meeting, whereafter the Chairman circulated the CV of Prof. K.R. Srivathsan before the Board and proposed that Board may consider appointing Prof. K.R. Srivathsan as full-time Director of the ACIIL subject to his acceptance. While appreciating the proposal, Sh. N.K. Sinha, Jt. Secy., MHRD mentioned that the contribution of Prof. Srivathsan in the field is outstanding and the name needed no further introduction. It will be for all round benefit of the University to appoint Prof. Srivathsan in the University so that his services are available in Delhi which can be utilized by the Ministry as well. The Board deliberated on the matter in detail and unanimously approved the proposal for appointment of Prof. Srivathsan as Director of the ACIIL as per the University rules.

Prof. Srivathsan was then requested to re-join the meeting. The Chairman informed Prof. K. R. Srivathsan of the Board's decision and requested him to accept the offer of the University and make available his services to IGNOU for establishment of the ACIIL and also to take the charge of the Centre as its Director. The University will protect his service conditions as Director of the Centre and also provide official residence as per his entitlements.

**BM 95.33.3** The Board further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to decide the modalities and terms & conditions of appointment of Prof. K.R. Srivathsan and other related issues.

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

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