

## IGNOU

### MINUTES OF THE 99<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 15, 2009 AT 2.00 P.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. K.R. Srivathsan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	- Member
4	Prof. B. S. Sharma	- Member
5	Prof. P. Purushotam Rao	- Member
6	Dr. S. B. Singh Bhadauria	- Member
7	Dr. Veena Vinayakrao Thakare	- Member
8	Advocate Sh. Pravin Parekh	- Member
9	Prof. Manohar Lal	- Member
10	Prof. Shatrughna Kumar	- Member
11	Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy	- Member
12	Shri Udai S. Tolia, Registrar (Admn)	- Secretary

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary (S&HE), MHRD and Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Members, could not attend the meeting. Ms. Stuti Narain Kacker, Additional Secretary, Ministry of I & B, represented the Secretary, I & B and Sh. Harvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary, 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 99<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management (BOM). The Chairman welcomed & introduced Prof. B. S. Sharma, Prof. P. Purushotam Rao, Dr. S. B. Singh Bhadauria, Dr. Veena Vinayakrao Thakare and Advocate Sh. Pravin Parekh, as new members of the Board and said that he looked forward to their guidance and cooperation for taking IGNOU to new heights. All the new members expressed their thanks & gratitude to the Visitor for nominating them to the BOM & also assured their sincere commitment to the objects of the University. The Chairman introduced Ms. Stuti Narain Kacker, Additional Secretary, Ministry of I & B and Mr. Harvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary, MHRD to the members.

The Chairman then requested the Registrar & 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 98<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2009 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

**BM 99.1.1 (1)** The item was taken up for consideration. The Registrar & Secretary, Board of Management informed that the Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 14.1.2009 were circulated to all the members. No specific comments on the Minutes had been received.

(2) Thereafter, the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of Board taken at its 98<sup>th</sup> meeting, was also circulated & put up for comments. Further, in regard to Item No. 22 of the 98<sup>th</sup> BOM meeting, the Registrar clarified that as per the suggestion received from Mr. N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, MHRD during the last meeting of the Board, the nomenclature of certain Institutes of the University, having the word '*National*' (*as prefix*) had since been modified, suitably and necessary orders issued in this regard, replacing '*National*' with the word '*IGNOU*' (*as prefix*). (The same was duly noted/confirmed).

**BM 99.1.2** During the deliberations, Prof. B.S. Sharma, suggested that the Board Agenda items (including the Minutes) could be placed as **confirmation item /ATR / item for consideration/ approval / reporting item**. He also opined that the word 'ratification' wherever appeared, be taken as 'reported items' since such issues primarily emanated from our own authorities/bodies/standing committee (such as Finance Committee & Establishment Committee etc.) under the IGNOU itself and invariably headed by the persons, so nominated by the respective authorities/Vice-Chancellor or presided over by the Vice-Chancellor himself. In this regard, the Registrar informed that:

'All Standing Committees' recommendations/approval had to be reported to the Board, for **confirmation** as per section (1) &

(2) of Statute 16 ‘&’ also the items where the Vice-Chancellor took action under Section 10(3) of IGNOU Act, the same were required to be reported for ratification of the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.’

**BM 99.1.3** With the above clarifications/observations, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.

**ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 54<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2009**

**BM 99.2.1** Registrar informed that the minutes of 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Establishment Committee (held on 10.1.2009) were duly circulated & no comments received, except for Item No.7, wherein the Director (Academic Coordination Division) had made certain observations.

Further, the deferred items (Nos.2,4,6 & 8) of the said Establishment Committee had been resubmitted in the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Establishment Committee (held on 30.3.2009) & accordingly, the same were circulated amongst all the Establishment Committee members for comments (refer item No.16 of the 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOM; page 16/2 to page 16/8), which inter-alia noted/accepted the comments received from Director (ACD) regarding said item No.7 of the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Establishment Committee.

**BM 99.2.2** The BOM confirmed the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made at its 54<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.1.2009.

**ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2009 (RESUBMITTED)**

**BM 99.3.1** The Board noted that the minutes of the last Finance Committee (63<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 12.1.2009) were deferred in the last meeting (98<sup>th</sup>) of the BOM held on 14.1.2009 primarily because the same could not be circulated amongst the members

well in time. The Finance Officer informed that the minutes had since been duly circulated.

**BM 99.3.2** The Board considered and approved the Minutes of 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12.1.2009.

**ITEM NO. 4 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 46<sup>TH</sup> AND 47<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2009 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2009, RESPECTIVELY**

**BM 99.4.1** The minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> (held on 13.1.2009) and 47<sup>th</sup> (held on 28.2.2009) meetings 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 up at its 46<sup>th</sup> & 47<sup>th</sup> meetings respectively and approved the minutes.

**ITEM NO. 5 TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ORDINANCE ON NOMINATION OF EXPERTS ON SELECTION COMMITTEE UNDER CLAUSE (2)(i)(d) OF STATUTE 12 OF THE IGNOU ACT, APPROVED BY THE BOM AT ITS 96<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 17.9.2008**

**BM 99.5.1** The Registrar informed that the comments of one of the members of the BOM, had been received in regard to point No.7 (page 5/2) of the ‘draft’ Ordinance ‘on nomination of experts on Selection Committee’ (under Clause (2)(i)(d) of Statute 12) which pertained to ‘Blood Relatives or Ph.D research guides/co-guides ‘or’ persons who had worked closely with the candidate for any research work, not be nominated as expert in the Selection Committee’. The matter was deliberated upon at length in the light of the following dimensions inter-alia as under:

(i) Delhi University statutes clearly defined what a “blood relatives” meant & therefore could be adopted accordingly. - (Prof. B.S. Sharma)

(ii) ‘Worked closely’ needed further clarity. Many Vice-

Chancellors/Pro Vice-Chancellors and other experts would stand disqualified from the Selection Committees by virtue of their being guides/co-guides to hundreds of such candidates. Under such circumstances, any expert would disassociate himself from the Selection Committee on his own volition. - (Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC)

(iii) There were many lacunae and perhaps 'blood relatives' did not cover 'in-laws'? Also, regarding point No.3 i.e. 'Panel so drawn ..... be approved.....' needed further clarity from legal angle. - (Sh. Harvinder Singh, MHRD)

(iv) "Conflict of interest statement" should be obtained in regard to point No.7 of the said draft Ordinance.  
- (Chairman, BOM)

(v) Line 2 of point No.4 i.e. "who may add/delete from it" also needed further clarity including specific reasons thereof  
- (Dr. Venugopal Reddy)

**BM 99.5.2**

It was decided that the respective Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for formulating the Ordinance (headed by Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC) be requested to revise/modify the provision(s), in order to plug any loophole/shortcomings in the Ordinance and thereafter the Ordinance be resubmitted for consideration of the BOM.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL.**

**BM 99.6.1**

The Item was taken up for consideration.

The Registrar informed that the item related to the nomination of members on the **Finance Committee**, under Clause 1(iv) of Statute 11 and on the **Distance Education Council (DEC)**, under Clause (3)(a)(v) of Statute 28 and members from amongst BOM i.e. other than an employee of the IGNOU, be appointed by BOM on the Finance Committee & Distance Education Council, respectively.

**BM 99.6.2** After due deliberation, the Board authorized the Chairman to nominate one member each on the Finance Committee and the Distance Education Council, respectively, under the relevant provisions, and report in the next BOM.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR THE PREVENTION, PROHIBITION, AND PUNISHMENT OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT THE WORKPLACE, 2008**

**BM 99.7.1** The Registrar informed that the Committee under Prof. Anu Aneja, Chairperson, appointed by the University in the matter had proposed to have the policies adopted in the form of an Ordinance to make it functional immediately followed by framing of a Statute under Section 25 of the Act.

The Board also noted the observations made by Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Member BOM regarding in-ordinate delay in regard to a complaint (refer Para 2 of minutes of the Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women held on 11.2.2009). In this regard, Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC informed that the delay or complications in the matter was primarily on account of non-availability of the records, procedural delay including non-availability of the complainant herself. Sh. Pravin Parekh, new Member also gave his observations on the legal opinion provided by Sh. Sanjay Parikh, Advocate, Supreme Court inter-alia in regard to point 2 a, 'f', 'j' (pages 7/12-7/14) and para-3 (page 7/15) & 20(xiii) and also informed that word '*means*' wherever had been provided, be replaced by the word '*includes*' i.e. Employees '*means*' - be replaced by '*includes*'. Sh. Harvinder Singh also informed that the word '*resident*' be properly defined and could be restricted to employees living within the IGNOU campus and as such he would be responsible for his family member(s) or the guest (outsider) staying with him. Also, in regard to any other outsider, such cases be dealt in accordance with the relevant law of the land/IPC etc. The Finance Officer also informed that the Conduct Rules did not ipso-facto apply to the Teachers.

**BM 99.7.2** The Board decided to defer the item and directed that the matter should be resubmitted by the said Committee, after inclusion of the aforesaid observations (& other relevant issues) and Advocate Sh. Parvin Parekh's guidance could also be sought wherever needed.

**ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF MS. DIPALI CHAKRABORTY TO DONATE THE PREMISES TO IGNOU FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ARC AT RAGHUNATHGANJ, DISTT. MURSHIDABAD (W.B) AND ALSO NAMING THE BUILDING AS 'AMIYAMALA BHAVAN' AND THE ACADEMIC BLOCK AS 'DR. BIRESWAR CHAKRABORTY'**

**BM 99.8.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The members unanimously agreed to the proposal and appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Regional Director, RC Kolkata in following-up the matter. The Board further appreciated the goodwill gesture of Ms. Dipali Chakraborty for donating the premises (appx. 9000 sq. ft.) including Building to the IGNOU.

**BM 99.8.2** It was also decided to give an appreciation letter to Ms. Dipali for her aforesaid act of kindness for promotion of higher education. The Board also agreed to her request for naming the building as 'Amiyamala Bhavan' & its Academic block as 'Dr. Bireswar Chakraborty Block', (Dr. Bireswar being a renowned Scientist & Educationist himself).

**ITEM NO. 9 TO REPORT THE PROCUREMENT OF 205 GSM ART BOARD**

**BM 99.9.1** The Board noted the action taken for procurement of 205 GSM Art Board, as per decision of the Tender Opening & Evaluation Committee (TOEC) & supply order placed by the University.

**ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE (1) OF STATUTE 10 (A)**

**BM 99.10.1** The Board noted the provisions relating to amendment under Section 25(2) of the IGNOU Act & approved the proposal for changing the name of the School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Sectoral Management (SOTHSSM), listed under in

Clause (1) of Statute 10A as the School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM), vide decision taken by the Academic Council at its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13.1.2009.

**ITEM NO.11 TO REPORT ON THE INAUGURATION OF THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AT PHULBANI, ORISSA AND DESIGNATING PROF. PANDAV NAYAK AS OFFICER-ON-SPECIAL DUTY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

**BM 99.11.1** The Board inter-alia noted and approved the initiative/setting up the Regional Institute for Vocational Education and Training (RIVET) for the East Zone at Phulbani, Orissa & identification of M/s EdCil (a PSE under MHRD) as Project Management Agency for preparation of Master Plan in this regard as well as designating/appointment of Prof. Pandav Nayak, SOSS, as Officer-on-Special Duty, temporarily for a period of one year, to take up the charge and also to facilitate the entire coordination, developmental & allied activities related to RIVET, Phulbani.

**BM 99.11.2** Sh. R. Chauhan, Finance Officer informed that inadvertently no budget provision had been made for the said project. The Chairman clarified that the University had power to establish such academic institutes/centres and to provide access to higher education for large segment of the population and in particular the disadvantaged groups such as those living in remote/rural areas. He also informed that IGNOU had established several national centres of excellence such as Staff Training & Research Institute in Distance Education (STRIDE) in the past & certain institutes in North Eastern India, recently. The Chairman informed that F&A Division should follow the necessary procedure & also the matter be placed before the Finance Committee/BOM for necessary action. The item was accordingly noted & approved.



**ITEM NO.12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR DISCONTINUATION OF COLLABORATION WITH NON-FUNCTIONAL PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

**BM 99.12.1** The Board noted/ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor to close down the four dormant Partner Institutes, outside the country, based on the recommendations of the International Division, w.e.f. 23.3.2009. Prof. B.S. Sharma informed that on such issues, the Vice Chancellor being the CEO was supposed/required to take decision & report only & thus not to place such routine matters for ratification.

The item was accordingly noted & approved.

**ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE SHARING OF STUDY MATERIAL BY SOU'S/CCI'S/DEI'S -RATIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF 25% INSTITUTIONAL DISCOUNT UNDER BULK PURCHASE SCHEME**

**BM 99.13.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the terms & conditions for sharing of IGNOU course material of its various programmes with other State Open Universities/CCIs/DEI's under various schemes including the Bulk Purchase (25% discount) etc. The Chairman informed the members that the decision for withdrawing of 25% institutional discount for the sharing of study material with other SOU's/CCI's/DEI's etc. under Bulk Purchase scheme was taken primarily because it was noticed that certain universities, under this scheme, offered the programmes under the banner of their University, with collaboration of foreign university with very high fees resulting many complaints, including difficulties faced by the IGNOU in meeting the time bound demands from various state level open universities.

The Board noted & ratified the same.

**ITEM NO.14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN APPROACH PAPER ON ‘OPERATION IGNOU EDUCATION GRID’ FOR OPEN DISTRIBUTED TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING SUPPORT TO IGNOU’S COURSES AND NPTEL COURSES**

**BM 99.14.1** The Chairman requested Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor to present the item. Prof. Srivathsan gave a detailed account of various salient features of the project. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD informed that certain initiatives/ measures had already been taken by the MHRD in this regard. He emphasized on the need to ascertain the areas/fields of initiatives/measures taken up by MHRD so that duplication or overlapping could be avoided & such IGNOU initiatives could supplement & complement the MHRD’s initiatives. He further informed that the MHRD had earmarked Rs.10,000 crores for such mega Project & Rs. 10 to 25 crores could be granted to IGNOU by the MHRD in this regard.

**BM 99.14.2** The Members agreed that the MHRD be approached for providing grants/funds to the IGNOU, for the said Project as advised by Sh. Harvinder Singh, MHRD. The Chairman suggested that Prof. K.R. Srivathsan to take up/discuss this matter with the MHRD accordingly & also fix deadline for completion of Stage-I of the Project, tentatively as Sept., 2009.

**BM 99.14.3** The item was accordingly noted/approved.

**ITEM NO.15 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

**BM 99.15.1** The item was taken up for consideration and was duly deliberated upon. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD informed about the suggestion made by the MHRD for conveying to the BOM that the Recommending authority could not be the Appointing authority & that the Vice-Chancellor could give his recommendations regarding appointment of Director, for Board’s decision/approval.

**BM 99.15.2** Prof. B.S. Sharma informed that appointment of Professors as Directors of Schools was routine and an administrative arrangement and the BOM in its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting held on

30.7.1996 authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make appointment of Directors of Schools. He also cited the example of Delhi University where appointments to the post of Deans (equivalent to Directors) of various faculties viz. Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), were done by rotation under routine administrative arrangements. He further opined that since there existed delegation of power, these items should not have been placed before the BOM for ratification at all.

**BM 99.15.3** The Chairman informed that all the Directors were appointed either from amongst existing Teachers or a Teacher already selected by the duly constituted Selection Committee, hence such appointments did not mean 'new appointments'. Also IGNOU had been following this practice for the last 24 years and had such administrative arrangements not been done, the universities would not have been functioning today. Moreover, if there were any complaints, regarding appointment of such teachers as Director, the BOM had inherent right/authority to correct it.

**BM 99.15.4** Prof. B.S. Sharma complimented the Vice-Chancellor for following the 'good practices' by way of reporting these routine matters which otherwise were not necessary for reporting to the Board. Sh. Harvinder Singh, however, reiterated that the power of appointment of the Professors as Directors of various schools be made as per action taken by the Vice-Chancellor and hence it should be recorded.

**BM 99.15.5** With the above observations, the Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Directors of Schools under Statute 4.

**ITEM NO.16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 55<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 30, 2009**

**BM 99.16.1** The Board considered the recommendations of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 30.3.2009. In regard to Item No.4 relating to revamping/strengthening of Legal Cell, Prof. B.S. Sharma informed that legal posts (or any ex-cadre post) should be at par with normal cadre posts with the

provisions/scope for career progression. It was however, emphasized that the lateral/vertical positioning of the officials (i.e. general stream) to the Legal Cell could be properly examined/considered vis-a-vis persons having legal qualifications in order to regulate postings/appointment of such persons in the Legal Cell.

**BM 99.16.2** With regard to Item No. 2, the Finance Officer informed that every appointment made after 1.1.2004 was required to be covered under the new Pension Scheme and the same had to be considered in respect of all the new appointments. Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy also informed that if it was so, the University would not be able to attract new faculty(ies) and that it would be equally difficult to retain the faculty(ies) who had joined the IGNOU after 1.1.2004 with the past service having pensionary benefits etc.

**BM 99.16.3** The Registrar informed that the new Pension Scheme pertained to only the 'fresh appointees/recruits' who started their career 'afresh' at the induction level only and also without having any past experience as such. In other words, the new Pension Scheme was not applicable to those, who joined the universities/other organisations through 'lateral entries' and also who had already been covered under any pensionary including GPF/CPF Scheme. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC informed that upon selection of such teachers/employees, continuity of service had invariably been provided including protection of last pay drawn. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD informed that the Ministry of HRD was already seized with this issue i.e. transferability of past service & related matters and therefore, such benefits including pensionary benefit could not be denied. He further clarified that the MHRD was in favour of extending pensionary/related benefits, to those who had already been covered under various such benefits in the past. However, the final decision in the matter had yet to be taken. The Vice-Chancellor informed that 'people' had to move from one place to another and the universities had to function accordingly. Prof. B.S. Sharma informed that in case such benefits including pensionary benefits were not transferred none would join the universities including new universities and as much as 80% of the population of the existing universities consisted of teachers

who had joined on lateral entry mode. The Registrar also informed that the issue not only pertained to pensionary benefit but also included CPF/GPF/Leave Encashment/Gratuity and so on hence all such past benefits could not be denied in such lateral entry cases subject to various conditions i.e. where the movement of such employee(s) had been with the mutual consent of both the organizations.

**BM 99.16.4** With these observations, the Board confirmed the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Establishment Committee. A copy of the minutes is placed as **Appendix-1**.

**ITEM NO.17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 64<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 30, 2009**

**BM 99.17.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.3.2009 including the Annual Accounts of the University. A copy of the Minutes of the Finance Committee is placed at **Appendix-2**.

The Finance Officer informed that with the approval of the Board as above, the Annual Accounts of the University stood closed/ratified for the concerned financial year.

**ITEM NO.18 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING HELD ON APRIL 01, 2009**

**BM 99.18.1** The Board noted the decisions taken by the Distance Education Council at its 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 1.4.2009. A copy of the minutes is placed at **Appendix-3**.

**ITEM NO.19 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 30, 2009**

**BM 99.19.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Member BOM/Director, Research Unit inter-alia informed about the decisions and also that under the new

initiatives taken by the IGNOU, many bright young Post-Graduate students had been appointed as Research & Teaching Assistants (RTAs) for a period of 18 months, who also helped the teachers in the various schools besides their own research work. Besides having hands on exposure to the university system, these RTAs were also entitled for a stipend of Rs.16000/- per month towards various expenses. All the members complimented the University for providing such encouragement to the bright young Research Scholars.

**BM 99.19.2** The Board noted and ratified the decisions of the Research Council taken at its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30.3.2009. A copy of the minutes is placed at **Appendix-4**.

**ITEM NO.20 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR RECRUITMENT/CAS/ APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSISITONS**

**BM 99.20.1** The recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for recruitment / CAS / appointments to various teaching and academic positions were placed before the Board. In regard to the query raised by Sh. Harvinder Singh, the Chairman informed that all these selections had been done through a well defined process i.e. advertisement, screening and by the selection committees consisting of eminent experts, scholars besides Visitor's nominee.

**BM 99.20.2** The Board considered and approved the recommendations, as per details given below.

**Teaching/Academic Positions**

<b>Dates of Meeting</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Names recommended</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
20.1.2009	<b>Appointment to the post of Reader in School of Vocational Education &amp; Training (SOVET) in the scale of pay of Rs.12000-18300</b>	1. Dr. Ashok K. Gaba 2. Dr. Rana Sanjay Pratap Singh  <u>Waiting List</u> 3. Dr. Mamta Srivastava 4. Dr. Manoj Kr. Dash	

21.1.2009	<b>Appointment to the post of Lecturer (OBC-01, UR-03) in School of Vocational Education &amp; Training (SOVET) in the scale of pay of Rs.8000-13500</b>	<u><b>OBC</b></u> 1. Mrs. Asha Yadav  <u>Waiting List</u>  2. Ms. Seema Yadav  <u><b>UR</b></u> 1. Dr. Geetika S. Johry 2. Dr. Rachna Agarwal 3. Ms. Urshla Kant <u>Waiting List</u>  4. Ms. Prachi Kaul 5. Dr. Subhash Chander 6. Dr. Surojit Sen Gupta	
3.2.2009	<b>Appointment to the post of Reader (UR-02) in School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) in the scale of pay of Rs.12000-18300</b>	1. Dr. K. S. Arul. M.M. Selvan 2. Dr. O.P. Dewal	
3.2.2009	<b>Appointment to the post of Lecturer (OBC-01) in School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) in the scale of pay of Rs.8000-13500</b>	1. Sh. M. Shuaib Mohamed Haneef 2. Dr. Ramesh Yadav	
4.2.2009	<b>Appointment to the post of Lecturer (UR-03) in the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) in the scale of pay of Rs.8000-13500</b>	1. Ms. Padmini Jain (Sl. No.84) 2. Sh. Amit Kumar (Sl.No.27) 3. Ms. Shikha Rai (Sl. No.55)  <u>Waiting List</u>  1. Sh. Lal Bahadur Ojha (Sl. No.53) 2. Ms. Kulveen Trehan (Sl. No.68)	

**ITEM NO.21 TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION IN THE IGNOU HOUSE ALLOTMENT RULES RELATING TO CLAUSE 11.2 (V)(C)**

**BM 99.21.1** The matter was deliberated at length. It was informed by Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy that a good housing facility was essentially required for not only to attract but also to retain the universities faculty & other officials and therefore, provisions under the current House Allotment scheme of the University should continue to be followed without any changes. Prof. B.S. Sharma informed the Board that the conditions relating to retention of quarters could be made stricter in order to ensure bona-fide usage of such facility by the faculty & other officials including their families during the period of deputation/lien or EOL upto a maximum period of 5 years. Further, any comparison of such University rules with those applicable in the Government of India was neither relevant nor desirable.

**BM 99.21.2** The Board decided that the rules in this regard as in vogue in other central universities could be referred for taking a holistic view in the matter and accordingly the matter was deferred/to be resubmitted in the next BOM meeting, while maintaining *status quo* in regard to existing Rules.

**ITEM NO.22 TO CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSTS OF PROJECT DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR, E-GYANKOSH, REGISTRAR (SRD) AND REGISTRAR (SED)**

**BM 99.22.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD suggested that there should have been no reason to refer the matter to the Board. He desired to know the reasons for including Ph.D as essential qualification particularly for the posts of Registrar (SRD) and Registrar (SED). The recruitment for these posts should be done strictly as per R&P Rules & qualification prescribed therein. The Chairman informed that these posts were equivalent to Dean/Controller of Examination etc., & the University should not compromise with these qualifications.

**BM 99.22.2** After due consideration and deliberations, the matter was approved for taking further necessary action.



**ITEM NO.23 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR CONSTITUTING THE THIRD REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**BM 99.23.1** The Board noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of the Third Review Committee and ratified the same.

**ITEM NO.24 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL RELATING TO OPEN PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME USING NPTEL CONTENT BY MHRD**

**BM 99.24.1** The item was taken for consideration. On the request of the Chairman, Prof. K.R. Srivathsan explained the brief of the Programme. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD suggested that the matter should also be taken-up with the concerned officials in the Ministry of HRD. The Board appreciated the suggestions and suggested to take up this matter with the MHRD, accordingly.

**ITEM NO.25 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN DESIGNATING DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS/ HEADS OF CENTRES (EXCEPT EMPC) AS DISBURSING OFFICERS**

**BM 99.25.1** The Registrar informed that due to administrative & operational requirement, the Vice-Chancellor had taken a decision to designate the Directors of Schools/Heads of Centres (except EMPC) as Disbursing Officers.

**BM 99.25.1** The Board considered/noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor on the above and ratified the same.

**ITEM NO.26 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCT OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF JAT, STENOGRAPHER, DEO (GR.C), SEMI-PROFESSIONAL ASST. AND ASST. REGISTRAR FOR IGNOU.**

**BM 99.26.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Registrar informed that the University had been facing acute shortage of

manpower at every level in particular at the level of JAT, Steno & DEO etc. There were about 350 posts at various levels which were lying vacant in the Hqs./Regional Centres including number of new schools and were required to be filled up on urgent basis. Since the University did not have adequate recruitment staff to conduct such a massive Recruitment drive; it was felt necessary to outsource the entire operation on turn key basis through a Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of HRD, having vast expertise in recruitment/consultancy service, in a time bound & professional manner.

**BM 99.26.2** The Board noted & appreciated the initiative taken by the University in this direction and ratified the same.

**ITEM NO.27 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE COMPUTERS**

**BM 99.27.1** The matter was duly deliberated upon including the reasons for disposal of obsolete computers (including the peripherals i.e. Stabilizers, UPS etc.). The Board decided that the possibility be explored to get these computers serviced/repared and thereafter donate the same to various schools/colleges/NGO and other organizations as per the practice followed by IITs and other similarly placed organizations. In case, it was not feasible to repair/service, the same could be scrapped or disposed off, following the recommendations of the Committee constituted for the purpose.

**ITEM NO.28 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ITEMS INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING RS. 5 CRORES AND ABOVE PLACED BEFORE THE WORKS COMMITTEE AT ITS 53<sup>RD</sup> MEETING HELD ON 1.4.2009**

**BM 99.28.1** The recommendations of the Works Committee at its 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 1.4.2009 regarding the items involving the expenditure of Rs.5 crores & above were confirmed. The Board also noted the action taken on the above recommendations and approved the same.

**ITEM NO.29** TO CONSIDER THE MHRD LETTERS DATED 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2009 AND 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2009 ON (I) THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAUSES V (6) (a) (b) (c) & V (9) OF ORDINANCE 3 ON CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHERS IN THE UNIVERSITY AND (II) ORDINANCE ON DESIGNATING CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY AS TEACHERS

**BM 99.29.1** Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD informed that the MHRD was seized with both the aforesaid proposals and therefore, the same be deferred pending final clearance given by the MHRD. The Chairman informed that both the issues were already well settled insofar as IGNOU was concerned and therefore, necessary detailed clarifications in this regard would be provided to the MHRD suitably.

**BM 99.29.2** The Board noted & approved the action as proposed above.

**ITEM NO.30** ENHANCEMENT IN THE AGE OF ENGAGEMENT FOR CONSULTANTS (NON-ACADEMIC)

**BM 99.30.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD informed that the matter be examined in the light of the DoPT's instructions which allowed engagement of Consultant upto the age of 62 years only. The Registrar informed that the manpower requirement of the University in regard to deployment of manpower in various Regional Centres/Hqs including new schools was very essential & critical for which the University had already initiated/proposed a recruitment drive as brought out in Item No.26. Moreover, the Govt. rules in this regard could not be made applicable considering the essential/critical requirement of the University having its presence across the length & breadth of the country as well as for meeting its day to day administrative/operational exigencies.

**BM 99.30.2** The Board considered & suggested further examination and re-submission to the Board in its next meeting.

**ITEM NO.31 ANOMALIES ARISING OUT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF BENEFITS ALREADY GIVEN UNDER THE UPWARD MOVEMENT SCHEME (ACP) FROM 01.01.2006 ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION REVISED PAY STRUCTURE IN RESPECT OF NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 99.31.1** The matter was duly deliberated upon. The Registrar informed that the pattern of granting UMS (as was in-vogue before 1.1.2006) after 8 & 16 years be continued to be operated in order to avoid any administrative/operational including legal implications as well as to ensure parity with those employees who had already availed such UMS in the past i.e. before 1.1.2006. This would not only mitigate the hardship faced by the affected segment of employees numbering about 250 in various cadres but would also help to tide over the anomalous situation. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Dy. Secretary, MHRD informed that necessary clarifications/advice be obtained from the MHRD in this regard before a decision is taken in the matter.

**BM 99.31.2** The Board decided to defer the matter pending necessary clarification/advice to be obtained from the MHRD in this regard.

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

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