

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110068**

**MINUTES OF THE 104th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, IGNOU
HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 12.30 P.M. THROUGH HYBRID MODE.**

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. Nageshwar Rao | Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU | - Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. Ashok Sharma | Former VC, VMOU, Kota &
Member, BOM, IGNOU | - Member |
| 3. | Prof. Satyakam | Pro Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU | - Member |
| 4. | Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey | Director, SOTST, IGNOU | - Member |
| 5. | Sh. Mrutyunjay Behera | Economic Advisor/JS, MoE | - Member |
| 6. | Shri Shreenibas Chandra Prusty | Registrar, Indian Law Institute | - Member |
| 7. | Sh. Mohd. Rizwan | Director (IFD), MoE
Representative of FA | - Member |
| 8. | Dr. J.D. Gangwar | Finance Officer, IGNOU | - Secretary |

Ms. Rajni A. Jeet, Dy. Registrar, was present to assist the Committee.

The Secretary, Finance Committee welcomed the Chairman and Hon'ble Members of the Committee. The Secretary also welcomed Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey, Director, SOTST, IGNOU as new Members in the Committee.

The Secretary requested the Chairman to give introductory remarks and allow deliberations on the Agenda.

The Chairman welcomed Prof. Satyakam, PVC, IGNOU and Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey, Director, SOTST, IGNOU, the new members and all other members of the Finance Committee. He also appreciated Prof. R.P. Das, former PVC, IGNOU and Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, the outgoing FC members for their contributions in the Finance Committee. The Chairman thereafter allowed presentation of the agenda by the Secretary, Finance Committee.

The comments received on the Agenda from the office of AS & FA, MoE vide email dated 28.10.2022 were also brought to the notice of the Finance Committee.

The following agenda were presented by the Secretary for consideration of the Finance Committee.

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FC 104.1: Action Taken Report on the minutes of 103rd Meeting of the Finance Committee.

104.1.1 The Secretary apprised the Committee that the minutes of the 102nd & 103rd Meetings of the Finance Committee were confirmed by the members in the respective meetings of the Finance Committee.

104.1.2 The Secretary presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 103rd Meeting of the Finance Committee.

104.1.3 The Committee discussed on the guidelines prepared by a Committee of the University on Capital Fund Corpus Management of IGNOU. As regards the recommendation about collection of 'University Development Fee' from the students, the Committee recommended charging of Rs.200/- from all students (fresh registration) under this head and recommended the guidelines for approval of the Board of Management, IGNOU.

104.1.4 The Committee noted the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 103rd Meeting of the Finance Committee.

FC 104.2 To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-22.

104.2.1 The Secretary apprised the Finance Committee that the unaudited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021-22 were considered by the Finance Committee (FC) in its 103rd Meeting held on 27.06.2022 and subsequently approved by the Board of Management (BoM).

The Secretary presented the audited Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2021-22 along with SAR and explained the trends in income and expenditure under various major heads.

The Secretary further apprised the Committee that audit under Section 29(1) of IGNOU Act was started by DGA (HE&SD) team on 05.07.2022 and completed 04.08.2022. The draft SAR was received from DGA (HE&SD) on 09.09.2022 and replies were submitted on 22.09.2022. The DGA (HE&SD) has issued the audit report (SAR) certifying the authenticity of the Annual Accounts 2021-22 on 20.10.2022.

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104.2.2 The Director, IFD enquired the observation of the audit about pending advances/pending bank reconciliations and repeated observations of Audit since 2016-17. The Secretary, Finance Committee explained that action on the observations of the Audit regarding pending advances is being taken and all the advances are likely to be settled shortly. As regards pending advances concerning DVB, MTNL and DJB, all the works have been completed and adjustment is pending only in records for want of required documentation from these agencies. It was also informed by the Secretary, Finance Committee that regular monitoring is being done to settle all the audit observations.

104.2.3 The Committee, after going through the audited Annual Accounts 2021-22, accorded its approval on the same and directed that the audited Annual Accounts along with the Audit Report (SAR) be submitted to the MoE after approval of the Board of Management.



FC 104.3 To consider the Revised Estimates (RE) 2022-2023 and Budget Estimates (BE) 2023-24.

104.3.1 The Secretary informed that in accordance with Statute 11(6) of the Statutes of the University, the Financial Estimates are to be placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and thereafter submitted to the Board of Management for approval.

104.3.2 The Secretary explained the Finance Committee that the expenditure of the University is being met from two sources i.e. Revenue from Internal Resources and the Grant from MoE. Accordingly, the Budget Estimates (Revised Estimates 2022-23 and the Budget Estimates 2023-24) of the University have been summarized and presented in the table below:

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	Object Head (OH)	Revised Estimates 2022-23	Budget Estimates 2023-24	Fund Source
1.	OH-31 General Expenditure (other than Capital & Salary)	801.71	822.00	Grant from MoE / Revenue from Internal Resource Generation.
2.	OH-35 Creation of Capital Assets	73.41	88.24	Revenue from Internal Resource Generation
3.	OH-36 Salaries(OH-36) (including other components)	430.32	458.72	Revenue from Internal Resource Generation/ Grant from MoE.
	Sub Total	1305.44	1368.96	Details are shown in

				<i>Appendix 1</i>
4.	HEFA Loan	45.00	15.00	Sanctioned by MoE as HEFA grant.
	GRAND TOTAL	1350.44	1383.96	

The projected funds/revenue are given in the table below:

(Rs. in Crore)			
S.No.	Fund Source	RE 2022-23	BE 2023-24
1.	Revenue from Internal Resource Generation	1210.83	1280.99
2.	Grant from MoE (including HEFA Loan)	91.00	92.00
	Total	1301.83	1372.99
HEFA LOAN			
4.	HEFA LOAN	48.61	10.97
	Grand Total	1350.44	1383.96

104.3.3 The Committee after detailed deliberations accorded its approval on the RE 2022-23 and BE 2023-24 and recommended the same for placing before the Board of Management for its consideration and approval.

FC 104.4 To report Appropriation Account for the period 2021-22 for Grant from MoE and Revenue from Internal Resources.

104.4.1 The Secretary informed that as per Rule 10(1) of Chapter IV of the Financial Code of IGNOU, a statement called 'Appropriation Account' of the actual expenditure of the University, during the preceding financial year as compared with the budget provisions for that year shall be prepared by the Finance Officer in the prescribed form and shall be submitted to the Finance Committee. A similar statement shall be submitted in case of actual Receipts of the University during the preceding financial year as compared with the Budget Estimates for that year. The Secretary also informed the Committee that University has adopted GFR 2017 and has been following the processes as applicable.

104.4.2 Accordingly, Appropriation details for the financial year 2021-22 showing a comparison of the Revised Estimates 2021-22 with the actual expenditure of 2021-22 indicating Variance and percentage of Variance for each sub head for all the Schools of studies, Centres, Divisions and Units, variance and the variance percentage reflecting the non-utilized part of the budget were placed

before the Committee. A similar statement for actual Receipts with the Budget Estimates was also placed before the Committee for its consideration.

104.4.3 The Finance Committee noted the Appropriation of Account details for the FY 2021-22.

FC 104.5 To report the current status of Taxation issues.

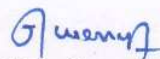
104.5.1 The Secretary informed the Committee about the settlement of pending income tax liability of Rs.46.15 Cr. in respect of AY 2019-20 and about registration of IGNOU under Section 10(23C) of the Income Tax Act for the period AY 2021-22 to AY 2025-26. The impact of the registration under this Section will be that IGNOU will be exempted from any income tax liability during this period.

104.5.2 The Committee was apprised about the pending liability of income tax (of Rs.797.32 Cr.) for the AY 2020-21 and also about the non issue of TDS Exemption Certificate by the Income Tax Department for the AY 2022-23 & AY 2023-24. The Secretary also apprised that a legal counsel has been engaged for pursuing these pending issues for the earliest settlement. The Secretary also acknowledged the guidance and support received from all Ministry officials including IFD.

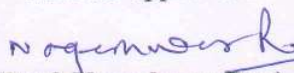
104.5.3 The Finance Committee noted the above and desired that effective persuasion with the Income Tax Department be made for the settlement of the pending issues.

The Committee confirmed the Minutes and asked the University to place it before the Board of Management in its emergent meeting scheduled on 4th November, 2022.

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


(Dr. J.D. Gangwar)
Finance Officer/Secretary, FC

Minutes approved.


(Prof. Nageshwar Rao) 11/11/22
Chairman, Finance Committee