

MINUTES OF THE 118TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 15, 2013 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, NEW VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The following were present:

1	Prof. M. Aslam, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary (CU&L), Deptt. of Higher Education, MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3	Prof. Mahendra P. Lama	- Member
4	Dr. Anil Wali	- Member
5	Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak	- Member
6	Er. R.K. Gupta	- Member
7	Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh	- Member
8	Prof. E. Vayunandan	- Member
9	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra	- Member
	Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary, Registrar (Admn.)	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of I&B, Prof. Bakul Dholakia, Prof. D.B. Phatak, Dr. (Ms.) Ruth Manorama and Prof. G. Sundar, Members, BOM could not attend the meeting.

Shri Mohan Veer Gautam, Asstt. Registrar (Governance) was also present to assist the Secretary. The meeting commenced at 11.10 a.m. and concluded at 8.45 p.m. on 15th June, 2013.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 118th Meeting of the Board of Management. He specifically welcomed Dr. Anil Wali, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak and Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh, the new members of the Board. The Chairman informed that the President of India in his capacity as Visitor of the University has nominated Dr. Anil Wali, Managing Director, Foundation of Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT, New Delhi to the Board of Management. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak is currently Vice-Chancellor, V.M. Open University, Kota and that Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh was Director, School of Translation Studies and Training at IGNOU. He also introduced Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary, who was assigned the charge of Registrar (Administration) on 01.5.2013. He mentioned that Prof. Chaudhary is a senior teacher of the University

and has held several assignment including Vice Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education and Director, DEP-SSA, a Govt. of India Project.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, placed on record the appreciation for the valuable contributions made by Prof. Gopinath Pardhan, during his term as the Vice-Chancellor & the Chairman of the Board.

The Chairman in his prefatory remarks stated that after he took over as Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU on 20th March, 2013, he was confronted with a major problem that the students of July, 2012 session had not yet received their study material and that Convocation was scheduled to be held on 12th April, 2013 after two years for which Hon'ble President of India had consented to be the Chief Guest. He informed that Board that all the necessary arrangements were made for the convocation and the entire function was conducted in all propriety with precision time and Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates were awarded to 1,58,383 learners.

As per as the material printing and distribution was concerned, and it was estimated that there was need for 21,23,327 sets of Self Learning Material (SLM) which was taken on war footing and a Monitoring Cell was established at Vice-Chancellor's Office itself and that he was happy to inform that as on date 21,17,108 sets have been dispatched to students. Similarly, there were 14,37,040 sets of materials needed for students enrolled for January, 2013 session out of which 8,57,664 sets have already been dispatched.

He also informed that the June 2013 Term End Examination have already started on 1st June, 2013 as per the schedule and that there are 4,54,000 students appearing in this examination. IGNOU has established 782 examination centres including 57 Jail centres and 41 International centres for the conduct of this examination.

Regarding the admission for July, 2013 session, the Chairman informed the Board that a strategy paper was prepared for enhancing enrollment in July 2013 session and it was presented by the Vice-Chancellor to all the Regional Centres through Web-Conferencing. The strategy adopted included formation of 'Admission Monitoring Committee', Regular Weekly Web-Conferencing with Regional Directors, Promotion of Regional Advertisement and adoption of DAVP rates for Advertisement. The remaining elements of the Admission strategy included the following:

- Reaching out to Secondary/Sr. Secondary Schools passed out in all regions.
- Reaching out through DRCs, BRCs and CRCs under SSA.
- Reaching out through NGO networks.
- Reaching out through NIOS network, and
- Tapping the corporate organizations.

The other activities taking up included:

- Extensive Meetings with 21 Schools to discuss existing activities and future course of action.
- Advertisement for all vacant academic positions.
- Preparation of Expenditure Finance Committee Proposal (EFC) along with Detail Project Report.
- Monitoring and consolidation of all the Committee Reports related to MoUs, Community Colleges, Convergence Scheme and F2F programmes.

The Board appreciated efforts made by the Vice-Chancellor in short span of less than three months and assured him full support of the Board of Management to carry forward IGNOU mandate.

The Registrar/Secretary, BOM to thereafter presented the agenda items with the permission of the Chair.

The following items were taken up for consideration:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 117TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 05, 2013 AND THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON

BM 118.1.1 The Secretary informed that the Minutes of 117th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 05.01.2013 were circulated to the Members of the Board on 11.01.2013. No comments on the Minutes have been received. He further informed that Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 117th meeting is placed along with the agenda. He, therefore, proposed that the Minutes of the 117th meeting of the Board may be considered for confirmation.

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Member, BOM suggested that Item Nos.2 and 23 of the Minutes of the 117th meeting may be confirmed along with discussions on Items No.21 of the agenda for the present meeting. The Board agreed to the suggestion.

BM 118.1.2 Referring to the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 117th Meeting regarding Item No.8 (Res.BM117.8.1), the representative of the MHRD pointed out that the matter was lingering for quite some time. Once the Board took a conscious decision at the 117th Meeting to implement the amendments under Statute 4, with clear direction that implementation of the decision need not be delayed for the

approval of the Visitor, there was no reason for keeping the matter still in abeyance, as now reported in ATR. The Board expressed its displeasure in this regard and directed that the decision taken at 113th BOM and reiterated in its 115th & 117th meetings be implemented within a period of 7 days.

BM 118.1.3 With regard to BOM Res.117.20.1, the Board noted the ATR in respect of AMC support from TCS which shall be as under:

- (i) Data Centre Support from September 2012 to August 2013; and
- (ii) Application (ERP Modules) Support from January 2013 to August 2013

The dateline as stated in the Agenda was erroneously mentioned as December 2012, which, in fact, was as given in (i) & (ii) above. The cost, however, remains the same i.e. Rs.1.96 crores (excluding Tax).

BM 118.1.4 The Board further noted the Action Taken Report, on various decisions taken and confirmed the Minutes, with the above direction.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 80TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 29.4.2013

BM 118.2.1 The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 80th Meeting held on 29.4.2013. As regards the recommendation of the Finance Committee vide Res. FC 80.5, the Finance Officer explained that a Norms Committee was set up to assess the requirement of non-academic staff for the 21 Schools of the University. The Committee on the basis of the Study Report recommended creation of additional administrative positions for the 21 Schools, in the cadres of Sr. Asstt, Assistant, Stenographer and JAT.

The Finance Committee deliberated on the recommendations and recommended the following positions, in the cadres of Sr. Asstt., Assistant and JAT:-

(1)Sr. Assistant -	14
(2)Assistant -	04
(3)JAT -	27

As regards the 42 positions of Stenographers recommended by the Norms Committee, he informed the Board that the Finance Committee has recommended that the Norms Committee may revisit its recommendations regarding the post of Stenographers in view of

the changed scenario, and may consider to have positions of Multi-Skilled staff keeping in view the contemporary requirements.

BM 118.2.2 The Board approved the above recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 80th meeting held on 29.4.2013. A copy of the Minutes is placed as **Appendix-1**.

At this point, some members enquired about the status of the report of the Review Committee constituted to examine the composition, powers & functions of the Standing Committees of the BOM. It was informed that the Committee has finalized its recommendations, which have been circulated to the members for confirmation/further inputs/suggestions, if any. The final recommendations shall be placed before the BOM at its next meeting.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 68TH, 69TH AND 70TH MEETINGS HELD ON 29.12.2012, 11.3.2013 & 19.3.2013 RESPECTIVELY FOR CONFIRMATION

BM 118.3.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. With regard to Item No. 2 (Res. No. EC 69.2.1) it was explained that the BOM is the appointing authority in respect of Group-A posts in the University. The Board may, therefore, consider and approve the lifting of probation & confirmation of these officers.

The Board observed that the criteria/conditions which are required to be fulfilled for lifting of probation & confirmation of Group-A officers and whether the same have been fulfilled in the above cases have not been indicated in the agenda. The Board, therefore, directed that a revised agenda mentioning therein complete facts of each case be put up before the Board at its next meeting.

BM 118.3.2 The Board further directed to examine relevant provisions in order to ascertain as to what type of cases / items be placed before the Board. If necessary, the regulations for the BOM meeting may be revisited for appropriate modifications therein, through an internal Committee to be constituted for the purpose. The Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute the committee.

BM 118.3.3 The Board deferred the approval of the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made at its 68th, 69th and 70th meetings held on 29.12.2012, 11.3.2013 & 19.3.2013 respectively with the above observations/directions. As regards the amendments under

Clause 8(v) of the Leave Ordinance recommended by the Establishment Committee at its 69th meeting held on 11.3.2013, the Board agreed that the proposed amendments vide Appendix-2 to the Agenda Note were not in the interest of the University and therefore, directed that the status quo ante in this regard may be maintained.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE DISCIPLINARY CASE INITIATED AGAINST SH. K. VENKATARAMAN, PRODUCER (SR. SCALE), EMPC

BM 118.4.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Director, ACD was invited to present the Item. He informed that Sh. K. Venkataraman was willfully absent from duty from 8.3.2010 to 18.9.2011, which is in violation of the provisions under Clause 20(4) & 20 (10) of the Ordinance for Regulating Leave to employees and thus behaved in a manner unbecoming of a University employee. He also did not respond to the charge memo issued to him in the matter. However, Sh. Venkataraman reported for duty on 19.9.2011 and has accepted the charges. He has also apologized for the lapse on his part vide his letter dt.19.9.2011 to the Inquiry Officer. Therefore, the charges framed against Sh. K. Venkataraman stand proved.

BM 118.4.2 The Board, after considering all the facts as indicated in the agenda, decided to impose a major penalty on Sh. Venkataraman for his reduction to the lower post of Editor from the post of Producer under the provisions of relevant Rules.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATIONS OF FIVE MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY UNDER CLAUSE (IV) OF STATUTE 10(1) OF THE IGNOU ACT

BM 118.5.1 The Board nominated the following persons on the Planning Board under Clause (iv) of Statute 10(1) of IGNOU Act:

- (i) Prof. Pankaj Chandra
Director, IIM, Bangalore
- (ii) Dr Srinath Reddy
Public Health Foundation of India
- (iii) Prof. B. G. Tilak
NUEPA, New Delhi
- (iv) Prof. V.S Prasad
Former Director, NAAC
Hyderabad
- (v) Er. Milind Kamble

Chairman
Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
III Parmar Chambers, Station Road, Pune

Alternate:

1. Prof. Kanika Bhat, IIT, Delhi
2. Dr Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission
3. Prof. R.Govinda, VC, NUEPA
4. Prof. Shyam B. Menon, Vice-Chancellor, AUD
5. Mr Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman HCL Ltd

In case the nominated person(s) are not available to be a Member on the Planning Board, the alternative persons may be offered the membership.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANT OF GRADE PAY OF RS.4600/- PAY BAND-2 (RS.9300-34800) TO SENIOR ASSISTANTS/PERSONAL ASSISTANTS GRADE-II CADRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM118.6.1

The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide an OM No.1/1/2008-IC dated 16.11.2009 has extended the Grade Pay of 4600/- in PB-II to Assistants belonging to Central Secretariat Services, Armed Forces Headquarters Service, Indian Foreign Service "B" and Railway Board Secretariat Services and their counterpart Stenographer Services w.e.f. 01.01.2006. The proposal to extend the same benefits to the Senior Assistants/Personal Assistants Grade-II of the University was placed before the Establishment Committee at its 66th meeting held on 17.07.2012.

The Establishment Committee approved the proposal subject to clearance of the same by the Finance Committee/Board of Management. The Finance Committee at its 78th meeting held on 18.07.2012 also recommended the extension of Grade Pay of Rs. 4600/- to Senior Assistants/ Personal Assistants Grade-II of the University from 01.01.2006.

BM118.6.2

The Board of Management at its 114th meeting held 28.07.2012 decided to constitute a Committee to look into the matter of implementation of the said revised Grade Pay in IGNOU with one representative / member from integrated Finance Division, MHRD.

Due to official pre-occupation the EFD, MHRD, could not nominate an officer to the proposed Committee. The Committee constituted in the matter has recommended the grant of Grade Pay of Rs.4600/- to Sr. Asstts. & PA Grade-II.

BM118.6.3

After detailed discussion, the Board directed that the proposal be referred back to the same Committee constituted for the purpose to re-examine the matter, in the light of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No.1/1/2008-IC dt.16.11.2009, giving full justification in this regard.

ITEM NO.7

TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN THE MATTER CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS INITIATED AGAINST SH. S. VENKATESH, LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOSS

BM118.7.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. The Director, ACD was invited to present the Item. He informed that Sh. S. Venkatesh, Lecturer, has been willfully absent from the duty since 6.7.2007 which constitutes a misconduct in terms of Clause 20(4) & (10) of the Ordinance for Regulating Leave to employees and has thereby behaved in a manner unbecoming of a University employee. He further informed that he did not obey the instructions of the University to undergo second medical examination to establish the genuineness of his claim for leave on medical ground.

Dr. S.A. Chary, Inquiring Authority vide his report dt.3.6.2011 has concluded that the charges framed against Sh. S. Venkatesh stand proved.

The Board was further informed that the matter regarding imposition of penalty on Sh. Venkatesh was considered by the BOM at its 109th Meeting held on 27.8.2011. The Inquiry Report was sent to Sh. S. Venkatesh to respond to the same on or before 15.12.2011. Sh. Venkatesh sought four calendar months time to respond, which was duly granted by the Board at its 111th meeting held on 29.12.2011. Accordingly, he was asked to submit his reply on or before 5.4.2012. However, he has not sent his reply till date. The matter was again placed before the 117th BOM and was deferred with the direction to place full facts for imposition of the penalty in the next meeting, and hence the present item.

BM118.7.2

After detailed discussion & considering all the facts, the Board decided to impose major penalty of dismissal on Sh. S. Venkatesh,

Lecturer under the relevant provisions of Rule-11 of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965

ITEM NO. 8 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. RATHEESH KUMAR P K, LECTURER, SOITS

BM 118.8.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the technical resignation tendered by Dr. Ratheesh Kumar PK, Lecturer, SOITS.

ITEM NO. 9 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD AND ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION BY DR. VANISHREE J, LECTURER, SOGDS

BM 118.9.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the technical resignation by Dr. Vanishree J., Lecture, SOGDS by waiving off the shortfall in notice period.

ITEM NO. 10 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD AND APPROVED THE RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. RAM PRAVESH RAI, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, HYDERABAD

BM 118.10.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the technical resignation tendered by Dr. Ram Pravesh Rai, ARD, RC, Hyderabad by waiving off the shortfall of 17 days in the notice.

ITEM NO. 11 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EOL TO PROF. SUBHASH DHULIYA, DIRECTOR, SOJNMS

BM 118.11.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting EOL to Prof. Subhash Dhuliya, Director, SOJNMS.

ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SHRI PRAVEEN KUMAR, ASSTT. REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN WAIVING THE SHORTFALL IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE PERIOD

BM 118.12.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the resignation of Sh. Praveen Kumar, ARD by waiving the shortfall of two months in the notice period, treating his letter dt.13.3.2013 as notice for resignation.

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR INITIATING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DR. R. SUDARSAN, DY. DIRECTOR, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

(When the Item No. 13 came up for discussion, the Chairman, BOM, withdrew from the meeting as several of the allegations leveled by Dr. Sudarsan were related to the period or incidental thereto when the charge of Vice Chancellorship was with him. Members requested Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Member, BOM to chair the meeting for this Item.)

BM118.13.1 The relevant documents pertaining to the case of Dr. R. Sudarsan were presented before the Board in support of the Agenda Note.

The Board noted that Dr. Sudarsan had filed a Writ Petition being CWP No. 8518 of 2011 challenging the handing over of charge of Vice Chancellorship to Prof. M. Aslam without exhausting the various channels available to him under the University mechanism & Statutes. The said writ petition was listed before the Hon'ble Court for the first time on 14.12.2011. Although the order calling for the 111th Meeting of the BOM on 29.12.2011 was issued and circulated much prior to 14.12.2011 (the first date of hearing), no relief was sought for seeking stay of the said meeting. Furthermore, the Hon'ble Court while issuing notice of the Writ Petition on 14.12.2011 did not even deem it fit to issue notice on the interim application filed by Dr. R. Sudarsan along with the petition. Despite no relief having been sought for stay of the meeting and no notice having been issued on the application for interim relief, Dr. R. Sudarsan mischievously circulated an e-mail dated 24.12.2011 to all the Board Members and the Secretary, BOM, calling upon them to refrain from holding / conducting any such meeting. Dr. Sudarsan also got a letter from his counsel seeking the stay of the

BOM meeting even though no such prayer was made by him, nor granted by the High Court. The sole intent of writing such email / letter was to undermine the functioning of the BOM and cause hindrance in the working of the University. Dr. Sudarsan also made the MHRD, a party in his Writ, along with Prof. Aslam. Dr. Sudarsan made unsubstantiated defamatory allegation against some Professors, e.g. Prof. AR Khan and Dr. Pankaj Khare, and other officers through email. Dr. Sudarsan sent an email on 26.06.2012 to all the employees, entitled "Aslam Corruption.pdf". Dr. Sudarsan filed a complaint in the Neb Sarai Police Station on March 2013 and thereafter a complaint case in the Saket Dist. Court, Delhi making baseless allegation of granting recognition to certain private Universities by Prof. M. Aslam in connivance of the Officers of DEC. Dr. Sudarsan also gave interview to press published vide dated 02.05.2012 in Times of India wherein he has criticized the decisions of the BOM / Higher Authorities.

BM118.13.2 The Board further noted that the Chief Vigilance Officer of the University vide her letter No. IG/Vig./36/12/433 dt. 04.6.2013 has requested to initiate appropriate action against Dr. Sudarsan for violating the basic dignity of the position of the Vice-Chancellor and other officers of the University, namely, the Registrar (SRD), Finance Officer and Dy. Registrar (Finance) and others. The Chief Vigilance Officer has categorically written that Dr. Sudarsan has used abusive and unparliamentarily language against these officers, and has tried to intimidate into the working of the Vigilance Office of the University.

BM118.13.3 After going through the contents of the agenda, other relevant records and the letter of the CVO, the Board prima facie was of the view that the conduct of Dr. R. Sudarsan has been in violation of Rule 3 (1) (iii) and Rule 11 of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, which are applicable to employees of the University including Teachers and Academics. Without exhausting the internal grievance redressal mechanism, he has approached the media, police and the Court with wrong and misleading facts. He has also displayed utter disobedience to various authorities of the University including the Vice-Chancellors. Continuously, he has been circulating baseless and incorrect facts to all and sundry, thereby lowering the image of the University. In a nutshell, his conduct is totally unbecoming of a public servant. Therefore, the Board decided to initiate disciplinary action against him with Major penalty under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1965 and Statute 19 of the IGNOU Act.

Having regard to the gravity of the charges, the Board also decided to place Dr. Sudarsan under suspension with immediate effect in terms of the provisions under Rule 10 (1) of CCS (CCA) Rules pending the enquiry. During his suspension, he shall be attached to the Planning & Development Division.

The Board asked the Registrar to get charge sheet prepared and put up before it today for approval. The charge sheet was put up at the end of the meeting which was approved by the Board. The Board also approved the name of Sh. A. N. Bokshi, Rtd. Chief Controller of Account (MHRD) as Inquiry Officer.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR REVIVAL OF THE POST OF JOINT REGISTRAR

BM 118.14.1 It was explained to the Board that the post of Jt. Registrar was in operation in the University right from 1987, in keeping with the unique structure of IGNOU, with its Hqrs. at New Delhi and Regional Centres/Study Centres across the country. The post was, however, abolished by the 110th Board and merged with the post of Dy. Registrar on the plea that (i) the post is not operated in other Central Universities, and (ii) the post of Jt. Registrar has not been recommended by the 6th Central Pay Commission.

The Board was further informed that the matter was considered by the Establishment Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board. The Committee taking note of the representations of some of the Dy. Registrars (who were otherwise eligible for promotion to the post) recommended for revival of the post, more so because the promotion to the post of JRs would have no major financial implications. The recommendations of the Establishment Committee were considered by the Board at its 112th Meeting. The Board directed that the matter be examined from all angles, and resubmitted to the Board for consideration. Accordingly, the matter was also placed before a Committee constituted for the purpose. The detailed recommendations of the Committee were placed before the Board.

BM 118.14.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Board also considered the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the University to look into the proposal. The Board noted that in view of the fact that the post was not in operation in other Central Universities and also

not as per the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, the issue needs to be viewed, taking into cognizance these factors also. It was suggested that the University may consider creation of some additional positions of Registrars for the units concerned giving full justifications for these posts.

The matter was deferred with above suggestions.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF DR. ABDUL GANI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

BM 118.15.1 The Board considered and approved the request of Dr. Abdul Gani, Regional Director for grant of voluntary retirement w.e.f. 29.7.2013 by waiving the shortfall of two days in the notice period.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY – ESPECIALLY FOR THE POSTS OF DIRECTORS IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS/CENTRES/UNITS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE

BM 118.16.1 The Board considered the qualifications recommended by the Committee constituted to review the qualifications prescribed for various academic positions in the University. In view of the recommendations of a separate Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ravindra Kumar to review desirability of having various centres & to revisit assignments of Disciplines to the existing Schools, the Board approved the qualifications of four essential positions namely, the Director (P&DD), Director (ACD), Director (International Division) and Director (EMPC) as given in the **Appendix-2**.

BM 118.16.2 The Board further directed that qualifications for the remaining posts viz. Director (CEE), Director (NCDS), Director (SSSC), Director (Campus Placement Cell) and Director (National ODL Centre for Local Governance), etc., shall be subject to the outcome of report of the Review Committee being placed before this BOM as a separate agenda item (BM 118.18.1).

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MODALITIES WORKED OUT BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARD OF 'RAJIV GANDHI INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT' WORTH RS.5.00 LACS

BM 118.17.1 The Board considered and approved the proposal, in accordance with the provision under Sub-Section (viii) of Section 5 of IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DESIRABILITY OF HAVING VARIOUS CENTRES AND TO REVISIT ASSIGNMENT OF DISCIPLINES TO THE EXISTING SCHOOLS

BM 118.18.1 The Director, Research Unit was invited to present the Item. He informed that the Board at its 113th meeting held on 31.5.2012 had constituted a Committee to examine the desirability of having various centres and their roles, responsibilities and their status in the academic & organizational setup of the University, including the relocation of the disciplines to the existing schools. The Committee held 7 meetings to deliberate the issue concerning the centres. The Committee identified the regulatory & administrative parameters based on which the status, role & academic linkages of centres was subjected to scrutiny.

The Committee noted that the chartered document for IGNOU laying down the principles for its academic and administrative functioning was the IGNOU Act 1985 and the statutes/ordinances framed under the Act. Therefore, all the academic/quasi-academic structures in the University had to be premised and operated within the provisions of IGNOU Act, etc. The Committee noted that the Act, *ibid* contained neither any provisions defining the Centres, Cell, Unit or Institute nor has provided any kind of structural arrangement for their working. The Board noted that these activities were created mostly as an act of administrative/academic necessity or convenience and not as an outcome of any comprehensive design emerging from IGNOU Act. The Committee was of the firm view that continuation of such arrangements in the absence of supporting provisions in the Act would defy the logic of the IGNOU Act.

BM 118.18.2 The Board considered & approved the recommendations of the

Committee regarding shifting some of the centres to the respective Schools of Studies, liquidating/subsuming some and remaining to be subjected to further examination by a Sub-Committee as per the recommendations of the above Committee. Those centres which are subjected to further examination and if it is found that they need to be retained, necessary Ordinances as required are to be kept in place. As regards the matter of offering of academic programmes by those centres who are to be retained is concerned, the same shall be referred to the Academic Council, being the appropriate authority for launch of academic programmes in terms of the provisions under Statute 9A of IGNOU Act. The recommendations of the Committee are placed as **Appendix-3**.

ITEM NO. 19 TO REPORT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR GIVING THE CHARGES OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MEDIA STUDIES AND THE SCHOOL OF LAW

BM 118.19.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor.

ITEM NO. 20 TO REPORT THE REPEAL OF STATUTE 28 OF IGNOU ACT, DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL AND DEVELOPMENTS THEREAFTER

BM 118.20.1 The Board noted the action taken by the University. The Board, however, decided that in consultation with UGC the employees may be given opportunity to exercise option either to continue in the University or opt for DEC under UGC along with the terms & conditions, if any, for such an option. The Board also noted that the UGC letter was not in good taste.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO REVIEW MOUs/MOCs/MOAs SIGNED BY VARIOUS SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS/CELLS/CENTRES/UNITS/REGIONAL CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 118.21.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director (RSD) presented the Item. He explained that the Committees were constituted with the mandate to review the MOUs/MOCs/MOAs, etc. signed by various Schools of Studies, Divisions/Cells/Centres/Units, Regional Centres and Task Force on AISECT. The recommendations of these Committees/Task

Force are placed at **Appendix-4**.

After detailed deliberations on these recommendations, the Board decided as under:

(1) MOUs signed by the Schools of Studies:

- (a) 51 MOUs recommended for continuance and 8 MOUs recommended for renewal need to be further examined by the Board's Review Committee in the light of the observations made by Dr. Srikant Mohapatra. The above Committee shall submit its final report to the Vice Chancellor within one week. The Board further authorized the Vice Chancellor to take a final decision in the matter and report the same in the next meeting of the BOM.
- (b) The recommendations of the Committee for termination of 106 MOUs and no further renewal of 5 MOUs shall be implemented immediately.
- (c) 19 Point recommendations of Prof. Prakash Committee have been accepted by the BOM for signing of the future MoUs with other organization/institution (**Appendix-5**). The Board further added that the following points are to be included in the Prof. Prakash Committee's recommendations:
 - i) Need for standardization of MOUs by the University.
 - ii) Fee sharing shall be decided by the University.
 - iii) No MOU to be signed for joint degree.
 - iv) Notwithstanding anything mentioned about, it has to be ensured that in all MOUs ODL mandate remains intact.

(2) MOUs signed by Divisions/Cell/Centres/Units:

- (a) All programmes of Centres/Divisions/Units etc. should be appropriately relocated in the Schools of Studies.
- (b) All MoUs pertaining to Centres etc. for offering academic programmes, should be annulled with immediate effect.
- (c) The MoUs relating to International Division on the creation of Partner Institutions should be examined in the light of statutory provisions pertaining to International Division.

(3) MOUs pertaining to Regional Centres:

- (a) MoUs signed by the Regional centres with the host institutions for the purpose of establishment of Learner

Support Centres shall be allowed to continue.

- (b) All MoUs/MoCs/MoAs signed by the RCs without the approval of the statutory bodies (School Board/ Student Services Committee) shall be withdrawn/discontinued.
- (c) MoUs approved by Statutory Bodies and signed by the designated authorities without legal vetting shall be withdrawn/discontinued.
- (d) MoUs/MoCs/MoAs signed for short-term non-credit courses shall be reviewed to examine the ODL component and fee sharing principles.
- (e) MoUs/MoCs/MoAs signed for face-to-face programmes entered into by the RCs shall be withdrawn/discontinued.

(4) IGNOU-AISECT MOU

- (a) Immediate termination of the IGNOU-AISECT MoU by invoking Clause-7 of MoU.
- (b) Provisions of the MoU were not adhered to by AISECT, Regional Centre, Bhopal and Community College Unit. Enquiry shall be conducted into the functioning of Regional Centre, Bhopal and Community College Unit for evading the terms of the MoU in monitoring the delivery of programmes offered through AISECT.
- (c) Interest of the students given admission through this MoU shall be protected, following proper procedure as under:
 - i) Students enrolled in IGNOU Programmes should be transferred to IGNOU Study Centres through respective Regional Centres
 - ii) Results of AISECT students not enrolled in IGNOU Programmes should pass through a thorough scrutiny. Answer scripts of all such students must be submitted to IGNOU. Subject to the provisions of Clause – 3.5 of the MoU, the result may be declared after verification of (i) the moderation of question papers by IGNOU, (ii) identification of examination supervisors by IGNOU & (iii) moderation of results by IGNOU.
 - iii) Students enrolled in AISECT programmes, who have not appeared in the examination, the paper setting, moderation of question papers, conduct of examination and evaluation of question papers shall now be done by IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ON-CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAMME

BM 118.22.1 The Director, RSD presented the Item. The Board was informed that at its 113th meeting, the Board had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. G. Sundar. Member, BOM. The Committee has submitted its final report, with the following specific recommendations on the On-campus face-to-face programmes:

- i) All on-campus face-to-face programmes shall be discontinued.
- ii) Interest of the existing students enrolled in face-to-face on campus/off-campus programmes needs to be protected.
- iii) No further admissions be made under the full-time on-campus programmes offered at the IGNOU Headquarters.

The Board approved the above recommendations.

BM 118.22.2 The Board also approved the following recommendations:

- (i) All academic programmes of the University are to be offered through the respective Schools of Studies and the same be founded in Open and Distance Learning Mode (ODL).
- (ii) The following established procedures for launching of academic programmes at Certificate/Diploma/Degree levels shall be scrupulously followed:
 - a) Phase I, II, III & IV shall be duly approved by the appropriate Statutory Authorities.
 - b) Approval of the School Board and Academic Council shall be necessary for launch of the academic programmes.
 - c) Proper need assessment shall be conducted before design of any programme.
 - d) Programme should be subjected to proper scrutiny by the Academic Programme Committee (APC) of the Planning Board and the programme code/course code shall be clearly spelled out by the Planning Division.
 - e) SIM should be made available before launching of a programme.
 - f) Evaluation methodology shall be in place after due consultation between concerned schools and SED.
 - g) Academic Counsellors should be appointed and oriented before launch of a new programme. Formalities for activation of a new programme at Study Centres should

- be completed.
- h) New programmes shall be launched either in January or July session when admission process is on for other programmes of the University.
 - i) Audio-video components and technology mediated support as supplementary to self-instructional material shall be put in place before announcement for admissions is made by SRD.
 - j) Programme delivery could be even in blended mode, with adequate component of hands-on training, field work, seminar, workshop as per the course requirement, which shall be a part of the delivery scheme. The practical component needed for any specific programme, be it in the shape of contact programme, as in the case of B.Ed or lab work as in B.Sc or Computer Science shall have to be appropriately built in.
 - k) The Operational Divisions such as RSD, SED, SRD, MPDD and EMPC shall submit in writing readiness on the matters referred to above to appropriate statutory authorities before launch of any academic programme of the University.
 - l) Short-term non-credit programmes can be offered by Schools/Regional Centres as and when required. These will not be considered as academic programmes of the University and only a 'Certificate of Participation' will be issued by the School/Regional Centre. As decided in the 117th meeting of BOM, proper fee sharing mechanism and ODL component of such programmes shall be worked out and approval obtained from the Competent Authority on case to case basis before launching any short-term non-credit awareness/enrichment programme.

A copy of the recommendations is placed as **Appendix-6**.

ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON CONVERGENCE SCHEME

BM 118.23.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra presented the item. He informed that as per the decision of 113th BOM, a Review Committee was constituted for the Convergence Scheme. The Committee has submitted its final recommendations. The Board noted the following recommendations of the Committee:

1. The Convergence Scheme is marginally within the mandate of the IGNOU. The Convergence Scheme in its present form is

however, inconsistent with the stated objectives of the Scheme. Further, it is felt that Convergence Scheme in present form has not served any additional purpose except creating an alternative route for delivery of IGNOU programmes. The Committee, therefore, felt that when there is a full-fledged and well-established student support system in the University operated by the Regional Services Division, there is no need for continuing alternative system like the present Convergence Scheme, and the Scheme needed to be closed down.

2. Accordingly, the existing Partner Institutes (PIs) need to be either converted into Study Centers (SC), if they fulfill the prescribed criteria, or be closed if the PIs do not meet the criteria or do not opt to convert into a study centre of IGNOU.
3. The Committee also recommended following steps in the matter:
 - The 75 PIs with no enrollment to be closed after due verification of Utilisation Certificates, recovery of unutilised grants and recovery of the assets lying with them.
 - Remaining 425 PIs which have made admissions may be asked to apply for becoming Study Centers of IGNOU.
 - The Applications from these PIs for approval as Study Centre be received at Convergence Unit and sent to respective Regional Centers with proper comments/recommendations in each case, through RSD, for evaluation and recommendation to become a Study Centre.
 - Eligible PIs will be converted into regular Study Centers/Programme Centers to be governed by the existing rules and procedures. Ineligible PIs not willing to become Study Centers would be continued till 2014 without any grants, as all the students who have been enrolled under the Scheme will be completing their minimum period of study by the end of 2014.
 - After 2014, all students from such PIs will be transferred to respective Regional Centers for further services with all students records.
 - All students of B.Ed./M.Ed. under Convergence Scheme be shifted immediately to Regional Centers as their minimum period is over in December 2012 and there are no admissions for B.Ed. /M.Ed. and BSC (Nursing) from January, 2012 (the last admissions made for these programmes were in January, 2011 session). The recognition problem being faced by the students of B.Sc. (Nursing) and B.Ed., should be addressed by the University.
 - If any PI is not willing to continue without grant, the students

of these PIs may be transferred to the nearest Study Centers and the PI may be closed.

- No further grants shall be released to any PI. The present fee sharing arrangements may continue till the end of 2014.
4. The existing students under Convergence Scheme are to be provided with full range of services and facilitated to complete their programmes without any difficulty. The students, who have registered up to January, 2012 would be completing the minimum period of their studies by the end of 2013 in case of Masters Programmes (except MP programmes where the minimum period is 2½ years) and by the end of 2014 in case of Bachelors Degree programmes. After 2014 those students who have not completed their degrees even after the minimum duration will be transferred to the Regional Centers for providing the services to the students as per the University norms and procedures. This information may properly be communicated to all the students under Convergence Scheme. Any student who seeks transfer from PI to Study Center may be allowed to transfer even before 2014 as is being done at present.
 5. A dedicated team may be constituted in the Convergence Unit with AR/AD level official and adequate staff to exclusively check and verify Utilisation Certificates of grants submitted by PIs as these have not been verified since the inception of the Convergence Scheme. After verifying the UCs efforts should be made to recover the unspent/wrongly utilised grants. Efforts should also be made to recover the assets purchased out of non-recurring grants before a PI is closed.
 6. The arrears of fee share to be calculated and recovered from all the PIs before their closure.
 7. Since no audit has been done since the inception of the scheme, a proper audit may be conducted before the scheme is formally closed and responsibility may be fixed, if there are any deviations from the established procedures.
 8. Sufficient and suitable staff may be provided in the Convergence Unit for next one year in order to facilitate smooth integration of the scheme with RCs. This is essential because closure and integration of the Scheme involve lot of work.
 9. PIs may be monitored on regular basis by the Convergence Unit (CU) together with RSD.
 10. Before closing any PI, the following may be ensured:

- Checking of Utilisation Certificate and recovery of unapproved expenditure.
- Recovery of unspent Grants released earlier to PIs, if any.
- Transfer of student data from PIs to Convergence Unit and then to RCs and SRD.
- Recovery of assets purchased with the non-recurring grant provided by the Convergence Unit.
- Recovery of Fee arrears from the PIs.

11. A committee may be constituted to examine the manner in which the Convergence Scheme was implemented, to find out if there are any violations of Statutes and established procedures to fix the responsibility for the violations and procedural lapses.

BM 118.23.2 The Board approved the aforementioned recommendations of the Review Committee on Convergence Scheme.

ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME AND DECLARATION OF PENDING RESULTS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND COMPLETION OF ON-GOING STUDENTS

BM 118.24.1 The Director, RSD & Chairman of Review Committee presented the Item. He informed the Board that as per the decision of the Board taken in its 113th meeting held on 31.5.2012, a Review Committee was constituted to review the Community College Scheme based on the recommendations of the High Power Committee headed by Prof. R.G. Takwale, former Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU. The Committee has recommended the following:

1. Discontinuation of the Existing Community College Scheme.
2. Introduction of new Community College Scheme through a Separate Statute/Ordinance

(1) Discontinuation of the Existing Community College Scheme:

Since the existing Community College Scheme is not strictly covered under the extant provisions under the Act/Statute/Ordinances, it needs to be discontinued and the existing students admitted till January 2012, may be allowed to complete their Programmes of Studies.

It was further informed that a Screening Committee was notified on 10th December, 2012 with the approval of the BOM to examine and

identify the Community Colleges which have followed all the provisions of the existing Community College Scheme such as holding of Examination Committee meetings, identification of paper setters/moderators/evaluators, other procedures for paper setting, conduct of examination and evaluation of answer scripts, internal assessment and practicals and declaration of results in accordance with the decision taken by the Academic Council at its 46th meeting held on 13th January 2009 (AC 46.46.3) and the Board of Management at its 104th meeting held on 21st April 2010 (BM 104.7.3).

The Screening Committee noted that students in the existing Community College Scheme fall under the following categories:

- A. Students who have already appeared in the examinations but results are pending;
- B. Students whose examinations have not so far been conducted; and
- C. Declaration of Results of Armed Forces Community Colleges.

A. Status regarding declaration of pending results:

- i. The Screening Committee has found that the laid down procedures were followed by 146 Community Colleges. Accordingly, the Committee recommended declaration of results of 32,134 students from 146 Community Colleges. The Screening Committee analyzed all other pending results of the students admitted till January 2012, to be declared subject to the laid down procedures having been followed. The results of 13,534 students out of these 32,134 as recommended by the Screening Committee and approved by Board of Management in its 117th meeting held on 5th January, 2013 have been declared online.
- ii. The Screening Committee in its 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings respectively has recommended the declaration of results of 18,600 students from 130 Community Colleges. It is proposed that the results of these 18,600 students may be declared.
- iii. Since the examinations have been conducted and answer sheets evaluated by the Community Colleges, which were not in accordance with the University Statute/Ordinance on conduct of examination and declaration of results, it has been recommended that in respect of the results compiled by the Community Colleges, as per the procedure prescribed in the Community College Scheme, the University may issue the Grade Cards and Provisional Certificates with a mention 'Under Community Colleges Scheme' and an asterisk that 'The

Admissions & Examinations of the above Courses have been conducted by the Community College.’

- (B) Status regarding students whose examinations have not so far been conducted:

Future examinations for the students enrolled under Community College Scheme shall be conducted by the Student Evaluation Division as per the laid down procedures of the University. The Community Colleges shall be involved in the examination process as examination centres.

- (C) Status regarding declaration of Results of Armed Forces Community Colleges:

The Screening Committee screened cases of Community Colleges of Armed Forces and has noted that since all procedures have been followed by them, the results may be declared. At present, the results of 4,21,217 students of Army students and 49,634 of Air Force students have been received. Out of these, Certificates have been issued to 2,08,728 Army students. It is proposed that the results of the remaining students may be declared and Grade Cards and Provisional Certificates to all the students may be issued having mention of ‘*Under IGNOU-Army Community Scheme*’ and “*Under IGNOU-Air Force Community Colleges Scheme*” and an asterisk that ‘*The Admissions & Examinations of the above Courses have been conducted by the respective Community College.*’

Cases for Lateral Entry in B.A. third year:

As per the existing Scheme, the students with an associate degree are eligible to seek admission in the third year of the Bachelor’s Degree programme. Accordingly, 249 and 99 students have taken admission prior to the Scheme, which was kept in abeyance. The admission figures are as below :

Students Registered under 3rd Year Lateral Entry:

	BA	B.Com	B.Sc.	Total
1) July 2011 session	235	04	10	249
2) Admission forms & fees received till May 2012 – registration of 9 students is under process at SRD	57	31	11	99
			TOTAL	348

As per the Army Community College Scheme, these students have to complete 32 credits to earn a Bachelor's Degree. The Scheme is part of the MoU with Army and the Scheme of lateral entry was approved by the Academic Council. *Students eligible for admission to BA 3rd year through lateral entry shall be treated as IGNOU students and admission, examination and support services will be provided through IGNOU.*

(2) Introduction of New Community College Scheme through a Statute/Ordinance

The Review Committee has recommended launch of a new Community College Scheme to be operationalized under a Statute/Ordinance of the University.

The Director, RSD further informed that the recommendations of the Review Committee were placed before the Board of Management in its 116th and 117th Meetings. The modalities and operational details of the new Community College Scheme, along with the draft Ordinance/Statute shall be placed before the Board in the next meeting.

BM 118.24.2 The Board approved the aforesaid recommendations of the Review Committee on Community College Scheme. The Board also approved the recommendations of the Screening Committee for declaration of pending results under both Community College Scheme and Armed Forces Community Colleges Scheme. The future examinations for the remaining students shall be conducted by the SED as per the established procedure of the University. Prior approval of the statutory authorities shall be obtained for offering programmes.

ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OF SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY FOR EXTENDING THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN MOTORCYCLE SERVICE AND REPAIR (CMSR) TO THE EDUCATED RAW LEARNERS FOR ENHANCING THEIR EMPLOYABILITY ALONG WITH EXISTING COMPETENCY CERTIFICATE FOR WORKING MOTORCYCLE TECHNICIANS

BM 118.25.1 The Board approved the proposal for reactivation of a two-month non-credit competency certificate for working Motorcycle Technicians as a matter of policy.

Regarding the 16 credit six month Certificate Programme in Motor

Cycle Service and Repair (CMSR), the Board decided to refer the matter to the Academic council, in terms of the provisions of Statute 9A(b) of IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST REGION UNIT (EDNERU) AND ITS COMPONENTS, THE REGIONAL CENTRES AND INSTITUTES IN THE NER

BM 118.26.1 The Board considered the recommendations of the Committee constituted to review the structure and functioning of the EDNERU at the Hqrs. and its role vis-à-vis the Regional Centres and other centres and institutions in NER.

The Board appreciated that the EDNERU has special responsibilities for educational development in the North-East Region. The review of the working of the present EDNERU, therefore, was quite timely, in order to revamp its structure, so that it gets integrated into the mainstream of regional services network of the University.

BM 118.26.2 The Board approved the recommendations of the Committee with the above observations. The Board specifically approved the following measures recommended by the Committee for revamping the EDNERU:

- (i) In order to ensure special focus, EDNERU would continue as a distinct Unit but within the overall supervision of RSD.
- (ii) The Head of the EDNERU (at the level of Dy. Director), shall report to the Director, RSD and coordinate with him for administrative and financial matters.
- (iii) The 9 Regional Centres in the NER, presently under EDNERU while maintaining their status will be under general supervision of RSD.
- (iv) With regard to 4 Institutes in the NER namely IIVET, i-CAT, ICRTA and NECRD, it was decided that since there was a need to focus on vocational education, teacher training, agriculture and research & development, the activities initiated by IIVET, i-CAT, ICRTA and NECRD be decentralized to be undertaken by each Regional Centre for their respective region/State and should fall under the direct jurisdiction of the Regional Director concerned; so

that each RC in the NE States is able to focus on need-based programmes and activities in their region. Academic programmes (Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees), if any, shall be under the direct handling of the respective Schools of Studies of IGNOU through their School Boards. The permanent human resources at these Institutes/Centres should be absorbed by IGNOU as per rules and each RC may be facilitated with required manpower for the areas of education concern and training as per their needs and volume of activities. As far as MGIED is concerned, IGNOU's support in the present form shall cease to exist.

A copy of the recommendations of the Committee is placed as **Appendix-7**.

ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR RELAXATION IN THE STIPULATED PERIOD OF 45 DAYS FOR DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR THE CASES RELATING TO REMOTE AREAS

BM 118.27.1 The Board approved the proposal for relaxation in the stipulated period of 45 days for declaration of results in relation to remote and inaccessible areas in the country due to operational delays and difficulties experienced in this regard.

ITEM NO. 28 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE UNIVERSITY TO HOLD CONVOCATIONS TWICE A YEAR

BM 118.28.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board resolved to hold the Convocation of the University once a year instead of twice a year, which was decided by the Board at its 107th meeting held on 11.4.2011.

The Board further resolved to withdraw the amendments to Clause 1 under Ordinance No.1 and Clauses 4, 5 & 15 under Regulation No.1 for holding the Convocation of the University twice a year, already submitted to the MHRD for consideration of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 29 TO CONSIDER THE FULL FACTS OF THE CASE OF DR. V.S.P. SRIVASTAVA, JOINT DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION

BM 118.29.1 The Item was deferred for the next Board.

ITEM NO. 30 TO CONSIDER TO REVIEW THE AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE (4), STATUTE 1 OF IGNOU ACT MADE BY THE BOM AT ITS 104TH MEETING HELD ON 21.4.2010

BM 118.30.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board reviewed the amendments to Clause (4) of Statute 1, approved by the Board at its 104th meeting held on 21.4.2010 and decided to withdraw the proposed amendments, already submitted to the MHRD, seeking the approval of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE ISSUES OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN EXTENSIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF PROF. VED. P. GOEL AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

BM 118.31.1 The Board noted the report of the Committee constituted to examine issue the irregularities in the grant of extension of services of Prof. Ved P. Goel to the post of Professor in Education even beyond the date of his superannuation.

The Board noted that the matter was very old and therefore, be treated as closed. However, to ensure that such irregularities/ambiguities do not recur in future, it is necessary that the minutes are recorded with due caution.

ITEM NO. 32 TO REPORT THE MATTER OF CLOSURE OF CITY CENTRE OF IGNOU AT THE TOURIST HOSTEL PREMISES, YMCA, JAI SINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI WITH EFFECT FROM 01.8.2013 AND PAYMENT OF RENT OF RS.17,94,616/- FOR EIGHT MONTHS FROM 01.8.2012 TO 31.3.2013

BM 118.32.1 The Board considered & approved the proposal.

ITEM NO. 33 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE GRANT OF TRANSFER TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS HOLDING TENURE POSTS IN THE UNIVERSITY ON COMPLETION OF THEIR TENURE / BEFORE COMPLETION OF THEIR TENURE OR ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF SUPERANNUATION

BM 118.33.1 The Board considered & approved the proposal subject to the condition that the official shall furnish an undertaking that he/she

would not claim such benefit from any other source, along with his claim for re-imburement.

ITEM NO. 34 TO RATIFY/REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR GIVING THE CHARGES OF THE POSITIONS OF REGISTRAR (ADMINISTRATION), CHIEF VIGILANCE OFFICER (CVO), IGNOU AND CHIEF PROJECT OFFICER, CMD

BM 118.34.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in entrusting the charges of the posts of the Registrar (Administration), the Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), IGNOU and the Chief Project Officer, CMD to Prof.S.V.S. Chaudhary, Prof. Madhu Parhar and Sh. Sudheer Reddy, respectively.

ITEM NO. 35 1. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUES RELATING TO DESIGNATING ARDS/EQUIVALENT IN SELECTION GRADE AS DEPUTY DIRECTORS.

2. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE OF BRINGING CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME & AGE OF RETIREMENT OF ACADEMICS AT PAR WITH THOSE OF TEACHERS OF IGNOU

3. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL RE-ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION (RSD) AND REGIONAL CENTRES

BM 118.35.1 The Director, RSD presented the Item. The Board considered & agreed in principle with the recommendations made by the committees, for revamping of Regional Services Division of the University (**Appendix-8**). The Board felt that since the overall revamping of the RSD was in the offing, it was advisable to constitute a High Power Committee. The recommendations of these three Committees shall serve as inputs to the High Power Committee which shall be required to submit the recommendations within 3 months from the date of the constitution of the Committee. The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute the High Power Committee.

ITEM NO. 36 TO REPORT THE EXTENSION OF DEPUTATION OF FINANCE OFFICER, IGNOU

BM 118.36.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the deputation of Finance Officer of the University for a further period of one year i.e. from 01.6.2013 to 31.5.2014.

ITEM NO. 37 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. M.T. SULEKHA, DIRECTOR, DEC PRESENTLY ATTACHED TO REGIONAL CENTRE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

BM 118.37.1 The Board considered & approved the resignation tendered by Dr.M.T. Sulekha, Director, DEC.

ITEM NO. 38 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT REGISTRAR HELD ON 8TH & 9TH JUNE, 2013

BM 118.38.1 The minutes of the Selection Committee meeting held on 8th & 9th June, 2013 for the post of Assistant Registrar under the backlog vacancies of certain reserved categories, were placed before the Board. The Board considered and approved the recommendations, as per details given below:

Dates of Meetings	Positions	Name of the Candidate	Remarks
8.6.2013 & 9.6.2013	Appointment to the post of Assistant Registrar in the Pay Band-3: Rs.15600-39100 with GP of Rs.5400/-	<u>SC Category</u> 1. Shri Manoj Kumar <u>Panel</u> 1. Shri Rashish Gangaram Sakhararkar 2. Sh.Santosh Kumar ADI <u>ST Category</u> 1. Shri Nada Tado <u>Panel</u> 1. Sh. Bane Singh Meena <u>OBC Category</u> 1. Sh.Chandra Shekhar Giri	

		2. Sh.Pankaj Kumar 3. Sh.P.Yogesh Kumar 4. Sh.Vivek Singh 5. Sh. Pawan Kumar <u>PWD (VH)</u> None found suitable <u>PWD (HI)</u> 1. Sh. Apurba Swarnakar	
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ITEM NO. 39 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 81ST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12.6.2013

BM 118.39.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered & approved the recommendations of the 81st Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12.6.2013

The Board specifically approved the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2012-2013 for submission to the statutory Auditors viz. the DGACE for Audit. The Board appreciated the special efforts being made by the University to finalize the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2012-2013, to ensure its timely submission to the Statutory Audit and its further submission to the MHRD, along with the Audit Certificate in due course under the provisions of Section 29(1) of IGNOU Act.

A copy of the Minutes of the 81st meeting of the Finance Committee is placed as **Appendix-9**.

ITEM NO. 40 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE MOA FOR THE ONGOING DBT PROJECT ENTITLED “BIORESOURCES OF KUTTANAD WETLAND ECOSYSTEM: INVENTORIZAION, CHARACTERIZATION & CONSERVATION”

BM 118.40.1 The Board considered & approved the MOA for the ongoing DBT project entitled ‘Bioresources of Kuttanad Wetland Ecosystem: Inventorization, Characterization & Conservation.

ITEM NO. 41 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF INDIA-AFRICA VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY (IAVU) AT IGNOU

BM 118.41.1 The Board considered the proposal for setting up of India-Africa Virtual University (IAVU) and approved the same in principle as & when formally offered to IGNOU along with technical support to be provided by TCIL and financed by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

ITEM NO. 42 TO CONSIDER THE DISENGAGEMENT OF INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH & TRAINING CENTRE (ISLRTC) FROM IGNOU AND ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED FOR BAASLS STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE (UCLAN), UK TO COMPLETE THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

BM 118.42.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman informed the Board that a letter was received from the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment seeking IGNOU response about allotment of 5 acres of land, filling and autonomy to be given to ISLRTC. IGNOU responded to the Ministry's letter stating that the 5 acre land was not available to be given to ISLRTC, positions were advertised but no one was found suitable and that it was not possible to grant financial and administrative autonomy to ISLRTC within IGNOU and that BOM also did not agree to it as there were no supporting provisions available. In the light of these facts the Ministry was requested to revisit the issue. The Board was further informed that in response to the above communication IGNOU received a letter from Ministry saying that they would like to 'disengage' ISLRTC from IGNOU, and asked IGNOU to give the utilization of the funds and make all other necessary arrangements.

BM 118.42.2 In the meantime Prof. Ulrike Zeshan from UCLAN had a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor. It was agreed that:

- IGNOU will make all necessary arrangements available so that the existing students already admitted to UCLAN programme complete their study with no difficulty. It will be joint responsibility of IGNOU and UCLAN, and IGNOU will make all the support available.
- UCLAN will submit a detailed plan on resources required over the next two years for the remaining batches of BAASLS students.

- It was made clear that there is no provision in IGNOU Act and Statutes to issue a dual degree. However, the Vice-Chancellor agreed to issue a certificate of participation stating that these students have pursued UCLAN degree at IGNOU campus.
- After the present batch of students complete their study, both the parties UCLAN and IGNOU are open to future collaboration, as long as any future partnership is well-planned and in accordance with their respective statutory framework of the University.

The Chairman informed the Board that a Committee has already been constituted to suggest modalities both for disengagement of ISLRTC Project from IGNOU as well as the arrangements needed for BAASLS students to complete their academic programme at IGNOU.

BM 118.42.3 The Board approved the disengagement of ISLRTC from IGNOU as proposed by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

BM 118.42.4 As regards the matter of award of dual degree, as per the request of the BAASLS students, the Board decided to interact with representatives of the students, along with the interpreter to acquaint with their grievances. The students demanded for award of degree as promised to them in the University's communication dt.23.7.2009 at the time of their admission to BA Applied Sign Language Programme and another communication conveying that BAASLS is a dual degree programme. They informed that now it has been conveyed that a degree/certificate will be provided by UCLAN, and IGNOU will issue them only a certificate of participation, which is not acceptable to them.

BM 118.42.5 The Board after listening to the grievances of the students and taking a sympathetic view in the matter, was of the view that the University needs to be supportive especially in view of the fact that the students concerned are differently-abled. This is also necessary to maintain IGNOU's credibility in the public. The Board, therefore, decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Prof. Mahendra P. Lama and Prof. A.K. Singh, as the Convenor, to look into the grievance of these students, in the light of the commitments made in the advertisements, programme prospectus and various communications sent to these students in this regard and to recommend appropriate mechanism to address their grievance. The Board also felt that the Committee

should also examine the circumstances which led to the students grievances and fix the responsibility for misleading the students.

ITEM NO. 43 TO CONSIDER THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY FOR THE UNIVERSITY

BM 118.43.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the University formalized the policy for sharing of its materials with other institutions in 1998. The policy has been revised twice in 2007 & 2009. However, some institutions including private were misusing IGNOU material after bulk purchase and also not following multimedia-approach in imparting education through ODL. It was further noted that in the absence of any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy, IGNOU is not in a position to take any action. The IGNOU, therefore, decided to stop bulk purchase of its material till IPR policy is in place. The Vice Chancellor had accordingly constituted a Committee to develop Intellectual Property Rights policy for IGNOU and work out the modalities for collaboration with other academic institutions as per the above guidelines. The matter was also placed before the Planning Board at its meeting held on 10.6.2013 and the Planning Board has recommended to keep on hold the matter relating to sharing of IGNOU's printed material with academic institutions till the policy is in place.

BM 118.43.2 The Board considered & approved the aforesaid recommendations of the Planning Board.

ITEM NO. 44 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXPENDITURE FINANCE COMMITTEE (EFC) ALONG WITH DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR) PROPOSED BY THE UNIVERSITY

BM 118.44.1 The Board considered & approved the draft Memorandum for the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) along with Detailed Project Report (DPR) as proposed by the University.

ITEM NO. 45 TO CONSIDER THE MONITORING SYSTEM FOR COLLABORATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES (F2F) OF THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (SOET)

BM 118.45.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that the School of Engineering & Technology of the University had

launched academic programmes (F2F) in collaboration with Private & Quasi-Govt. Institutions in the field of Engineering & Technology. These programmes were put on hold from July, 2012 as per the decision of the 117th BOM to scrutinize collaborative programmes for their statutory validity. The Board further noted the problems being faced in managing these programmes regarding re-registration schedules, admission records, regular evaluation and other related matters.

BM 118.45.2 The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Monitoring Committee to manage these academic programmes (F2F) in the field of Engineering & Technology, as proposed in the Item so that they are taken to a logical end.

ITEM NO. 46 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF PERIOD BY ONE YEAR FOR HIRING OF ERP EXPERT CONSULTANTS AGAINST THE BOM APPROVAL VIDE RES.BM 109.44

BM 118.46.1 The Board considered & approved the proposal for extension of period of one year for hiring of the services of ERP Expert Consultants /Consulting firm (Birlasoft). The period of one year shall commence from the date of their actual deployment by Birlasoft.

ITEM NO. 47 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH, 31ST AND 32ND MEETINGS OF STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM

BM 118.47.1 The Board considered & approved the recommendations of the Student Services Committee made at its 30th, 31st & 32nd meetings.

ITEM NO. 48 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 118.48.1 The Board considered & approved the minutes of the Planning Board made at its 41st meeting held on 10.6.2013. A copy of the minutes is placed as **Appendix-10**.

The following Items were tabled by the Vice Chancellor/Chairman:

ITEM NO. 49 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR

BM 118.49.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. All the non members were requested to abstain from the deliberations. The Chairman informed the Board that the University was engaged in a big way to consolidate and streamline its academic activities and was on the threshold of planned expansion so as to fulfill its mandate. He further informed that he has been so far looking after the work as the Vice-Chancellor single handedly and felt a definite need for having Pro-Vice-Chancellors to support the system. The Chairman referred to the Statutory provisions relating to appointment of Pro-Vice Chancellors in the University. He also informed that University has provisions to appoint up to five Pro-Vice Chancellors. In view of the heavy rush of work it has not been possible for him to identify and make recommendation for the appointment of these Pro Vice-Chancellors, which he intends to do in the next one or two months. In the meantime, he intends to have at least one Pro Vice-Chancellor in place to help him in carrying out the responsibilities. He recommended the name of Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, Professor of South Asian Economics, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi for appointment to the post of the Pro Vice-Chancellor for consideration of the Board. A copy of the Bio-Data of Prof. P. Lama was also circulated among the Members. Prof. Lama who is a member of the BOM abstained from deliberations of this Item.

BM 118.49.2 The Board appreciated the efforts being made by the Vice-Chancellor in streamlining the activities of the University and the need to strengthen his hands. The Board considered the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and approved the appointment of Prof. Lama as Pro Vice-Chancellor in the University for a period of three years from the date of joining in terms of the provision under Statute 3 of IGNOU Act subject to vigilance clearance.

ITEM NO. 50 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ADVISOR TO THE VICE CHANCELLOR

BM 118.50.1 The Chairman informed the Board of Management that IGNOU has been identified to play a lead role in establishing India-Africa

Virtual University (IAVU). It is envisaged that IAVU will be an autonomous entity under the IGNOU.

The Pan Africa e-Network Project was formally inaugurated on 26th February, 2009 from TCIL Headquarter at New Delhi connecting a link between 2 Indian Universities, 6 Indian Super Specialty Hospitals, Satellite Hub station at Senegal, Pan African e-Network Data centre at TCIL Bhawan, New Delhi and learning centres, Patient End locations and VVIP nodes in 11 countries of Benin, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal and Seychelles. In August 2010 the Second Phase of the Project was inaugurated from TCIL Headquarter, New Delhi. Countries joining the Project in the second phase are: Burundi, Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Eritrea, Libya, Malawi, Mozambique, Somalia and Uganda. India has signed agreement with 47 countries in Africa, but the operational ends are at 34 countries at present.

Enthused with the success of the Pan African E-Network Project, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh announced in Addis Ababa establishment of Indo-Africa Virtual University (IAVU) during his visit in 2011 to help in meeting some of the demand in Africa for higher studies Indian Institutions.

The tele-education services of the Pan Africa e-Network Project are now proposed to be used for India Africa Virtual University. Courses, which are online and are being offered by IGNOU at present, are expected to be offered by IAVU after appropriate modification and contextualization.

He also informed BOM that IGNOU is also engaged in various technology enabled activities including e-learning etc He informed the Board that the services of a competent person experienced in ICT technology are needed to help us in designing various ICT based interventions as well as in helping us in conceptually planning and designing India-Africa Virtual University as soon as it is formally offered to IGNOU.

The Vice-Chancellor recommended the name of Prof. Phalguni Gupta, Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT, Kanpur for appointment as 'Advisor (ICT)' initially for a period of one year to be renewed on yearly basis. A copy of bio-data of Prof. Gupta was also circulated among the members of the Board of Management.

BM 118.50.2 The Board appreciated the steps being taken by IGNOU for increasing use of ICT and also for the initiation of new ICT based projects like India-Africa Virtual University. The Board approved the appointment of Prof. Phalguni Gupta as Advisor (ICT) initially for a period of one year to be renewed on yearly basis.

BM 118.50.3 Prof. Gupta's pay shall be fixed taking in to account his present pay scale in his parent organization plus deputation allowance as per Govt. of India norms. The Board also approved to provide housing facility to Prof. Gupta.

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

(Prof. M. Aslam)
Chairman