



MINUTES OF THE 130TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 08, 2018 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. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary (DL & Admin), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
3	Shri Pankaj Salodia, Director, Ministry of I & B	- Representative, Secretary, I & B
4	Prof. J.S. Rajput	- Member
5	Dr. A.Surya Prakash	- Member
6	Dr. Hitesh Deka	- Member
7	Prof. Swaraj Basu	- Member
8	Prof. Debal K. Singharoy	- Member
9	Dr. Ranjan Kumar	- Member
	Ms. Vidya Sonal Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Member of the Board requested for leave of absence.

Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

The meeting of the Board of Management began with a welcome note by Registrar I/c Vidya Sonal. Thereafter, Chairman of the Board welcomed all the members. The Chairman especially welcomed Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary, MHRD who was attending the meeting for the first time. He also welcomed Prof. Debal K. Singharoy and Dr. Ranjan Kumar on the Board as new members who were attending the meeting of the Board for first time.

The Chairman further informed the Board that Ms. Vidya Sonal, Joint Registrar has been entrusted the charge of Registrar (Administration) consequent upon the relinquishing the charge of Registrar (Admin) by Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava. She was introduced to the members of the Board.

All the members of the Board also welcomed Prof. Nageshwar Rao as the new Vice Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Management.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, placed on record the appreciation of the efforts made in strengthening open and distance learning system by the Ex.Vice Chancellor/Chairman, BOM Prof. M. Aslam .

Prof. Ravindra Kumar as Vice Chancellor I/c made sincere efforts for completing online registration. He has also re-activated Gyan Vani & Gyan Darshan channels. Prof S B Arora Vice Chancellor I/c has successfully conducted two term end examinations. The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, placed on record the appreciation of their efforts for furthering the cause of the University.

The Chairman also placed on record the appreciation for valuable contributions made by the outgoing members of the Board, namely, Prof. Kapil Kumar (In addition, for his efforts in reactivation of Gyan Vani & Gyan Darshan channels) and Dr. P. Sivaswaroop during their tenure on the Board and Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Ex-Registrar & Secretary of the BOM.

The Chairman in his prefatory remarks apprised the following :

- (i) He is getting the fullest support and cooperation from IGNOU Fraternity, Ministry and all regulatory bodies including UGC and AICTE after joining as Vice Chancellor on July 26.
- (ii) The enrolment in the past three years has been steadily increasing. The current enrolment of students is appx.10.72 lakhs which includes re-registration. Around 4.5 lakh new admissions have been made in this year.
- (iii) *Deleted.*
- (iv) Students' grievances mechanism has been made more efficient and the process of introducing i-GRAM in the University is underway to address the student's grievances at one place.
- (v) In tune with requirement of the MHRD, the University has implemented the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) in the University.
- (vi) The University is now connected with social media through Facebook and Twitter.
- (vii) The University has requested the Office of the Visitor and Ministry for getting the consent of the Visitor as the Chief Guest for 31st Convocation.

(Point No.iii deleted by the Board in its 131st Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.27.9.2018)

- (viii) The University is also developing a mechanism for providing the study material to the students in digital form.

The Board noted the above and appreciated the efforts being made by the University.

The Chairman of the Board outlined following strategic issues which he planned to present before the policymakers/regulators.

- (i) International presence
- (ii) Academic autonomy to University as it is the only Central University in distance education established by an Act of Parliament.
- (iii) Revisiting ODL regulations.

Members of the Board also supported these issues which are in the interest of the University and ODL system.

Further, he also narrated following problems confronting the university :

- (i) Term End results
- (ii) Material Printing and Distribution
- (iii) New courses and Course revisions
- (iv) Grievances of Learners

Deep concern was expressed by Board members for not holding the BOM meetings on regular basis. It was noted by the Board.

The following Agenda was, subsequently, transacted by the Board:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 129TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2017 AND

- (i) TO CONSIDER THE OBSERVATIONS/ COMMENTS OF THE MEMBERS**
- (ii) TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

BM 130.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 129th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.10.2017 were circulated to the members of the Board on 07.11.2017. The MHRD vide its letter No.F.5-26/2017-DL dated 05.12.2017 had communicated the observations/comments on the minutes of the 129th BOM meeting. A few observations/comments on specific resolutions of the BOM Minutes had also been received from Prof. Swaraj Basu, Prof. Kapil Kumar and Dr. P. Sivaswaroop as members of the Board. The comments/

observations were placed before the Board for its consideration as per Annexure-II to V of the Agenda.

- BM 130.1.2** The Chairman informed that the MHRD vide its letter No. F.5-14/2018-DL dated 22.06.2018 has forwarded their observations/comments on some of the agenda items of 130th BOM (**Appendix-1**). The Board deliberated in detail on the contents of the said letter and accordingly, these were kept in view while taking up the agenda items.
- BM 130.1.3** As regards the matter relating to the GPF and CPF scheme, the Board was informed that a comprehensive report of the two members Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor in the matter was forwarded to the MHRD for consideration.
- BM 130.1.4** As regards Item No.4 regarding Career Advancement Scheme, the Board deliberated the issue in detail. It was further informed to the Board that the University has adhered to the UGC Regulations 2010 and subsequent amendments from time to time in conducting the Selection Committee meeting for Career Advancement Scheme promotion/ placement of teaching/academic positions. The Board noted the same.
- BM 130.1.5** The Board also noted the Action Taken Reports and confirmed the Minutes of the 129th Board Meeting with the above observations / directions.
- ITEM NO. 2** **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 93RD MEETING HELD ON 4.6.2018**
- BM 130.2.1** The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 93rd meeting held on 04.6.2018. The Board noted that due to the exigencies, Item Nos. 93.3 and 93.5 regarding the Annual Accounts 2017-18 and MOU to be signed with MHRD for release of Grants as per Rule 229(xi) of GFR 2017 recommended by the 93rd Finance Committee were approved by the Board of Management through circulation. While discussing the recommendations, the members pointed out that the Annual Accounts of the University have got approved by the Board through circulation (without holding any

discussions on it) during the last 2-3 years. The members observed that the financial matters especially the Annual Accounts must be placed before the Board in its regular meeting so that healthy discussion may take place on the related issues by the Board.

BM 130.2.2 The Board approved the remaining recommendations of the Finance Committee. A copy of the minutes of the 93rd Finance Committee meeting is placed as **Appendix-2**.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 76TH MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 04.6.2018

BM 130.3.1 The Board considered the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made in its 76th meeting held on 04.6.2018. As regards the establishment of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), it was informed that the notification earlier was issued as Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) which shall be re-named as CIQA. However, the Review Committee constituted as recommended by the Establishment Committee is not required.

BM 130.3.2 The Board authorized the Chairman for taking necessary action to make the CIQA operational.

BM 130.3.3 As regards Item No.76.6 regarding the matter of restructuring and rationalization of administrative/secretarial cadres, the matter was referred back to the Establishment Committee for review.

BM 130.3.4 The Board approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee with above observations. A copy of the minutes is placed at **Appendix-3**.

Dr. Surya Prakash, Member expressed his inability to accept the membership of the Establishment Committee due to his pre-occupations. The Board noted the same.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE (DPC) MEETING

HELD ON 04.6.2018 IN RESPECT OF GROUP-A NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

BM 130.4.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting held on 04.6.2018 in respect of Group-A Non-Academic positions as per details given below:

Dates of Meetings	Positions	Name of the Candidate	Remarks
04.6.2018	Promotion to the post of Chief Project Officer in PB-IV Rs.37400-67000, GP 10000/-	The matter was deferred since the same is subjudice.	
	Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar in PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-	1. Sh. Banmali Singh (UR) 2. Sh. Ved Ambrish Kumar H. (UR) 3. Sh. Tejinder Pal Singh (OBC) 4. Sh. P.T. Raveendran (UR) 5. Sh. Aseem Kumar (UR) 6. Ms. Rajni A Jeet (SC)	Regular basis
	Regularisation in the post of Assistant Registrar against the regular vacancies in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-	1. Sh. Rajesh Sharma (UR) 2. Sh. K.K. Sharma (UR) 3. Sh. Surinder Singh (UR) 4. Sh. Lalit Kumar (UR) 5. Sh. T.V. Hemadri (UR) 6. Sh. K.M. Nazaruddin (UR) 7. Sh. Rakesh Kumar (UR) 8. Ms. Renuka Grover (UR) 9. Ms. Rama Kapoor (UR) 10. Dr. Sampat Ray Aggarwal (UR) 11. Sh. K.C. Pandey (UR) 12. Sh. Jai Lal (SC)	
	Promotion to the post of Assistant Registrar on temporary basis in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-	1. Sh. R. Raja, PS 2. Ms. Veena Rani, PS# 3. Sh. D.V. Ramana, PS## 4. Sh. Harkesh Kumar, SO* 5. Sh. Dilip Sonkusale, SO 6. Sh. Md. Sheriff, SO 7. Sh. S. Venugopal, SO 8. Sh. Latish Kumar, SO Panel: 1. Ms. Bharti Kharbanda, SO 2. Sh. D. Seshadri, SO 3. Ms. G. Pyrobot, PS* 4. Sh. R. Ramesh Kr., PS*	#Not considered for promotion due to Vigilance case and Sealed Cover Procedure will be followed. ## Refused promotion hence cannot be considered.

		<p>5. Ms.Usha Balaji, PS 6. Sh.K.V.K.Chandersekhar, PS 7. Dr.G.Radhakrishna, PS 8. Ms.Rajni Kalra, SO 9. Sh.Nand Kr.Gupta, SO 10. Sh.Rakesh Tiwari, SO 11. Ms.Shakuntla Khurana, SO 12. Ms.Seema Rani, PS* 13. Sh.Balwant Singh, PS 14. Sh.O.P.Kausal, SO* 15. Ms.Anita Kr.Raj, SO 16. Sh.Kasturi Lal, SO** 17. Sh.Praveen Kr., PS 18. Sh.Ramanjaneya, SO 19. Sh.R.D.Nirwan, SO** 20. Sh.Patras Kujur, SO* 21. Sh.Vimakhoto Tetso, SO 22. Sh.B.N.Sah, SO</p>	<p>*Do not possess the requisite qualification, hence cannot be considered for promotion</p> <p>** Verification report of Degree is awaited</p>
	Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar (P) in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-	None of the ARs (P) found eligible.	
	Regularisation in the post of Assistant Registrar (P) in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-	<p>Sh. Tilak Raj (SC)</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>1. Sh.Ajit Kumar, SO(P) 2. Ms.Sumathi Nair, SO (P) 3. Sh.Sudhir Kumar, SO(P)</p>	
	Promotion to the post of Deputy Director (Software) in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-	None of the Asst. Directors (Software) found eligible.	
	Promotion to the post of Assistant Director (Software) in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-	<p>Panel:</p> <p>1. Sh.B.S. Rawat (UR) 2. Sh.Yogesh Bhatnagar (UR) 3. Sh.Vijay Kr. Sharma (UR) 4. Sh.Jainath Karketta (ST)</p>	
	Promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer (EMPC) in PB-III, Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-	No one possesses the requisite qualification	

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SSC), A STANDING COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT,

**MADE AT ITS 40TH, 41ST AND 42ND MEETINGS
HELD ON 21ST AUGUST 2017, 2ND FEBRUARY 2018
AND 19TH APRIL 2018 RESPECTIVELY**

- BM 130.5.1** The Item was taken up for ratification. The Board considered and ratified the minutes of the Student Services Committee made at its 40th, 41st and 42nd meetings held on 21.8.2017, 2.2.2018 & 19.4.2018 respectively. Dr. Surya Prakash, Member suggested that the University should have a facebook/twitter account and 24-hour helpline number to address the students' grievances/queries. The Chairman informed the Board that Facebook and Twitter accounts have been opened a fortnight back.
- BM 130.5.2** Dr. Surya Prakash, Member expressed his inability to accept the membership of the Student Services Committee due to pre-occupation. The Board noted the same.
- ITEM NO. 6** **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN NOMINATING OF MEMBERS ON THE WORKS COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM UNDER CLAUSES (2) & (3) OF ITS COMPOSITION**
- BM 130.6.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in nominating members on the Works Committee made under Clauses (2) & (3) of its composition. It was informed that Prof. Vasudha Kamat, nominated on the Works Committee has conveyed her inability to be a member on the Works Committee due to her pre-occupation. The Board noted the same.
- ITEM NO. 7** **TO REPORT THE AMENDMENT MADE IN THE STATUTE 17(9) REGARDING THE AGE OF RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS OF THE UNIVERSITY**
- BM 130.7.1** The Board noted the amendment made in the Statute 17(9) regarding the age of retirement of Teachers of the University as the same was published in the Official Gazette of the Govt. of India.
- ITEM NO. 8** **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTMENT/GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS/**

DIVISIONS/ CENTRE**BM 130.8.1**

(A) The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving charge of Directorship of following Schools/Divisions/Centre to the following persons, as per details given below.

#	Name of the Academic/ Teacher	School/Division/Centre	Period of Charge given
1.	Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Professor, SOH	School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Management	01.11.2017 to till further orders
2.	Dr. Heena K. Bijli, Associate Professor	School of Continuing Education	01.01.2018 to 31.12.2020
3.	Prof. Nilima Srivastava	School of Gender and Development Studies	11.02.2018 to 10.02.2021
4.	Prof. D. Gopal	National ODL Centre for Local Governance	19.04.2017 to 01.04.2018
5.	Prof. S.K. Yadav, Professor, SOA	School of Law	02.04.2018 to till further orders
6.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Dy. Director	Academic Coordination Division	13.02.2018 to till further orders
7.	Prof. R.P. Singh	National ODL Centre for Local Governance	02.04.2018 to till further orders
8.	Dr. M. Shanmugham, Regional Director (Sr. Scale)	Regional Services Division	12.05.2018 to 11.05.2021
9.	Dr. V.V. Subramanyam, Associate Professor	School of Computer and Information Sciences	14.05.2018 to till further orders
10.	Dr. M. Chandrashekhar Nair, Dy Director	International Division	23.05.2018 to till further orders
11.	Ms. Vidya Sonal, Joint Registrar	Registrar, Administration	w.e.f. 31.08.2018 to till further orders
12.	Dr. Seema Chandhok, Dy. Librarian	Librarian, L&DD	w.e.f. 22.06.2018 to till further orders
13.	Shri K.Ravi Kant, Joint Director	Director, EMPC	w.e.f.16.7.2018 till further orders

(B) The Board further noted the position of Director/Heads in the following Divisions/Centres/Cell etc. are being occupied by Officials beyond 6 months as given hereunder:

#	Name of the Director	Duration of Tenure	
		From	To
1	Prof. T. U. Fulzele Planning and Development Division (P&DD)	16.10.2012	Till further orders
2	Prof. Jaideep Sharma Library and Documentation Division (L&DD)	31.12.2013	Till further orders
3	Prof. Kapil Kumar Centre for Freedom Struggle and Diaspora Studies	05.03.2013	Till further orders
4	Prof. Kapil Kumar Director EMPC	09.01.2017	Till further orders
5	Prof. Kaustuva Barik Research Unit (RU)	24.05.2017	Till further orders
6	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)	03.04.2017 (A/N)	Till further orders
7	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava Defence Unit	26.07.2017 (A/N)	Till further Orders
8	Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha, National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE)	04.10.2016	Till further orders
9	Dr. Hemlata National Centre for Disability Studies (NCDS)	26.04.2016 (A/N)	Till further orders
10	Prof. B.B. Khanna Campus Placement Cell (CPC)	25.11.2016	Till further orders
11	Prof. Uma Kanjilal Inter University Consortium (IUC)	02.08.2016	Till further orders
12	Dr. Bini Toms, Director Students Service Centre (SSC)	29.07.2016	Till further orders

BM 130.8.2

Prof. Swaraj Basu apprised the Board that Statute 4 deals with the appointment of Directors while Statute 2(6)(ii) empowers the Vice Chancellor to make necessary arrangement for

discharging the functions of a Division till regular appointment is made. Such appointments of Directors of Schools and Head of Divisions should be brought to the Board clearly defining the provisions under which such appointments are made. He emphasized that other eligible persons from the School/Division concerned should also be considered for giving charge and the list of such persons be furnished with the agenda for information of the BOM members.

ITEM NO. 9 TO REPORT THE SIGNING OF RENEWED AGREEMENT WITH HERO MOTOCORP LTD. (ERSTWHILE HERO HONDA MOTORS LTD.) TO INITIATE SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES UNDER IGNOU-HERO MOTORCYCLE TECHNICIANS VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION PROJECT (IH-MTVQP)

BM 130.9.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in signing of Agreement (Renewal) with Hero Motocorp Ltd.

ITEM NO. 10 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE SIGNING OF THE FOLLOWING MOUS :

(A) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES, MOHFW, GOI

(B) INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE AND ALLIED SCIENCES (INMAS)

BM 130.10.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in signing of the above MOUs.

ITEM NO. 11 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY IN IMPOSING MINOR PENALTY OF “DEDUCTION TO A LOWER STAGE IN THE TIME SCALE OF PAY FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT EARNING INCREMENTS OF PAY DURING THIS PERIOD OF DEDUCTION, AND THAT, ON THE EXPIRY OF THIS PERIOD, THERE SHALL BE NO EFFECT ON FUTURE INCREMENTS OF HIS PAY AND OTHER SERVICE CONDITIONS”, ON DR. S. S. JENA AS PER DECISION OF THE 128TH BOM

BM 130.11.1 The Board noted that this item falls under the Action Taken Report on the minutes of 128th meeting of the Board (BOM Res.128.1.4) held on 30.6.2017.

ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF DR. S. S. JENA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RSD FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

BM 130.12.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. S.S. Jena, Dy. Director for voluntary retirement.

ITEM NO. 13 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION OF DR. R. P. SINGH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR (SR.)

BM 130.13.1 The Board noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the technical resignation of Dr. R.P. Singh, Regional Director (SR). However, the Board was of the view that the resignation tendered by Dr. R.P. Singh should be considered as “resignation” instead of “technical resignation” and the request of Dr. R.P. Singh for accepting the resignation w.e.f. 29.9.2014 be also accepted.

ITEM NO. 14 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EOL FOR 03 YEARS W.E.F. 01.07.2017 TO PROF. AVADHESH KUMAR SINGH, PROFESSOR SOTST

BM 130.14.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting EOL for 3 years w.e.f.01.7.2017 to Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh, SOTST.

ITEM NO. 15 TO REPORT THE RE-FIXATION OF PAY OF PROF. AVADHESH KUMAR SINGH W.E.F. 22.01.2013 CONSEQUENT UPON HIS VRS FROM SAURASHTRA UNIVERSITY W.E.F. 21.01.2013

BM 130.15.1 The Board observed that the matter of re-fixation of pay of Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh w.e.f.22.1.2013 consequent upon his VRS from Saurashtra University be dealt with administratively.

ITEM NO. 16 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN SANCTIONING THE EOL TO DR. SRIKANT MOHAPATRA, SR. REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOR ENABLING HIM TO JOIN AS VICE CHANCELLOR AT ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY, SAMBALPUR, ODISHA

BM 130.16.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in sanctioning the EOL to Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Sr. Regional Director for a period of 3 years w.e.f.01.01.2018.

ITEM NO. 17 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING EOL FOR 5 YEARS W.E.F. 07.03.2017 (A/N) TO PROF. E. VAYUNANDAN, PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, SOSS AND TO CONSIDER HIS REQUEST TO GRANT HIM LIEN FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD

BM 130.17.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting EOL for 5 years w.e.f. 07.03.2017 (A/N) to Prof. E.Vayunandan and grant him lien for the above period.

ITEM NO. 18 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE (EOL) WITH LIEN TO PROF. PUSHPALATA TRIPATHI FOR TWO MORE YEARS W.E.F. 08.07.2017

BM 130.18.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the period of EOL with lien to Prof. Pushplata Tripathi for 2 more years w.e.f. 08.07.2017.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO EXAMINE THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM ACADEMICS OF IGNOU ON ENHANCEMENT OF AGE OF SUPERANNUATION AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION

BM 130.19.1 The Report of the Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor to examine the representations received from

(Revised by the Board in its 131st Meeting, as per the comment of one of the BOM members)

academics of IGNOU on enhancement of age of superannuation was placed before the Board for consideration. The Board was apprised of the provision under Statute 17 which deals with the terms & conditions of service and code of conduct of teachers and academic staff of the University. Dr. Ranjan Kumar informed that the appointments of teachers and academics were made under the provisions of Section 2(p) of the IGNOU Act.

BM 130.19.2 The matter was discussed and deliberated in detail. The Board felt that the decision with respect to the Report of the Committee may not be taken at this stage as the report has not touched all the related aspects.

ITEM NO. 20 TO REPORT THE MATTER RELATED TO INQUIRY REPORT SUBMITTED BY HON'BLE JUSTICE V B GUPTA, RETIRED JUDGE OF HON'BLE HIGH COURT ON COMPREHENSIVE ENQUIRY CONDUCTED IN THE FUNCTIONING OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION (CMD), IGNOU

BM 130.20.1 The Report of the Committee in sealed cover was placed before the Board for consideration. The report was opened and the Board asked the Secretary to examine the Report and submit the observations in the next meeting of the Board.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE LEGAL OPINION SOUGHT IN THE MATTER OF PROF. S.C. GARG AND PROF. B.S. SARASWAT (NOW RETIRED) IN RELATION TO SECTION 9.2(B) OF THE PENSION RULES

BM 130.21.1 The Chairman read out the contents of the letter No.Conf./772/05/390964 dated 09.8.2018 of Central Vigilance Commission regarding the complaint against Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Ex. Vice Chancellor, IGNOU. The Commission observed that Prof. S.C. Garg and Prof. B.S. Saraswat have retired from service in May 2016 and March 2017 respectively. Therefore, no action is possible against them under Rule 9 of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. Commission has noted the position. A copy of the letter is placed at **Appendix-4**.

BM 130.21.2 The Board on the basis of the aforesaid CVC letter dated 09.8.2018 and the legal opinion sought in the matter decided that no proceedings be initiated against Prof. S.C. Garg and Prof. B.S. Saraswat (now retired).

BM 130.21.3 The Board also approved the release of final retirement benefits including retirement gratuity, confirming Provisional Pension into Final pension and commutation of pension in respect of both officials.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO VIGILANCE CLEARANCE IN RESPECT OF DR. C.K. GHOSH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR (RETD.) SUPERANNUATED ON 31ST AUGUST, 2016

BM 130.22.1 Director, ACD was invited to present the Item. The Board was informed that the complaint against Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Regional Director (Sr. Scale) of IGNOU was received on the charge of corruption/irregularities (for the period 2001-2004) and no charge-sheet was issued. The matter was referred to CVC in the year 2007 and no response was received from CVC thereafter. The vigilance clearance against Dr. Ghosh is pending due to non-disposal of the case. It was proposed by the Vigilance Cell of IGNOU that Dr. C.K. Ghosh has been superannuated on 31st August 2016 and all the outstanding dues against Dr. C.K. Ghosh have been recovered by the University, the vigilance case against Dr. Ghosh may be dropped so that Vigilance Cell may report the matter to the CVC accordingly.

BM 130.22.2 In the light of the fact that all recovery has been made on his retirement, the Board considered and approved the proposal.
(Revised by the Board in its 131st Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.27.9.2018)

ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM SHRI PANKAJ KHANNA, DY. DIRECTOR, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AGAINST THE CHARGE-SHEET ISSUED TO HIM FOR PLAGIARISM

BM 130.23.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board

deliberated the issue in detail. The Board directed to initiate disciplinary proceedings in the matter.

ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM DR. PANKAJ KHARE, DY. DIRECTOR, P&DD IN RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM ISSUED TO HIM AS PER DECISION OF THE 124TH BOM

BM 130.24.1 The Board considered the reply submitted by Dr. Pankaj Khare, Dy. Director in response to Memorandum issued to him.

BM 130.24.2 The Board further noted that the University referred the matter to Central Vigilance Commission for seeking first stage advice. The CVC vide its letter dated 21.11.2016 had suggested that the specific recommendations of the CVO and the Disciplinary Authority may be furnished at the earliest.

BM 130.24.3 The Board after detailed deliberations observed that there is no prima facie vigilance case and violation of conduct rules in respect of Dr. Pankaj Khare and the same may be informed to the CVC accordingly.

ITEM NO. 25 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN IMPOSING A PENALTY OF CENSURE AS A DETERRENT MEASURE WITH THE DIRECTION THAT SUCH AN ACT SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED IN FUTURE ON DR V P RUPAM, DY. DIRECTOR, RSD UNDER RULE 11 (MINOR PENALTY) OF CCS (CCA) RULES

BM 130.25.1 The Director, ACD was invited to present the item. It was informed that a complaint was received regarding irregularities reported at Swamy Vivekananda Seva Trust (SVST), Jamshedpur (PSC-0534P) in 2004 which was forwarded by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) vide OM No.004/EDN/057/ 8252 dated 29th April 2005. A Preliminary Enquiry was conducted by the CVO, IGNOU into the matter and no charge-sheet was issued to Dr. V.P. Rupam. The Board also noted that on the recommendations of the CVO, IGNOU a penalty of censure as a deterrent measure with the direction that such an act should not be

repeated in future has been imposed by the Vice Chancellor to Dr. V.P. Rupam under Rule 11 (minor penalty) of CCS (CCA) Rules. CVC in its letter dated 09.08.2018 (**Appendix-5**) rejected the penalty and has asked disciplinary authority to send the first stage advice.

BM 130.25.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board directed that an enquiry be initiated against Dr. V.P. Rupam and charge-sheet be issued. Accordingly, the first stage advice be sought from CVC.

ITEM NO. 26 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN REVOCATION OF SUSPENSION OF DR. K. S. CHAKRABORTY, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, KOLKATA

BM 130.26.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in revocation of suspension of Dr. K.S. Chakraborty, Regional Director, RC Kolkata.

ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER THE LEGAL OPINION OBTAINED FROM SHRI SAURABH CHAUHAN, ADVOCATE IN THE MATTER OF SHRI DARSHAN LAL, ASSISTANT ON THE INQUIRY REPORT AGAINST THE CHARGE SHEET ISSUED VIDE MEMORANDUM NO. 1-1(662)/NA/ESTT/1292 DATED 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2015 UNDER RULE 14 OF CCS (CCA) RULES 1965

BM 130.27.1 The matter was not considered by the Board, as it pertains to Group-C employee of the University.

ITEM NO. 28 TO REPORT THE MATTER RELATED TO GRANT OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO PROF. H. P. DIKSHIT, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR

BM 130.28.1 The Board deliberated the matter in detail and decided that family pension in respect of Late Prof. H. P. Dikshit be continued as Prof. Dikshit was in receipt of pension from IGNOU.
(Revised by the Board in its 131st Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.27.9.2018)

ITEM NO. 29 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AWARD OF DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE TO THE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS COMPLETED THEIR PROGRAMMES DURING DECEMBER, 2016 AND JUNE 2017 TERM END EXAMINATION IN 31ST CONVOCATION

BM 130.29.1 The Board noted the provisions under Clause 5 of Ordinance on the Convocation and approved the proposal for conducting the 31st Convocation of the University for awarding of Degree/ Diploma/Certificate to the eligible students. The updated list of number of students eligible for award of degrees, etc. is placed at **Appendix-6**.

- ITEM NO. 30**
- (1) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRE AT BRIDGE ACADEMY, OMAN.
 - (2) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES AT EMIRATES MCC UNIVERSITY, RAS AL – KHAIMAH
 - (3) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES AT EMIRATES PROFESSIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, SHARJAH
 - (4) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES OF WISDOM GROUP AT WISDOM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE, ABU DHABI, U.A.E. AND AL-HAKIMA EDUCATION INSTITUTE, SHARJAH
 - (5) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRE AT POLYGLOT INSTITUTE, MUSCAT, SULTANATE OF OMAN.
 - (6) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRE AT YARDSTICK INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DISTANCE & OPEN LEARNING, ETHIOPIA
 - (7) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRE AT OPEN MINDS INTERNATIONAL, SINGAPORE

BM 130.30.1 The Board recommended the establishment of the Overseas Study Centre abroad as per the agenda note.

However, the Board directed to submit demand survey to establish the veracity of opening of such Overseas Study Centres along with the proposal to Ministry. It has directed to ensure a foolproof system be in place with regard to admission & fair examination at all Overseas Study Centres.

ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGULATING PAY AND CHARGE ALLOWANCE UNDER FR 49 IN RESPECT OF OFFICIALS HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE

BM 130.31.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The matter was deliberated in detail. The Board observed that the charge allowance for the post(s) have been given to the employees of the University for a longer period under the provisions of FR-49.

BM 130.31.2 The Board, therefore, did not consider the proposal in regulating their pay and charge allowance under FR 49 and directed to discontinue it. The Board also suggested that under such circumstances the University may develop its own rules in this regard.

ITEM NO. 32 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED UNIVERSITY POLICY ON THE PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT THE WORKPLACE, 2018

BM 130.32.1 The Board considered and approved the revised University Policy on the Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace, 2018.

ITEM NO. 33 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF MACP SCHEME UNDER 7TH CPC FOR GROUP B & C EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 130.33.1 The Board while considering the item observed that the action in this regard has already been taken. The Board was

informed that the Govt. of India has continued the MACP scheme for 7th CPC as envisaged under 6th CPC. The University has already adopted the MACP scheme for 6th CPC with two financial upgradations with the prior approval of the BOM. Accordingly, the same has also been extended to the IGNOU employees after the implementation of 7th CPC.

BM 130.33.2 The Board deliberated the matter in detail and suggested that the MACP Scheme be implemented as per the 7th CPC.

ITEM NO. 34 TO CONSIDER INQUIRY REPORT SUBMITTED BY SHRI A. N. BOKSHI, INQUIRY OFFICER IN RESPECT OF DR. A. N. TRIPATHI AND SHRI SHER SINGH, THE THEN RD AND ARD, RC ALIGARH

BM 130.34.1 The Board was informed that the Inquiry Report is yet to be shared with the Charged Officers i.e. Dr. A.N. Tripathi and Shri Sher Singh. In view of this, the Board decided that a copy of the Inquiry Report be given to the Charged Officers and their response be placed before the Board.

ITEM NO. 35 TO REPORT SIGNING OF THE FOLLOWING MOUs/MOC:

- (A) MOU WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MOHFW) FOR DEVELOPING & LAUNCHING SKILL BASED TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN HEALTH SECTOR AND ALSO TO ESTABLISH A SKILL TRAINING CELL AS A PART OF MOU**
- (B) MOU WITH AGRICULTURE SKILL COUNCIL OF INDIA (ASCI) FOR CONDUCTING AGRI SKILLING PROGRAMMES FOR IGNOU STUDENTS**
- (C) MOU WITH FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (FSSAI) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE IN THE AREAS OF FOOD PROCESSING AND FOOD SAFETY**
- (D) MOC WITH GOVT. OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO APPROXIMATELY 20000 GOVERNMENT SPONSORED IN-SERVICE TEACHERS THROUGH B.ED PROGRAMME IN PROJECT MODE**

BM 130.35.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor regarding signing of above mentioned four MOUs/MOC.

ITEM NO. 36 TO CONSIDER THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF DEPOSIT WORK FOR SETTING UP OF TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GYAN VANI AT 37 CITIES SUBMITTED BY AIR RESOURCES, PRASAR BHARATI

BM 130.36.1 The Board observed that the matter is administrative in nature and may be dealt with accordingly.

ITEM NO. 37 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18

BM 130.37.1 The Board approved the Annual Report of the University for the Financial Year 2017-18 and authorized the University to submit the same to the Ministry for placing before both the Houses of Parliament, as required under Sec. 28, read with provision under Statute 25 of the IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 38 TO CONSIDER INTEGRATIVE PROCESS OF PROCURING PAPER AND PRINTING OF STUDY MATERIAL

BM 130.38.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. It was brought to the notice of the Board that the IGNOU students were facing regular problem of non receiving of SLM in time. In this regard, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee to review the existing mechanism of purchase of paper and printing of study material of IGNOU and to suggest suitable alternative measures/systems to ensure timely printing and delivery of the study material to students.

BM 130.38.2 The Board was apprised of the recommendations of the Committee. The Board approved the recommendation of the Committee for integrative process of procuring paper and printing of study material (**Appendix-7**). Further, as far as possible digital study and learning material can be put on IGNOU website.
(Revised by the Board in its 131st Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.27.9.2018)

ITEM NO. 39 TO CONSIDER THE OPTION OF INCENTIVE IN PROGRAMME FEE REDUCTION FOR PROVIDING DIGITAL/ONLINE STUDY MATERIAL TO LEARNERS

BM 130.39.1 The Board noted that the University constituted a Committee to evolve a policy and implementation framework for delivery of study material to the students in digital form. The Committee in its Report (**Appendix-8**) has strongly recommended for moving from print-based delivery of study material to digital delivery to all students who opt for it. It was further noted that the Committee inter-alia recommends the delivery of course package directly to students on registration through e-mail/ sharing through Google Drive and through mobile App especially designed and developed for digital content delivery. Further, a discount in the range of 15-20% in the programme fee may be considered for students who opt for SLM only in digital form.

BM 130.39.2 The Board appreciated this initiative and approved 15 percent discount to the students who opt for digital SLM.

ITEM NO. 40 TO CONSIDER THE STATUS REPORT IN RESPECT OF DEFENCE UNIT AND PAN-AFRICA PROJECT

BM 130.40.1 The Board noted the Status Report in respect of Defence Unit and Pan-Africa Project.

ITEM NO. 41 TO CONSIDER FILLING UP THE POSTS OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT REGISTRAR AT RC SRINAGAR ON DEPUTATION BASIS

BM 130.41.1 The Board was informed that the operational activities of Regional Centre, Srinagar are severely affected due to the absence of regular staff. Due to various reasons including sensitiveness of the region, various efforts being made and announced a scheme of posting officials for six months period alongwith certain incentives, but the scheme has failed to attract officials.

In view of the above, the University has proposed to consider necessary to fill up the posts of Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director and Assistant Registrar at RC Srinagar on deputation basis following laid down procedure. The deputation period may initially be for not more than two years which may later be extended further with the approval of the competent authority.

The Board considered and approved the proposal.

ITEM NO. 42 TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL REQUEST MADE BY DR. R. SUDARSAN, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR (P&DD) TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF 126TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 18.10.2016 AWARDED HIM THE PENALTY OF COMPULSORY RETIREMENT

BM 130.42.1 The matter was deferred.

ITEM NO. 43 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF DOPT GUIDELINES VIDE OM NO. 2/6/2016-ESTT.(PAY-II) DATED 17TH FEBRUARY, 2016

BM 130.43.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board agreed to increase the period of deputation from 5 to 7 years as per DoPT OM 2/6/2016-Estt.(Pay-II) dated 17.2.2016 (**Appendix-9**). The Board also suggested that the University may look into the other related rules in the university.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman