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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

The fourth meeting of the Governing Board of INFLIBNET Centre was held at the UGC, New Delhi on 11th December, 1997 at 1145 hrs. The following were present :

In the chair :

Prof. Yash Pal, National Research Professor

Members :

Dr. Vasant Gowarikar, Vice-Chancellor, Pune University
Prof. J.P. Gupta, Member Secretary, AICTE
Prof. (Ms) Harsha Parekh, Librarian, SNDT University
Shri Pramod Kumar, Director, INFLIBNET Centre and
Secretary to the GB

Invitee :

Dr. Y. Narasimhulu, Dy. Secretary, UGC
Shri V.R. Dabral, Section officer, UGC

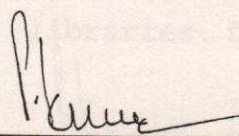
Also Present :

Shri S.M. Salgar, Scientist-G, INFLIBNET
Shri C.K. Shah, Admn. Officer-III, INFLIBNET

Following members could not attend the meeting :

Prof. Jayant Narlikar	Prof. Govardhan Mehta
Prof. T. Viswanathan	Prof. A.K. Aggrawal
Shri P.P. Kale	Prof. S.B. Vora

The deliberations on various agenda items are summarised below.



Agenda items No.1 & 2 : Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting. He said that people were feeling dejected because information was not moving with right force. When the first report on INFLIBNET was published INTERNET was not popular. People had not heard about it. Now since INTERNET is there, people think that it contains all the information and nothing else is required. Our country has lot of valuable information about which people are not aware. INFLIBNET has to move at a faster pace covering more university libraries, providing better networking facilities to them and putting Indian information on INTERNET.

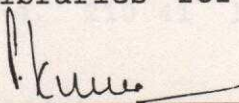
Chairman briefed the committee about a discussion with Chairperson, UGC regarding urgency of setting up VSAT network for universities. A provision to this effect is being made for Rs.30 crores. Chairperson may like to discuss this in the Council meeting later today.

Agenda item No.3 : Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the third GB meeting were circulated to the members. Since no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda item No.4 : Status Report by the Director

Director presented a status report on activities of the Centre. He informed the Board that 69 universities have been provided grants till March, 1996 for library modernisation. Another 67 universities were provided grants for creating core facilities in libraries for information exchange. He



added that a review is held every year coinciding with the national convention to monitor the progress made by university libraries. This review is attended by UGC officials too. The next review is scheduled to be held on 19th February, 1998 along with CALIBER-98.

It has been decided to hold CALIBER-98 at Bhubaneswar on 20th-21st February, 1998 in collaboration with Utkal University. The theme of CALIBER-98 is "Information management in academic and research libraries"

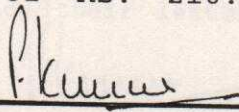
Database development has been given high priority. When the size of this database reaches about 6 lakhs records, it is proposed to cut CDs and distribute them to universities for helping them in conversion of their library records by directly downloading from the CDs.

In addition to regular training programmes, on-site training is also being provided to libraries. More than 16 university libraries have been covered under the on-site training programme so far.

COBOL based library management software, ILMS, developed by INFLIBNET in collaboration with DESIDOC has been supplied to 35 institutions. Work has started on development of WINDOW NT software.

Agenda item No.5 : Briefing on Finance Committee Meeting

The Director briefed the GB about proceedings of the FC. An RE of Rs. 150 lakhs was recommended by the FC for the Centre for F.Y. 1997-98. This was approved by the GB. The FC had recommended a BE of Rs. 210.41 lakhs for F.Y. 1998-99



comprising Rs. 175 lakhs non-plan expenditure and Rs. 35.35 lakhs plan expenditure, which was approved by the GB.

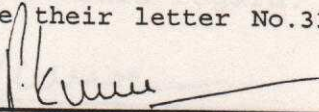
FC indicated that decision regarding Rs. 10 crores required for VSAT network will be taken separately.

Following additional posts for F.Y. 1998-99 as recommended by the FC were approved by the GB.

POST	PAY SCALE AS PER IUCAA'S NORMS (Rs.)	PAY SCALE AS PER NEW NORMS APPLICABLE TO INFLIBNET CENTRE (Rs.)	NO. OF POST APPROVED
1. Sci/Tech. Asst.-II (Library)	* 1400-2300	** 1640-2900	1
2. Sci/Tech. Asst.-II (Computer)	* 1400-2300	** 1640-2900	1
3. Lab Attendent I	* 750-940	** 775-1150	1
4. Admn. Officer-I(Accounts)	2000-3500	2000-3500	1
5. Personal Assistant	1400-2600	1400-2600	1
6. Stenographer	1200-2040	1200-2040	1

* At the time of circulation of the agenda papers for the 4th Meeting of the GB held on 11.12.97 at UGC, New Delhi, the norms and pay scales of IUCAA were applicable to INFLIBNET Centre. Accordingly IUCAA's pay scales were shown against the additional posts projected for the Financial year 1998-99 in the agenda papers (agenda item No.5 of the GB and item No.3 for FC). Finance Committee of INFLIBNET Centre which also met on the same date before GB's meeting considered the said proposal and approved the above posts with IUCAA's pay scales, as proposed.

** These are the pay scales under the bye-laws of the INFLIBNET Centre as approved by the UGC vide their letter No.31/46/96(IUC) dated 28.11.97



and also formally approved by the Governing Board on the same date i.e. 11th December, 1997, and, therefore, applicable to the above posts according to new norms. Nomenclature of the posts as approved by FC and GB remain the same.

Provision for salary of these additional staff has been made by the FC in 1998-99 budget.

GB took note of Pensionary benefits to be paid to Shri G.S.Negi, Ex.Admn. Asstt. on his permanent absorption in AICTE, New Delhi.

Agenda item No.6 : Approval of senior appointments

GB approved following senior appointments.

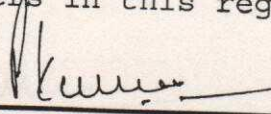
1. Dr. T.S. Kumbar's appointment in Scientist "D" grade. He was working in IIT, Mumbai before joining INFLIBNET.
2. Shri S.K. Hasan's appointment in Scientist "D" grade. He was working at IIM, Lucknow before joining INFLIBNET.

Dr. Kumbhar had requested for leased accommodation and lien. GB approved both and expenditure in connection with lien to Dr. Kumbhar will be borne by the Centre as per rules.

Agenda item No.7 : Implementation of Pay Commission

Recommendations

GB approved implementation of the 5th Central Pay Commission recommendations to the Centre's employees whenever UGC issues necessary orders in this regard.



Agenda item No.8 : Disposal of old computers

Over the years a number of 286 and 386 computers have been in use in the Centre and are no longer serviceable and need replacement. GB approved Centre's suggestion for entering into buy back arrangement with computer vendors for disposal of old computers while purchasing new computers for replacement in future.

Agenda item No. 9 : Writing off lost books

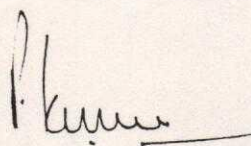
GB approved writing off of six books lost in the library costing Rs.5976.73 with a caution that most of the expensive books be kept as reference books in the library and not issued.

Agenda item No.10 : Approval of Bye-Laws

UGC approved Bye-Laws of INFLIBNET Centre vide letter No. 31/46/96(IUC) dated 28th November, 1997 suggesting two minor modifications. Copies of the final Bye-Laws of INFLIBNET Centre dated December, 1997 incorporating these two changes were placed before the GB for approval. GB approved these Bye-Laws.

Agenda item No.11 : Appointment of Auditors

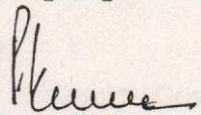
GB approved appointment of Deepak Jayantilal Shah & Co. having their office at T-12/A, Vikram Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad-380 009 as the auditors for the F.Y.1998-99. GB



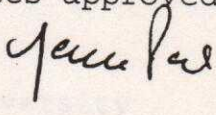
suggested that audit fees may be kept at Rs. 10,000/-, same as paid for F.Ys.1995-96 and 1996-97. If the volume of work increases and there is a need to increase the audit fees, then approval of the Chairperson GB has to be obtained.

The meeting ended with a thanks to the Chair.

Minutes prepared by


(Pramod Kumar)
Secretary

Minutes approved by


(Yash Pal)
Chairperson