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**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT 25TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL
BOARD OF SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER, 2007
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-7, IGNOU, NEW DELHI.**

The emergent 25th meeting of the School Board of School of Education was held on 5th November, 2007 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room of DEP-SSA, Block-7, IGNOU to discuss 2 point agenda regarding the launch of M.Ed. programme and approval of the Ph.d. proposal of Mr. Yogesh Kumar for placing in the Research Council. However, it was desired by the members of the School Board that this being the emergent meeting, only one point agenda of M.Ed. programme may be discussed. The suggestion was accepted by the Chairperson.

The following members were present in the meeting:

01)	Prof. M.L. Koul	-	Chairperson.
02)	Prof. Chandra Bhushan	-	Member
03)	Prof. M. Pareek	-	- do -
04)	Prof. S.B. Arora	-	- do -
05)	Prof. Tribhuvan Kapur	-	- do -
06)	Dr. Jaswant Sokhi	-	- do -
07)	Prof. M.C. Sharma	-	- do -
08)	Prof. SVS Chaudhary	-	- do -
09)	Prof. C. B. Sharma	-	- do -
10)	Prof. N.K. Dash	-	- do -
11)	Prof. Vibha Joshi	-	- do -
12)	Ms. Poonam Bhushan	-	- do -
13)	Dr. Eisha Kannadi	-	- do -
14)	Dr. Sutapa Bose	-	- do -
15)	Ms. Vandana Singh	-	- do -

Prof. Shyam Menon, Prof. K.K. Vashistha, and Prof. Anu Aneja could not attend the meeting due to some prior commitments.

The meeting started with the Chairperson, School Board, Prof. M.L. Koul welcoming all the members to the meeting. He welcomed the newly nominated members and introduced them to other Board members.

In the outset, he thanked the out-going Chairperson of the School Board of SOE, Prof. M.C. Sharma for his positive and meaningful contributions during his tenure. He also appreciated the conduct of the meetings by the previous Chairperson and assured the members to make School Board a good platform for healthy discussions with open mind and in the interest of the School.

Prof. Koul congratulated Prof. C.B. Sharma, Prof. N.K. Dash, and Prof. Vibha Joshi for attending the School Board meeting for the first time as Professors of Education.

He also congratulated Dr. Eisha Kannadi and Dr. Sutapa Bose for being selected as Lecturers Senior Scale.

The Chairperson gave the complete background of the M.Ed. programme. He informed the Board members that the Programme was designed and developed jointly by the DEC and NCTE and the material was written by the experts drawn from all over the country. The material has gone through the stages of content editing, language editing and format editing as per the norms set by IGNOU and was finally printed.

The programme is known as National M.Ed. and is open to all the educational institutions in the country which are approved by the NCTE to adopt or adapt the Programme after seeking 'No Objection Certificate' from the DEC, IGNOU. Since the programme is complete in all respects and has been well designed and developed, the School of Education (SOE), IGNOU is also in the process of launching the programme from January, 2008. The members were informed that since the course

material is printed in limited numbers, the programme will initially be launched on pilot basis at 10-12 selected Programme Centres.

After giving the complete details and responding to the clarifications sought by the respected members, the agenda was thrown open for discussion.

Prof. Chandra Bhushan initiated the discussion and congratulated the School of Education for launching this important programme for which there is a great demand in the country. He himself was a member of the course writers' team and spoke high about the quality of course material. He informed the Board that highly experienced subject experts were drawn from different parts of the country to write the courses. He being a man from technology emphasized the need of mix of educational technology with the material to make the programme more qualitatively. He suggested that the practical component should further be strengthened.

Prof. M.C. Sharma expressed his concern about the early launch of the programme. He suggested that the SOE should go through the material and see whether it is ready for launch as far as the quality of material and its design and development is concerned.

Dr. Eisha Kannadi had certain reservations about the launch of the programme as well as designing and development of the programme outside the School. She expressed her concern especially about the content. She said that the content is almost the same given in the M.A. (Education) programme. She also expressed her concern about the weak component of qualitative research in the programme. She wanted the programme to wait for launch till the faculty goes through the material and other details of the programme. She also said that the M.Ed. programme may have adverse effect on the enrolment of M.A. Education.

She also argued that the programme should have come to the School Board of SOE at the proper time. It is now too late to place it in the School Board of SOE.

Ms. Poonam Bhushan was also of the opinion that the programme should have been brought to SOE at the right time.

Prof. Chaudhary joined the discussion. He was also one of the members of the course writers' team and is quite familiar with the design and development of the programme. He argued strongly for the programme. He said that almost 200 best experts drawn from different parts of the country, were involved in the course writing. He informed that all the steps, such as, content editing, language editing, format editing, etc. were strictly taken care of as per IGNOU norms and no compromise was made.

Dr. Jaswant Sokhi also participated in the discussion and informed the members that School of Sciences (SOS) has also adopted one programme and has a very good experience. She was of the opinion that SOE must go for this experience and, if need arises, necessary changes in the course material, etc. can be made by the SOE at a later stage.

The Chairperson clarified that the SOE will be free to modify, add or delete the portions, which are not relevant. Even some more courses can also be identified and added as optional courses, if necessary.

Prof. S.B. Arora, Director, School of Health Sciences suggested that the SOE must launch the programme and in case, there is a need for any modification or change, the SOE can take it up at the right time.

Prof. C.B. Sharma, Prof. N.K. Dash, and Prof. Vibha Joshi pleaded for the launch of the programme and informed the members that the matter was

discussed in the SOE faculty meeting and it was agreed upon that the programme should be adopted by SOE.

Prof. M. Parcek, Prof. Tribhuvan Kapur, Dr. Sutapa Bose, and Dr. Vandana Singh supported the launch of the programme from January, 2008 and said that necessary changes, if any, can be made at a later stage.

After having a detailed, meaningful and constructive discussion by the members, it was unanimously agreed that the programme may be launched from the month of January, 2008 at the selected places and extended to other parts of the country in due course of time.

The Chairperson thanked all the members for their healthy discussion and cooperation.

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



(Chairperson)
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