INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the School Board held on 17th November 2008.

The Tenth Meeting of the School Board (SB) was held on 17th November 2008 at 11:30 am in the Conference Room of School of Social Science, Block F, Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-68. The following members were present:

1. Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SoA, IGNOU	Chairman
2. Prof. M.K. Salooja, SoA, IGNOU	Member
3. Dr. V.V. Sadamate, Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, GoI	Member
4. Dr. D. K. Tandon, Principle Scientist, CISH, Lucknow (U.P.)	Member
5. Dr. M.A. Khan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for ER, Patna (Bihar)	Member
6. Prof. M. Aslam, Director, NCIDE, IGNOU	Member
7. Prof. Manohar Lal, Director, SoCIS, IGNOU	Member
8. Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, SoMS, IGNOU	Member
9. Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SoA, IGNOU	Member
10. Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
11. Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
12. Prof. Ranvir Kumar, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
13. Mrs. Amita Verma, Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
14. Dr. Pooja , Jr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
15. Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member Secretary

Dr. A.K. Mehta, Dr. G.R. Patil, Prof. S.R. Jha and Dr. P. Vijayakumar could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 10th meeting of the School Board. He apprised the house about the recent developments taken place in the School since the last School Board meeting.

The agenda items were taken in seriatim and discussion made are as follows:

Item No. SB. 10.1 : To Confirm the Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of School Board held on 25 July 2008 and Action Taken Report

SB.10.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of Ninth Meeting of the School Board held on July 25, 2008 was circulated to all the School Board Members. The comments received from Prof. M. Aslam Hon'ble member and the response of the School to the observations is as follows:

Item No. 9.2. PG Diploma in Plantation Management

The necessary corrections were made in the phase 3 form submitted to the ACSC. The launching date was rescheduled to Jan. 2009. A copy of the corrected phase 3 is enclosed at Annexure-III.

Item No. 9.3. Certificate in Poultry Farming

The necessary corrections were made in the Phase-3 form submitted to the ACSC. The course writer's meeting of this programme was held on 27th March 2008 and not 17th March 2008 as indicated in the Phase-3 Form. A copy of the corrected phase 3 is enclosed at Annexure-IV.

Item No. 9.2. Diploma in Watershed Management

A faculty meeting of the School of Agriculture was convened held on 25-07-2008 for reviewing the programme structure of Diploma in Watershed Management. It

was felt that as the watershed management is a holistic approach, all the courses are essential for the Programme. The topics outlined in different courses of the programme are very much relevant to the watershed development programmes in the country. However, keeping in view the level of the students, the contents will suitably be condensed.

SB.10.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the School Board.

SB.10.1.3 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the Ninth School Board meeting:

Item No. SB.9.2: To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "PG Diploma in Plantation Management" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Kochi (Kerala).

Phase 3 Form submitted and presented in the 27th meeting of Academic Council Standing Committee held on 25 August 2008 and the same has been approved by the ACSC.

Item No. SB.9.3: To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Certificate in Poultry Farming" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram).

Phase 3 Form submitted and presented in the 27th meeting of Academic Council Standing Committee held on 25 August 2008 and the same has been approved by the ACSC.

Item No. SB.9.4: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers and course editors for the "Certificate in Poultry Farming" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram).

The units have been allotted to the new unit writers..

Item No. SB.9.5: To consider and approve the revised programme structure for the "Diploma in Watershed Management".

A faculty meeting of the School of Agriculture was held on 25-07-2008 for reviewing the programme structure.

Item No. SB.9.6: To consider and approve the names of Hindi Translators and those vetting the "Certificate in Organic Farming".

The study material has been allotted for Hindi translation.

Item No. SB.9.7: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers and course editors for the "PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management".

The units have been allotted to the new unit writers.

Item No. SB.9.8: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers for the "Diploma in Watershed Management".

The units have been allotted to the new unit writers.

Item No. SB. 10.2 : To consider and approve the Proposal for Creation of Disciplines in the School of Agriculture.

SB.10.2.1 The Chairman informed the house that the School was established in January 2005. At the time of the conceptualization of the school, six discipline were identified viz., Agriculture Production System, Agricultural Policy and Agri-Business Management, Livestock and Fisheries Production System, Natural Resource Management, Products Technology and Value Addition and Extension and Communication System. All the faculty members have been recruited under these disciplines. At present, the school has a total strength of seven faculty members (including the director). Currently the school is operative under only one discipline i.e. Agriculture and all the programme and faculty members are working under this common discipline. Due to in varying load day to day, the faculty members are finding difficulty in handling programmes.

SB.10.2.2 The school requested the board to approve the previous six disciplines. After deliberations the school board suggested that in one instance, approval for six disciplines can not be given due to the university cadre issue, however, the Director may decide three disciplines instead of already existing discipline (Agriculture) for approval. The board authorized the director to decide these three disciplines in the best interest of the School and forward further.

SB.10.2.3 The board suggested that initially the school will begin with following three disciplines:

(i) Agriculture Production System;
(ii) Agriculture Economics and Extension;
(iii) Food Science and Technology.

SB.10.2.4 The Board approved the three Disciplines in the School of Agriculture.

Item No. SB. 10.3 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Development of Veterinary Field Assistant's".

SB.10.3.1 The Chairman informed the board that Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, Programme Coordinator had submitted the Phase 1 (concept note) Form for the "Diploma in development of Veterinary Field Assistant's". Then the Chairman requested the programme coordinator to give a brief about the programme.

SB.10.3.2 Programme Coordinator explained that the animal sector needs a large number of skilled Veterinary Field Assistants (VFA) to provide basic veterinary services to the farmers. The trained youth can have a job opportunity in Government and private sectors as well as have a great potential for self employment. Keeping this in view, a Diploma Programme in Development of Veterinary Field Assistants will be designed to train the personnel to scientifically undertake animal husbandry activities and to create employment potential and man power for livestock development.

The target group will include rural and urban youth, farmers and women. The programme will be developed first in English and then will be translated into Hindi and other regional languages. The programme will be delivered through institutions like State Agriculture Universities, ICAR Institutes, KVKs, Dairy Development Corporation and other departments.

SB.10.3.3 The house suggested that the title of the programme should be modified as 'Diploma in Para Veterinary Services' instead of 'Diploma in development of Veterinary Field Assistant's'. The programme coordinator may also consult the Veterinary Council of India for their inputs in this regard.

SB.10.3.4 The Board approved Phase-1 Form of the 'Diploma in Para Veterinary Services'.

Item No. SB. 10.4 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Horticulture".

SB. 10.4.1 The Chairman informed the board that Dr. S. K. Yadav, Programme Coordinator had submitted the Phase 1 (concept note) Form for the 'Diploma in Horticulture'. Then the Chairman requested the programme coordinators to give a brief about the programme.

SB.10.4.2 Dr. S. K. Yadav, Programme Coordinator informed the house that the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India is training different workforces engaged in horticulture under their short training programmes. But there is no other educational programme of diploma level is available in the county. Therefore, one year diploma in horticulture is proposed to train the different level of workforce engaged in horticulture. The proposal is prepared based on the feedback received from National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Ministry of Agriculture, GoI. The pogramme will be sponsored by the NHM.

The target group will include any 10+2 pass youth, farmers, farm women, malis, garden supervisors etc. The programme will be first developed in English and subsequently in Hindi and other regional languages. The programme shall be delivered through Programme Study Centres (PSCs) to be established at SAUs, ICAR Institute, KVKs, State Horticultural Departments and other suitable organizations.

S.B. 10.4.3 The board suggested that presently the School have only one discipline thus the programme coordinator should provide all the academic programmes available in the School.

S.B. 10.4.3 The Board approved the Phase 1 Form of the 'Diploma in Horticulture'.

Item No. SB.10.5 : To consider and approve the Modified Phase-3 Form for the "PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy".

SB.10.5.1 The Chairman informed that the School of Agriculture is developing Diploma in Agriculture Policy and Chairman requested the programme coordinators to present Modified Phase-3 Form for the "PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy".

SB.10.5.2 Prof. M. K. Salooja, programme Coordinator had informed the house that the Academic Council's Standing Committee in 21st held on 18.10.2006 has approved the Phase 3 form of the PG Certificate and PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy. The ACSC advised that the programme structure and detailed curriculum may be re-examined by the School of Agriculture and reorganized so as to offer PG Diploma Programme in Agriculture Policy, for now. The modified Phase-3 Form of the PG Certificate in Agriculture Policy is already approved in the 24th meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) held on 17th December 2007. As desired by the Standing Committee the modified Phase 3 of the PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy is submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

S.B. 10.5.3 The board suggested that following minor corrections:

(a) Other Associating Discipline(s)/Faculty members: Since, Prof. Madhulika Kaushik is on leave from last two year. Therefore, her name may not be reflected in the Phase Form.

(b) School Board's approval of Proposal (Phase 1): The Brainstorming meeting held on 08.07.03 as no School Board was constituted and anticipated approval was taken from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

SB.10.5.4 The Board approved the Phase 3 Form of PG Diploma in Agriculture Policy".

Item No. SB.10.6 : Approval of additional list of the External Examiners for the Unguided Experiments for various courses in the School of Agriculture.

SB.10.6.1 The Chairman informed that the School of Agriculture is offering various programmes in Agriculture and allied fields A list of the External Examiners for the Unguided Experiments for various courses offered under different programmes in the School of Agriculture has been prepared for the approval of the School Board.

SB.10.6.2 The Board approved the A list of the External Examiners for the Unguided Experiments for various courses offered under different programmes in the School of Agriculture has been prepared for the approval of the School Board.

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

(Chairman)