INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the School Board held on 13th May 2009.

The 12th Meeting of the School Board (SB) was held on 13th May 2009 at 11:30 am in the Conference Room of School of Management Studies, Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-68. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SoA	Chairman
2.	Prof. M.K. Salooja, Professor, SoA	Member
3.	Dr. V.V. Sadamate, Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, GoI	Member
4.	Dr. A.K. Mehta, ADG (Extension), ICAR	Member
5.	Dr. G.R. Patil, Joint Director (Academic), NDRI , Karnal	Member
6.	Dr. D. K. Tandon, Principle Scientist, CISH, Lucknow (U.P.)	Member
7.	Dr. M.A. Khan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for ER, Patna (Bihar)	Member
8.	Prof. M. L. Kaul, Director, SoE, IGNOU	Member
9.	Dr. Manoj Kulshrestha, Reader, SoET, IGNOU	Member
10.	Dr. Sonia Sharma, Director (I/c), SoTHSS, IGNOU	Member
11.	Dr. S.K Yadav, Reader, SoA	Member
12.	Dr. P Vijayakumar, Assistant Professor, SoA	Member
13.	Dr. Ranvir Kumar, Sr. Consultant, SoA	Special Invitee
14.	Dr. J.S. Sindhu, Sr. Consultant, SoA	Special Invitee
15.	Dr. H.P. Singh, Sr. Consultant, SoA	Special Invitee
16.	Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SoA	Member Secretary

Prof. Kamal Yadava, Dr. P. K. Jain and Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 12th meeting of the School Board and appraised about the recent activities/events of the School since the last School Board meeting.

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

Item No. SB. 12.1 : To Confirm the Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of School Board held on 15 April 2009 and Action Taken Report

SB.12.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of Eleventh Meeting of the School Board held on April 15, 2009 were circulated to all the School Board Members.

Since no clarifications/observations were received from the members, the minutes of the Eleventh Board Meeting may be confirmed.

SB.11.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the School Board.

SB.11.1.3 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the Eleventh School Board meeting:

Item No. SB.11.2: To consider and approve the Phase 3 for Diploma in Fish Product Technology.

Units have been allotted to the approved writers.

Item No. SB.11.3: To consider and approve the Phase 1 Form for the Ph.D. in Dairy Technology

The proposal is being sent to the Research Council.

Item No. SB.11.4: To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Diploma in Horticulture".

The unit writer meeting was convened. The units have been allotted to the approved writers.

Item No. SB.11.5: To consider and approve the Modified Phase 3 Form for the Certificate in Beekeeping.

Courses are under editing and printing.

Item No. SB.11.6: To consider and approve the Phase 3 Form for the Diploma in Para Veterinary Services.

The unit writer meeting was convened. The units have been allotted to the approved writers.

Item No. SB.11.7: To consider and approve the Ph. D. Synopsis of Ms. Chhavi Tiwari, RTA as a special case.

The synopsis has been forwarded to Research Council for consideration.

Item No. SB.11.8: To consider the Applications for Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension of various candidates.

All the five candidates presented their research proposals in the Doctoral Committee and same were approved with minor modifications.

Item No. SB.11.9: To consider and approve the names of new unit writers and Hindi Translators and vettors for the Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management.

Part of the course material has been printed in English and Hindi languages. The rest course material in English is under Printing and also being translated in Hindi.

Item No. SB.11.10: To consider and approve the names of the new unit writers and course editors for the Diploma in Watershed Management.

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

Item No. SB.11.11: To consider and approve the names of the translators for the Certificate in Sericulture.

The course material has been allotted to approved translators.

Item No. SB.11.12: To consider and approve the names of the translators and vetters for the Certificate in Poultry Farming.

The course material has been allotted to approved translators.

Item No. SB.11.13: To consider and approve the names of the Unit writers and editors of Diploma in Fish Product Technology.

The units have been allotted to the new unit writers.

Item No. SB.11.14: Placement of Research Synopsis of Mr. Zonunsanga, RTA.

The research proposal was presented by the candidate in the Doctoral Committee and same was approved with minor modifications.

The Chairman informed the members that all the scholars have submitted the revised synopsis and needs approval of the Research Council. Dr. M. L .Kaul informed the salient features of the decision taken in the Research council. The scholars may propose an external supervisor. The internal supervisor shall be from the School to monitor the progress of the research. It was decided that the School will propose the name of internal supervisors from The School or IGNOU and research scholar will propose the name of external supervisor.

Item No. SB. 12.2 : To consider the application of Mr. Randhir Singh for admission in Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension.

SB.12.2.1 The Chairman informed that Mr. Randhir Singh has prepared and submitted a synopsis for his Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. He presented his Research Synopsis before the Doctoral Committee on 30.04.2009. The synopsis title is "Sustainability of Rice-Wheat Cropping system in Haryana-A Constraint analysis". The Doctoral Committee approved the Research Synopsis of Mr. Randhir Singh.

SB. 12.2.2 The Board approved the synopsis of Mr. Randhir Singh for its presentation in the Research Council.

Item No. SB. 12.3 : To consider the application of Mr. Devinder Singh for admission in Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension.

SB.12.3.1 The Chairman informed that Mr. Devinder Singh has prepared and submitted a synopsis for his Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. He presented his Research Synopsis before the Doctoral Committee on 30.04.2009. The synopsis title is "A Study on Perceived Yield Gaps and Constraints in Rice Production in Jammu Region". The Doctoral Committee approved the Research Synopsis of Mr. Randhir Singh.

SB. 12.3.2 The Board approved the synopsis of Mr. Devinder Singh for its presentation in the Research Council.

Item No. SB. 12.4 : To consider the application of Mr. Vishal Raina for admission in Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension.

SB.12.4.1 The Chairman informed that Mr. Vishal Raina has prepared and submitted a synopsis for his Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. He presented his Research Synopsis before the Doctoral Committee on 30.04.2009. The synopsis title is "Technological gap and marketing of flower cultivation in Jammu Region".

The Doctoral Committee approved the Research Synopsis of Mr. Randhir Singh.

SB. 12.4.2 The Board approved the synopsis of Mr. Vishal Raina for its presentation in the Research Council.

Item No. SB.12.5 : To consider the application of Mr. Kishore S. for admission in Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension.

SB.12.5.1 The Chairman informed that Mr. Kishore S. has prepared and submitted a synopsis for his Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. He presented his Research Synopsis before the Doctoral Committee on 30.04.2009. The synopsis title is "Information Communication Technology in Agriculture: A Critical Analysis Of Kissan Kerala Project". The Doctoral Committee approved the Research Synopsis of Mr. Randhir Singh.

SB. 12.5.2 The Board approved the synopsis of Mr. Kishore S. for its presentation in the Research Council.

Item No. SB.12.6 : To consider the application of Mr. Sanjeev Nayan for admission in Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension.

SB.12.6.1 The Chairman informed that Mr. Sanjeev Nayan Singh has prepared and submitted a synopsis for his Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension. He presented his Research Synopsis before the Doctoral Committee on 30.04.2009. The synopsis title is "Impact of BT cotton on socio-economic status of cotton growers of Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh". The Doctoral Committee approved the Research Synopsis of Mr. Randhir Singh.

SB. 12.6.2 The Board approved the synopsis of Mr. Sanjeev Nayan for its presentation in the Research Council.

Item No. SB.12.7 : To consider the Synopsis of Mr. Zonunsangra, RTA, EDNERU working at RC, Aizawl (Mizoram) for admission in Ph.D. Agronomy.

SB.12.7.1 The Chairman informed that Mr. R. Zonunsanga has been selected as RTA by the University and has been placed at Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram). As per the norms of the University, he has to register for Ph.D. degree in this university. He will be registered through the School of Agriculture. He has prepared a synopsis for his PhD degree. He presented his Research Synopsis before the Doctoral Committee on 30.04.2009. The synopsis title is "Assessment of Geo-morphometric and Climatic elements as the determinants of Land use and land degradation in Mamit area of Mizoram". Dr. S. K. Yadav, Reader in the School of Agriculture has been designated as internal supervisor and Dr. S.R. Zonunthara, Regional Director, Aizwal will be the member of the doctoral committee.

SB.12.7.2 The members of the board suggested that the external supervision will be out side the IGNOU. Thus Dr. S.R. Zonunthara, Regional Director, Aizwal will not supervise him as an external supervisor.

SB. 12.7.3 The Board approved the synopsis of Mr. R. Zonunsanga for its presentation in the Research Council.

Item No. SB.12.8 : To consider and approve the Phase 1 Form of PG Diploma in Fruits and Vegetable Technology.

SB. 12.8.3 The Chairman informed the board that Prof. M. K. Salooja, has submitted the Phase 1 (concept note) Form for the "PG Diploma in Fruits and Vegetable Technology". Then the Chairman requested the Programme Coordinator to give a brief about the programme.

SB.12.8.2 The Programme Coordinator informed that the school is running a Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables. The Programme Coordinators of different PSCs has suggested that the Diploma programme may be upgrade to PG level for its successful implementation. Therefore, the programme is proposed as PG Diploma in Fruits and Vegetable Technology and accordingly the content of the programme will be received in the expert group meeting.

SB. 12.8.3 The members felt that need for upgrading the PG programme in lieu of existing diploma programme should be strengthen. The Chairman suggested that the issue will be discussed in the school with the faculty and the item will be presented in the next meeting.

SB. 12.8.4 The item was deferred and shall be put up in the next School Board Meeting.

The Chairman thanked all the members for their support and contributions and welcomed the next Chairman.

The members placed on the record the significant contribution made by the present Chairman Prof. B.S. Hansra. The School is running 12 programmes and has a good network of Programme Study Centres for its programmes. It has good standing among the schools of the University. The School has established a Centre for ODL in Research and Training in Agriculture (ICRTA) at Agartala to expand its activities in North East.

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

(Chairman) 13/5/08