INDIRA GANDHINATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the School Board held on 12th June, 2012.

The 20th Meeting of the School Board (SB) was held on 12th June, 2012 at 11:00 AMin the Conference Room of School of Agriculture, Block G, Academic Complex, IGNOU, MaidanGarhi, New Delhi-68. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SoA	Chairman
2.	Prof. K.V. Peter, Director, World Noni Research Foundation, Chennai	Member
3.	Dr. N. T. Yaduraju, Special Project Leader, ICRISAT, Hyderabad (AP)	Member
4.	Dr. Rita Rani Paliwal , Director, SOH, IGNOU	Member
5.	Dr. Narayana Prasad, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
6.	Dr. B.S. Saraswat, Professor, SOS, IGNOU	Member
7.	Dr. S. K Yadav, Associate Professor, SoA	Member
8.	Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Asstt. Professor, SoA	Member
9.	Dr. P Vijayakumar, Asstt. Professor, SoA	Member
10.	Dr. M. Sinhamahapatra, Asstt. Professor, SoA	Member

Dr. Anil Kumar Dhama, Dr. M.C. Sharma, Mr. Sameer Berde, and Dr. N.A. Farooqee could not attend the meeting. Er. Mukesh Kumar, Dr. Shashi Shah, Dr. V. Venkataraman and Dr. B. B. Singh were present as invitees.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 20th meeting of the School Board. On behalf of the School, the Chairman expressed gratitude for the contribution of Dr. B. S. Hansraas Director and Professor in the School of Agriculture. He also mentioned the role of Dr. Hansra in starting the 1st Ph. D. programme in the School, in establishing Programme Study Centres for Agricultural programmes and his benevolent guidance to all the faculty members of the School. He then mentioned 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. 20.1 : To confirm the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the School Board held on 15.11.2011 and the action taken report.

SB.20.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of 19th Meeting of the School Board held on 15.11.2011 were circulated to all the School Board Members and the minutes may please be confirmed.

SB.20.1.2 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the 19th School Board meeting:

SB.19.2:To consider and approve the 1st& 2nd Seminar report of Ph.D in Agriculture Extension

The reports have been sent to the Research Council.

SB.19.3:To consider and approve the Progress Report of Ph. D Students of Agriculture Extension.

Progress reports have been sent to the Research unit for approval.

S.B. 19.4:To consider and approve the progress report of the students of RTA for Ph.D Degree.

The RTA has been advised to work as per the suggestions of the Board.

S.B. 19.5: To consider and approve establishment of an Institute on Food Safety at IGNOU for offering Fulltime Master's Programme on Food Safety and Quality Management.

The progress is linked with the final decision of the University regarding offering the programme in Face-to-Face mode.

The Board suggested that the School should offer the programme in integrated mode and make arrangements for practical counselling at 4-5 public institutions in regions of the country. The running of the programme be based on the need assessment data.

SB.19.6: To consider and approve the Phase 1 form for non credit programme on Environment and sustainable development.

It is being worked out with the RD, Mumbai. Regional Director shall be requested to explore the possibility of integrating with the on-going Appreciation Programme on Environment and Sustainable Development.

SB.19.7: To consider and approve the proposal for conducting the survey for scope of M.Sc in Food Science and Technology in face-to-face mode.

The survey has been kept in abeyance as the School is waiting for the final decision of the University regarding the offering of the programme in face-to-face mode.The Board suggested that for this programme also the School should offer the programme in integrated mode and make arrangements for practical counselling at 4-5 public institutions in regions of the country.The running of the programme be based on the need assessment data.

SB.19.8: To place existing and approved faculty positions of the school in their relevant disciplines.

It was communicated to ACD for further necessary action.

SB.19.9: To consider and approve the progress report of the project funded by MoFPI for establishment of Food processing laboratory.

8. To consider and approve the Phase 1 form of Appreciation Programme on Sustainable Management of Biodiversity.
The programme has been launched.

9. To consider and approve the list of the counselors and examiners for PG Diploma in Sustainability Science.
The list is being again placed for consideration in the 20th meeting.

SB.20.1.3 **The Board confirmed the minutes (Annexure-1) of the 19th Meeting of the School Board.**

Item No. SB. 20.2: To consider and approve the Phase-1 form of M.Sc. in Sustainability Science.

SB.20.2.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Y. S. Khumanpresented the Phase-1 form of M.Sc. in Sustainability Science. He explained the objective and relevance of the programme and informed about the target group, eligibility criteria, development strategy etc.

SB. 20.2.2 The members sought the information about the employability of the target group, structure and components, and also the arrangements for practical components. The members suggested that the programme should address issues important for our country i.e. pollution problem; garbage and its disposal; consumption pattern;sustainable use of resources; and livelihood aspects. Dr. Khuman informed that the programme will be offered online initially and practical components will be taken care of and the pass-outs are expected to be employed by the NGOs and Academic institutions. The Board suggested that the School should run this and the PG Diploma in Sustainability Science programmein the ODL format also. The awareness programmes be strengthen upto the Masters level and then only be integrated with the Masters' programme in Sustainability Science. Dr. Khuman apprised that the development of the Masters' programme would take 1-2 years and the PG Diplomaprogramme would complete 3-4 cycles by that time.

SB. 20.2.3 **The Board approved the Phase-1 form of M.Sc. in Sustainability Science (Annexure-2).**

Item No.SB.20.3: To consider and approve the Phase-1 form of Appreciation programme on Population and Sustainable Development.

SB.20.3.1 Dr. M. K. Salooja presented the Phase-1 form of Appreciation programme on Population and Sustainable Development. He mentioned the objectives, target group, eligibility criteria, development strategy and proposed fee of the programme.

SB.20.3.2 The Board suggested that the title of the programme should be " Appreciation Course on Population and Sustainable Development" and the programme should be translated and offered in regional languages. The appreciation programmes be offered through ODL mode also. It will increase the enrollment.

SB.20.3.3 **The Board approved thePhase-1 form of Appreciation Course on Population and Sustainable Development(Annexure-3).**

Item No. SB. 20.4: To consider and approve the Phase-1 and Phase-2 form of PG Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

SB. 20.4.1 TheProgramme Coordinator, Dr. V. Venkataramanpresented the Phase-1 and Phase-2 forms ofPG Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development.He explained the objectives, target group, eligibility criteria, development strategy, course structure and proposed fee of the programme.He also mentioned that Phase -3 form has been approved by the Academic Council and Phase-1 and Phase-2 forms were submitted for post-facto approval.

SB. 20.4.2 The Board advisedto enclose the Phase-3 form with the Minutes and to incorporate the research findings/ studies/ experiences relevant to our country/ other Asian countries in the course curriculum. The research findings from the National project Climate Resilient Agriculture may be suitable incorporated.

S.B. 20.4.3 **The Boardapproved the Phase-1 and Phase-2 forms of PG Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development (Annexure-4).**

Item No. SB.20.5: To consider and approve the Phase-1 of Competency Certificate for Farm Technicians.

SB.20.5.1 Dr. B. B. Singh, AVP (Corporate Affairs), Tata Chemicals Ltd.(TCL) presented the Phase-1 of Competency Certificate for Farm Technicians. He apprised the Board about the objectives, target group, eligibility criteria, development strategy, course structure and proposed fee of the programme. He informed that the programme would be offered by TCL in collaboration with School of Agriculture, IGNOU. He also explained the role of IGNOU and TCL in development and delivery of the programme.

SB.20.5.2 The members welcomed the proposal of the Tata Chemicals Ltd. The observations of the board were as follows:

- The programme should be developed by TCL through an expert committee meeting conducted by IGNOU and translated into regional languages.

- The school should decide the evaluation methodology on the basis of the University norms. The expert panel for evaluation of the students should include the IGNOU faculty.

- The proposed programme fee is very high and it should be restructured considering the target group. The concerned Ministry/ Department and National Skill Development Corporationshould be approached for concession in the programme fee especially for disadvantaged groups like BPL and others.

- Minimum eligibility requirement and qualification of the counselors are to be decided by the expert group.
- There should be no upper age limit for admission.
- IGNOU should sign MOU with TCL for development and delivery of the programme.

SB.20.5.3 **The Board approved Phase-1 of Competency Certificate for Farm Technicians (Annexure-5).**

Item No. SB.20.6: To consider and approve the revised eligibility criteria of PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management.

SB.20.6.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. M. K. Salooja informed that the eligibility criteria of PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management to include the Hotel Management graduates.

SB.20.6.2 **The Board approved the revised eligibility criteria of PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management (Annexure-6).**

Item No.SB.20.7: To consider and approve the Progress Report of Ph. D Students of Agriculture Extension.

SB.20.7.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. P.K. Jain reported the six monthly progress report of 14 Ph. D Students of Agriculture Extension. He informed that two students did not submit the report timely and did not complete the course work.

SB.20.7.2 The Board suggested to give them 6 months more time for submitting the reports and if they don't submit the same, decision may be taken to cancel their registration.

SB.20.7.3 **The Board approved the Progress Report of Ph. D Students of Agriculture Extension. The list is annexed (Annexure-7).**

Item No. SB.20.8: To consider and approve the Progress Report of Ph. D Students of Dairy Science and Technology.

SB.20.8.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. M. K. Salooja presented the six monthly progress report of two Ph. D Students of Dairy Science and Technology.

SB.20.8.2 **The Board approved the Progress Report of two Ph. D Students of Dairy Science and Technology (Annexure-8).**

Item No. SB.20.9: To consider and approve the list of the paper setters for Ph.D in Agriculture Extension and Ph.D in Dairy Science and Technology..

SB.20.9.1 The Programme Coordinators presented the list of the paper setters for Ph.D in Agriculture Extension and Ph.D in Dairy Science and Technology.

SB.20.9.2 **The Board approved list of the paper setters for Ph.D in Agriculture Extension and Ph.D in Dairy Science and Technology (Annexure-9).**

Item No.SB.20.10: To consider and approve the participation and organization of one session for the Sustainability Discipline in the International Seminar in Hyderabad during COP Biodiversity Meet in October, 2012.

SB.20.10.1 The Director, SOA apprised the Board that 11th Global Biodiversity Summit (GBS) is going to take place in Hyderabad during October 8-19, 2012. The Honorary Chair has proposed that IGNOU may organize one of the session at the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad on "Capacity building in Biodiversity conservation and sustainable management through open and distance learning interventions' during the Summit.The broad theme of the proposed seminar will be on Sustainability Science for Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and sustainable management of biodiversity.

SB.20.10.2 **The Board approved theparticipation and organization of one session for the Sustainability Discipline in the International Seminar in Hyderabad during COP Biodiversity Meet in October, 2012.**

Item No.SB.20.11: To consider and approve the name of the unit writers for Masters' in Agribusiness Management.

SB.20.11.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. P. K. Jain proposed the names of fivenew writersfor Masters' in Agribusiness Management.

SB.20.11.2 **The Board approved the name of the unit writers for Masters' in Agribusiness Management (Annexure-10).**

Item No.SB.20.12: To consider and approve few more editors for Diploma in Horticulture.

SB.20.12.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. S.K. Yadav presented the names of three editors for Diploma in Horticulture programme.

SB.20.12.2 **The Board approved the names of new editors for Diploma in Horticulture (Annexure-11).**

Item No.SB.20.13: To consider and approve the lists of evaluators for the programmes School of Agriculture.

SB.20.13.1 The Director, SOA informed that the university had established six evaluation centres in the country to evaluate the answer sheets on-time and presented the list of evaluators for different programmes region wise.

SB.20.13.2 **The Board approved the lists of evaluators for the programmes of the School of Agriculture (Annexure-12).**

Item No.SB.20.14: To consider and approve the list of question paper moderators for the programmes of the School of Agriculture.

SB.20.14.1 The Director, SOA presented the list of question paper moderators for Ph.D in Agriculture Extension, Ph. D. in Dairy Science and Technology and Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science.

SB.20.14.2 **The Board approved the list of question paper moderators for the programmes of the School of Agriculture (Annexure-13).**

Item No.SB.20.15: Reporting of admission status of Ph. D in Dairy Science and Technology for July, 2012 session.

SB.20.15.1 The Programme Coordinator, Prof. M. K. Saloojainformed that three students were eligible for entrance test. Out of these three students only one took the entrance test but he did not qualify. One NET qualified applicant, Sh. Rajesh Bhatia would be considered for admission subject to the approval of the Doctoral Committee. The Doctoral Committee has advised Mr. Bhatia to restructure his presentation and the admission should be finalized in July 2012 session after the presentations made by Mr. Bhatia.

SB.20.15.2 **The Board noted the admission status of Ph. D in Dairy Science and Technology for July, 2012 session.**

Item No.SB.20.16: To consider and approve the list of paper setters for the programmes of the School of Agriculture.

SB.20.16.1 The Director, SOA presented the list of paper setters Diploma in Watershed Management, Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management, Diploma in Production of Value Added products from Cereals, Pulses &Oilseeds and Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science.

SB.20.16.2 **The Board approved the list of paper setters for the programmes of the School of Agriculture. The list is enclosed (Annexure-14).**

Item No.SB.20.17: To consider and approve the list of academic counselors for Appreciation programme on Sustainable Management of Biodiversity.

SB.20.17.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Y.S. Khuman submitted the list of academic counselors for Appreciation programme on Sustainable Management of Biodiversity

SB.20.17.2 **The Board approved the academic counselors for Appreciation programme on Sustainable Management of Biodiversity. The list is enclosed (Annexure-15).**

Item No.SB.20.18: To consider and approve the list of translators for Diploma in Watershed Management and Certificate in Sericulture.

SB.20.18.1 The Programme Coordinators, Er. MukeshKumar and Dr. P. Vijayakumarpresented the list of translators for Diploma in Watershed Management and Certificate in Sericulture.

SB.20.18.2 **The Board approved the list of translators for Diploma in Watershed Management and Certificate in Sericulture (Annexure-16).**

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

2-7-2012

(Chairman)