INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the School Board
Held on 5th August, 2005 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference Room, DEC Building, IGNOU

The second meeting of the School Board (SB) was held on 05.08.2005. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. SC Garg, Pro-Vice Chancellor,	Chairman
2.	Dr. RC Gautam, Dean, IARI	Member
3.	Prof. P. Kumar, Ex-Project Director, NRCRM, Bharatpur	Member
4.	Dr. Shivasharaya Singh, JD (Academics), NDRI Karnal	Member
5.	Prof. SK Panda, STRIDE,	Member
6.	Dr. Jaswant Sokhi, Reader SOS	Member
7.	Dr. MK Salooja, Dy. Director,	Member
8.	Dr. MC Nair, Dy. Director,	Member
9.	Dr. Indrani Lahiri, Asstt. Director,	Member

Dr. RM Pande, Dr. BN Singh, Prof. Madhulika Kaushik and Dr. Manoj Kulshrestha did not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro- Vice chancellor, welcomed the members. He explained in detail the salient features of the IGNOU and Open & Distance Learning System (ODL). The agenda items were taken in seriatim.

Item No. SB.2.1 : Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 9-03-2005 and Action Taken Report

SB.2.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of the first School Board meeting held on 9-03-2005 were circulated to the members and no comments have been received. He therefore proposed that the minutes be deemed to have been confirmed.

SB.2.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the first meeting.

SB.2.1.3 Action taken Report on Minutes of the first School Board meeting:

Item No. SB.1.1 : Co-option of the five external members for the School Board as per Clause 2(e) of Statute

The external members co-opted, have been notified by the School.

Item No. SB.1.2 : To approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Awareness Programme on Dairy Farming"

The modules of non-credit Awareness programme on Dairy Farming have been published.

Item No. SB.1.3 : To approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Awareness Programme on Fruits & Vegetables"

Editing of non-credit Awareness programme on Fruits & Vegetables is in progress.

Item No. SB.1.4 : To approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Dairy Technology"

The phase-II form of Diploma in Dairy Technology has been approved by the Academic Programme Committee in its 25th meeting held on 15-3-2005.

Item No. SB.1.5 : To approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Meat Technology"

The Phase-II form of Diploma in Meat Technology has been approved by the Academic Programme Committee in its 25th meeting held on 15-3-2005.

Item No. SB.1.6 : To approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Diploma in Fruits & Vegetables"

The Phase-III form of Diploma in Production of VAP from Fruits and Vegetables has been approved by the Standing Committee of the Academic Counsel in its 14th meeting held on 29-4-2005.

Item No. SB.2.2 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Diploma in Meat Technology"

SB.2.2.1 The Programme Coordinators, Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Kumar and Dr. MK Salooja, explained the important features of the programme. The issues related to eligibility requirement, duration, syllabus of the programme, delivery and evaluation of the programme were discussed.

SB.2.2.2 The Board approved the programme with the following observations:

- The SOA should develop the Diploma programme. The Certificate programme may be considered later. The Certificate programme should be complete in itself.
- The maximum duration of the programme shall be two years. Learners may be given one more year after re-registration on pro-rata basis.
- The eligibility criteria for the programme may be limited to: (i) 10+2 pass-outs (ii) BPP and (iii) 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma programme.
- The coordinators may discuss various aspects of development and delivery with Dr. Jaswant Sokhi, SOS to develop stand-alone practical courses. The practical exercise, which may have cultural sensitivity, may be kept as optional. The cost estimates may be worked out for deciding the fee.
- The Phase-3 form may be revised accordingly. The Board authorized the Pro-Vice Chancellor to approve changes before submitting it to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

- Phase 3 Form has been approved by the Academic Council

Item No. SB.2.3 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Diploma in Dairy Technology"

SB.2.3.1 The Programme Coordinator, Dr. MK Salooja made a brief presentation covering the important features of the programme. The issues related to eligibility requirement, duration, syllabus of the programme, delivery and evaluation of the programme were discussed.

SB.2.3.2 The Board approved the programme with the following observations:

- The SOA should develop Diploma programme in Hindi as well as in English.
- The maximum duration of the programme shall be two years. The learners shall be given one more year after re-registration, on pro-rata basis.
- The eligibility criteria for the programme may be limited to: (i) 10+2 pass-outs (ii) BPP and (iii) 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma programme.
- The coordinators may discuss various aspects of development and delivery with Dr. Jaswant Sokhi to develop stand-alone practical courses. The cost estimates may be worked out for deciding the fee.
- The phase-3 form may be revised and submitted to the Pro-Vice Chancellor before submitting it to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Item No. SB.2.4 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Production of Value Added Products from Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds"

SB.2.4.1 The salient features of the programme being developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries were discussed.

SB.2.4.2 The Board approved the programme. The certificate and diploma programme may be designed in such a way that both are complete in totality. The Certificate should be more of awareness and orientation to the subject whereas the Diploma should focus on development of competencies and skills. The programme may be modular and there should be vertical linkage in the certificate and diploma.

Item No. SB.2.5 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Value Added Fish Products"

SB.2.5.1 The salient features of the programme being developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries were discussed.

SB.2.5.2 The Board approved the programme. The Certificate and Diploma programme may be designed in such a way that both are complete in themselves. The faculty from the School of Sciences (SOS) may be associated in the development of the programme. Some of the courses or part may be adopted / adapted from programme titled "Diploma in Aquaculture" developed by School of Sciences IGNOU.

Item No. SB.2.6 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Certificate in Sericulture"

SB.2.6.1 The salient features of the programme being developed in collaboration with the Central Silk Board (CSB) were discussed.

SB.2.6.2 The Board approved the programme. The role of Regional Centre Bangalore may be limited to coordination of administration and financial aspects. The academic aspects may be dealt by the CSB and the SOA. The faculty from SOS may be associated in the development of the programme.

Item No. SB.2.7 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Diploma in Silkworm Rearing Technology"

SB.2.7.1 The salient features of the programme being developed in collaboration with the CSB were discussed.

SB.2.7.2 The Board approved the programme.

Item No. SB.2.8 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Certificate in Bamboo Use, Technologies and Enterprise Development"

SB.2.8.1 Dr. MC Nair presented the salient features of the programme being developed in collaboration with International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), The Centre for Indian Bamboo Resource and Technology (CIBART) and Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

SB.2.8.2 The Board desired that the School should set priorities and develop the programme accordingly. The priority may be given to launch the programmes, which are in advance stage of development.

Item No. SB.2.9 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Certificate in Rattan Use, Technologies and Enterprise Development"

SB.2.9.1 Dr. MC Nair presented the salient features of the programme being developed in collaboration with International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), The Centre for Indian Bamboo Resource and Technology (CIBART) and Commonwealth of Learning (COL).

SB.2.9.2 The Board desired that the School should work out its priorities and develop the programmes accordingly.

Item No. SB.2.10 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "PG Certificate Programme in Agriculture Policy"

SB.2.10.1 Dr. Indrani Lahiri presented the salient features of the PG Certificate programme in Agriculture Policy. The structure of the programme was discussed in length.

SB.2.10.2 The Board desired that the programme may be launched as a PG Degree Programme in Agriculture Policy and submit the phase-3 form accordingly.

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

(Chairman) 9/8