INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the School Board Held on 4th July, 2007 at 11.00 a.m. in Board Room, Block-8, IGNOU

The sixth meeting of the School Board (SB) was held at 11:00 am on 4.7.2007. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SOA, IGNOU	Chairman
2.	Dr. Shivasharaya Singh, Ex-JD (Academics), NDRI Karnal	Member
3.	Dr. R.M. Pande, Ex-Horticulture Commissioner, Govt. of India	Member
4.	Prof. P. R. Kumar, Ex-Project Director, NRCRM, Bharatpur	Member
5.	Prof. Manohar Lal, Professor, SoCIS, IGNOU	Member
6.	Dr. S.R. Jha, Reader SoS	Member
7.	Dr. Madhu Parhar, Reader, STRIDE, IGNOU	Member
8.	Dr. M. K. Salooja, Professor, SoA, IGNOU	Member
9.	Dr. S. K. Yadav, Reader, SoA, IGNOU	Member
10.	Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
11.	Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
12.	Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
13.	Dr. D.S. Khurdiya, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
14.	Mr. Jaya Raj, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
15.	Mr. Kumar Bhatia, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. J. S. Sindhu, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. R.C. Sharma, DD, RSD, IGNOU	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. Shanmugam, DD, IGNOU Sub-Regional Centre, Madurai	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. Umesh Chandra Pandey, RD IGNOU Jabalpur Regional Centre	Special Invitee
20.	Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, RD IGNOU Delhi-2 Regional Centre	Special Invitee
21.	Dr. Neeta Kapai, DD Campus placement Cell	Special Invitee
22.	Mr. Joseph Somi, ARD, Regional Centre Shillong	Special Invitee

Prof. M. Aslam, Dr. R. C. Gautam, Dr. B. N. Singh and Dr. P. Vijayakumar, could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members and especially to the new members who were nominated by Vice Chancellor under Clause 2 (d) of Statute 10 A from IGNOU. He apprised the house about the recent developments taken place in the School since last meeting of the School Board.

The agenda items were taken in seriatim.

Item No. SB. 6.1 : Confirmation of minutes of the Fifth meeting of School Board held on 14-2-2007 and Action Taken Report

SB.6.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of the Fifth School Board meeting held on 4-2-2007 were circulated to all the members. He informed the house that no any many member sought any clarification/modifications. Hence requested for concurrence of the house.

SB.6.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the Fifth meeting School Board.

SB.6.1.3 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the Fifth School Board meeting:

Item No. SB.5.2: To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Ph. D programme in Agriculture Extension

Phase 2 Form of the above programme was submitted and presented in the 31st meeting of APC held on 30th April 2007 and same was approved by the committee. Two expert group meetings were organized to finalize the course curriculum.

Item No. SB.5.3: To consider and approve the revised course structure of Course BPVI-032 (Food Microbiology) and Course BPVI-035 (Paddy Processing) for the programme "Diploma in Production of Value Added Products from Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds"

The revised credit/course structures of Course BPVI-032 (Food Microbiology) and Course BPVI-035 (Paddy Processing) for the programme "Diploma in Production of Value Added Products from Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds" were presented in 23rd meeting of ACSC held on 22nd May 2007 and the same were approved.

Item No. SB.5.4: To consider and approve the proposal to have a compulsory component of theory, practices and technology of open and distance learning for all learners in IGNOU

The Approval of the School Board was conveyed to the concerned Division.

Item No. SB.5.5: To consider and approve the proposal on a Module for Training of the Academic Counsellors of IGNOU

The Approval of the School Board was conveyed to the concerned Division.

Item No. SB.5.6: To consider and approve the New Unit Writers/ Course Editors for the programme "Diploma in Production of Value Added Products from Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds"

The units have been allotted to the new course writers. The course material has been received from the new course writers and are being edited and sent for further action.

Item No. SB.5.8:To consider and approve the Phase 3 form for the "Certificate in Organic Farming"

Phase 3 Form of the above programme was submitted and presented in 23rd meeting of ACSC held on 22nd May 2007 and same has been approved.

Item No. SB. 6.2 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form of the "Ph. D programme in Agriculture Extension"

SB.6.2.1 The Programme Coordinators, Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SoA and Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain explained the salient features of the programme. The issues related to syllabus of the programme, credit structure, eligibility criteria, duration, delivery mechanism, supervision of students and evaluation of the programme were discussed in detail. The coordinators also explained that research supervisor(s) will be identified from State Agriculture Universities (SAUs)/ICAR Institute/other National and International Institutes and their services will also be utilized for counselling of theory component. Each supervisor will be paid an honorarium of Rs. 12000.00 per student for teaching delivering of programme.

SB.6.2.2 The board approved the Phase-3 form with following observations:

- The provision of counselling of theory component by the research supervisor only may be relaxed.
- The programme will be delivered through ODL mode thus 1-2 audio/video programme(s) on each course may be developed to enrich of the print material.
- The component on the elementary knowledge of computers may also be included in the course on ICT in Agriculture.

SB.6.2.3 The Board approved Phase-3 Form of the Ph.D. Programme in Agriculture Extension.

Item No. SB. 6.3 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Certificate Programme in Water Harvesting Management" a proposal submitted by Regional Director, Regional Centre Delhi-2.

SB.6.3.1 Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, Programme Coordinator explained the concept and need of the "Certificate Programme in Water Harvesting Management".

SB.6.3.2 The members of the board observed that the Phase Forms/concept notes submitted by the Regional Centres do not reflect the due weightage to the school and to the faculty members, as they would be the academic custodian of the programme in the long run.

SB.6.3.3 The Board approved the programme with the following observations:

- The programme should be developed in different languages as this programme will be required in many parts of the country because it is the thrust now a day.
- It should be developed as vocational course. It should also focus upon the skill improvement through training of the takers.
- Due weightage must be given to the School.
- Er. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA will be associated as programme coordinator.
- The need assessment as per the IGNOU format has not been conducted.

Item No. SB. 6.4 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Certificate Course on nursery, cultivation, processing of Medicinal Plants" proposal submitted by Regional Director, Regional Centre Jabalpur, M.P.

SB. 6.4.1 The School Board approved the Phase-1 form for "Certificate Course on nursery, cultivation, processing of Medicinal Plants" submitted by Regional Centre Jabalpur in principle with the following observations/comments:

- The proposal from RC Jabalpur as submitted in the form of phase I should reflect School of Agriculture under the school proposing the programme and respective regional centres may be under the head of other associate discipline.
- Under the head, the name of the discipline proposing the programme, Agriculture Production System of the SoA may be indicated.
- Due weightage must be given to the School.
- Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SoA will be associated as programme coordinator.
- The need assessment as per the IGNOU format has not been conducted.
- RD Jabalpur was advised to explore the possibility of collaboration with any nearby Institution running similar programme.

Item No. SB. 6.5 : To consider and approve the concept note for the "Awareness Programme on Organic Farming (local language Khasi/Garo)" proposal submitted by by Regional Director, Regional Centre Shillong.

SB.6.5.1 Mr. Joseph Somi, ARD, Shillong explained the concept of "Awareness Programme on Organic Farming (local language Khasi/Garo)".

SB.6.5.2 The Director, SoA, suggested that the School of Agriculture is already developing a "Certificate Programme in Organic Farming" and it is in the advance stage of development. The programme will be ready in the next four to five months. The material of the programme can be used at the regional centre level after translating it in the local languages. If required, some local issues may be incorporated.

Item No. SB.6.6 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form for the "Awareness Programme on Cultivation of Medicinal Plants" proposal submitted by Deputy Director, Sub Regional Centre, Madurai, T.N.

SB.6.6.1 The School Board approved the programme on "Awareness Programme on Cultivation of Medicinal Plants" submitted by Sub-Regional Centre Madurai, in principle with the following observations/comments:

- The school board approved the non credit proposal of Sub-RC Madurai and suggested that the modalities for development and delivery of the programme shall be finalized in the expert group meeting.
- Due weightage must be given to the School.
- Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SoA will be associated as programme coordinator.
- The need assessment as per the IGNOU format has not been conducted.

Item No. SB. 6.7 : To consider and approve the modified Phase-3 Form for the "Diploma in Watershed Management"

SB.6.7.1 The Director, School of Agriculture and Er. Mukesh Kumar, Programme Coordinator explained that the Phase-3 Form for the Diploma Programme has been approved by the School Board in its 3rd meeting held on 20 June 2006 and same was submitted for consideration and approval of the ASCS in its 20th meeting held on 10th August 2006. The ACSC suggested to review the resources for funding the programme and Phase -3 was referred to a Committee constituted by the ACSC. Accordingly, the School approached the Ministry of Rural Development for getting the funds for development of programme. Two meetings regarding the funding for the programme development were held but matter for releasing the funds is still awaited. In the mean time the bills from the course writers started coming to School for the payment of their honorarium. During the 5th meeting of the School Board held on 14th February 2007, it was suggested that the Watershed Management is the thrust area now a days and the School should reconsider the Diploma Programme on Watershed Management through its own resources as Ministry will take long time to provide the funds for the development of study material. The proposal was resubmitted to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for his consent. Vice Chancellor has given the approval to restart the programme. Thereafter, The second expert group meeting was held on 16 May 2007 and the expert group modified the course content and other aspects of the programme. The modified programme structure was discussed in detail.

SB.6.7.2 The Board approved the modified Phase-3 Form for the "Diploma in Watershed Management".

Item No. SB. 6.8 : To consider and approve the list of Course Writers /Course Editors for Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension

SB.6.8.1 The Director and programme coordinator presented the list of Course Writers/Editors for the programme "Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension".

SB.6.8.2 The Board approved the list of Course Writers/ Course editors.

Item No. SB. 6.9 : To consider and approve the new names of the unit writers and course editors for the programme "Certificate Programme on Bamboo Use, Technologies and Enterprise Development"

SB. 6.9.1 The Director, School of Agriculture explained that some of the approved Course Writers and Editors for the programme "Certificate Programme on Bamboo Use, Technologies and Enterprise Development" will not be able to write course and edit the material as they are engaged in some other work.

SB.6.9.2 The Board approved the list of New Unit Writers/ Course editors.

Item No. SB. 6.10 : To consider and approve the new names of the unit writers and course editors for the programme "Certificate Programme on Rattan Use, Technologies and Enterprise Development"

SB. 6.10.1 The Director, School of Agriculture explained that some of the approved Course Writers and Editors for the programme "Certificate Programme on Rattan Use, Technologies and Enterprise Development" will not be able to write course and edit the material as they are engaged in some other work.

SB.6.10.2 The Board approved the list of New Unit Writers/ Course editors.

Item No. SB. 6.11 : To consider and approve the Phase 3 for "PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management"

SB.6.11.1 The programme coordinator, Prof. M. K Salooja, explained the important features of the programme. The issues related to scope, eligibility criteria, duration, syllabus of the programme, delivery and evaluation of the programme were discussed in detail.

SB.611.2 The Board approved the Phase-3 for "PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management".

Item No. SB. 6.12 : Nomination of new members for School Board under Clause 2 (e) of Statute 10 A

SB. 6.12.1 The following external members wee approved by the members of the board:

1. Dr. V.V Sadamate, Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 (GOI)
2. Dr. G.R. Patil, Joint Director (Academic), NDRI, Karnal – 132 001(Haryana)
3. Dr. D.K. Tandon, Principal Scientist, Central Institute for Sub-Tropical Horticulture, Rehman Khera, P.O. Kakori, Lucknow-227107 (UP)
4. Dr. A.K. Mehta, Zonal Coordinator, Zone–I, ICAR, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana – 141 004 (Punjab)
5. Dr. M.A. Khan, HoD, ILUM&FS, CAZRI, Jodhpur-342003 (Rajasthan)

The Chairman finally thanked the external members of the Board whose tenure is expiring during August 2007, for their valuable suggestions and advise to the School from time to time.

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

(Chairman) 9/7/07