INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the School Board held on 30th October 2007 at 10.30 AM in Conference Room of School of Social Science, Block F, Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-68.

The seventh meeting of the School Board (SB) was held at 10:30 am on 30.10.2007. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SoA, IGNOU	Chairman
2.	Dr. V.V. Sadamate, Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, GoI	Member
3.	Dr. G.R. Patil, Joint Director (Academic),NDRI, Karnal	Member
4.	Dr. A.K. Mehta, Z. C. Zone–I, ICAR, Ludhiana	Member
5.	Dr. M.A. Khan, PS & Head CAZRI, Jodhpur	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.R. Jha, Reader, SoS	Member
10.	Prof. M.K. Salooja, SoA, IGNOU	Member
11.	Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SoA, IGNOU	Member
12.	Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
13.	Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
14.	Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
15.	Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
16.	Mr. Kumar Bhatia, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. J.S. Sindhu, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. K.N. Rai, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
19.	Mr. M. Rajesh, ARD, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin	Special Invitee
20.	Mrs. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin	Special Invitee
21.	Dr. Jayshree Menon Kurup, DD, EDNER, IGNOU	Special Invitee

Dr. D. K. Tandon could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 7th meeting of the School Board. He introduced the new members of the board who have been nominated by the Vice Chancellor under Clause 2 (d) and 2 (e) of Statute 10 A of IGNOU. He apprised the house about the new developments taken place in the School after the Sixth Meeting of the School Board. Dr. V.V. Sadamate, Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission highlighted scenario of the Agriculture in the country and explained the need of capacity building and human resource development in the agriculture sector for technology transfer and adoption at field level. He also outlined the new schemes and strategies in the 11th Five Year Plan.

Before the formal discussion on the agenda items, all the members deliberated to have uniform issues to consider the proposal submitted by the Regional Centres for approval in the School Board.

The members appreciated the concept of formulation of projects having regional importance. The members desired the modifications in all the Phase I Forms as suggested below:

1. Name of the School Proposing the programme should be School concerned not the Regional Centres as reflected in every proposal.
2. The School shall be the academic custodian of the programme and thus the academic responsibility in development, delivery, and maintenance of the programme rests with the Schools; the faculty member from the School shall be one of the coordinators. The School will make available the experts in the area concerned at national level to ensure the quality of the programme.
3. Name of the discipline proposing the programme should be from the School.

4. If the programme is of national importance, the programme may be developed in English first and then the concerned Regional Centre may undertake the translation work. The Regional Directors may supplement the programme with local inputs. The School may coordinate the delivery of programme in other states or areas of the country.
5. The School was advised by the Board Members to scrutinize the proposals thoroughly before placing in the Board meeting. The scrutiny may be done on the basis of the importance of the proposals, availability of resources and workload of faculty in the School.

After this discussion, the agenda items were taken in seriatim.

Item No. SB. 7.1 : Confirmation of minutes of the Sixth meeting of School Board held on 4-7-2007 and Action Taken Report

SB.7.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of the Sixth School Board meeting held on 4-7-2007 were circulated to all the members. He informed the house that none of the members sought any clarification/modifications. Hence, requested for confirmation of the Minutes of the Sixth Board meeting.

SB.7.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the School Board.

SB.7.1.3 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the Sixth School Board meeting:

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

The concept note has been submitted for consideration of the Research Council in its 9th meeting held on 21st August 2007, and the same has been approved by the Council. The Phase-3 Form shall be presented in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

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

The Expert Group meeting was convened to finalize the programme structure and course outline. The Phase -2 is being prepared.

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.

The decision of the board has been conveyed to the concerned Regional Centre.

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

The decision of the board has been conveyed to the concerned Regional Centre.

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

The decision of the board has been conveyed to the concerned Regional Centre.

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

The Phase 3 Form has been approved in the 41st meeting of Academic Council held on 27th August 2007.

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

All the units have been allotted to the Unit writers and 75% course material has been received.

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

Some the units have been re-allotted to the new course writers. The course material is being received from the new writers. The editing work is in progress.

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

Some the units have been re-allotted to the new course writers. The course material is being received from the new writers. The editing work is in progress.

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

The Phase 3 Form has been approved in the 41st meeting of Academic Council held on 27th August 2007.

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

Notifications have been issued by the Academic Coordination Division to the concerned members.

Item No. SB. 7.2 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form of the "Certificate in Poultry Farming" proposal submitted by Regional Director, Regional Centre, Aizwal (Mizoram).

SB.7.2.1 The Chairman informed that the Regional Director, Regional Centre, Aizwal (Mizoram) has submitted the Phase-1 Form of the "Certificate in Poultry Farming". Dr. J. M. Kurup, DD (EDNER) highlighted the features and need of the programme.

SB.7.2.2 The members were of opinion that the programme has the potential throughout the country and thus should be developed for the entire nation. The programme may be developed first in the English language, and then RD Aizwal may arrange for its translation in Mizo language and also incorporate the regional requirements with the help of local experts. During the Expert Group Meeting, the R.D. Aizwal may invite some of the local experts from Mizoram.

SB.7.2.3 The Chairman informed the members that Dr. P. Vijayakumar will be programme Coordinator from the School.

SB.7.2.4 The Board approved the Phase-1 Form in principle subject to compliance of member's suggestions for modification in the proposals. The restructured Phase I Form incorporating these suggestions shall be circulated among the members for their concurrence.

Item No. SB. 7.3 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form of the "Post Graduate Diploma in Plantation Management" proposal submitted by Regional Director, Regional Centre Cochin.

SB.7.3.1 The Chairman informed the Board that the Regional Director, Regional Centre, Cochin has submitted the Phase 1 of "Post Graduate Diploma in Plantation Management". He also informed that this programme will be designed in collaboration with the Kerala Plantation Corporation, Kottayam.

SB.7.3.2 During the discussion, the Chairman informed that the Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore (Karnataka) has approached the School to develop and deliver a "PG Certificate in Agri-business and Plantation Management" jointly. To work together, finalization of MoU is in the process. The theme of this programme is similar to that of "Post Graduate Diploma in Plantation Management"

SB.7.3.3 The programme is of national importance and Board desired that to avoid duplication and wastage of resources, both the programmes may be amalgamated. The expert Group to design this programme should be constituted from the Kerala Plantation Corporation, Kottayam and Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore (Karnataka). Regional Director may be requested to identify regional experts and functionaries to integrate the local-specific requirements in the programme. He should also approach the Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore (Karnataka) for expert identification and subject matter availability.

SB.7.3.4 The Board approved a PG programme in the area of the Plantation Management in principle and suggested that the School of Agriculture and Regional Centre, Cochin should develop an amalgamated programme involving the experts from IIPM and Kerala Plantation Corporation, Kottayam after signing of the MoU. The restructured Phase Form shall take into account the generic observations made by the members. The restructured Phase I Form incorporating these suggestions shall be circulated among the members for their concurrence.

Item No. SB. 7.4 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form of the "Diploma in Sustainable Farm Management" proposal submitted by Regional Director, Regional Centre Cochin.

SB. 7.4.1 The Chairman informed the members that the Regional Director, Regional Centre, Cochin has submitted the Phase-1 Form of the "Diploma in Sustainable Farm Management." Mr. M. Rajesh, Assistant Regional Director, RC Cochin highlighted the features and importance of the programme.

S.B. 7.4.2 The members of the Board suggested the modification of title as "Diploma in Sustainable Farming System Management."

SB.7.4.3 The Chairman informed the Board that Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain will coordinate this programme from the School.

SB.7.4.4 The Board approved the Phase-1 Form in principle subject to the condition that the restructured Phase I Form incorporating these suggestions shall be circulated among the members for their concurrence.

Item No. SB. 7.5 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 of the "Diploma in Floriculture, Landscaping and Flori-marketing" proposal submitted by Regional Director, Regional Centre Dehradun.

SB.7.5.1 The Chairman informed the members that the Regional Director, Regional Centre, Dehradun has submitted the Phase-1 Form of the "Diploma in Floriculture, Landscaping and Flori-marketing"

SB. 7.5.2 During discussion, the title was modified as "Diploma in Floriculture." The member felt need of such proposal /programme. The changes in the Phase-1 were suggested in the line of previous proposal.

SB.7.5.3 The Chairman informed the house that Dr. S.K. Yadav will coordinate this programme from the School.

SB.7.5.4 The Board approved the Phase-1 Form in principle subject to the condition that the restructured Phase I Form incorporating these suggestions shall be circulated among the members for their concurrence.

Item No. SB.7.6 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form of the "Masters in Agri-business Management."

SB.7.6.1 The Chairman informed the Board that Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Lecturer, SoA has submitted the Phase-1 Form of the "Masters in Agri-business Management."

SB.7.6.2 The Chairman explained the importance of the programme. He also informed about the target group, eligibility criteria and duration of the programme.

SB.7.6.3 The Board felt the need of this programme and desired that it may be started at the earliest.

SB.7.6.4 The School Board considered and approved the Phase-1Form of the "Masters in Agri-business Management."

Item No. SB. 7.7: To consider and approve the Changes in Syllabus, Unit Writers and Eligibility Criteria of "Certificate in Sericulture".

SB.7.7.1 The Chairman informed the members that Dr. P. Vijayakumar has submitted a proposal for the Changes in Syllabus, Unit Writers and Eligibility Criteria of "Certificate in Sericulture."

SB.7.7.2 Dr. P. Vijayakumar explained that the syllabus and eligibility criteria have been modified as per the recommendation of the expert group. He also informed that some of the unit writes showed unwillingness in writing thus new writes have been identified.

SB.7.7.3 The School Board considered and approved the proposal for the Changes in Syllabus, Unit Writers and Eligibility Criteria of "Certificate in Sericulture".

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

(Chairman)