INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the School Board held on 7th March 2008 at 10.30 AM in Conference Room of School of Social Science, Block F, Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-68.

The eighth meeting of the School Board (SB) was held at 10:30 am on 7th March 2008. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SoA, IGNOU	Chairman
2.	Dr. V.V. Sadamate, Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission	Member
3.	Dr. D. K. Tandon, Principle Scientist, CISTH, Lucknow	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.	Dr. S.R. Jha, Reader, SoS	Member
9.	Prof. M.K. Salooja, SoA, IGNOU	Member
10.	Dr. S.K. Yadav, Reader, SoA, IGNOU	Member
11.	Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
12.	Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
13.	Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member
14.	Prof. Ranvir Kumar, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
15.	Dr. Pooja, Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. Masood Parveez, Director, RSD, IGNOU	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. A.S. Guha, Joint Director, RSD, IGNOU	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. Jayshree Menon Kurup, DD, EDNER, IGNOU	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. D. Laloo, RD, IGNOU Regional Centre Shillong	Special Invitee
20.	Dr. Sanjeev Pandy, RD, IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-2	Special Invitee
21.	Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member

Dr. G.R. Patil and Prof. M.S. Senam Raju could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 8th meeting of the School Board. He apprised the house about the various developments taken place in the School after the Seventh Meeting of the School Board.

The agenda items were taken in seriatim.

Item No. SB. 8.1 : Confirmation of Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of School Board held on 30-10-2007 and Action Taken Report

SB.8.1.1 The Chairman informed that minutes of the Seventh School Board Meeting held on 30-10-2007 were circulated to all the members.

Since no clarification/modifications have been sought by the members the Minutes of the Seventh Board Meeting may be confirmed.

SB.8.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the School Board.

SB.8.1.3 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the Seventh School Board meeting:

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)."

The minutes were communicated to the concerned Regional Centre. The revised Phase -1 has been received and is enclosed.

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 (Kerala)

The minutes were conveyed to the concerned Regional Centre. Revised Phase -1 has been received and is enclosed. The Regional Director, Regional Centre Cochin (Kerala) has submitted the revised Phase-1 Form of the "Post Graduate Diploma in Plantation Management" without mentioning the name of Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore (Karnataka) as per the minutes of the Seventh School Board Meeting. The chairman informed the house that the help of the Indian Institute of Plantation Management will be sought for writing the course material.

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 (Kerala).

The minutes were conveyed to the concerned Regional Centre. Response from Regional Director, Regional Centre Cochin (Kerala) is still awaited.

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 (Uttarakhand).

The minutes were conveyed to the concerned Regional Centre. The revised Phase -1 has been received and is enclosed.

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

The need assessment questionnaire has been prepared and sent to the academicians (250) and Industries (250). After completion of need assessment, an expert group will be formulated.

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

The units have been allotted to the new writers and same has been received and sent for editing.

Item No. SB. 8.2 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Certificate Programme in Water Harvesting and Management".

SB.8.2.1 The Chairman informed the house that School of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Regional Centre Delhi-2 was developing Certificate Programme in "Water Harvesting and Management. Then the chairman requested the programme coordinators to present the Phase-3 Form of the Certificate Programme in Water Harvesting and Management.

SB.8.2.2 Programme Coordinators, Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, RD, IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-2 and Er. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA explained the salient features of the programme. The issues related to syllabus of the programme, credit structure, eligibility criteria, duration, delivery mechanism, and evaluation of the programme were discussed in detail. The changes/suggestions will be incorporated in the revised Phase 3 Form.

SB.8.2.3 The Board approved the Phase-3 Form for the "Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management".

Item No. SB. 8.3 : To consider and approve the Phase-1 Form of the "Certificate Programme in Beekeeping" proposal submitted by Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Shillong (Meghalaya)..

SB.8.3.1 The Chairman informed the Board that the Regional Director, Regional Centre, Shillong (Meghalaya) has submitted the Phase 1 of "Certificate Programme in Beekeeping". Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Shillong to present the Phase-1 Form of the Certificate Programme in Beekeeping and highlighted the features and importance of the programme.

SB.8.3.2 The Chairman informed the house that Dr. S. K. Yadav will coordinate this programme from the School.

SB.8.3.3 The Board approved Phase-1 Form of the "Certificate Programme in Beekeeping".

Item No. SB. 8.4 : To consider and approve the List of the Term End Examination paper setters and answer sheets evaluators for "Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables" and "Diploma in Dairy Technology".

SB. 8.4.1 The Chairman informed the members that the School has prepared a List of the Term End Examination paper setters and answer sheets evaluators for "Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables" and "Diploma in Dairy Technology".

S.B. 8.4.2 The Board approved the names of the Term End Examination paper setters and answer sheets evaluators for "Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables" and "Diploma in Dairy Technology".

Item No. SB. 8.5 : To consider and approve the new names of the unit writers and course editors for the "Certificate in Organic Farming".

SB.8.5.1 The Chairman informed the house that some of the approved Course Writers and Editors for the programme "Certificate in Organic Farming" 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 for the "Certificate in Organic Farming".

Item No. SB.8.6 : To consider and approve the names of the course editors for the "Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension".

SB.8.6.1 The Chairman and Programme Coordinator presented the list of Course Writers/Editors for the programme "Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension".

SB.8.6.2 The Board approved the list of Course Writers/ Course editors for the "Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension".

Item No. SB. 8.7: To consider and approve the Minutes of the brainstorming session on "Reaching to Unreached: Agricultural Education through ODL" held on 8 February, 2008 at Conference Room, Block 8, IGNOU, New Delhi.

SB.8.7.1 The Chairman informed the members that the School organized a brainstorming session on "Reaching to Unreached: Agricultural Education through ODL" on 8 February, 2008 at Conference Room, Block 8, IGNOU, New Delhi

SB.8.7.2 The Chairman apprised the members regarding the Policy Recommendations of the brainstorming session for the approval of the board.

SB.8.7.3 The School Board considered and approved the Policy Recommendations of the brainstorming session.

Item No. SB. 8.8: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers and course editors for the "Diploma in Watershed Management".

SB.8.8.1 The Chairman and Programme Coordinator presented the list of Course Writers/Editors for the programme "Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension".

SB.8.8.2 The Board approved the list of Course Writers/ Course editors of the Diploma in Watershed Management.

Item No. SB. 8.9: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers and course editors for the "Certificate in Waters Harvesting and Management".

SB.8.9.1 The Chairman presented the list of Course Writers/Editors for the programme "Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management".

SB.8.9.2 The Board approved the list of Course Writers/ Course editors for the Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management.

Item No. SB. 8.10: To consider and approve the Revised Programme Fee and List of the unit writers and course editors for the "Certificate in Sericulture".

SB.8.10.1 The Chairman and Programme Coordinator informed the house that programme fee have been calculated as per the worksheet developed by Planning and Development Division. The programme coordinator has also presented the List of Unit Writers and Course Editors for "Certificate in Sericulture" have been prepared.

SB.8.10.2 The Board approved the programme fee and new list of Course Writers/ Course editors for the Certificate in Sericulture.

Item No. SB. 8.11: To consider and approve the Names of Research Supervisor for the "Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension".

SB.8.11.1 The Chairman presented the list of Research Supervisor for the programme "Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension".

SB.8.11.2 The Board approved the list of Research Supervisors for the programme "Ph.D. programme in Agriculture Extension". The names from IGNOU faculty may also be proposed taking into account the guidelines.

Item No. SB. 8.12: To consider and approve the translation work for the "Certificate in Organic Farming" in Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Bangla, Mizo, Khasi and Assamese Languages.

SB.8.12.1 The Chairman informed the members that the School has developed and launched the "Certificate in Organic Farming" in English language on 15.2.2008. During launch the distinguished speakers desired that the programme may be translated in to Malyalam, Marathi, Oriya and some regional languages of North Eastern States. The translation work may be taken up in collaboration with Regional Centres and State Open Universities.The School has submitted this action for approval by the competent authorities. The School has already sent the material for Hindi, Malyalam, Bangla, Mizo, Khasi and Assamese to the respective Regional Centres.

SB.8.12.2 The Board approved the translation work for the "Certificate in Organic Farming" in Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Bangla, Mizo, Khasi and Assamese Languages.

School of Agriculture will prepare and present a consolidated list of programmes and the proposals received from the Regional Centres in the next meeting of School Board. The action taken on the Regional Centres proposed to be reflected.

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

(Chairman)