INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the School Board held on 25th July 2008.

The Ninth Meeting of the School Board (SB) was held on 25th July 2008 at 11:30 am in the Conference Room of School of Social Science, Block F, Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-68. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. B.S. Hansra, Director, SoA, IGNOU	Chairman
2.	Prof. M.K. Salooja, SoA, IGNOU	Member
3.	Dr. G.R. Patil, Joint Director (Academic),NDRI, Karnal (Haryana)	Member
4.	Dr. D. K. Tandon, Principle Scientist, CISTH, Lucknow (U.P.)	Member
5.	Dr. M.A. Khan, Director, ICAR Research. Complex for ER, Patna (Bihar)	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.	Prof. S.R. Jha, SoS, 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. A.S. Guha, Joint Director, RSD, IGNOU	Special Invitee
14.	Dr. Jayshree Menon Kurup, DD, EDNER, IGNOU	Special Invitee
15.	Dr.S.R.Zonunthara RD, IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram)	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. M. Shanmugham, RD, IGNOU Regional Centre, Kochi (Kerala)	Special Invitee
17.	Sh. Kumar Bhatia, , Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
18.	Prof. Ranvir Kumar, Sr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. Shalini G. Rudra, Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
20.	Dr. Pooja , Jr. Consultant, SoA, IGNOU	Special Invitee
21.	Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Lecturer, SoA, IGNOU	Member Secretary

Dr. V.V. Sadamate, Dr. A.K. Mehta and Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra could not attend.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 9th meeting of the School Board. He appraised the house about the various activities undertaken in the School during the intervening period since the Eighth Meeting of the School Board.

The agenda items were taken in seriatim:

Item No. SB. 9.1 : To Confirm the Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of School Board held on 7 March 2008 and Action Taken Report

SB.9.1.1 The Chairman informed that since no clarification/modifications to the Minutes of the Eighth Board Meeting held on 7 March 2008 circulated to all the members have been received, the same may be confirmed.

SB.9.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the School Board.

SB.9.1.3 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the Eighth School Board meeting:

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

The revised Phase -1 has been received and is enclosed.

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

Phase 3 Form submitted and presented in the 25th meeting of Academic Council Standing Committee held on 23 April 2008 and the same has been approved by the ACSC.

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

The Phase-2 form was presented to the APC meeting for consideration. The APC approved the Phase -2. Expert group meeting was convened on 28 April 2008. Unit writers and editors have been identified and requested for writing different units.

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".

The units were received and edited by taking help of new unit writers and editors. The printing of courses is over.

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

The course material has been sent to the editors and most of it has been received.

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 8th February, 2008 at Conference Room, Block 8, IGNOU, New Delhi..

Minutes of the brainstorming session duly approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor have been sent to the experts of both the sessions for their information, comments and suggestions.

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

The units have been allotted to the new unit writers.

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

The units have been allotted to the unit writers.

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".

The proposal for the revised programme fee and list of the unit writers and course editors was presented in the 25th meeting of Academic Council Standing Committee held on 23 April 2008 and the same was approved.

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

The names of research supervisors for the "Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension" was approved in the 4th meeting of Research Council Standing Committee held on 9 April 2008.

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 Language.

Translation in Hindi and other regional languages is underway.

Item No. SB. 9.2 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "PG Diploma in Plantation Management" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Kochi (Kerala)

SB.9.2.1 The Chairman informed the house that School of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Regional Centre, Kochi is developing a "PG Diploma in Plantation Management". The chairman requested Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Programme Coordinator to present the Phase-3 Form of the Programme.

SB.9.2.2 Dr. Jain explained the importance of the programme in the southern part of the country as well as 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.9.2.3 The Board approved the Phase-3 Form for the "PG Diploma in Plantation Management".

Item No. SB. 9.3 : To consider and approve the Phase-3 Form for the "Certificate in Poultry Farming" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram).

SB.9.3.1 The Chairman informed that the School of Agriculture is developing a "Certificate in Poultry Farming" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram). The chairman requested Dr. P. Vijaykumar, Programme Coordinator to present the Phase-3 Form of the Programme.

SB.9.3.2 Dr. Vijaykumar explained the salient features of the programme. The issues related to course structure, credit structure, eligibility criteria, duration, audio-video production, delivery mechanism, and evaluation of the programme were discussed in detail. The changes/suggestions will be incorporated in the revised Phase-3 Form.

SB.9.3.3 The Board approved Phase-3 Form of the "Certificate Programme in Beekeeping".

Item No. SB. 9.4 : To consider and approve the names of the unit writers and course editors for the "Certificate in Poultry Farming" a joint programme with the IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl (Mizoram).

SB. 9.4.1 The Chairman informed that the unit writers and course editors have been identified for the "Certificate in Poultry Farming" during the expert group meeting held on 27 March 2008 and the list prepared.

S.B. 9.4.2 The Board approved the list of unit writers and course editors for the "Certificate in Poultry Farming".

Item No. SB.9.5 : To consider and approve the revised programme structure for the "Diploma in Watershed Management"

SB.9.5.1 The Chairman informed that two meetings were held with the Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI, regarding the programme development. During the meetings, some modifications in the programme structure as per the new guidelines for Watershed Development 2008 were proposed. Accordingly the programme structure of Diploma in Watershed Management has been modified.

SB.9.5.2 The Board approved the modified programme structure of "Diploma in Watershed Management".

Item No. SB.9.6 : To consider and approve the names of Hindi Translators and those vetting the "Certificate in Organic Farming".

SB.9.6.1 The Chairman informed that during launch of Certificate in Organic Farming on 15 Feb. 2008, the distinguished speakers wanted the programme to be translated in Hindi and other regional languages.

SB.9.6.2 The Board approved the names of the translators and those vetting the "Certificate in Organic Farming".

Item No. SB. 9.7: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers and course editors for the "PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management".

SB.9.7.1 The Chairman informed that due to inability of a few Unit writers and editors to take up the assignment, alternative names have been suggested/proposed for Unit writing and course editing.

SB.9.7.2 The Board approved the list of Course Writers/ Course editors of the "PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management".

Item No. SB. 9.8: To consider and approve the names of the unit writers for the "Diploma in Watershed Management".

SB.9.8.1 The Chairman informed that due to inability of a few Unit writers and editors to take up the assignment, alternative names have been suggested/proposed for Unit writing and course editing.

SB.9.8.2 The Board approved the list of Unit writers of the Diploma in Watershed Management.

Item No. SB. 9.9: To consider and approve New Title of the Programme for the "Diploma in Value Added Fish Products".

SB.9.9.1 The Chairman informed that during the Course Writers Meeting, a new title for the programme as "Diploma in Fish Product Technology" in place of "Diploma in

Value Added Fish Products" was proposed keeping in view the importance of this area.

SB.9.9.2 The Board approved the new title of the Programme.

Item No. SB. 9.10: To consider and approve the Names of Prof. B.S. Hansra as Research Supervisors for "Ph. D. in Agriculture Extension".

SB.9.10.1 The Chairman informed that the Sch.ool is developing a Ph. D. Programme in Agriculture Extension. The writing of course material is completed and editing of courses is near completion. Prof. B.S. Hansra is the only expert in the School in Agriculture Extension. He has guided a numbers of Ph. D. and M.Sc. Scholars in this area before he joined the university.

SB.9.10.2 The Board approved the name of Prof. B.S. Hansra as Research Supervisor for "Ph. D. in Agriculture Extension".

Item No. SB. 9.11: Approval of additional list of Term End Examination Paper Setters and Answer Sheets Evaluators for various courses in the School of Agriculture

SB.9.11.1 The Chairman informed that the School of Agriculture is offering various programmes in Agriculture and allied fields. A List of Term End Examination paper setters and answer sheets evaluators for various courses offered under different programmes has been finalized.

SB.9.11.2 The Board approved the List of Term End Examination Paper Setters and Answer Sheets Evaluators for various courses offered under different programmes.

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

(Chairman)