

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

Minutes of the First School Board Meeting held on December 07, 2007 at 10.30 a.m. in the Board Room, Block No. 8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 3. Prof. Manohar Lal, Professor, SOCIS | - Member |
| 4. Prof. Srinivasa Kumar, Professor, SOET | - Member |
| 5. Dr. R. P. Singh, Reader, SOCE | - Member |
| 6. Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Reader, SOE | - Member |

The following could not attend:

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| 1. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 2. Dr. D.K. Choudhary, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 3. Prof. Basir Ahmed Khan, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 4. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools was present to assist the Chairman of the School Board.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the School Board. He briefed the members about the Expert Committee recommendations on establishing the new school and the approval process involving the Planning Board, Academic Council Standing Committee, Academic Council, Board of Management and the Visitor. The University has already initiated the process of appointing the regular faculty in the new School.

The following are the Agenda items for discussion and consideration of the School Board:

- 1 Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.
- 2 Programmes being developed for the School.
- 3 To consider 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.
- 4 Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

SOEDS 1.1: Vision of the new School as recommended by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School.

SOEDS 1.1.1: The School Board took note of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on establishing the new School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS). There is a need for the preparation of Vision Document to decide on the programmes & activities and draw a roadmap for the new School. We may engage outside experts also to coordinate this activity. Prof. Parvin Sinclair has suggested that a Workshop/Brainstorming Session may also be conducted to make recommendations and for giving directions to the new School that could help the preparation of the Vision Document.

SOEDS 1.1.2: The School Board authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate steps for this purpose.

SOEDS 1.2: Programmes being developed for the School.

SOEDS 1.2.1: The School Board took note of the following programmes being developed and proposed in the School:

Programme	Programme Coordinator
Certificate Programmes in: 1. Adult and Non-formal Education 2. Extension Education 3. Population Education 4. Communication Skills for BPO and ITeS	Dr. M.C. Nair, Director, CEE
5. Certificate in Adult Education for project coordinators functionaries 6. Certificate in Adult Education for grass root level functionaries	
7. PG Diploma in Human Development and Family Therapy	Dr. Amiteswar Ratra, Research Officer, NCDA
8. Programme on "Local Initiatives in Model Villages"	Dr. M. Krishnaiah, ARD, RC, Delhi-2
9. A Course developed by IDRC for certifying Tele-centres/Village Knowledge Centres Managers. The curriculum contains modules on: (a) Tele-centre Management, (b) Entrepreneurship, (c) Community Development, (d) Grass-roots Management, and (e) Info-mediary Skills.	Dr. M.C. Nair, Director, CEE & Mr. Ravi Kanth, Joint Director, EMPC

10. Certificate in Value Education	Dr. Silima Nanda, Deputy Director, International Division
11. Certificate in Development Studies 12. PG Diploma in Development Studies 13. Advanced Diploma in Development Studies 14. Masters Degree in Development Studies	Dr. R.P. Singh, Reader, SOCE

Dr. Naidu said that the two PG Certificates in Adult Education: one for the Project Coordinators, and other for the grass root level functionaries are being developed. Two workshops are proposed for this purpose. The first workshop is scheduled from December 11-14, 2007.

Dr. R.P. Singh said that he is developing Certificate, PG Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Masters Degree Programmes in development studies. He is organizing a meeting of the Expert Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor for this purpose.

Dr. Naidu said that Dr. Krishnaiah wants to develop case studies of success stories on "Local Initiatives in Model Villages". The Chairman appreciated the Initiative and said that the case studies could be in the form of Audio programmes, Video programmes, and leaflets.

SOEDS 1.2.2: The Chairman said that the programmes designed and developed by the Chair for Sustainable Development shall be part of the activities of SOEDS.

SOEDS 1.2.3: The School Board took note of the above.

SOEDS 1.3: To co-opt 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge.' Under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of University Act and Statutes.

SOEDS 1.3.1: The Vice-Chancellor said that according to the Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University, not more than five experts, who are not the employees of the University, are to be co-opted by the School Board. The members discussed the names of a number of people for the co-option to the School Board.

SOEDS 1.3.2: The School Board decided to co-opt following five experts under Clause (3) of Statute 10A of the Statutes of the University:

- 1 Dr. B. Shadrach
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- 2 Prof. S.Y. Shah,
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- 3 Dr. Anita Dighe
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- 4 One person from MIDS (to be nominated by the Chairman)

- 5 Dr. Mahendra Dev
Director
Centre for Economic and Social Studies
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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman