

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

Minutes of the Second School Board Meeting held on March 04, 2008 at 11.30 a.m. in the Conference Room, Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Dr. B. Shadrach, International Development Research Centre, New Delhi - Member
3. Prof. S.Y. Shah, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi - Member
4. Prof. Janakrajan, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai - Member
5. Prof. Manoharlal, SOCIS, IGNOU - Member
6. Prof. Srinivas Kumar, SOET, IGNOU - Member
7. Dr. R.P. Singh, Reader, SOCE, IGNOU - Member
8. Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Senior Lecturer, SOE, IGNOU - Member

Dr. Anita Dighe and Dr. Mahendra Dev could not attend the meeting. 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 new members co-opted by the School Board. He said that the School Board could meet more frequently and e-mail could also be used for circulation of information and items for discussion. The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

SOEDS 2.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the first School Board meeting.

SOEDS 2.1.1: In reference to the Item 3 of the first School Board, there is a typographical error on the Clause under which the 5 experts from outside IGNOU are co-opted. It should be read as "Clause 2 (e)" in place of "Clause (3)". The Chairman said that no comments were received on the Minutes of the first School Board meeting.

SOEDS 2.1.2: The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the first School Board meeting with the above correction.

SOEDS 2.2: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Population and Development Education".

SOEDS 2.2.1: Dr. M.C. Nair, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Population and Development Education". Initially it will be offered in English and Hindi mediums. The members said that it is a good programme and could be offered in other Indian languages. It could also be offered as a modular programme leading to diploma or higher level after adding new courses.

SOVPA 2.2.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Population and Development Education".

SOEDS 2.3: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Extension Education".

SOEDS 2.3.1: Dr. M.C. Nair, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Extension Education". Initially it will be offered in English and Hindi mediums. It will be upgraded to Diploma and higher level after adding new courses.

SOVPA 2.3.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Extension Education".

SOEDS 2.4: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Lifelong Learning".

SOEDS 2.4.1: Dr. M.C. Nair, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Lifelong Learning". Initially it will be offered in English and Hindi mediums. It will be upgraded to Diploma and higher level after adding new courses.

SOVPA 2.4.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Lifelong Learning".

SOEDS 2.5: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Communicative Skills for BPO, ITeS & Related Sectors".

SOEDS 2.5.1: Dr. M.C. Nair, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Communicative Skills for BPO, ITeS & Related Sectors". It will be offered in English Medium. Prof. Janakrajan said that it is good programme and requested the programme coordinator to look

into the aspects of strategies, methodology and scope of the programme.

The members are of the opinion that organizations/institutes like DRISHTI and NASSCOM may be involved for the development of the programme. The Chairman asked Dr. Nair to develop and offer the programme through online as well. He said that Dr. B. Shadrach can also be involved in the design and development of the programme. The members opined that the programme may attract more students from the neighboring countries

SOVPA 2.5.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Communicative Skills for BPO, ITeS & Related Sectors".

SOEDS 2.6: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Telecentre/Village Knowledge Centre Management".

SOEDS 2.6.1: Dr. M.C. Nair and Dr. B. Shadrach, Programme Coordinators explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Telecentre/Village Knowledge Centre Management". Mr. Ravi Kant who is another Programme Coordinator could not attend the meeting. Initially it will be offered in English and Hindi mediums. The members said that it is a good programme. Most of the Telecentres are run by the NGOs. If the government formulises these centres then there will be a greater demand for the programme. This also helps for sustainability of the Telecentres in the villages.

SOVPA 2.6.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Telecentre/Village Knowledge Centre Management".

SOEDS 2.7: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Interior Decoration".

SOEDS 2.7.1: Dr. M.C. Nair and Dr. J. Kurup, Programme Coordinators explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Interior Decoration". Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharya who is another Programme Coordinator could not attend the meeting. The programme will be offered in English medium. The programme may be upgraded to Diploma later. The programme is aimed at meeting the local demand from the North-East Region. The members expressed that the cost-effectiveness and eco-friendliness aspects of interior decoration may also be included in the programme. Prof. Srinivas Kumar said that the faculty of School of Engineering and Technology

could be involved in the design and development of the programme.

SOVPA 2.7.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Interior Decoration".

SOEDS 2.8: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Handmade Paper Items".

SOEDS 2.8.1: Dr. M.C. Nair and Dr. J. Kurup, Programme Coordinators explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Handmade Paper Items". Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharya who is another Programme Coordinator could not attend the meeting. The programme will be offered in English medium. The programme may be upgraded to Diploma later. The programme is aimed at meeting the local demand from the North-East Region. The member opined that the programme could be offered to the students from other regions of the country. There is a need for training of trainers to have multiplier effect.

SOVPA 2.8.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Handmade Paper Items".

SOEDS 2.9: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Diploma in Family Counselling & Therapy".

SOEDS 2.9.1: Dr. Amiteshwar Ratra, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Diploma in Family Counselling & Therapy". The programme will be offered in English medium. Later a two year Masters level programme also could be developed. The minimum qualification for the programme is Masters level degree. The members of the School Board opined that the word "Family Counselling" is too focused and there is a need to broaden the scope of the programme. The name of the programme may be changed as "Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling, Family Therapy and Mediation. The Chairman asked the Programme Coordinator to target the programme launch date as January 2009.

SOVPA 2.9.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling, Family Therapy and Mediation.

SOEDS 2.10: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for:

- 1. Post Graduate Certificate in Development Studies**
- 2. Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies**
- 3. Specialised Diploma in Development Studies**

4. Masters Degree In Development Studies

SOEDS 2.10.1: Dr. R.P. Singh, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the following programmes:

1. Post Graduate Certificate in Development Studies
2. Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies
3. Specialised Diploma in Development Studies
4. Masters Degree in Development Studies

A request was made to the Programme Coordinator to revisit the course on "Gandhian Studies in Development". Also, there is a need for separate course on "Poverty and its Alleviation". The programmes are modular and will be offered in English and Hindi Mediums. More experts with wider thought with multidisciplinary perspective need to be involved in the design and development of the programmes. Other Universities and Institutes in the conventional system are offering similar programmes. For example, IIT-Madras is offering a five year integrated programme in this area of development studies.

SOVPA 2.10.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for the following programmes:

1. Post Graduate Certificate in Development Studies
2. Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies
3. Specialised Diploma in Development Studies
4. Masters Degree in Development Studies

SOEDS 2.11: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education".

SOEDS 2.11.1: Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education". The programme is primarily targeted to the middle level functionaries of diverse literacy and adult education programmes. A national level workshop and one expert group meeting were held for design of the programme, suitability of adoption of PALDIN draft material, and identification of additional lessons required for the programme. Prof. S.Y. Shah is helping significantly in the process of design and developing the programme.

SOVPA 2.11.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education".

SOEDS 2.12: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "M.A. in Adult Education".

SOEDS 2.12.1: Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "M.A. in Adult Education". The programme will be offered in English medium. An Expert Committee meeting was held to identify the need of the programme.

SOVPA 2.12.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "M.A. in Adult Education".

SOEDS 2.13: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Professional Development of Preraks (Adult Education Functionaries)".

SOEDS 2.13.1: Ms. Poonam Bhushan, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Professional Development of Preraks (Adult Education Functionaries)". The programme may include 3 months of study and 3 months of certification of prior learning that may involve extensive fieldwork. The programme is primarily targeted to the preraks who are grass root level functionaries working in Continuing Education Centres. The programme will be offered in English and Hindi mediums. A national level workshop was held for design and development of the programme. Prof. S.Y. Shah is helping significantly in the process of design and developing the programme.

SOVPA 2.13.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Professional Development of Preraks (Adult Education Functionaries)".

SOEDS 2.14: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Value Education".

SOEDS 2.14.1: Dr. Silima Nanda, Programme Coordinator explained the rationale for designing and developing the "Certificate in Value Education". The programme will be offered in English medium. The members opined that the name of the programme could be "Certificate in Moral and Value Education".

SOVPA 2.14.2: The School Board after a detailed discussion approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "Certificate in Moral and Value Education".

SOEDS 2.15: To consider a Proposal for "Post Graduate Diploma in Social Marketing".

SOEDS 2.15.1: The Vice Chancellor said that he has received a draft syllabus for "PG Diploma in Social Marketing from Prof. S.Y. Quraishi, Election Commissioner. An Expert Committee will be constituted for the design and development of the programme. Prof. S.Y. Quraishi will identify a list of experts for this purpose. Dr. C.G. Naidu will coordinate the programme. The programme shall be located in the School of Extension Development Studies.

SOVPA 2.15.2: The School Board discussed and approved the Proposal for "Post Graduate Diploma in Social Marketing".

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


11.3.08
(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman