Indira Gandhi National Open University School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS)

Minutes of the Fourth School Board Meeting held on 22nd May 2009 at 11.30 AM in the Conference Room, Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068

The 4th School Board Meeting of the SOEDS was held on May 22nd, 2009 at 11.30 AM in the Conference Room of Convention Centre at IGNOU, New Delhi -110068. The following members of the school board and invitees were present:

1.	Prof. Parvin Sinclair	- Pro Vice Chancellor (Special Invitee)
2.	Prof. B K Pattanaik	-Chairman
3.	Prof. S. Janakarajan	- Member
4.	Dr. B. Shadrach	- Member
5.	Dr. Anita Dighe	-Member
6.	Prof. K Ilumalai	-Member
7.	Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy	-Member
8.	Dr. Nehal A. Farooquee	-Member
9.	Dr. P.V.K. Sasidhar	-Member

Prof. Mahendra Dev, Prof. S.Y.Shah and Prof. Manohar Lal could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Dr. B. K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS welcomed the members and special invitee and briefed them about the progress made in finalizing the academic programme and agenda of the 4th School Board Meeting. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro- Vice Chancellor, in her address to the participants emphasized the importance of academic programmes in the field of Extension and Development Studies. This was followed by item-wise discussion on the agenda. The outcomes of the school board meeting are as follows:

SB 4.1 To Consider approval of converting MA in Development Studies to MA in Extension and Development Studies

SB 4.1.1 The members agreed that the combination of extension and development studies is very unique and need of the hour to train human resources in the combined area of extension and development studies. They appreciated and approved the conversion of MA in Development Studies to MA in Extension and Development Studies.

SB 4.2 to 4.8 To Consider approval of the Phase-I and Phase-III forms of:

- Certificate in Extension and Development Studies ODL Mode
- Postgraduate Diploma in Extension and Development Studies ODL Mode
- MA in Extension and Development Studies ODL Mode
- MA in Extension and Development Studies Face to Face Mode (no phase forms)

All the members had a detailed discussion on various courses of the programme. Some of the observations made by the members are as follows:

- The rationale for the flow with in the courses and among the courses be clearly spelt out
- Some minor modifications in the titles of the courses
- The courses like 'Local Self Government and Development' and 'Gender and Development' are very important elective courses
- While finalizing the course contents, the credit weightage must be kept in mind to avoid overloading the learners.

Programme wise courses, blocks, units and contents is enclosed as Appendix I

SB 4.2.1 – 4.8.1: After a detailed discussion, the School Board approved the Phase-I and Phase-III forms of the Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and MA Programmes of Extension and Development Studies (Please see Appendix II).

SB 4.9: To consider approval of Experts for MA in Extension and Development Studies (Face to Eace to be launched in July 2009)

SB 4.9.1 The School Board discussed the proposed names and suggested some more experts as guest faculty. The recommended list is enclosed as Appendix III.

SB 4.10: To consider approval of Experts for Writing Units for Certificate, PG Diploma and MA in Extension and Development Studies (ODL Mode to be launched in January 2010)

SB 4.10.1 The School Board discussed the proposed course writers' names and suggested some more names too. The recommended list of course writers is enclosed as Appendix IV.

SB 4.11 Reporting of the VC's action regarding the transfer of the following programmes to other Schools / Centers:

To NCDS

1. PG Diploma in Counseling Family Therapy and Mediation to NCDS

To School of Management Studies

2. MBA (Social Entrepreneurship)

To CEE

3. Certificate in Programme in Population & Development Education

- 4. Certificate Programme in Extension Education to
- 5. Certificate Programme in Lifelong Learning
- 6. Certificate Programme in Communicative Skills for BPO, ITeS & Related Sectors
- 7. Certificate Programme in Telecentre/Village Knowledge Centre Management
- 8. Certificate Programme in Interior Decoration
- 9. Certificate Programme in Handmade Paper Items
- 10. Diploma Programme in Managing Participatory Development

SB 4.11.1 The School Board members were apprised of the action taken by the VC as above.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the special invitee and members of the School Board.

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Director, SOEDS

Observations and Signature of Vice Chancellor

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