

**Indira Gandhi National Open University
(School of Continuing Education)**

Minutes of the 44th Meeting of the School Board of the SOCE held on 08th September, 2011

The 44th Meeting of the School Board of the SOCE was held on 08th September, 2011 at 11.00 am in the Conference Room of SOCE, G-Block, New Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068. The following were present:

1. **Prof. M. Aslam** Chairperson
Director, SOCE

Ex-Officio Members (Under 10 (2) (b))

2. **Prof. Neerja Chadha**
Professor in Child Development, SOCE

Members (Under 10A (2) (C))

3. **Dr. S.K. Palit**
Associate Professor, SOCE
4. **Ms. Santosh Tanwar**
Associate Professor, SOCE

Members (Under 10A (2) (d))

5. **Prof. Renu Bhardwaj**
Director, SOH
6. **Prof. M.K. Salooja**
Director, SOA
7. **Prof. Madhu Bala**
Professor in Economics, SOSS

Co-opted Members (Under 10A (2) (e))

8. **Prof. Shagufa Kapadia**
Head, Department of Human Development &
Family Study, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara
9. **Dr. Anil Wali**
Managing Director
FITT, IIT Delhi
10. **Prof. Gulraj Kalsi Kohli**
Head, Department of Foods & Nutrition,
Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University, Rajasthan)
11. **Dr. Praveen Jha**
Associate Professor
Centre for Economic Study and Planning,
School of Social Science, JNU, New Delhi

Special Invitee

12. **Prof. Rekha S. Sen**
Professor in Child Development
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Dr. Sathyavathi Muthu, Professor & Head, Department of Resource Management, Avinashilingam University of Women, Coimbatore and Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Director, SOSS could not attend the meeting.

Item No.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of School Board held on 28/02/2011

- SB.44.1.1 The Chairperson stated that draft Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the School Board held on 28/02/2011 were circulated to all the members. Comments received from some of the members were incorporated and the revised Minutes were then approved by the Vice-Chancellor and subsequently circulated. Since there were no further comments, the Board confirmed the minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the School Board of SOCE.

Item No.2 Action Taken Report

- SB.44.2.1 Regarding the Action Taken Report on some of the activities approved during the 43rd Meeting of the School Board, the Board was informed that:
- Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration and Development (DPLAD) was launched from July, 2011.
 - A separate agenda item is being placed regarding re-structuring of Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education.
 - The revised payment norms for Master of Science Degree in Dietetics and Food Service Management (M. Sc DFSM) were sent to Administration and Finance & Accounts Division for necessary action.

Item No 3 Consideration and approval of Phase-II form for "Diploma in Apparel Merchandising"

- SB.44.3.1 Ms. Pooja Gaba, Consultant (Home Science) made a presentation of Phase-II form for the Diploma in Apparel Merchandising before the School Board. It was stated that the Apparel Merchandising Programme is expected to prepare the students for careers in growing areas of **merchandising brand** and **product management**. Internship component of the programme and payment norms were discussed in detail. It was also stated that during the programme the enrolled students will be able to obtain internships in fashion business environment to get first hand experience in work with the customers and business management executives. The School Board appreciated the efforts being made by the School in addressing new emerging areas and approved the Phase-II form for the Diploma in Apparel Merchandising.

Item No. 4 Consideration and approval of Phase-II form for Bachelor of Arts in Rural Development

- SB.44.4.1 Shri Gurupada Saren, Assistant Professor (Rural Development) made a presentation on Phase-II form for Bachelor of Arts in Rural Development. It was stated that Bachelor's Programme in Rural Development is addressed to create a cadre of development professionals for various Government Organizations and NGOs who will have sound knowledge about various aspects of Rural Development.
- SB.44.4.2 There was some discussion on the costing of the programme, particularly on expected income from the sale of materials, which Board felt that the Programme Coordinator should re-visit. With these observations the School Board approved the Phase-II form for Bachelor of Arts in Rural Development.

Item No. 5 Consideration and approval of Phase-III for "Diploma in Event Management"

SB.44.5.1 Dr. Preeti Mehra, Sr. Consultant (Home Science) made a presentation on Phase-III form for the Diploma in Event Management. It was mentioned that the programme is aimed to professionalize the field of Event Management and to create a new generation of Event Personnel and groom them to become Event Organizers of the future. It was also stated that such a programme has the potential to generate self employment opportunities for students in the rapidly growing Event Industry. The presentation was followed up by detailed discussion. Some members pointed out the need for including a strong communication skills component. It was suggested that School of Humanities may be consulted for the same.

SB.44.5.2 The Sr. Consultant also placed Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting and programme structure, as finalized, in the Expert Committee Meeting for consideration and approval of the School Board.

SB.44.5.3 The list of possible Course Writers and Editors, as suggested during the Expert Committee Meeting was also placed before the School Board.

SB.44.5.4 The School Board approved the Phase-III form for the "Diploma in Event Management" along with other documents as stated above.

Item No. 6 Consideration and approval of the modified programme structure for the "Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education (DECE)"

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Item No. 7 Consideration and approval of re-assignment of various units, blocks and editing work to the Experts/Course Writers/Editors of "Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education"

SB.44.6&7.1 Prof. Rekha S. Sen, Special Invitee who was earlier Coordinator of DECE programme was specially requested to make a presentation on Agenda Item Nos. 6 & 7. She placed Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted to consider nomenclature and re-grouping of the courses for Diploma before the School Board for its consideration and approval. She mentioned that the Committee felt that there is a need to change the nomenclature of this Diploma in view of the fact that existing one year Diploma will continue to be offered atleast for four years even after the launch of the new two year Diploma. She also informed the Board that Committee suggested that the new Diploma be named as "Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education" (DECDE).

SB.44.6&7.2 She also placed before the Board the detailed programme structure for nine courses totaling 58 credits.

SB.44.6&7.3 The Board was also informed that since the course writing has already been initiated and that Course Writers and Editors had reached different stages of course development, the change in some of the Courses/Blocks/Unit titles may create problems for releasing the payment. Therefore, the Committee had suggested to re-assign various units/blocks and editing works to the Experts/Course Writers/Editors afresh as per the modified finalized programmes to facilitate payment.

SB.44.6&7.4 The Board took note of the fact that the above arrangement have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor in anticipation of the School Board for expediting the work and ratified the same.

Item No.8 Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the two Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Rural Development

SB.44.8.1 The Minutes of the two Meetings of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Rural Development held on 09th May, 2011 and 29th August, 2011 were placed before the School Board for its consideration and approval. The Board was informed that there were 23 proposals (10 revised and 13 fresh) examined by the Committee which met on 09th May, 2011 and that the observations/comments/suggestions given by the Doctoral Committee have been sent to the candidates after the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, in anticipation of School Board.

SB.44.8.2 The Board was also informed that there were 07 agenda items discussed in the second Meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 29th August, 2011, which among others included discussion and approval of two term papers of the Ph.D candidate namely Shri M. Bhaskariah, presentation of the Ph.D proposal by Shri Sukmal Deb before the Committee and other revised proposals as reflected in the Minutes of the Meeting.

The Board approved the following:

SB.44.8.3 Two term papers i.e. (i) *Maternal and Child Health Services being provided by a PHC: A Case Study of PHC, in Chittoor Distt. (AP)* and (ii) *Utilization of Maternal and Child Health Services by Women of Reproductive Age Group: A study in a village of Gudipala Mandal in Chittoor District (A.P.)* submitted by Shri M. Bhaskariah. The Board also decided to have Prof. Umesh Kapil, AIIMS as the Co-Supervisor in place of Prof. Bir Singh, AIIMS in view of the terminal indisposition of Prof. Bir Singh.

SB.44.8.4 In view of the decision of the Research Council that every registered Ph.D candidate should have an Internal Supervisor from the School, the Board approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee to have Prof. M. Aslam as an Internal Supervisor for Shri M. Bhaskariah.

SB.44.8.5 The Board also approved Ph.D proposal, titled: "*Role of Khadi and Village Industries in Socio-Economic Development of Tribal People in Arunachal Pradesh*" submitted and presented by Shri Sukmal Deb after it was revised by the candidate in consultation with Dr. Praveen Jha of JNU taking into consideration some of the suggestions made.

SB.44.8.6 The Board also approved the candidature of Dr. Ram Krishna Mandal as main Supervisor for the candidate for his study.

SB.44.8.7 The Board also approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee that Dr. Praveen Jha, JNU may serve as Co Supervisor and Prof. M. Aslam as Internal Supervisor for Shri Sukmal Deb.

SB.44.8.8 The School Board also approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee that the case of Shri Sukmal Deb may be recommended to the Research Council for registration in Ph.D in Rural Development after Dr. Praveen Jha certifies that necessary modifications have been made in the research proposal as recommended by the Doctoral Committee. Dr. Praveen Jha has certified that the proposal has been revised as per Doctoral Committee recommendations.

SB.44.8.9 The Board also accepted the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee that the revised proposal of Shri Abin Ojha titled: "*Co-operatives in Commercialization of Agriculture in Nepal: A case study of Tanahun District*" be accepted in principle for registration in Ph.D in Rural Development and that the candidate be invited to make presentation before the Doctoral Committee.

SB.44.8.10 The Board also approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee to have Prof. Pradeep Kumar Khadka, Head of the Department, Central Department of Rural Development, Tribhuvan University, Kathamandu, Nepal as main Supervisor and agreed that the Internal Supervisor will be decided after the presentation is made by the candidate before the Doctoral Committee.

SB.44.8.11 The Board also accepted the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee to have Dr. S.K. Palit, Associate Professor, SOCE as Internal Supervisor for Shri Devanjan Khuntia on the topic: "*Study of Impact of Religious Tourism on Development or Rural Areas in Odisha*" and it was agreed that the candidate should submit the revised proposal to the Doctoral Committee after consultation with the Internal Supervisor.

SB.44.8.12 The Board also accepted the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee to drop the candidature of Shri N. Kumara from the applicants for Ph.D as he has expressed his inability to revise the proposal.

SB.44.8.13 The Board also accepted to delete the name of Shri Manas Bhattacharjee from the list of Ph.D candidates in view of his sudden death.

Item No.9 Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting for Ph.D in Nutritional Science

SB.44.9.1 The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting for Ph.D in Nutritional Science held on 16th May, 2011 were placed before the School Board in absentia. The School Board approved the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee.

Item No.10 Consideration and approval of the Minutes of two Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Child Development

Prof. Neerja Chadha presented the Minutes of the Two Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Child Development held on 27th May, 2011 and 07th September, 2011.

SB.44.10.1 The Board was informed that in the Doctoral Committee meeting held on 27th May, 2011, applications and research proposals of 7 candidates (6 fresh candidates and 1 earlier applicant who had submitted a revised proposal) were examined. Deficiencies were noted in 5 of the cases, and the observations/ comments/ suggestions given by the Doctoral Committee in each case have been sent to the respective candidates after the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. With respect to 2 of the candidates; Mr. Anil Kumar Nair; who made a presentation of his research proposal before the Doctoral Committee, and Ms. Simmi Chhabra of Botswana, who had submitted a revised research proposal, the Doctoral Committee approved the respective research proposals and the biodatas of the proposed External Supervisors. In view of the decision of the Research Council that every registered Ph.D candidate should have an Internal Supervisor from the School, the Doctoral Committee recommended that Prof. Neerja Chadha be the Internal Supervisor for both these candidates.

SB.44.10.2 The Board was further informed that Prof. Neerja Chadha be the Internal Supervisor for Ms. Maushmi S. Kadkol as well. The Board approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee and the action taken with regard to the same.

SB.44.10.3 The Doctoral Committee Meeting held on 07th September, 2011 was convened to consider and recommend modalities for admission to Ph.D in Child Development. The Board was informed of the Doctoral Committee's recommendation that the phrase in the present eligibility criteria "*Degree in the discipline of Child Development (or Human Development/ Human*

Development and Family Studies/ Human Development and Childhood Studies or an allied discipline such as Psychology/ Sociology/ Anthropology/ Social Work/ Education)" be expanded by inclusion of more disciplines and fields to "Degree in the discipline of Child Development (or Human Development/Human Development and Family Studies/ Human Development and Childhood Studies or an allied discipline such as Psychology/ Sociology/ Anthropology/ Social Work/ Education/Disability Studies and other allied fields such as Physiotherapy/ Occupational Therapy etc).

- SB.44.10.4 The Board was also informed of the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee, that an entrance examination for category 'A' applicants that had been recommended in an earlier Doctoral Committee Meeting held on 25th January, 2011, be held in abeyance keeping in view that till now we have very limited number of applications.

The Board approved Minutes of both the Committees.

Item No.11 Consideration and approval of External Experts to be included in the panel for the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Child Development

- SB.44.11.1 A list of External Experts to be included in the panel for Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Child Development was placed before the School board for consideration and approval. The School Board approved the same.

Item No.12 Consideration and approval of list of Additional Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluator for DECE-1,2,3 & 4; CNCC-2 and ACC-1

- SB.44.12.1 A list of Additional Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluator for DECE-1,2,3 & 4; CNCC-2 and ACC-1 was placed before the School Board for consideration and approval. The School Board approved the same.

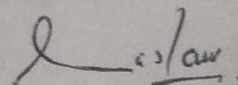
Item No.13 Consideration and approval of Evaluators for various programmes offered by SOCE

- SB.44.13.1 A list of Evaluators as proposed by SED and Regional Centres and examined by the concerned faculty for various programmes offered by SOCE was placed before the School Board for consideration and approval. The School Board approved the same.

Item No.14 Consideration and approval of Prof. Neerja Chadha as Internal Supervisor for Ms. Moushami S. Kadkol, a Ph.D student under category 'A' in the Discipline of Child Development

- SB.44.14.1 The School Board also ratified the action taken by the Research Council to have Prof. Neerja Chadha as Internal Supervisor for Ms. Moushami S. Kadkol, Ph.D candidate for Child Development.

The Meeting ended with a vote of the thank to the Chair.



(M. Aslam)
Chairperson