

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Minutes of the Fourth School Board Meeting held on July 08, 2008 at 9.00 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. Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, IGNOU | - Special Invitee |
| 3. Dr. B. S. Bhatia, Media Lab Asia, Ahmedabad | - Member |
| 4. Prof. Vibha Joshi, Professor, SOE, IGNOU | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Javed A. Farooqi, Reader, SOS, IGNOU | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Kaustuva Barik, Reader, SOSS, IGNOU | - Member |

The following could not attend:

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| 1. Prof. M.C. Pant, NIOS, NOIDA | - Member |
| 2. Prof. S.K. Jain, IIT, Delhi | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Pandav Nayak, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU | - Member |
| 4. Prof. R. G. Chouskey, PSSCIVE, Bhopal | - Member |
| 5. Mr. B.D. Mendiratta, Pusa Politechnic, New Delhi | - Member |

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

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

SOVET 4.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the third School Board meeting.

SOVET 4.1.1: The Chairman said that no comments were received on the Minutes of the Third School Board meeting.

SOVET 4.1.2: The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the third School Board meeting.

SOVET 4.2: To consider a proposal for vocational programmes in collaboration with City & Guilds (South Asia) Pvt. Ltd.

SOVET 4.2.1: The Chairman said that on June 24th, 2008 a meeting was organized with the representatives of City & Guilds. It was decided that City & Guilds can initially identify 3-4 programmes that can be launched through School of Vocational Education and Training. The proposals can be discussed further in the School Board. This meeting of the School Board was primarily aimed at for this purpose. He then asked Mr. Ravi Pillai, Director, City & Guilds (South Asia) to present his propoasal. Mr. Ravi Pillai has made a brief presentation on study support material provided by them in different sectors of vocational education and training. It offers a wide variety of services including standard qualifications, development of occupational standards, assessments and, certification, customized qualifications, quality assurance, accreditation services, etc.

SOVET 4.2.2 The City & Guilds has identified the following 4 sectors for collaboration with IGNOU:

- Security
- Spoken English
- Travel and Tourism
- Construction

The representative from PREMIERSHIELD Risk Management Enterprise, New Delhi also made a brief presentation on his organization's expertise in delivering the programmes in the security related areas.

SOVET 4.2.3 The security related courses can be offered involving PREMIERSHIELD Risk Management Enterprise, New Delhi. The courses related to spoken English can be offered through the existing colleges/IGNOU Centres where the required facilities are available. The partner Institutes for Travel and Tourism and Construction will be identified later. The entry qualification for security related courses will be Class 10 pass.

The Chairman said that specific expert groups for each sector will be constituted for further discussions and on the nature of specific courses related to the above identified sectors. A MoU can be signed between IGNOU, City & Guilds, and other partner Institutes.

SOVET 4.2.4 The members of the School Board discussed and approved the proposals of City & Guilds and the recommendations made at point 4.2.3 above.

SOVET 4.3 to SOVET 4.8:

To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) forms and Phase-3 (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) forms for the following programmes:

- **B.A. in Fashion Design**
- **B.A. in Textile Design**
- **B.A. in Fashion Merchandising and Production**

SOVET 4.3.1 to SOVET 4.8.1:

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Programme Coordinator said that based on the recommendations of the third School Board, School of Vocational Education and Training, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IGNOU and Pearl Academy of Fashion (PAF), New Delhi was signed on June 18, 2008. The MoU aims at offering the following 4 year degree programmes:

- B.A. in Fashion Design
- B.A. in Textile Design
- B.A. in Fashion Merchandising and Production

Dr. Naidu explained briefly that IGNOU and PAF will jointly offer one Certificate, Diploma and degree with multiple exit points in the areas of (a) Fashion Design, (b) Textile Design, and (c) Fashion Merchandising and Production. Each of the above programmes will be offered in a modular way with multiple exit points. On successful completion of first year, second year, and third & fourth years, the student will get a Certificate, Diploma and Degree respectively. The printed material of the first year of all the programmes are ready. The programmes could be launched in July 2008.

SOVET 4.3.2 to SOVET 4.8.2:

The School Board approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) forms and Phase-3 (Programme Design and Detailed Programme Report) forms for the following programmes (with multiple exit points leading to Certificate, Diploma and Degree):

- B.A. in Fashion Design
- B.A. in Textile Design
- B.A. in Fashion Merchandising and Production

SOVET 4.9: To consider Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "P.G. Diploma in Actuarial Science".

SOVET 4.9.1: Dr. C.G. Naidu, Programme Coordinator explained briefly the need and rationale for offering P.G. Diploma in Actuarial Science. He said that the Expert Committee could be constituted after the required approvals from School Board (Phase-1) and Academic Programme Committee (Phase-2).

SOVET 4.9.2: The School Board approved the Phase-1 (Programme Proposal) form for "P.G. Diploma in Actuarial Science".

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



(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman