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School of Education

**MINUTES OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER, 2008 IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM, SOE, IGNOU, NEW DELHI.**

The 27th meeting of the School Board of School of Education was held on 24th October, 2008 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room of SOE, Block-G, New Academic Complex, IGNOU.

The following members were present in the meeting:

01)	Prof. M.L. Koul	-	Chairperson
02)	Prof. Lokesh K. Verma	-	Member
03)	Prof. S.B. Arora	-	Member
04)	Prof. Tribhuvan Kapur	-	Member
05)	Dr. Jaswant Sokhi	-	Member
06)	Prof. M.C. Sharma	-	Member
07)	Prof. N.K. Dash	-	Member
08)	Prof. C. B. Sharma	-	Member
09)	Dr. Eisha Kannadi	-	Member
10)	Dr. Sutapa Bose	-	Member
11)	Dr. Vandana Singh	-	Member
12)	Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy	-	Special Invitee

Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE attended the meeting as a Special Invitee to present the agenda items pertaining to STRIDE.

Prof. Lokesh Koul, Prof. Mohd. Miyan, Mr. R. Rangasayee, Dr. M.N.G. Mani, Prof. Anu Aneja, Prof. Vibha Joshi and Ms. Poonam Bhushan could not attend the meeting due to some prior commitments.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members. He introduced new member Prof. Lokesh K. Verma to other members of School Board. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE was thanked for

representing STRIDE to present the agenda items received from STRIDE.

The following Item No. 13 to 16 were submitted by the STRIDE for approval of the School Board of School of Education. Prof. Ramanujam was requested to present these items first as he had to attend some other meeting.

- 13) **To consider and approve new Nomenclature, Structure, Duration, etc. of M.A. (Distance Education) and PGDDE (STRIDE).**
- 14) **To consider and approve Phase-Zero forms of various courses of current PGDDE and MADE, which shall be offered as M.A. (Distance Education) (STRIDE).**
- 15) **To consider and approve to constitute Revision Expert Committee for all the courses (STRIDE).**
- 16) **To authorise Director, STRIDE to form course teams and engage course writers in consultation with the Course Coordinators and Professors of the discipline (Expenditure shall be borne by STRIDE from its concerned Budget head).**

Prof. Ramanujam dealt with the agenda items one by one and briefly described the academic background of the programmes MADE and PGDDE, which are placed in SOE for technical reasons only. He also conveyed the decision of the faculty, STRIDE to integrate these two programmes and offer them as M.A. in Distance Education. He informed that PGDDE students after completing the programme successfully can join direct 2nd year of M.A. in Education.

He, thereafter, expressed that revision of PGDDE and MADE has been initiated and activities related to revision are in progress. The Director, STRIDE expressed that the approval of the School Board, SOE is required for revision and for change of nomenclature of MADE as M.A. in Distance Education.

He also placed before the School Board that Director, STRIDE may be authorized to form course teams in consultation with the Course Coordinators and Professors of the discipline. After the presentation, the Chairman requested the members for their comments.

Some members suggested that activities like Moderation of Question Papers of PGDDE and MADE programmes should be taken up by the STRIDE. There was also a suggestion that like PGDDE students who can enroll directly in the 2nd year of M.A. (Distance Education) as informed by Prof. Ramanujam, students of DDE who have also completed a project, should also be considered at par with PGDDE for direct admission to 2nd year M.A. (Distance Education). There were some other queries raised by some of the members regarding the credit transfer policy to be adopted for M.A. in Education/M.A. (Distance Education). The Director, STRIDE expressed that such request may be considered when the revision of the courses is carried out. It was also pointed out that IGNOU is launching new programmes with courses taken from other programmes and this approach is causing some confusion.

There was a suggestion that IGNOU should try to ensure that new programmes launched by the university are enlisted by UGC in the list of approved programmes and the information should be conveyed to the students.

It was suggested by some members that students who clear specialization area in Distance Education of 2nd year M.A. in Education programme of SOE may be given credit exemption, if they enroll for M.A. (Distance Education).

After detailed discussions, all the 4 items were approved by the School Board.

Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion in serial order.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 26th School Board Meeting of School of Education held on 7th July, 2008.

27.1 Prof. M.C. Sharma pointed out that decisions of the 42nd School Council (Item No. 42.3 and 42.4 respectively) which read as "*B.Ed. Programme will have only two languages namely - Teaching of English and Teaching of Hindi. Teaching of Tamil would be continued till 2009 and then will be withdrawn*" and "*The Coordinator, Ph.D. programme would convey to Ms. Samee Bansal that she may opt for a new Supervisor and have a Co-Guide from the faculty of SOE respectively*".

Dr. Eisha Kannadi pointed out that her observations on the minutes of the previous meeting had again not been incorporated in the minutes of the 26th School Board meeting. The Chairperson said that it would be taken care of.

Prof. N.K. Dash pointed out that in 26.8, it has to be mentioned that the item had been approved by the School Board, which is noted.

After these minor observations, the minutes of the 26th School Board meeting were confirmed.

Item No. 2: To consider and approve the research proposal of Mr. Vinay Kumar Singh for Ph.D. in Education programme and Dr. Masroor Jahan as his Supervisor.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the Research Proposal of Ms. Lalita Nair for Ph.D. in Education programme.

27.2 & 3 The Coordinator of the Ph.D. programme was requested to provide the details. He conveyed that recently IGNOU through an ordinance has allowed Ph.D. Students to identify a Supervisor for their Ph.D. work.

Some members expressed that the proposal of Mr. Vinay Kumar is related to an area which is out of the purview of Education and may not be accepted in the present form.

Regarding the 2nd proposal of Ms. Lalita Nair, some changes were suggested in the title. It was also suggested that the word Synopsis should be replaced by the term proposal. It was pointed out that the proposal presented before the faculty was different from that submitted to the School Board. This may be verified.

With regards to the Item No. 2 above, one of the external members said that Special Education is a part of Education, the topic is within the purview of SOE. Some other members supported this new point and expressed that the terms used in the proposal are frequently used in Education discipline. However, it was suggested that since the Guide is a clinical Psychologist, a Co-guide should be from the School of Education.

After a detailed discussion, a decision was taken that the proposal of Ms. Lalita Nair be approved and the proposal of Mr. Vinay Kumar Singh should be presented in the next School Board after the student takes care of the following observation:

"Rewrite the proposal especially objectives, methodology, etc. and link them to Education".

The item No. 3 was then approved.

Item No. 4: To consider and approve the Research Proposals of Five RTAs for registration in Ph.D. in Education programme.

27.4 The item was discussed at length and approved with the suggestion that modifications in the proposals, if needed, would be carried out later. One of the members wanted all the proposals to be discussed in the School Board, otherwise the item may be placed as a table item. Other members were of the opinion that since RTA's have already faced the interview and have prepared their proposals under the guidance of either the Supervisor or Co-Supervisor or some faculty member, need not to be discussed in the School Board.

The item was then approved by majority opinion.

Item No. 5: To consider and approve nomination of External Members on the Doctoral Committee of the School.

27.5 The item was discussed and approved. The Chairperson said more names could be added to the list, if necessary.

Item No. 6: To consider and approve evaluation of Research Proposals of Ph.D. candidates by academics from outside and also payment of a token remuneration of Rs. 300/- to the internal and outside faculty for evaluating Research Proposals of Ph.D candidates.

27.6 The item was discussed and approved on merit with the suggestion to enhance the amount from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/- as very senior people are involved in this activity.

Item No. 7: To consider and approve the permission to students of M.A. in Education to write their Assignments, Term-end Examination and Dissertation in Hindi Medium.

27.7 After a brief discussion, the item was approved unanimously in the interest of large number of learners opting for Hindi medium.

Item No. 8: To consider and approve the panel of evaluators for 1st year courses of M.A. in Education programme and ES-335, ES-343, and ES-361 of B.Ed. programme.

27.8 The item was approved unanimously.

Item No. 9: To consider and approve the panel of names for setting a Question Paper for MESE-015 of CETE programme.

27.9 There was a suggestion made by the external member that external members of School Board may also be requested to suggest names of evaluators and question paper setters to make these lists broad based.

The suggestion was accepted and the item was approved.

Item No. 10: To consider and approve the provision for Viva-Voce in all project courses.

27.10 After a detailed discussion, it was decided that the Course Coordinators of M.A. in Education programme and PGDET programme may put up a note to SED seeking information regarding the submission of Project Reports.

The item was then approved.

Item No. 11: To consider and approve Dr. Sutapa Bose & Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Lecturers (Senior Scale), School of Education for approving as Ph.D. Supervisors/Guides.

27.11 The item was approved unanimously as both the faculty members have qualified to become Ph.D. Guides/Supervisors as per the IGNOU norms.

Item No. 12: To consider and approve the list of evaluators for CIG programme.

27.12 The item was discussed and approved.

There was a suggestion made by Prof. Lokesh K. Verma, Jammu University that students with Education subject at graduate level should be given preference for admission to M.A. in Education programme of IGNOU. It was expressed that IGNOU has adopted an admission policy for different programmes, therefore, the suggestion cannot be accepted straightway. However, the matter will be looked into separately and placed before the relevant bodies of the university.

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

 21/11/08

(M.L. Koul)
Chairperson, School Board,
School of Education.