

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY NINTH MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 26.03.2011.**

**VENUE: VIVEKANANDA HALL, K.V.K.**

**DATE: 26.03.2011**

**TIME: 10.00 A.M.**

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OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 26.03.2011 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, KVK,  
GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM**

**Members Present:**

1.	Dr.SM..Ramasamy Vice-Chancellor	President
2.	Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Tamil, I.L. and R.A.	Member
3.	Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Prof. & Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
4.	Dr.N.S.Nagarajan, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences	Member
5.	Dr.M.William Baskaran, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences	Member
6.	Dr.T.Senthivel Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and A.H.	Member
7.	Dr.V.Rajarathinam Professor of Tamil.	Member
8.	Dr.P.Anandakumar Associate Professor in Tamil.	Member
9.	Dr.V.Nirmalarani Associate Professor in Tamil	Member
10.	Dr.M.Salim Baig, Associate Professor in Hindi.	Member
11.	Dr.S.Shaji Reader in Malayalam	Member
12.	Dr.M.A.Jeyaraju Professor of English	Member
13.	Sri.M.S.Prabhakaran Reader in English	Member
14.	Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
15.	Dr.V.Raghupathi Professor of Political Science & Development Administration	Member
16.	Dr.A.Celine Rani Associate Professor in Pol.Sci. & D.A.	Member
17.	Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran, Associate Professor in Political Science and Development Administration	Member
18.	Dr.M.Mallammal Professor in Gandhian Thought	Member
19.	Dr.R. Mani	Member

	Reader in Rural Reconstruction	
20.	Dr.S.Gurusamy Professor of Sociology	Member
21.	Dr.T.Rajendran Professor of Sociology	Member
22.	Dr. S.Ramachandran Professor of Economics	Member
23.	Dr. S.Ramaswamy Professor of Economics	Member
24.	Dr.P.Sivaprakasam Professor of Cooperation	Member
25.	Dr.B.Subburaj Professor of Cooperation	Member
26.	Dr.B.Tamilmani Associate Professor in Cooperation	Member
27.	Dr.K.Ravichandran, Associate Professor in Cooperation	Member
28.	Dr.S.Manivel Associate Professor in Cooperation	Member
29.	Dr.M.Soundarapandian Professor of RIM	Member
30.	Dr.R.Seerangarajan Professor of RIM	Member
31.	Dr.L.Rathakrishnan Associate Professor in RIM	Member
32.	Dr.K.Raja Alias Pranmalai, Associate Professor in RIM	Member
33.	Dr.M.Sundaravadivelu Professor of Chemistry	Member
34.	Dr.M.G.Sethuraman Professor of Chemistry	Member
35.	Dr.S.Ramesh Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
36.	Dr.S.Meenakshi Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
37.	Dr.P.Anithapius Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
38.	Dr.K.P.Elango, Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
39.	Dr.S.Abraham John Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
40.	Dr.G.Muralidharan Professor of Physics	Member
41.	Dr.K.Jayakumar Professor of Physics	Member
42.	Dr.P.Subramanian Professor of Physics	Member
43.	Dr.S.Arumugam Associate Professor in Physics	Member
44.	Dr.P.Vickraman Associate Professor in Physics	Member
45.	Dr.P.Balasubramaniam Professor of Mathematics	Member
46.	Dr.R.Uthayakumar,	Member

	Associate Professor in Mathematics	
47.	Dr.K.Velumani Professor of Futurology	Member
48.	Dr.K.P.Vasantha Devi Professor of Home Science	Member
49.	Dr.K.S.Pushpa Associate Professor in Home Science	Member
50.	Dr.R.I.Sathya Reader in Home Science	Member
51.	Dr.Thilagavathy Daniel Professor of Biology	Member
52.	Dr.R.Kumuthakalavalli Professor of Biology	Member
53.	Dr.A.David Ravindran Professor of Biology	Member
54.	Dr.M.R.Rajan Associate Professor in Biology	Member
55.	Dr.K.Somasundaram Professor of Computer Science & Applications	Member
56.	Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu, Associate Professor in Computer Sci. & Applns.	Member
57.	Dr.T.T.Ranganathan Professor of Agriculture	Member
58.	Dr.R.Udhayakumar Professor of Agricultural Engineering	Member
59.	Dr.S.Ganesh Associate Professor in Horticulture	Member
60.	Dr.M.Seethalakshmi Associate Professor in Dairying	Member
61.	Dr.G.S.Kannan Associate Professor in Plant Protection	Member
62.	Dr.M.Sundaramari Associate Professor in CE & AE	Member
63.	Dr.A.Ramanathan Associate Professor in AH	Member
64.	Dr.S.Ponnuraj Associate Professor in Public Health	Member
65.	Mrs.A.Jansirani Associate Professor in Microbiology	Member
66.	Dr.V.Anuradha, Associate Professor in Entomology	Member
67.	Dr.G.Dhanasekaran Asst.Prof. (Reader) in Health Education	Member
68.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar, Associate Professor in Rural Development	Member
69.	Dr.M.A.Sudhir Professor of Applied Research	Member
70.	Dr.S.Gunasekaran Associate Professor in Applied Research	Member
71.	Dr.A.Balakrishnan Associate Professor in Applied Research	Member
72.	Dr.K.Chellappan Associate Professor in Extension	Member
73.	Dr.S.Baluchamy	Member

	Associate Professor in Extension	
74.	Dr.L.Raja, Associate Professor in ACE & E.	Member
75.	Dr.V.Seeninatarajan Associate Professor in ACE & E	Member
76.	Dr.R.Subburaman, Associate Professor in ACE & E	Member
77.	Dr.M.P.Boraian Professor of Extension Education.	Member
78.	Dr.A.Easwaran Associate Professor in Extension Education.	Member
79.	Dr.A.Jahitha Begam, Associate Professor in Education	Member
80.	Dr.S.Nehru, Lecturer (Selection Grade) in Economics	Member
81.	Mr.R.Kumaran, Assistant Professor in Sociology	Member
82.	Dr.Ramasamy Sakthivadivel	Member
83.	Rev.Fr.(Dr).John Britto S.J.	Member
84.	Dr.G.Gopalakrishnan	Member
85.	Dr.N.Narayanasamy Registrar, GRI, Gandhigram.	Non-Member Secretary

### **Special Invitees Present**

1. Dr.M.Sivaraman,  
Controller of Examinations
2. Dr.A.P.A.Susila Kirubavathy,  
Deputy Registrar, Academic
3. Dr.J.Abraham,  
Deputy Librarian
4. Dr.D.Grace Nirmala,  
Deputy Director of Physical Education
5. Dr.K.S.Pushpa  
Coordinator, Distance Education Centre, GRI.
6. Director i/c., RTC., GRI.

The following could not attend the meeting

1. Dr.M.Kuruvammal
2. Dr.A.Pitchai
3. Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj
4. Dr.S.Narayanasamy
5. Dr.S.Ariponnammal
6. Sri S.Parthasaraty
7. Dr.T.Selvin Jebaraj Norman
8. Dr.N.D.Mani
9. Dr.N.Lalitha
10. Dr.C.Sivaprakasam

11. Sri S.Ravindran
12. Dr.V.K.Muthu
13. Dr.R.Srinivasan, Member
14. Dr.Premakumari Marshal, Member
15. Dr.K.Parthasarathy, Member

The meeting started at 10.00 a.m. with one minute silent prayer.

The President, at the outset welcomed the members of the Academic Council to its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting. He extended his warm welcome to the external members and nominees of the Chancellor, Dr.Ramasamy Sakthivadivel, Rev.Fr.(Dr).John Britto S.J. and Dr.G.Gopalakrishnan. He introduced the new members to the august body : Dr.S.Nehru, , Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu, Dr.R.I.Sathya and Sri.B.Kumaran

The President presented a brief report on the activities and achievements of GRI from 23.4.2010 :

- 28<sup>th</sup> Convocation was held on 28.10.2010. His Excellency the Vice-President of India and Chancellor of India presided.
- Common counselling system was introduced in the admissions in 2010-2011 session which has significantly increased the student enrolment from 1023 to 1114.
- Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy has been created in the University.
- Ph.D. admission has been brought under the centralized system through common advertisement, entrance test and roster systems. 71 candidates were admitted.
- Faculty members continued to apply for projects and large number of projects have been received.
- Project 'TANKRE' has been evolved for Rs.45 lakhs and submitted to the Ministry of Water Resources for funding.
- Under the Indo-Norwegian collaborative programme, a project on "Landslide and Forewarning System was evolved and submitted with the budget estimate of Rs.1 crore.
- Another project has been suggested to study the impacts on coastal society by the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute in the recently held Indo-Norwegian Annual Meet.
- GRI, through the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry is to enter into MoA with IOWA University on Western Ghats Eco System.
- The Rural Energy Centre has signed an MoA with RENCO, Chennai on Green Energy Programme.
- The faculty members of GRI have continued to publish papers in various national and international journals and also published and edited books.
- During the last 10 months, over 200 training programmes/Conferences / Seminars have been organised.
- Village Placement Programme, Field Training of students / Service Oriented Camps and Development of Entrepreneurship were taken up successfully.
- GRI Faculty members participated in over 200 Seminars / Workshops / Conferences.
- GRI Faculty members visited countries like China, Poland, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, U.K., Germany, South Africa, Croatia and Sri Lanka on various academic assignments.
- GRI has been re-accredited by NAAC with "A" Grade. The ceremony is being held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 at NAAC, Bangalore. The Vice-Chancellor will receive the award of re-accreditation.
- Vice-President of India has been unanimously nominated as Chancellor of GRI for another term of three years.
- Refresher Courses by the Departments of Rural Development and Rural Industries and Management were organised.
- DST "INSPIRE" Programme – a students camp conducted by the Rural Energy Centre has been a great success
- Academic Scholarship to a tune of Rs.1.02 crore has been received from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

- Projects worth of Rs.2.67 crores have been received under Sponsored and Action Research category from national and international funding agencies.

**1. Item No.563/2011.AC.III**

To confirm the minutes of the Thirty Eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 23.04.2010.

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the Thirty Eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 23.04.2010 and resolved to approve the same.**

**2. Item No.564/2011.AC.III**

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 23.04.2010.

**The Academic Council considered the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 23.04.2010 and resolved to approve the same with the following remarks :**

**2.11 – 526/2009.AC.VIII :**

1. The members sought clarifications on the 3 nos. of course work to be undertaken by the research scholars mentioned in the minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council. For the same, it was decided that the course work would be decided by the Research Supervisors / Doctoral Committee and syllabi and question papers will also be prepared and submitted to the Controller of Examinations.
2. For the query raised on the model provisional certificate to Ph.D. candidates joined from August session (2010) onwards, it was resolved to adopt the model provisional certificate as suggested under item No.526/2009/AC.VIII.
3. **Starting of new programmes in Gandhigram Rural Institute :**

The members wanted to know the status of starting of the 4 year B.Sc. Agriculture Programme from the Academic Year 2011-12 in Gandhigram Rural Institute. It was pointed out that approval from the University Grants Commission is yet to be received.

After deliberations regarding the above item it was resolved that the four year B.Sc. (Ag.) programme will be started only after getting UGC approval.

4. Regarding the above item on the report of the committee constituted for restructuring the Village Placement Programme, it was decided to discuss this issue in a separate meeting of the Academic Council. Besides it was resolved to review the functioning of Rural Extension and Evaluation Cell in order to strengthen the VPP.

**3. Item No.565/2011.AC.III**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to study the possibilities of issuing of equivalence certificate to M.Sc Applied Biology students studied from 1993 to 2007.

**Dr.R.Kumuthakalavalli, Professor and Head of the Department of Biology presented the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to study the possibilities of issuing of**

equivalence certificate to M.Sc Applied Biology students who studied from 1993 to 2007 and it was seconded by Dr.M.A. Sudhir.

The Academic Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee in issuing equivalence certificate to the students of M.Sc. Applied Biology programme who studied in Gandhigram Rural Institute during the years 1993 to 2007 to that of M.Sc. Botany / M.Sc. Zoology.

It was further resolved that uniform norms should be evolved / prescribed for issue of equivalence certificate wherever necessary. It was further suggested that to clear the backlog in this regard, the pending cases may be taken up individually on case by case basis.

**4. Item No.566/2011.AC.III**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor for granting special extension for a period of 3 months for submission of thesis by Ms.A.J.Saigeetha, Full time research scholar, Dept. of Physics, GRI.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting special extension for the period of 3 months for submission of thesis by Ms.A.J.Saigeetha, Full time research scholar, Dept. of Physics, GRI.

**5. Item No.567/2011.AC.III**

To consider interchange of semesterwise courses in M.A. (5 yr.Int.) Development Administration Programme

Dr.V.Raghupathy, Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science and Development Administration presented the proposal of interchanging papers in the M.A. (5 year) Integrated Development Administration Programme and it was seconded by Dr.L.Raja.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the proposed interchange of semesterwise courses in M.A. (5 yr.Int.) Development Administration Programme.

**6. Item No.568/2011.AC.III**

To consider post approval on the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in conducting Viva Voce and declaring the results for Mr.L.Devaraj Stephen.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in conducting the Viva Voce and declaring the results for Mr.L.Devaraj Stephen, Research Scholar of GRI.

**7. Item No.569/2011.AC.III**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for recognizing the six Research Supervisors.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing the following six Research Supervisors as noted below:



Sl.No.	Name and Designation	Area of Specialization	With effect from
1	Dr.S.Radhakrishnan Assistant Professor Dept. of GT & PS., GRI.	Rural Development and Gandhian Thought	16.7.2009
2	Dr.K.Velumani Professor & Director Centre for Women Studies, GRI.	Women Studies	23.7.2010
3	Dr.P.U.Mahalingam Assistant Professor Department of Biology, GRI.	Microbiology and allied fields	12.3.2010
4	Dr.A.Jahitha Begum Associate Professor Department of Education, GRI.	Education	13.10.2010
5	Dr.P.Nithiyanthi Assistant Professor Department of Physics, GRI.	Physics	18.10.2010
6	Dr.S.Nehru Lecturer (Sl.Grade) Department of Economics, GRI.	Economics	11.02.2011

The members suggested that the staff members of Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy may also be permitted to guide M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholars.

Regarding giving recognition of Research Guideship to staff of Library and Computer Centre, it was decided to take up the cases separately.

It was resolved that the Research Advisory Committee may revisit the cases for guideship and to constitute a Committee for this purpose.

#### 8. Item No.570/2011.AC.III

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor for recognizing the following external experts as Joint Research Supervisors in GRI.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in recognizing the following external experts as Joint Research Supervisors in GRI.

Sl.No.	Name of the Joint Supervisor	Research Scholar	Date
1.	Dr.K.Ganesan, Senior Professor, School of Information Technology & Engineering, VIT University, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.	Mr.R.Madhavan, Part-time scholar Centre for Futures Studies	19.11.2010
2.	Dr.K.Bhanuprakash, Senior Scientist (Physiology) Division of Seed Science & Tech., Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hasaragatta Lake, Bangalore	M.N.Arun Part-time scholar Faculty of Agriculture & AH	21.2.2011
3.	Dr.T.Sreenivas, Scientific Officer (G), Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), Dept. of Atomic Energy, Hyderabad	Mr.V.Madakaruppan Part-time scholar Department of Chemistry	14.2.2011

4.	Dr.Sabu Thomas, Professor, School Of Chemical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala	Mr.S.Prasanth Kumar Part-time scholar Department of Chemistry	08.02.2011
5.	Dr.R.V.Subha Rao, Scientific Officer (G), Indhira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam.	Mr.K.Dhamodharan Part-time scholar Department of Chemistry	08.02.2011

**9. Item No.571/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Agriculture held on 19.11.2010.

**Dr.T.Senthivel presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Agriculture held on 19.11.2010 and it was seconded by Prof.M.A.Sudhir.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Agriculture held on 19.11.2010 and resolved to approve the same subject to the following condition :**

**After deliberations regarding the above item it was resolved that the four year B.Sc. (Ag.) programme will be started only after getting UGC approval.**

**10. Item No.572/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Women Studies held on 03.02.2011.

**Dr.K.Velumani, Professor presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Women Studies held on 3.2.2011 and it was seconded by Dr.P.Anandakumar.**

**The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Women Studies held on 03.02.2011 and it was resolved that the M.Phil. Programme in Women's Studies may be started after the approval of the University Grants Commission.**

**Further the Academic Council approved the following items also**

1. To introduce Inter-departmental elective course at P.G. Level.
2. To approve the syllabus of Inter-departmental elective paper and M.Phil in Women's Studies.
3. To approve the list of examiners

**11. Item No.573/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 04.02.2011.

**Dr.A.Jahitha Begam, Associate Professor presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 04.02.2011 and it was seconded by Dr.A.Ramanathan.**

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Education.

However as far as PG Diploma Course in Education Technology is concerned it can be conducted as a separate regular programme.

12. Item No.574/2011.AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Extension Education held on 18.03.2011.

Dr.M.P.Borian, Professor and HOD of Extension Education presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Extension Education held on 18.03.2011 and it was seconded by Prof.T.Rajendran

After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to defer the starting of M.Phil. Programme in Corporate Social Responsibility. The Academic Council further resolved that the name of the Rural Extension and Evaluation Cell may be retained as such as it was sanctioned by UGC.

13. Item No.575/2011.AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 25.02.2011.

Dr.K.Somasundaram, Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science and Applications presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 25.02.2011 and it was seconded by Dr.G.Palanithurai.

The Academic Council considered the minutes and resolved to approve the same.

14. Item No.576/2011.AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Home Science held on 19.03.2011.

Dr.K.P.Vasantha Devi, Professor and Head of the Department of Home Science presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Home Science held on 19.03.2011 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Velumani.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Home Science. It was resolved to have optimum strength of 20 for all the Post-Graduate Programmes. A common framework of scheme of evaluation as is being following shall be kept in view while framing the syllabus for M.Phil. Programme. This is applicable to M.Phil. Programme in Food Science and Nutrition also.

15. Item No.577/2011.AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Agriculture held on 18.03.2011.

**Dr.T.Senthivel, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Agriculture held on 18.3.2011 and it was seconded by Prof.S.Ramaswamy.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved that the establishment of a Centre for Climate Change and Mitigation Research may be discussed under “Any other item”.**

**The Academic Council considered the creation of three Departments in the Faculty, viz., Department of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture and Department of Animal Husbandry and resolved to approve the same in principle. As it requires the approval of the University Grants Commission, it was resolved that the proposal for trifurcation may be placed in the Syndicate and on its approval, to send the proposal to the University Grants Commission. It was resolved that till such time the status quo shall continue.**

**16. Item No.578/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 15.02.2011.

**Dr.P.Balasubramanian, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 15.02.2011 and it was seconded by Prof.M.Sundaravadivelu.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 15.02.2011.**

**17. Item No.579/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 18.03.2011.

**Dr.S.Ramachandran, Professor and Head of the Department of Economics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 18.03.2011 and it was seconded by Prof.B.Subburaj.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 18.03.2011. The Academic Council pointed out that the approval of the panel of subject experts for scoring committee by the Board of Studies does not arise as there is no provision in the UGC Rerulations, 2010.**

**18. Item No.580/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Industries and Management held on 18.03.2011.

**Dr.M.Soundarapandian, Professor and Head of the Department of Rural Industries and Management presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Industries and Management held on 18.03.2011 and it was seconded by Prof.R.Kumuthakalavalli.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Industries and Management held on 18.03.2011 and resolved to approve the change of**

title of the Programme Diploma in Khadi and Handloom Technology to Diploma in Textile Technology from the academic year 2011-12 and also the panel of examiners. The Academic Council also considered the proposal of introduction of B.Sc. in Apparel Technology and Management and resolved to defer the same.

The Academic Council has also approved the revised syllabi of BBA (RIM) for implementation from the year 2011-2012.

**19. Item No.581/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 22.03.2011.

**Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Professor and Dean, Faculty of English presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 22.03.2011 and it was seconded by Dr.William Baskaran.**

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 22.03.2011. The Academic Council further suggested that the recommendations of the BOS to offer English Course for other PG Disciplines – MCA, M.Sc. IT, MBA and MA (Dev. Admn.) may be extended to all the PG Programmes.

**20. Item No.582/2011.AC.III**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 28.02.2011.

**Dr.P.Sivaparakasam, Professor and Head, Department of Cooperation presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 28.02.2011 and it was seconded by Prof.S.Gurusamy.**

The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 28.02.2011 and it was resolved to approve the same with the condition that Point No.5 – Educational qualification for appointment to the teaching posts in cooperation and Point No.6 – Workshop on curriculum Development in Cooperation be deleted.

**21. Item No.583/2011.AC.III**

To change the name of the Department of Adult Continuing Education & Extension as Department of Life Long Learning.

**Dr.K.Chellappan, Professor and HOD of the Department of Adult Continuing Education presented the need to change the name of the Department of Adult Continuing Education & Extension as Department of Lifelong Learning in line with the recommendations of University Grants Commission.**

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve and change the name of the Department of Adult Continuing Education & Extension as Department of Lifelong Learning.

22. Item No.584/2011.AC.III - ANY OTHER MATTER :

The Academic Council considered the proposal for creation of the following Centres at Gandhigram Rural Institute, presented by the Vice-Chancellor :

1. Centre for Applied Geology
2. Centre for Nano Technology
3. Centre for Climate Change
4. Centre for Tribal Studies

The Academic Council resolved to approve the creation of "Centre for Applied Geology" in view of the fact that UGC has already approved academic positions for the Centre for Applied Geology. The Centre will function under Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences.

The Academic Council resolved to approve the creation of Centre for Nanoscience and Technology under the Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences, Centre for Climate Change under the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and Centre for Tribal Studies under the Faculty of Rural Development .

The Academic Council placed on record and appreciated the long and fruitful services rendered by Dr.P.Sivaprakasam, Dr.K.Chellappan and Dr.V.K.Muthu as academicians and as members of the Academic Council.

The meeting came to a close at 4.15 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

GANDHIGRAM  
28.04..2011

DR.SM.RAMASAMY  
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.N.NARAYANASAMY  
REGISTRAR