

**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY  
GANDHIGRAM**

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY FIRST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
HELD ON 30.06.2017 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, FACULTY GUEST HOUSE  
GRI, GANDHIGRAM**

**Members Present:**

1.	Dr. S. Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Dr.V.Rajarathinam Professor and Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts	Member
3.	Dr. G. Baskaran Professor and Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages	Member
4.	Dr. B. Subburaj Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences	Member
5.	Dr. N.D. Mani Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Development	Member
6.	Dr. G. Dhanasekaran Associate Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation	Member
7.	Dr.M.Saleem Baig Professor and Head in-charge, Department of Hindi	Member
8.	Dr. P. Anandakumar Professor and Head, Department of Tamil	Member
9.	Dr. R.Uthayakumar Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
10.	Dr. M. Sivaraman, Professor and Head, Department of Physics	Member
11.	Dr. S. Meenakshi Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
12.	Dr. R.I. Sathya Professor and Head, Dept. of Home Science	Member
13.	Dr. M.R. Rajan, Professor and Head Department of Biology	Member
14.	Dr. P. Kalavathi Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Computer Science and Applications	Member
15.	Dr.K.Ravichandran Professor and Head, Department of Cooperation	Member
16.	Dr. S. Nehru, Professor and Head, Department of Economics	Member
17.	Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
18.	Dr. R. Mani Professor and Head, Dept. of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
19.	Dr. S. Gurusamy, Head in-charge, Department of Sociology	Member
20.	Dr. L. Rathakrishnan, Professor and Head in-charge, Department of RIM	Member

21.	Dr.A.Jahitha Begum Professor and Head in-charge, Department of Education	Member
22.	Dr. P. Anandharajakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Development	Member
23.	Dr. C. Sivaprakasam, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Research	Member
24.	Dr. L. Raja Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension	Member
25.	Dr. M.P. Boraian Professor and Head, Department of Extension Education	Member
26.	Dr. S. Ramaswamy Professor, Department of Economics and Director – R&D	Member
27.	Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry and Director, IQAC	Member
28.	Dr. T. Senthivel, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Member
29.	Dr. T. Rajendran, Professor, Department of Sociology	Member
30.	Dr. M. Mallammal Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
31.	Dr. K. Velumani, Professor, Centre for Future Studies	Member
32.	Dr.V.Raghupathi Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
33.	Dr.K.Jayakumar, Professor, Department of Physics	Member
34.	Sri S. Parthasarathy, Associate Professor, Department. of Mathematics	Member
35.	Dr. P.U. Mahalingam, Associate Professor, Department of Biology	Member
36.	Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning	Member
37.	Dr. K. Manikandan, Associate. Professor, Department of Economics	Member
38.	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Associate Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
39.	Dr. K. Marimuthu, Associate Professor, Department of Physics	Member
40.	Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan - VC 's Nominee Former VC, Mother Teresa Women's University	Member
41.	Dr.K.Muthuchelian – VC's Nominee (Former Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University) Head and Chairperson, School of Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Madurai Kamaraj University, Palkalai Nagar, Madurai	Member
42.	Dr.C.Thangamuthu – VC's Nominee Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University	Member

43	Dr. M. Sundaramari, Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee
44	Dr. G. Muralidharan Professor, Department of Physics & Coordinator, CBCS Programme	Special Invitee
45	Dr. K. Mahendran, Professor and Director i/c, RTC	Special Invitee
46	Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Director i/c, Centre for Applied Geology	Special Invitee
47	Dr. C. Sugumar. Head and Deputy Director of Physical Education and Yoga Centre	Special Invitee
48	Dr. V. Kirubakaran, Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre	Special Invitee
49	Dr. I. Kasparraj Director i/c., Computer Centre	Special Invitee
50	Dr. R. Seerangarajan, Professor, Dept. of RIM and Director, Koushal Kendra	Special Invitee
51	Dr. R. Udayakumar Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Special Invitee
52	Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Registrar, GRI	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting :

Dr. M.Sundaravadivelu, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences  
 Dr.M.Seethalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry,  
 Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages,  
 Dr. T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman, Professor, Centre for Future Studies

The following Special Invitees could not attend the meeting :

Dr. K. Somasundaram, Professor & Director (Academic)  
 Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Deputy Librarian

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 10.30 a.m.

Dr. S. Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute and Chairperson of the Academic Council welcomed the members. He introduced and welcomed the new members, Dr.C.Thangamuthu, former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and Dr.K.Muthuchelian, former Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University to the august body. He wished the members for a very successful academic year ahead. He thanked the members for their august presence to discuss the academic matters of the GRI. He presented the activities that took place since the previous Academic Council meeting.

- ❖ Appointment of Dr.KM.Annamalai, Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute for a period of five years from 20.04.2017.
- ❖ First GRI Society meeting held on 29.05.2017 in New Delhi in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development as Chairperson.

- ❖ Rank 91 out of 100 in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). It is a milestone as GRI has registered for the first time and has achieved this from among 740 Universities.
- ❖ GRI website ranking of 71
- ❖ Streamlining the Ph.D. admission as January session for part-time candidates and August session for full-time candidates.
- ❖ Admission of 1334 students for the academic year 2017-18.
- ❖ Digitization of all activities of the Institute, including admission of students through single window system, salary to staff members, etc.
- ❖ Orientation programme to faculty members on National Digital Library

Dr.Anandhavalli Mahadevan, on behalf of the members of the Academic Council, welcomed the new Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dr.KM.Annamalai and wished him all success. She informed that the Gandhigram Rural Institute has showed its growth and development in all the phases like digitization of admission process, collection of fees, admission demand ratio at the rate of 1 : 24, additions to infrastructure and she congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and all the staff members for this stupendous growth.

With these introductory remarks, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**1. Item No.818/2017/AC.VI:**

To confirm the minutes of the Fiftieth meeting of the Academic Council held on 08.03.2017.

**The Academic Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the Fiftieth meeting of the Academic Council held on 08.03.2017.**

**2. Item No.819/2017/AC.VI:**

To consider and approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 08.03.2017.

**The Vice-Chancellor informed the august body that University Grants Commission has given extension to Centre for Women's Studies only up to 30.09.2017 and hence introduction of new Programmes by the Centre for Women's Studies could not be considered. (Item No. 794/2017/AC.III.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 08.03.2017.**

**3. Item No.820/2017/AC.VI:**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of Research Advisory Committee held on 05.05.2017.

**Dr. S.Ramaswamy, Director (Research and Development) presented the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 05.05.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.N.D.Mani, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Development.**

**It was pointed out that the candidates are admitted to Ph.D. after going through the process of written examination and interview along with common presentation in the presence of senior academicians, etc. and admissions are being carried out as per UGC norms.**

**The members felt the need to improve the quality of research by the scholars and appreciated the decision of the Research Advisory Committee in making the Course Work compulsory for Ph.D. candidates from the academic year 2017-18.**

**The members appreciated the decision (of the RAC) that the registration of a candidate to Ph.D. will be confirmed only after the successful completion of course work examinations within the stipulated time limit.**

**The Chairperson requested the Deans and Heads of Departments to discuss at Faculty level / Department level on the coursework examination, the procedure to be followed in setting of question papers, assessment / evaluation, etc. The decision taken in the meeting of the Faculty/ Department shall be discussed in the Deans / Heads of Department meeting and later be placed in the RAC. The decision of the RAC may be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council which is likely to be conducted in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of August, 2017.**

**After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Research Advisory Committee held on 05.05.2017.**

**4. Item No.821/2017/AC.VI:**

To consider and ratify the actions taken by the Vice-Chancellor (i) in constituting the Expert Committee for staggering of M.Sc. Dairy Science Programme and (ii) for implementing the recommendations of the Expert Committee as per the directions of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017.

**Dr.R.Seerangarajan, Director, Kousal Kendra presented the minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee and it was seconded by Dr.B.Subburaj, Professor, Department of Cooperation.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the actions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in implementing the recommendations of the Expert Committee and introducing B.Voc.(Dairy Production and Technology) Programme from the academic year 2017-18.**

5. **Item No.822/2017/AC.VI:**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 16.06.2017.

**Dr.S.Gurusamy, Professor and Head in-charge of the Department of Sociology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies held on 16.06.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Velumani, Professor, Centre for Future Studies.**

It was felt that the exit option in the module will tempt the students to opt out of the Programme at the end of three years with a bachelor degree and he will suffer in the society without having any knowledge of Sociology because in integrated programmes the syllabus are framed in such a way that they will not be familiar either with the major papers of Sociology or the elective papers at the end of three years. The members insisted that piece-meal like syllabus will not be effective in integrated programmes and the students will not be able to compete with the students of regular U.G. Sociology students of other colleges. This is due to the fact that 5 year Programme is a very rigorous one and integration of the subjects (Courses) is very important.

It was pointed out that all the Programmes should have a Course on Environmental Studies and the syllabus of M.A. (5 year Integrated) Sociology will be framed in such a way to include Environmental Studies as per the UGC norms.

The Academic Council, after detailed discussion, resolved that the M.A. (5 year integrated) Sociology programme (without exit option) will be offered in lieu of M.A.Sociology from the academic year 2017-18.

6. **Item No.823/2017/AC.VI:**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing Dr.K.K.Murugan, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, GRI-DU as a Research Supervisor for Ph.D. scholars in the *area of Education*.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing Dr.K.K.Murugan, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, GRI-DU as a Research Supervisor for Ph.D. scholars in the area of Education.

7. **Item No.824/2017/AC.VI:**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Sc. Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry held on 21.06.2017.

**Dr. R. Udayakumar, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Sc. Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry held on 21.06.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.P.U.Mahalingam, Associate Professor.**

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the change of title of B.Sc. Agriculture as B.Sc. Agriculture (Hons.) starting from the academic year 2017-18 and further resolved to approve the syllabus that has been framed as per the ICAR norms.

**8. Item No.825/2017/AC.VI**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Dairy Production and Technology held on 27.05.2017

**Dr.R.Seerangarajan, Director, Koushal Kendra presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Dairy Production and Technology held on 27.05.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.T.Rajendran, Professor, Department of Sociology.**

**The Director, Koushal Kendra informed that the skill component is internal for all B.Voc. Programmes and skill component assessment for B.Voc. Dairy Production and Technology is done by Agriculture Sector Skill Council of India.**

**The Chairman stated that the syllabus for the next four semesters may be prepared and placed in the Board of Studies so as to discuss the same in the next Academic Council.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Dairy Production and Technology held on 27.05.2017.**

**9. Item No.826/2017/AC.VI**

To consider and ratify the actions taken by the Vice-Chancellor (i) in constituting the Expert Committee for restructuring and revisiting the current MBA Programmes and (ii) for implementing the recommendations of the Expert Committee as per the directions of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017.

**Dr.B.Subburaj, Director, MBA Programme presented the minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee and it was seconded by Dr.L.Raja, Professor, Department of Life Long Learning and Extension.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the actions taken by the Vice-Chancellor (i) in constituting the Expert Committee for restructuring and revisiting the current MBA Programmes and (ii) for implementing the recommendations of the Expert Committee as per the directions of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017.**

**10. Item No.827/2017/AC.VI**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Management for MBA Programme held on 22.06.2017.

**Dr.B.Subburaj, Director, MBA Programme presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Management for MBA Programme held on 22.06.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Ramaswamy.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Management for MBA Programme held on 22.06.2017.**

**11. Item No.828/2017/AC.VI**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 19.06.2017.

**Dr.K.Ravichandran, Head of the Department of Cooperation presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 19.06.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.R.Mani, Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 19.06.2017.**

**The meeting came to a close at 1.15 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.**

**Dr. P. BALASUBRAMANIAM  
REGISTRAR**

**Dr. S. NATARAJAN  
VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Gandhigram  
30.06.2017**