

**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE**  
**(Deemed to be University)**  
**GANDHIGRAM**

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY THIRD MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 26.03.2018 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, FACULTY GUEST HOUSE**  
**GRI, GANDHIGRAM**

1. **Dr.S. Natarajan**  
Vice-Chancellor, GRI ... Chairperson
2. **Dr. V. Rajarathinam**  
Dean, School of Tamil and Indian Languages, GRI
3. **Dr.G.Baskaran**  
Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages, GRI
4. **Dr.N.D.Mani**  
Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI
5. **Dr.S.Gurusamy**  
Dean, School of Social Sciences, GRI
6. **Dr.M.Soundarapandian**  
Dean, School of Management Studies, GRI
7. **Dr.A.David Ravindran**  
Dean, School of Sciences, GRI
8. **Dr.B.Gurugnanam**  
Dean, School of Computer Science & Technologies, GRI
9. **Dr.M.Seethalakshmi**  
Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, GRI
10. **Dr. P. Anandakumar**  
Head, Department of Tamil, GRI
11. **Dr.M.Saleem Baig**  
Head In-charge, Department of Hindi, GRI
12. **Dr.A.Balakrishnan**  
Head, Department of Rural Health and Development Studies, GRI
13. **Dr.M.Mallammal**  
Head, Department of Gandhian Studies and Sociology, GRI
14. **Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran**  
Head, Department of Political Science and Development  
Administration, GRI
15. **Dr.A.Jahitha Begum**  
Head Incharge, Department of Education GRI
16. **Dr.K.Raja alias Pranmalai**  
Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management, GRI
17. **Dr.S.Nehru**  
Head, Department of Economics, GRI
18. **Dr.S.Manivel**  
Head, Department of Co-operation, GRI

19. **Dr.R.Uthayakumar**  
Head, Department of Mathematics, GRI
20. **Dr.M.Sivaraman**  
Head, Department of Physics, GRI
21. **Dr.S.Meenakshi**  
Head, Department of Chemistry, GRI
22. **Dr.R.I.Sathya**  
Head, Department of Home Science, GRI
23. **Dr.M.R.Rajan**  
Head, Department of Biology, GRI
24. **Dr.P.Kalavathi**  
Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications, GRI
  
25. **Dr. S. Ramaswamy**  
Professor , Dept. of Economics, GRI
26. **Dr. M.G. Sethuraman**  
Professor , Department of Chemistry, GRI
27. **Dr. K. Velumani**  
Professor , Centre for Future Studies, GRI
28. **Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj**  
Professor, School of English & Foreign Languages, GRI
29. **Dr.P.Subramanian**  
Professor, Department of Physics, GRI
30. **Dr.S.Ganesh**  
Professor , School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, GRI
  
31. **Smt.A.Jansi Rani**  
Associate Professor, Centre for Rural Health, GRI
32. **Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali**  
Associate Professor, Department of Home Science, GRI
33. **Smt.Balasundari. S**  
Associate Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages, GRI
  
34. **Dr. K. Manikandan**  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, GRI
35. **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**  
Assistant Professor, Centre for Gandhian Studies, GRI
36. **Dr. K. Marimuthu**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, GRI
  
37. **Dr. C.Thangamuthu**  
(Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli)  
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38. **Dr.S.Shaji**  
Director, Centre for Malayalam Studies, GRI
39. **Dr.P.Anandharajakumar**  
Director, Centre for Development Studies, GRI
40. **Dr.S.Baluchamy**  
Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, GRI
41. **Dr.K.Mahendran**  
Director, Centre for Rural Technology, GRI
42. **Dr.V.Kirubakaran**  
Director, Centre for Rural Energy, GRI

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.Somasundaram Director (Academic), GRI	Special Invitee
46.	Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu Director, IQAC, GRI	Special Invitee
47.	Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan Deputy Librarian & Library In-charge, GRI	Special Invitee
48.	Dr. C. Sugumar. Head and Deputy Director of Physical Education & Yoga Centre, GRI	Special Invitee
49.	Dr. I. Kaspar Raj Director i/c., Computer Centre, GRI	Special Invitee
50.	Dr. R. Seerangarajan, Director, Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Kaushal Kendra, GRI	Special Invitee
51.	Dr. R. Udayakumar Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme , GRI	Special Invitee
52.	<b>Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar</b> Registrar Gandhigram Rural Institute Gandhigram.	Secretary

The following members / Special Invitees could not attend the meeting:

**Dr.M.P.Boraian**

Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI

**Dr. T. Senthivel**

Professor , School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences

**Dr. T. Rajendran**

Professor , Centre for Studies in Sociology

**Dr.V.Raghupathi**

Professor, Department of Political Science  
And Development Administration, GRI

**Dr.K. Jayakumar**

Professor, Department of Physics, GRI

**Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan**

(former Vice-Chancellor of Mother Teresa University, Kodaikkanal)

**Prof.Dr.K.Muthuchelian**

Head and Chairperson, School of Energy,  
Environment and Natural Resources, Madurai Kamaraj University

Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Director, International Programmes, GRI

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

The Chairperson welcomed the members and introduced Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar, Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute to the august body. He welcomed the new members Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali, Associate Professor, Department of Home Science and Smt.S.Balasundari, Associate Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages.

The Chairperson presented the activities of GRI from 06.10.2017 to 25.03.2018.

Professor C.Thangamuthu appreciated the efforts taken by the Vice-Chancellor, academic and non-academic staff of the Institute in reaching the higher scales in the education arena.

1. **Item No.860/2018/AC.III**

To confirm the minutes of the Fifty Second meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.10.2017.

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Fifty Second meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.10.2017.**

2. **Item No.861/2018/AC.III**

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 05.10.2017.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 05.10.2017.

**Item No.831 /2017/AC.X : Point No.7.3 : The Academic Council suggested to re-issue a Circular through Academic Section regarding (i) appointment of Guide for the Ph.D. candidates and (ii) the regulation regarding Panel of Examiners within 8 weeks.**

3. **Item No.862/2018/AC.III**

To consider and direct on the request of the Head, Department of Hindi to reduce the intake of M.A. Hindi Programme from 25 students to 10 students.

**The Academic Council considered to take up this item along with Item No.868/2018/AC.III.**

4. **Item No.863/2018/AC.III**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of Research Advisory Committee held on 20.03.2018.

**Dr.S.Ramaswamy, Director, Research and Development presented the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 01.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Health and Development Studies.**

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 20.03.2018.**

**The Academic Council while discussing the Regulations 2018 for the award of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.), under Point No. 6 – Evaluation – 6.4 – “on receipt of the reports of**

the examiners, the consolidated report shall be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration through BORS”

The Academic Council considered the M.Phil Regulations w.e.f. the academic year 2018-2019 and approved as follows :

1. The Schools / Departments / Centres who wish to continue to have stand alone M.Phil. Programme shall continue to do so by admitting candidates for M.Phil. Programme.
2. The Schools / Departments / Centres who wish to have Integrated Ph..D. with M.Phil. Programme shall start the Integrated M.Phil. Programme with effect from the academic year 2018-19, after the same is approved in the respective Board of Studies and the Academic Council thereafter.

5. **Item No.864/2018/AC.III**

Finalization of templates on credit distribution for different academic programmes to be offered from the academic year 2018-19 - (Coordinator (CBCS) & Director (Academic), GRI)

- Post Graduate
- Under Graduate
- Post Graduate Diploma
- Diploma
- Certificate
- AICTE approved programmes (MBA, MCA, M.Tech, B.Tech, DTT)
- ICAR approved programmes (B.Sc. Agri (Hons))
- NCTE approved programmes (B.Ed., M.Ed., B.Sc. B.Ed.)

**Dr.G.Muralidharan, Professor of Physics and Co-ordinator, CBCS presented the template on credit distribution for different programmes and it was seconded by Dr.N.D.Mani, Dean, School of Health Sciences & Rural Development.**

**The Academic Council considered and requested the Deans / Heads of Departments / Directors to send in their remarks, if any, after their discussion at Centre, Department and School level(s) with the faculty members.**

6. **Item No.865/2018/AC.III**

Finalization of template on specific Programme outcome, Course outcome and objective as per the guidelines for the Assessment of Institutions by NAAC - (Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Professor of Chemistry, GRI).

**Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Professor of Chemistry presented the template on specific Programme outcome, Course outcome and objective as per the guidelines for the Assessment of Institutions by NAAC and it was seconded by Dr.M.Sivaraman, Professor and HOD of Physics.**

**The Academic Council appreciated the indepth knowledge of Dr.M.G.Sethuraman on the Assessment of Institutions and resolved to conduct a one day workshop to all the faculty members for their understanding of the same and then to switch-over to the concepts required by the Institute in a phased manner.**

7. **Item No.866/2018/AC.III**

Examination and Evaluation Reforms – (Controller of Examinations, GRI)

**The Academic Council deferred this item of agenda.**

8. **Item No.867/2018/AC.III**

Model Syllabus for the new programmes to be offered (Coordinator (CBCS) & Director (Academic), GRI)

**Dr.G.Muralidharan, Professor of Physics and Co-ordinator, CBCS presented the template on credit distribution for different programmes and it was seconded by Dr.David Ravindran, Dean, School of Sciences.**

**The Academic Council considered and requested the Deans / Heads of Departments / Directors to send in their remarks, if any, after their discussion at Centre, Department and School level(s) with the faculty members.**

9. **Item No.868/2018/AC.III**

Presentation and finalization of academic programmes to be offered from the academic year 2018-19 with details of targeted admission strength and minimum educational qualification for admission.

**The Academic Council considered the presentation of the academic programmes to be offered by the Schools / Departments / Centres during 2018-19 by the Deans / Heads of Departments and Directors and approved the following Programmes :**

Sl.No.	Programme
01	M.A. Tamil and Indian Literature
02	M.A. Hindi
03	M.A. English and Communicative Studies
04	M.A. Rural Studies
05	M.A. Gandhian Studies and Peace Science
06	M.A. Economics
07	M.Com. (Cooperative Management)
08	M.Sc. Mathematics
09	M.Sc. Physics
10	M.Sc. Chemistry
11	M.Sc. Food Science and Nutrition
12	M.Sc. Home Science Extension and Communication
13	M.Sc. Textiles and Fashion Design
14	M.Sc. Botany
15	M.Sc. Zoology
16	M.Sc. Microbiology
17	M.Sc. Applied Geology and Geomatics

18	M.Sc. Geoinformatics
19	M.A. Development Administration (5 yrs. Integrated)
20	M.A. Sociology (5 yrs. Integrated)
21	P.G.Diploma in Spatial Technologies
22	P.G.Diploma in Applied Gerontology
23	P.G.Diploma in Sanitary Inspector's Course
24	P.G.Diploma in Educational Cognitive Science
25	P.G.Diploma in Yoga Education
26	P.G.Diploma in Marketing Management
27	B.Com. (Cooperation)
28	B.B.A.
29	B.Sc. Mathematics
30	B.Sc. Physics
31	B.Sc. Chemistry
32	B.Sc. Home Science
33	B.Sc. Textiles and Fashion Design
34	B.Sc. Geology
35	B.Tech. Civil Engineering (8 Semesters)
36	B.Tech. Civil Engineering (Lateral Entry - 6 Semesters)
37	M.Tech. Renewable Energy
38	B.Sc. Agriculture (Hons) (8 Semesters)
39	M.C.A. (6 Semesters)
40	M.B.A. (4 Semesters)
41	B.Sc., B.Ed. (8 Semesters)
42	B.Ed. (4 Semesters)
43	M.Ed. (4 Semesters)
44	B.Voc. (Farm Equipments Operation and Maintenance - 6 Semesters)

45	B.Voc. (Footwear and Accessories Design - 6 Semesters)
46	B.Voc. (Dairy Production and Technology - 6 Semesters)
47	B.Voc. Food Processing (6 Semesters)
48	D.Voc. Graphics and Multimedia (2 Semesters)
49	D.Voc. Refrigerator and Air Conditioner (2 Semesters)
50	D.Voc. Software Development (2 Semesters)
51	Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance (2 Semesters) <i>(GRI–Yamaha – Joint Programme)</i>
52	Certificate in Two Wheeler Technician (2 Semesters) <i>(GRI–Yamaha – Joint Programme)</i>
53	Diploma in Textile Technology
54	Diploma in Agriculture
55	Diploma in Organic Agriculture
56	Diploma in Office Management
57	Diploma in Videography
58	Diploma in Yoga Education

#### **Certificate Programmes :**

<b>School / Dept / Centre</b>	<b>Certificate Course</b>
Tamil	1. Epigraphy 2. Folk Arts 3. News Reading and Anchoring 4. Translation
Hindi	5. Conversational Hindi
Geoinformatics	6. Image Processing Techniques
Rural Health	7. Swachh Bharat
Lifelong Learning	8. Digital Photography
Cooperation	9. Jewellery Appraisal and Techniques 10. Tally with GST 11. GST 12. Cooperative Accounting in the Computerized Environment 13. Insurance Advisor
Political Science and Development Administration	14. Panchayat Leaders and VAOs
Rural Industries and Management	15. Dye Extraction 16. Bakery Products
Physics	17. Glass Blowing
Home Science	18. Food Processing



Biology	19. Biofertilizer Production
Computer Science and Applications	20. Mobile Application Development
Rural Technology	21. Mason 22. Barbender and Steel fixture 23. Assistant Surveyor 24. Building Technician 25. Plumber
Centre for Entrepreneurship Development	26. Multi Skill Personality

**An Expert Committee with the Registrar as Chairman will be constituted to visit all the classrooms and laboratories of the Schools / Departments / Centres to decide the strength of the students to be admitted in each Programme and suggest shift system for the needy programmes.**

10. **Item No.869/2018/AC.III :**

To consider the recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Planning and Monitoring Board held on 16.03.2018 for consideration from the academic year 2018-19.

**The Academic Council considered and resolved the following :**

1. Conducting of short-term courses at the level of Certificate and Diploma, benefiting rural mass, from next academic year.
2. Revision of syllabus for the existing and new academic programmes by the academic units incorporating at least 20% of MOOC courses as envisaged by MHRD.
3. Programmes for skilling of workers in textile sector in collaboration with NIFT, Tirupur can be planned and implemented.
4. Except the regular academic programmes, all innovative courses and existing and new Certificate / Diploma / B.Voc. courses should be offered on self supporting mode only.
5. Students' admission strength for each programme shall be fixed by each academic unit and 100% achievement shall be made.
6. The Registrar will issue a Circular informing that the Aadhaar Card and Blood group details may be obtained from all the students who are to be admitted from the ensuing academic year and for the recruitment of staff in the Institute.
7. The Registrar will issue a Circular to all Deans/HoDs/Directors/Coordinators regarding wearing of ID card by the students within the campus and also circular for the issue of No Due Certificate for issuing Transfer Certificate.
8. From the Academic Year 2018-19, online registration linked with tuition fees shall be implemented. Students may be informed suitably of this arrangement.

11. Item No.870/2018/AC.III – ANY OTHER MATTER :

The Chairperson presented the following and the Academic Council approved the same.

1. After the approval of academic programmes in Academic Council the draft syllabus prepared by the academic units can be presented and finalized at School level meet before BoS is convened on 23.05.2018. The soft copy of the academic programmes approved in each BoS can be sent to the Academic Committee for scrutiny and for further presentation in AC to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
2. Deans / Heads of Departments / Directors shall update the list of external examiners for all the courses and panel of members of selection committee for teaching posts.

The meeting came to a close at 5.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Gandhigram  
26.03.2018

Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar  
Registrar  
Dr. S. Natarajan  
Vice-Chancellor