

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY, GANDHIGRAM

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD ON 05.10.2017 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, FACULTY GUEST HOUSE
GRI, GANDHIGRAM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

21.	Dr. A. Jahitha Begum Head In-charge, Department of Education	Member
22.	Dr. P. Anandharajakumar, Head, Department of Rural Development	Member
23.	Dr. C. Sivapragasam, Head In-charge, Department of Applied Research	Member
24.	Dr. L. Raja Head In-charge, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension	Member
25.	Dr. M.P. Boraian 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. Rajendran, Professor, Department of Sociology	Member
29.	Dr. M. Mallammal Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
30.	Dr. K. Velumani, Professor, Centre for Futures Studies	Member
31.	Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj Professor, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages	Member
32.	Dr. T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman, Professor, Centre for Futures Studies	Member
33.	Dr. V. Raghupathi Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
34.	Dr. K. Jayakumar, Professor, Department of Physics	Member
35.	Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning	Member
36.	Dr. K. Manikandan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	Member
37.	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Assistant Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
38.	Dr. K. Marimuthu, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics	Member
39.	Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan - VC 's Nominee (Former VC, Mother Teresa Women's University ,Kodaikkanal), Chennai.	Member
40.	Dr. C.Thangamuthu – VC's Nominee (Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli) Chennai 600 116.	Member
41.	Dr. M. Sundaramari, Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee
42.	Dr. G. Muralidharan Professor, Department of Physics & Coordinator, CBCS Programme	Special Invitee

43	Dr. K. Mahendran, Professor and Director i/c, RTC	Special Invitee
44	Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Director i/c, Centre for Applied Geology	Special Invitee
45	Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan Deputy Librarian & Library In-charge	Special Invitee
46	Dr. C. Sugumar. Head and Deputy Director of Physical Education and Yoga Centre	Special Invitee
47	Dr. V. Kirubakaran, Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre	Special Invitee
48	Dr. I. Kasparraj Director i/c., Computer Centre	Special Invitee
49	Dr. R. Seerangarajan, Director, D.D.U. - Koushal Kendra	Special Invitee
50	Dr. R. Udayakumar Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Special Invitee
51	Dr. K. Somasundaram, Registrar In-charge, GRI	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting :

1. Dr. P. Anandakumar, Head, Department of Tamil
2. Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran, Head, Department of Political Science & Development Administration
3. Dr. T. Senthivel, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
4. Dr. A. Jansirani, Associate Professor, Faculty of Rural Health & Sanitation
5. Dr. S.S. Vijayanchali, Associate Professor, Department of Home Science
6. Dr. K. Muthuchelian, Head and Chairperson, School of Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai 625 021.

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 all the members. He thanked the members for their august presence to discuss various academic matters of the GRI in this Academic Council. He also expressed that all HoDs/Head In-charge of the Departments, Deans/Dean In-charge of the Faculties and Directors/Coordinators of the Centres have made their contributions for the academic growth and development of the Institute. He presented the activities that took place during the last three months (ie. since the previous Academic Council meeting held on 30.6.2017 till 04.10.2017)

Before proceeding to the Agenda, the two external members of the Academic Council appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and all the officials of the GRI for their contributions to achieve NAAC Grading, continuing the Deemed University status and obtaining 12-B status for GRI.

The following agenda items were taken up for discussion.

1. Item No.829/2017/AC.X:

To confirm the minutes of the Fifty First meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.06.2017.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Fifty first meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.06.2017.

2. Item No.830/2017/AC.X

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 30.06.2017.

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 30.6.2017.

3. Item No.831/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of Research Advisory Committee held on 01.09.2017.

Dr. S. Ramaswamy, Director, Research and Development presented the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 01.9.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M. Sundaramari, Controller of Examinations.

After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Research Advisory Committee held on 01.09.2017 with following suggestions/corrections in some of the items of the Ph.D. Regulations 2017 and they are presented below:

Point No.	Minutes of the RAC Meeting held on 01.9.17	Correction/modification/suggestion given by the Academic Council held on 5.10.2017
1.1	<p>ELIGIBILITY:</p> <p>Candidates (Indian/Foreigner) who have studied under 10+2+3+2 years pattern or 10+2+5 years or 11+1+3+2 or 10+2+3+3 or 10+2+4+2 pattern of education and qualified for the award of the Master's Degree in relevant discipline in Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University (GRI – DU) or any other university recognized by the University Grants Commission in relevant discipline with not less than 55% marks (50% for SC/ST and part-time non-teacher candidates) or an equivalent grade are eligible</p>	<p>ELIGIBILITY:</p> <p>Candidates (Indian/Foreigner) who have studied under 10+2+3+2 years pattern or 10+2+5 years or 11+1+3+2 or 10+2+3+3 or 10+2+4+2 pattern of education and qualified for the award of the Master's Degree in relevant discipline in Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University (GRI – DU) or any other university recognized by the University Grants Commission in related discipline with not less than 55% marks (50% for SC/ST and part-time non-teacher candidates) or an equivalent grade are eligible</p> <p>ADD: UGC's guidelines for relaxation</p> <p>A relaxation of 5% to SC/ST/OBC(Non-crimilayer/Differently abled persons and candidates obtained PG prior to 1979</p>
3.3	<p>The candidates admitted for Ph.D. programme under interdisciplinary research mode will have two supervisors: Research Supervisor from the prime subject from GRI and a Joint Research Supervisor from the interdisciplinary subject</p>	<p>The candidates admitted for Ph.D. programme under interdisciplinary research mode will have two supervisors: Research Supervisor from the prime subject from GRI and a Joint Research Supervisor from the</p>

	either from GRI or from outside.	interdisciplinary subject either from GRI or from outside. The Joint Supervisor should be a recognized guide.
7.3	The functions of the Doctoral Committee are to : (i) scrutinize the research proposal submitted by the candidate; (ii) to frame the syllabus and set the question papers for the course on Area of Specialisation with panel of examiners within six weeks from the date of admission of the candidate;(iii) to apportion and distribute the research work over 4 semesters (2 semesters for M.Phil holders) with corresponding credit weightage; (iv) prepare the question papers wherever necessary; (v) approve the synopsis of the thesis; (vi) prepare the panel of examiners for the evaluation of the thesis; and (vii) any other matter related to the candidate's Ph.D. work. The convenor will convene the Doctoral Committee meetings with intimation to the Registrar and Controller of Examinations (CoE).	The functions of the Doctoral Committee are to : (i) scrutinize the research proposal submitted by the candidate; (ii) to frame the syllabus and set the question papers for the course on Area of Specialisation with panel of examiners within 8 weeks from the date of admission of the candidate;(iii) to apportion and distribute the research work over 4 semesters (2 semesters for M.Phil holders) with corresponding credit weightage; (iv) prepare the question papers wherever necessary; (v) approve the synopsis of the thesis; (vi) prepare the panel of examiners for the evaluation of the thesis; and (vii) any other matter related to the candidate's Ph.D. work. The convenor will convene the Doctoral Committee meetings with intimation to the Registrar and Controller of Examinations (CoE).
24.1	The DC shall provide a panel of 10 examiners, 5 from India (outside Tamil Nadu and also not belonging to the candidate's State) and 5 from other countries/other states who are specialist in the subject in which the candidate has submitted the thesis. While submitting the panel of examiners, the DC has to submit a one page CV highlighting their specialization and recent contributions. Such examiners should be not below the rank of a Professor / Asso. Professor or equivalent drawn from reputed Universities / Research Institutions/Organisations	Delete the following sentence: and also not belonging to the candidate's State
24.9	If revision is suggested for the second time as per item 24.5 (III) then the thesis, along with the reports of the examiner, will be placed before the DC. If the DC, after going through the reports and the thesis, endorses a second revision, the thesis will be revised again by the candidate and will be referred to the same examiner for re-evaluation. If the DC does not endorse the second revision, the thesis without further revision will be referred to the fourth Examiner of the same category without the report of the examiner who has suggested for second revision. The decision of the further examiner will be final	If revision is suggested for the second time as per item 24.5 (III) then the thesis, along with the reports of the examiner, will be placed before the DC. If the DC, after going through the reports and the thesis, endorses a second revision, the thesis will be revised again by the candidate and will be referred to the same examiner for re-evaluation. If the DC does not endorse the second revision, the thesis without further revision will be referred to the fourth Examiner of the same category without the report of the examiner who has suggested for second revision. The decision of the majority of the examiners will be final

	--	<p>The following points may be included in the Ph. D. Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Course work to be carried out within 3 years b. Project Fellow can join Ph.D. at any time c. Maximum extension may be given to women candidates
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4. Item No.832/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve (i) the Minutes of the Meeting of the Examinations Reforms and Evaluation Procedure Committee (ii) GRI Examination Manual and (iii) the New Examination and Evaluation Pattern for the Ph.D. Course work.

Dr. M. Sundaramari, Controller of Examinations presented the (i) the Minutes of the Meeting of the Examinations Reforms and Evaluation Procedure Committee (ii) GRI Examination Manual and (iii) the New Examination and Evaluation Pattern for the Ph.D. Course work.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council resolved to refer the above three items to a Committee and submit the recommendations to the next Academic Council for its approval.

5. Item No.833/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the provisions regarding admission of students, re-doing of the courses and break of study for implementation from the academic year 2018-19 as given below:

- (1) Those students who could not complete a given academic programme within the prescribed duration (including N+2) shall not be permitted to get re-admitted in any other programme afresh in the Institute.
- (2) Normally, re-doing of courses shall be considered on merit. However, those students who are ineligible for appearing in the end semester examinations due to lack of attendance (i.e. below 70%) with habitual absenteeism shall not be allowed to re-do the courses.
- (3) Break of study from a given degree / diploma programme mainly for seeking admission under other regular programme of study in the Institute shall not be allowed.

After detailed deliberations, it was considered and resolved to approve the provisions in Sl. No.(1) and (2) above from the academic year 2018-19.

Further, it was resolved that Sl. No.(3) above regarding break of study - it was decided to maintain the status quo.

6. Item No.834/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. V. Rajarathinam, Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 25.9.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M. Salim Baig, Professor & Head, Department of Hindi.

After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 25.09.2017 (except the evaluation process which is common to all Ph.D. Programmes.)

7. Item No.835/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Hindi held on 25.09.2017.

Dr.M. Salim Baig, Professor & Head, Department of Hindi presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Hindi held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. V. Rajarathinam, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts.

After consideration of the agenda, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 25.09.2017.

8. Item No.836/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Malayalam held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. V. Rajarathinam, Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts in Malayalam presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Malayalam held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. G. Baskaran, Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages.

After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Malayalam held on 25.09.2017. The Academic Council suggested to include the Web resources.

9. Item No.837/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 18.09.2017.

Dr. G. Baskaran, Professor and Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 18.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 18.09.2017 and suggested to include Web Resources. The Academic Council also approved the Panel of Examiners as approved in the Board of Studies .

10. Item No.838/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. K. Ravichandran, Professor and Head In-charge, Department of Cooperation, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 25.09.2017. and it was seconded by Dr. B. Subburaj, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 25.09.2017. It was suggested to include Web resources.

11. Item No.839/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. S. Nehru, Professor and Head, Department of Economics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Ramaswamy, Professor, Department of Economics.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 25.09.2017.

12. Item No.840/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science and Development Administration held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. V. Ragupathy, Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science and Development Administration held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Gurusamy, Head In-charge, Department of Sociology.

After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science and Development Administration held on 25.09.2017. It was suggested to include Web resources. Reference book list is to be reduced.

13. Item No.841/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Thought and Peace Science held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. R. Mani, Professor and Head In-charge, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Thought and Peace Science held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M. Mallammal, Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought & Peace Science.

The Academic Council considered the agenda and resolved to approve only the Ph.D. Course work in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Thought and Peace Science held on 25.09.2017.

14. Item No.842/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. S. Gurusamy, Professor and Head In-charge, Department of Sociology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. N.D. Mani, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Development.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council considered and resolved approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 25.09.2017 and it was suggested to include in the Web resources. The Panel of Examiners in the Board of Studies is also approved.

15. Item No.843/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Industries and Management held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. L. Radhakrishnan, Professor and Head In-charge, Department of Rural Industries and Management presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Industries and Management held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. K. Ravichandran, Professor & Head In-charge, Department of Cooperation.

The Academic Council considered the agenda and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Industries and Management held on 25.09.2017. The Academic Council suggested to include Web resources.

16. Item No.844/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 21.09.2017.

Dr. A. Jahitha Begam, Professor and Head In-charge presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 21.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M.P. Boaraian, Professor and Head, Department of Extension Education.

The Academic Council considered the agenda in detail and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 21.09.2017. The Academic Council suggested to include Web resources and to reduce the references.

17. Item No.845/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physical Education and Yoga held on 21.09.2017.

Dr. C. Sugumar, Deputy Director and Head, Physical Education and Yoga presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physical Education and Yoga held on 21.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Head In-charge, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physical Education and Yoga held on 21.09.2017. It was suggested that references are to be reduced.

18. Item No.846/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library and Information Science held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Deputy Librarian and Librarian In-charge, Library presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library and Information Science held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. C. Sugumar, Deputy Director and Head, Physical Education and Yoga Centre.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library and Information Science held on 25.09.2017. The Academic Council suggested to include Web resources/books/journals etc.

19. Item No.847/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. R. Uthayakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M. Sivaraman, Professor and Head, Department of Physics.

After deliberations, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 25.09.2017 with a suggestion that Seminar topics are to be decided by the Supervisor.

20. Item No.848/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. M. Sivaraman, Professor and Head, Department of Physics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Prof. R. Uthayakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 25.09.2017 with a suggestion that Seminar topics are to be flexible and not fixed.

21. Item No.849/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. S. Meenakshi, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. R.I. Sathya, Professor and Head, Department of Home Science.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve only the Ph.D. course work and Panel of Examiners in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 25.09.2017. The other items in the minutes of the Board of Studies are not approved. The Academic Council suggested to include Web resources.

22. Item No.850/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Home Science held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. R.I. Sathya, Professor and Head, Department of Home Science presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Home Science held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Meenakshi, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council resolved to form a Special Committee regarding the conduct of three branches of Ph.D. offered by the Department of Home Science and implement the recommendations of the Committee with the approval of the authorities.

23. Item No.851/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. M.R. Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. K. Velumani, Professor & Director, Centre for Women's Studies.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council resolved to form a Special Committee regarding the conduct of three branches of Ph.D. offered by the Department of Biology and implement the recommendations of the Committee with the approval of the authorities.

24. Item No.852/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. P. Kalavanthy, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 25.09.2017. and it was seconded by Dr. M. R. Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 25.09.2017. It was suggested that staggering of M.Sc. – Information Technology(I.T.) is to be done after the approval of the M.Sc. – I.T. in ODL.

25. Item No.853/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Rural Technology Centre held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. K. Mahendran, Professor and Director In-charge, Rural Technology Centre, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Rural Technology Centre held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. P. Kalavathy, Associate Professor, and Head, Dept. of Computer Science and Applications.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Rural Technology Centre held on 25.09.2017. Further, it was resolved that uniform pattern of 4 Core courses and 2 Supportive courses for Ph.D. Course work is to be followed and the same may be placed in the next Academic Council.

26. Item No.854/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Rural Energy Centre held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. V. Kirubakaran, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Rural Energy Centre, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Rural Energy Centre held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by R. Udhayakumar, Professor and Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Rural Energy Centre held on 25.09.2017. The Academic Council suggested to include Web resources.

27. Item No.855/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Applied Geology held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Professor and Director In-charge, Centre for Applied Geology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Applied Geology held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. P. Anandarajakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Development.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Applied Geology held on 25.09.2017. The Academic Council suggested to include Web resources, objectives and Learning out come .

28. Item No.856/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Development held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. P. Anandarajakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Development presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Development held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. R. Seerangarajan, Professor and Director, Kaushal Kendra.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Development held on 25.09.2017 as follows:

- 1. Syllabus for Ph.D. course work**
- 2. Offering M.A. Rural Development under ODL Mode**
- 3. Syllabus for M.A. Rural Studies is approved in principle and it can be again taken up in the Academic Council when the UG/PG Syllabus of other academic programmes are placed for approval.**

29. Item No.857/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Geoinformatics held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. N.D. Mani, Professor and Director, Centre for Geoinformatics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Geoinformatics held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Professor and Director In-charge, Centre for Applied Geology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Geoinformatics held on 25.09.2017.

30. Item No.858/2017/AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 25.09.2017.

Dr. C. Sivapragasam, Professor and Head In-charge, Department of Applied Research, presented minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 25.09.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. G. Dhanasekaran, Dean, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 25.09.2017.

31. Item No.859/2017/AC.X

To consider and adopt the UGC Regulation to include upto 20% of UG/ PG courses from MOOC and place it before BOS / Academic Council.

The above agenda was discussed at length and the Academic Council considered and resolved to include upto 20% of UG/PG courses from MOOC and get it approved from the Board of Studies of the concerned Departments/Faculties from the academic year 2018-19 onwards.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC COUNCIL:

1. The GRI Research Supervisors are requested to produce more qualitative research work and guide the scholars to understand properly the concept of their research.
2. Steps may be taken to ensure effective participation of women in various academic bodies and meetings.
3. Online courses (Diploma/certificate) through Distance learning for the benefit of public may be introduced.
4. All programmes must carry only the UGC approved nomenclature.
5. Syllabus for all ODL programmes shall be finalized as per UGC norms and the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take steps for offering academic programmes through ODL.
6. (a) The Chairman of Board of Studies (Deans/Heads/Directors) are requested to ensure the approved Syllabus of Ph.D. Programmes in different disciplines to follow uniform pattern as given below:
 - Title of the Course
 - Objectives
 - Learning Outcome
 - Unit-wise Syllabus
 - References : Text books; Scientific Journals; Web Resources
- (b) Uniform Course Code shall be assigned to all the Ph.D. Programmes by a Committee consisting of (i) Director (Academic); (ii) Controller of Examinations and (iii) Coordinator, C.B.C.S.

The meeting ended at 6.15 Pm. with thanks to the Chair.

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