

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 23.04.2010.**

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

**DATE: 23.04.2010**

**TIME: 10.00 A.M.**

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OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 23.04.2010 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, KVK,  
GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM**

**Members Present:**

1.	Dr.SM..Ramasamy Vice-Chancellor	President
2.	Dr.A.Pitchai, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Tamil, I.L. and R.A.	Member
3.	Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
4.	Dr.N.S.Nagarajan, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences	Member
5.	Dr.R.Udhyakumar Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and A.H.	Member
6.	Dr.M.Kuruvammal Professor of Tamil.	Member
7.	Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai Professor of Tamil	Member
8.	Dr.V.Rajarathinam Professor of Tamil.	Member
9.	Dr.P.Anandakumar Associate Professor in Tamil.	Member
10.	Dr.V.Nirmalarani Associate Professor in Tamil	Member
11.	Dr.O.Muthiah, Associate Professor in Tamil	Member
12.	Dr.M.Salim Baig, Associate Professor in Hindi.	Member
13.	Dr.S.Shaji Reader in Malayalam	Member
14.	Dr.M.A.Jeyaraju Professor of English	Member
15.	Dr.S.Lakshmi Professor of English	Member

16.	Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj Professor of English	Member
17.	Sri.M.S.Prabhakaran Associate Professor in English	Member
18.	Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
19.	Dr.V.Raghupathi Professor of Political Science & Development Administration	Member
20.	Dr.A.Celine Rani Associate Professor in Pol.Sci. & D.A.	Member
21.	Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran, Associate Professor in Political Science and Development Administration	Member
22.	Dr.S.Narayanasamy Professor of Peace Science	Member
23.	Dr.M.Mallammal Professor in Gandhian Thought	Member
24.	Dr.R. Mani Assistant Professor (Reader) in Rural Reconstruction	Member
25.	Dr.S.Gurusamy Professor of Sociology	Member
26.	Dr.T.Rajendran Professor of Sociology	Member
27.	Dr.S.Ramaswamy Professor of Economics	Member
28.	Dr.S.Ramachandran Professor of Economics	Member
29.	Dr.P.Sivaprakasam Professor of Cooperation	Member
30.	Dr.B.Tamilmani Associate Professor in Cooperation	Member
31.	Dr.K.Ravichandran, Associate Professor in Cooperation	Member
32.	Dr.S.Manivel Associate Professor in Cooperation	Member
33.	Dr.M.Soundarapandian Professor of RIM	Member
34.	Dr.R.Seerangarajan Professor of RIM	Member

35.	Dr.L.Rathakrishnan Associate Professor in RIM	Member
36.	Dr.K.Raja Alias Pranmalai, Associate Professor in RIM	Member
37.	Dr.M.Sundaravadivelu Professor of Chemistry	Member
38.	Dr.M.G.Sethuraman Professor of Chemistry	Member
39.	Dr.S.Ramesh Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
40.	Dr.S.Meenakshi Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
41.	Dr.P.Anithapius Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
42.	Dr.S.Abraham John Assistant Professor (Reader ) in Chemistry	Member
43.	Dr.R.Balasubramanian Professor of Physics	Member
44.	Dr.G.Muralidharan Professor of Physics	Member
45.	Dr.K.Jayakumar Professor of Physics	Member
46.	Dr.P.Subramanian Associate Professor in Physics	Member
47.	Dr.S.Arumugam Associate Professor in Physics	Member
48.	Dr.P.Vickraman Associate Professor in Physics	Member
49.	Dr.S.Aripnammal Assistant Professor (Reader ) in Physics	Member
50.	Dr.P.Balasubramaniam Professor of Mathematics	Member
51.	Dr.R.Uthayakumar, Assistant Professor (Reader ) in Mathematics	Member
52.	Shri S. Parthasarathy Associate Professor in Mathematics	Member
53.	Dr.T.Selvin Jebaraj Norman Professor of Futurology	Member
54.	Dr.K.Velumani Professor of Futurology	Member

55.	Dr.K.P.Vasantha Devi Professor of Home Science	Member
56.	Dr.G.Vijayalakshmi Associate Professor in Home Science	Member
57.	Dr.K.S.Pushpa Associate Professor in Home Science	Member
58.	Dr.Thilagavathy Daniel Professor of Biology	Member
59.	Dr.R.Kumuthakalavalli Professor of Biology	Member
60.	Dr.A.David Ravindran Professor of Biology	Member
61.	Dr.M.R.Rajan Associate Professor in Biology	Member
62.	Dr.K.Somasundaram Professor of Computer Science & Applications	Member
63.	Dr.T.T.Ranganathan Professor of Agriculture	Member
64.	Dr.T.Senthivel Professor of Agriculture	Member
65.	Dr.S.Ganesh Associate Professor in Horticulture	Member
66.	Dr.M.Seethalakshmi Associate Professor in Dairying	Member
67.	Dr.G.S.Kannan Associate Professor in Plant Protection	Member
68.	Dr.M.Sundaramari Associate Professor in CE & AE	Member
69.	Dr.A.Ramanathan Assistant Professor (Reader) in AH	Member
70.	Dr.S.Ponnuraj Associate Professor in Public Health	Member
71.	Dr.V.K.Muthu Associate Professor in Public Health	Member
72.	Dr.V.Anuradha, Associate Professor in Entomology	Member
73.	Dr.G.Dhanasekaran Reader in Health Education	Member
74.	Dr.N.D.Mani Professor of C.E. & P.R.	Member
75.	Dr.N.Lalitha Professor of Micro Level Planning	Member
76.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar, Assistant Prof. (Reader) in Rural Development	Member
77.	Dr.M.A.Sudhir Professor of Applied Research	Member
78.	Dr.S.Gunasekaran Associate Professor in Applied Research	Member

79.	Dr.C.Sivapragasam Associate Professor in Statistics	Member
80.	Dr.A.Balakrishnan Associate Professor in Applied Research	Member
81.	Dr.A.Suriakanthi Professor of ACE & E	Member
82.	Dr.K.Chellappan Associate Professor in Extension	Member
83.	Dr.S.Baluchamy Associate Professor in Extension	Member
84.	Dr.L.Raja, Associate Professor in ACE & E.	Member
85.	Dr.V.Seeninatarajan Associate Professor in ACE & E	Member
86.	Dr.R.Subburaman, Associate Professor in ACE & E	Member
87.	Sri.S.Ravindran Associate Professor in Population Education	Member
88.	Dr.M.P.Boraiian Professor of Extension Education.	Member
89.	Dr.A.Easwaran Associate Professor in Extension Education.	Member
90.	Dr.G.Gopalakrishnan	Member
91.	<b>Dr.N.Narayanasamy</b> <b>Registrar, GRI, Gandhigram.</b>	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.William Baskaran, Member
2. Dr.B.Subburaj, Member
3. Dr.K.P.Elango, Member
4. Mrs.A.Jansi Rani, Member
5. Dr.Ramasamy Sakthivadivel, Member
6. Rev.Fr.(Dr).John Britto S.J., Member
7. Dr.R.Srinivasan, Member
8. Dr.Premakumari Marshal, Member
9. Dr.K.Parthasarathy, Member

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

The President welcomed the members of the august body to the thirty eighth meeting of the Academic Council. He thanked the members of the teaching faculty and non-teaching staff for having extended wholehearted effort in projecting the activities and achievements of Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University at the time of UGC Committee visit during 7-9<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 and also NAAC visit during 16-18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

The President presented a brief report on the activities of the University for the period from 01.09.2009 to 22.03.2010. He stated that the Academic activities of the Institute for the last eight months were highly vibrant. To mention a few,

- 127 candidates were admitted for doing their doctoral research.
- Over 38 number of sponsored action research projects were conceived by faculty members and grant to the tune of Rs.1.48 crores was received from various funding agencies like UGC, ICSSR, ICAR, CSIR, DST, UNDP, State Planning Commission, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of External Affairs, etc.
- Project proposals for a value of Rs.3.73 crores were submitted to various agencies like UGC, DST, Ministry of Water Resources, Department of Space, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission, PCRA, DRDA, etc.
- Maintenance Grant of Rs.17.5 crores was received from the University Grants Commission to meet out the salary, VI Pay arrears to teaching, non-teaching and pensioners and expenses related to various activities of the Institute..
- The Faculties and Departments continue to conduct Village Placement Programmes.
- In order to propagate the scientific models incubated and developed by GRI, various faculty members visited different countries to participate in conferences / seminars.
- Over 46 faculty members from various faculties have participated in International and National Conferences / seminars and workshops in India.
- Over 19 training programmes / conferences and seminars were organized on various aspects of languages, rural related sciences, rural oriented social sciences, integrated rural development, sanitation, etc.
- Over 8 number of books and a large number of scientific papers were published by the faculty members during the last 8 months.

- A Special Book Gallery has been established displaying over 120 books published by GRI academicians in G.R. Library to benefit the large cross section of the academics, researchers and the students.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute was held on 22.12.2009 and 900 candidates were awarded Certificates / Diplomas / Degrees including M.Phil. and Ph.D.
- The UGC Review Committee comprising 7 eminent academicians from different parts of the country visited GRI during 7-9 January 2010 to have an on the spot assessment of activities, functions and achievements of GRI and UGC Review Committee has given an appreciative report on the overall functioning of the Institute.
- The 7 member NAAC Peer Team visited GRI during 16-18 April 2010 and assessed the performance of GRI in various spheres of the academic, research and extension including the healthy practices to reaccredit the Institute.
- In order to propagate the research findings of GRI academicians, a novel concept of organizing Popular Lecture Series ('PLS') has been evolved and is being conducted successfully every month in various colleges in different parts of Dindigul and adjacent parts and also in GRI.
- A special cell namely "Sponsored Project and Action Research Cell"(SPARC) has been created to co-ordinate all the projects.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has been established in GRI for quality assurance.
- GRI has brought out a special publication entitled "The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University – its contributions to Rural India ... (1976 – 2010)" bringing out 35 years of its achievements by enumerating the holistic achievements of the Institute and the individual contributions of the faculty members.
- The abstracts of all 296 Ph.Ds. have been brought out as a publication.
- A Booklet on 104 books authored by GRI academicians has been brought out.
- Dr.P.Anandakumar, Associate Professor of Tamil won Sahitya Akademy Award for translation
- The Vice-Chancellor has been nominated as member in Steering Committee of National Natural Resources Management System (NRDMS Programme), Government of India by the Department of Science and Technology for two years.
- The Vice-Chancellor has been nominated as a member in the Expert Committee on "Geo hazards" by DST, New Delhi, Govt. of India for three years.
- Many International visitors visited GRI.

#### **1. Item NO.540/2010.AC.IV**

To confirm the minutes of the Thirty Seventh meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.08.2009.

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the Thirty Seventh meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.08.2009 and resolved to approve the same.**

#### **2. Item NO.541/2010.AC.IV**

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 31.08.2009.

**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 31.08.2009 and resolved to**



approve the same with the following remarks / inclusions / modifications on few items as follows:

i) Item No.519/2009.AC.VIII :

A letter was sent to ICAR by the Vice Chancellor and for the same ICAR has replied that it is not the approving or recognizing body for the course and ICAR further informed that only UGC is the recognizing body. However, ICAR grants accreditation to the programme after the first batch of students passed out.

ii) Item No.522/2009.AC.VIII :

The members pointed out that the Department / Centre for which the Board of Studies has been constituted is not mentioned. It was replied that the Board of Studies is related to Centre for Women's Studies.

The discussion further went on issue of accommodating a special subject / audit course on the laws of land for the girl students. After deliberations it was decided that the Centre for Women's Studies would conduct one day lecture series on laws of the land for women by inviting eminent scholars in the field so as to benefit girl students of Gandhigram Rural Institute.

iii) Item No.530/2009.AC.VIII :

The members expressed that Gandhigram Rural Institute need not give Course Equivalence Certificate to the students and it is only the duty of the Government to issue the same. After deliberations it was decided that GRI should own the responsibility of issuing the same.

Item No.530/2009.AC.VIII while discussing on the equivalence certificates for M.Sc. Applied Biology course, it was insisted by the Head, Department of Biology that the modalities followed to issue equivalence certificate for programmes namely M.Sc. Tech (Industrial Maths with Computer application) and M.Sc. Home Science Extension may be followed for M.Sc. Applied Biology programme too following the existing norms of getting it evaluated by a duly constituted committee.

With regard to the M.Phil programme offered by the Department of Applied Research in particular, and the other M.Phil programmes offered by various departments at GRI in general, it was resolved to adopt the format prescribed for Ph.D.

iv) Item No.534/2009.AC.VIII :

The members suggested that though the Fruit Processing Unit has been transferred to the Department of RIM from Rural Technology Centre, the lab and machinery used for B.Sc. Sustainable Technology should be put to optimal use and the activities in the lab need to go on as a continuous process. Dr.Seerangarajan assured that the lab and machinery shall be fully utilised for training and practical for the students and training to rural people.

**3. Item No.542/2010.AC.IV**

To consider the report / recommendation of the committee constituted to scrutinize the syllabus and other aspects to issue equivalence certificate for M.Sc. Tech (Industrial Mathematics with Computer Applications).

**The Academic Council considered the report / recommendation of the committee constituted to scrutinize the syllabus and other aspects to issue equivalence certificate for M.Sc. Tech (Industrial Mathematics with Computer Applications) and resolved to approve the report / recommendation of the Committee.**

**4. Item No.543/2010.AC.IV**

To consider the request of Director of Vocational Higher Secondary Education, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for recognition of the Vocational Higher Secondary Examinations in Kerala as equivalent to +2 Senior Secondary / Higher Secondary / Pre University / Intermediate Certificate of Indian Board.

**The Academic Council considered the request of the Director of Vocational Higher Secondary Education, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and resolved that the syllabus for the above course may be scrutinised and the same yardstick being used for the admission of +2 students of vocational stream of the Government of Tamil Nadu may be followed for admission of such students of Kerala in GRI. It was also suggested that this arrangement may be requested on reciprocal basis.**

**5. Item No.544/2010.AC.IV**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to ascertain whether M.Sc. Extension and Community Development and M.Sc. Home Science Extension are equivalent to each other.

**The Academic Council considered the minutes and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee.**

**6. Item No.545/2010.AC.IV**

To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in issuing certificate to two students who studied M.Sc. Extension and Community Development.

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in issuing a Certificate to two students who studied M.Sc. Extension and Community Development. so as to enable them to appear for the B.Ed. Examination.**

**7. Item No.546/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve guidelines issued by the UGC Action Plan for Academic and Administrative Reforms vide their letter dated 9.10.2009.

The Academic Council considered the guidelines issued by the UGC for Academic and Administrative Reforms and also the remarks of the Controller of Examinations and after deliberations it was resolved that 40% may be allotted for Internal Assessment and 60% for External Examination. This pattern of 40% : 60% will apply for the fresh students joining the academic year 2010-11 onwards.

#### **8. Item No.547/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Future Studies held on 29.01.2010.

**Dr.Selvin Jebaraj Norman, Professor, Centre for Future Studies presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Future Studies and it was seconded by Dr.M.A.Jeyaraju.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Future Studies held on 29.01.2010 and resolved to approve the same.**

#### **9. Item No.548/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 15.02.2010.

**Dr.P.Sivaprakasam, Professor, Department of Co-operation presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 15.2.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.T.T.Ranganathan.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Cooperation held on 15.2.2010 and resolved to approve the same.**

**Further, after deliberations, it was resolved to approve the starting of Post Graduate Diploma in Banking and Insurance from the academic year 2010-2011 as a regular program (not as self support).**

**The above programme will be offered after getting concurrence from University Grants Commission.**

#### **10. Item No.549/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 19.02.2010.

**Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 19.02.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.M.G. Sethuraman.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in English held on 19.02.2010 and it was resolved to approve the same.**

**11. Item No.550/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Thought and Peace Science held on 22.02.2010.

**Dr.S.Narayanasamy, Professor, 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 22.02.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.M.A. Sudhir.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Thought and Peace Science held on 22.02.2010 and it was resolved to approve the same with the remark that the two credit course “Gandhi in Everyday Life” shall be continued to be offered to the students of all Post Graduate Programmes as audit course.**

**12. Item No.551/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 26.02.2010.

**Dr.A.Pitchai, Dean, Faculty of Tamil Indian Languages & Rural Arts presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 05.2.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.M.Soundarapandian..**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Tamil held on 05.2.2010 and resolved to approve the same.**

**The Academic Council further resolved to start M.A. Five year Integrated Tamil from the academic year 2010-2011 and that modifications in the syllabus may accordingly be made to fulfil the minimum credit requirements stipulated for all UG programmes and PG programmes of the Institute.**

**The above programme will be offered after getting concurrence from University Grants Commission.**

**13. Item No.552/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-chancellor in recognizing Dr.R.I.Sathya, Asst. Professor, Department of Home Science as Research Supervisor.

**The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in recognizing Dr.R.I.Sathya, Asst. Professor, Department of Home Science as Research Supervisor.**

**14. Item No.553/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meetings of Research Advisory Committee held on 15.2.2010 and 19.2.2010 at 3.00 PM at GRI.

**Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor, Department of Political Science and Chairman, Research Advisory Committee presented the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee meeting held on 19.2.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.R.Udhayakumar.**

**For the question raised on item 2.2.1. of draft Ph.D. regulations, it was clarified that as per the present Ph.D. Regulations of GRI, temporary Lecturers with two years of experience are eligible to register for Ph.D in GRI.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meetings of the Research Advisory Committee held on 15.2.2010 and 19.2.2010 and it was resolved to approve the same.**

#### **15. Item No.554/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the following suggestions to be incorporated in the CBCS Regulations for the benefit of the students and for the clarity in the regulations and matters related to M.Phil / Ph.D.

**The Academic Council considered the suggestions brought forward resolved to :**

- i) continue with the group project work at the U.G. level in 6<sup>th</sup> Semester and individual project at PG level in 4<sup>th</sup> Semester.**
- ii) have group project work at the 6<sup>th</sup> Semester and individual project work at 10<sup>th</sup> Semester in all the Five Year Integrated Programmes.**
- iii) provide adequate scope for inter and intra departmental electives by all the Departments.**
- iv) approve the decision of Board of Studies of B.Tech in providing 4 credits to the Environmental Studies paper in place of 3+1 system followed in other Departments.**
- v) approve the evaluation format for M.Phil. Dissertation and to include the date of submission of thesis in the format.**
- vi) authorise the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee comprising all Deans and Co-ordinator, CBCS to evolve norms for appeal and revaluation and take decisions as per the Committee's suggestions.**

#### **16. Item No.555/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 08.02.2010.

**Dr.R.Kumuthakalavalli, Professor and Head of the Department of Biology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 08.02.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Velumani.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 08.02.2010 and it was resolved to approve modifications suggested in M.Sc. Botany, Zoology and Microbiology. It was further resolved that the starting of M.Phil. Programmes in Botany, Zoology and Microbiology on self supporting basis may be kept in abeyance.**

**17. Item No.556/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 20.02.2010.

**Dr.M.Sundaravadivelu, Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 20.02.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Arumugam.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 20.02.2010 and it was resolved to approve the same. It was further resolved that the passing minimum marks for P.G.Diploma is kept as 50 and for Diploma Programmes as 40.**

**18.Item No.557/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in ACE & E held on 20.02.2010.

**Dr.K.Chellappan, Head i/c., Department of ACE & E presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in ACE & E held on 20.2.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Narayanasamy.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in ACE & E held on 20.2.2010 and resolved to approve the same.**

**The Academic Council further resolved to start M.A. Five year Integrated Lifelong Learning from the academic year 2010-2011 and that modifications in the syllabus may accordingly be made to fulfil the minimum credit requirements stipulated for all UG programmes and PG programmes of the Institute.**

**The above programme will be offered after getting concurrence from University Grants Commission.**

**19. Item No.558/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 19.03.2010.

**Dr.G.Muralidharan, Professor and HOD of Physics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 19.03.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Somasundaram.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 19.03.2010 and it was resolved to approve with the following remarks :**

1. The status quo will continue for both U.G. and P.G. project work.
2. Uniform regulation will be followed for the course work of Ph.D. Programme.

**20. Item No.559/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 18.02.2010.

**Dr.M.A.Sudhir, Professor and HOD of the Department of Applied Research presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 18.02.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Gurusamy.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 18.02.2010 and it was resolved to approve the minutes with the remarks that the M.Phil programme in Development studies shall be kept in abeyance.**

**21. Item No.560/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Development held on 20.02.2010 and 19.04.2010.

**Dr.N.Lalitha presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Development held on 20.02.2010 & 19.04.2010 and it was seconded by Dr.L.Raja.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Development held on 20.02.2010 & 19.04.2010 and resolved to approve the minutes with the following remarks:**

- i) To start M.A. Five year (Integrated) programme in Rural Management from the academic year 2010-2011 with modifications in the syllabus to fulfil the minimum credit requirements stipulated for all UG programmes and PG programmes of the Institute
- ii) Introducing specialization on Microfinance Management for M.B.A. programme was resolved to be kept in abeyance.

- iii) It was resolved not to introduce Alternative English in the programmes and to continue with Hindi only as at present offered.

The above programme will be offered after getting concurrence from University Grants Commission.

**22. Item No.561/2010.AC.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Technology held on 17.02.2010.

**Dr.R.Sreerangarajan, Director i/c, Rural Technology Centre presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Technology and it was seconded by Dr.T.Senthivel.**

**The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Technology held on 17.02.2010 and it was resolved to approve the same with the remark that a paper in general Environmental Studies be dropped in view of the incorporation of a course in Environmental Engineering already in the curriculum.**

**23. Item No.562/2010.AC.IV – Any other matter :**

- i) The Academic Council resolved that the CBCS Co-ordinator be authorized to cross check all the programmes as to whether these are fitted well within the overall frame work of credit system of CBCS.
- ii) The Academic Council placed on record the long years of valuable service rendered by Dr.R.Balasubramanian, Professor of Physics, who is attaining superannuation shortly. The President and the members of the Academic Council offered standing ovation to Dr.R.Balasubramanian who has been serving as a member of the Academic Council for several years.

The meeting came to a close at 5.40 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

GANDHIGRAM  
31.05.2010

DR.SM.RAMASAMY  
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.N.NARAYANASAMY  
REGISTRAR