

**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
GANDHIGRAM
MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 17.07.2017 AT GANDHIGRAM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr. S. Natarajan | ...Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. K. Somasundaram | ...Member |
| 3. Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu | ...Member |
| 4. Dr. B. Subburaj | ...Member |
| 5. Smt.A.Jansi Rani | ...Member |
| 6. Dr. P. Thirumalvalavan | ...Member |
| 7. Dr. Kezevino Aram | ...Member (through video conferencing) |
| 8. Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan | ...Member |
| 9. Dr. K.Somasundaram, Registrar In-charge | ...Secretary |

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

Dr.Kezevino Aram, Member could not be physically present for the meeting of the Board of Management. She participated in the proceedings from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. through video conferencing. The Chairperson informed that this arrangement was possible due to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education letter with Ref.No.F.No.8-73/2010-TS.V dated 18th January, 2012 communicating the approval of the competent authority for participation of physically absent members through video conferencing. The Chairperson informed that the quorum could be maintained only because of this facility extended by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board of Management. He introduced the new member, Smt.A.Jansi Rani, Associate Professor, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation, GRI-DU, who has been nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in the capacity of Senior most Associate Professor. He briefed various academic and development activities that took place from the last meeting of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017 till this 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.
- ❖ 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 1391 students for the academic year 2017-18 from the 15000 applications registered.

- ❖ Digitisation of all activities of the Institute, including admission of students through single window system, scholarship to students, salary to staff members, purchase proposals, etc., to mention a few.
- ❖ Orientation programme to faculty members on National Digital Library
- ❖ C& AG Audit of the accounts of the Institute
- ❖ Presentation of the Vice-Chancellor about the Digital Initiative at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference held in New Delhi on 08.07.2017 and 09.07.2017.

The Board of Management appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the staff members of GRI for all their efforts in the growth and development of the Institute. It was also pointed out that when other colleges and Universities are struggling to get the minimum number of students for enrolment / admission to courses, GRI has set a milestone in admitting students in the ratio of 1: 24. The Vice-Chancellor informed that the students were admitted with their cut-off marks and hence the students admitted are only meritorious students.

The Board of Management appreciated the GRI Society for considering the proposals made by the Vice-Chancellor and positively considering to be a Distinct Deemed University by Ministry of Human Resource Development. It was pointed out, proposals to the tune of Rs.200 crores is to be presented to Ministry of Human Resource Development before September 2017.

The Board placed on record the generosity of Thiru Suprabharathi Manian and thanked him for creating an endowment in the Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, GRI.

After the presentation, the following agenda items were taken for discussion.

1. Item No.1834/BOM.2017.VII : CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Third meeting of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017 at Gandhigram.
- b) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide (i) Item No.1833/BoM/2017.V passed by circulation.

The Board of Management resolved to confirm the following :

- (a) **Minutes of the Hundred and Forty Third meeting of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017 at Gandhigram.**
- (b) **the resolution of the Board of Management vide (i) Item No.1833/BoM/2017.V passed by circulation dated 31.05.2017 as approved by the Finance Committee.**

2. Item No.1835/BOM.2017.VII: ACTION TAKEN REPORT

- a) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Third (143rd) meeting of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017.
- b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management dated 31.05.2017 passed by Circulation.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the following :

- (a) the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Third (143rd) meeting of the Board of Management held on 29.03.2017.**
- (b) the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management dated 31.05.2017 passed by Circulation.**

3. Item No.1836/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider the request of Sri S.P.Krishnakumar as Technical Officer for GRI at New Delhi to send a request letter addressed to the Director, MHRD for issuing fresh Identity Card for two years mentioning the change of Society of GRI.

The Board of Management considered and noted that the extension of service is being issued every six months by the Institute and resolved to approve the request of Sri S.P.Krishnakumar Technical Officer for GRI at New Delhi by sending a fresh request to the Director, MHRD for issuing fresh identity card to Sri S.P.Krishnakumar for a period of two years with effect from 01.08.2017.

While giving extension order every six months to the Technical Officer, the following clause may be included in the extension order :

Though the Identity Card issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development is valid for two years, he will be issued extension every six months only by the Gandhigram Rural Institute.

4. Item No.1837/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the CAS Screening Committee with reference to the representation of Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science for finalizing the date of promotion of Assistant Professor Stage 2 to Stage 3.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the report of the CAS Screening Committee. Hence the request of Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science is not complied with.

5. Item No.1838/BOM.2017.VII:

To nominate two members of the Board of Management for the constitution of Selection Committee for Group 'A' posts (other than Statutory posts) as per the Cadre Recruitment Rules of GRI.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to nominate Dr.Anandavalli Mahadevan and Dr.P.Thirumalvalavan, Members of the Board of Management for the constitution of Selection Committee for Group 'A' posts (other than Statutory posts) as per the Cadre Recruitment Rules of GRI.

The Board of Management authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take further action required in the selection process.

6. Item No.1839/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee for promotion of Assistant Professors to Associate Professor (Stage 3 to 4) and Associate Professor to Professor (Stage 4 to 5) and Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for Promotion of Assistant Professor (Stage 2 to 3) under CAS of UGC.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee held on 30.04.2017 for promotion of Assistant Professors to Associate Professor (Stage 3 to 4) and Associate Professor to Professor (Stage 4 to 5) and Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for Promotion of Assistant Professor (Stage 2 to 3) under CAS of UGC.

Sl. No.	Name of the Teaching Staff	Subject / Discipline / Department	Applicability of UGC Regulations	Promotion due date
	Stage 2 to 3			
1.	Dr.Hilaria Soundari	Applied Research	13.06.2013	11.11.2014
	Stage 3 to 4			
1.	Ms. S.Balasundari	English	13.06.2013	13.07.2015
2.	Dr. S.S.Vijayanchali	Home Science	13.06.2013	06.05.2015
	Stage 4 to 5			
1.	Dr.P.U.Mahalingam	Biology	13.06.2013	05.01.2015
2.	Dr.C.Pitchai	Cooperation	13.06.2013	13.01.2015

7. Item No.1840/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and give direction on the CAS promotion of Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension from Stage 4 to Stage 5 since he has not scored minimum marks in Category-I.

After discussions, the Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the report of the API Score Verification Committee held on 14.03.2017 and hence Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor is not eligible for CAS promotion from Stage 4 to Stage 5.

8. Item No.1841/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and give direction on counting of past services of Dr.G.Mahadevan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics who has requested to count his previous services for his CAS promotion.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the past services rendered by Dr.G.Mahadevan in Sivanthi Aditanar College of Engineering, Tiruchendur with effect from the date of Ph.D. Viva Voce for CAS promotion alone.

The date of CAS promotion from Stage 1 to Stage 2 is awarded with effect from the completion of four years from the date of Ph.D. viva voce instead of 1.10.2014 (Exemption of one orientation course for Ph.D. holders as per UGC letter No.F.2-9/97(PS) dated 17.05.2001.

9. Item No.1842/BOM.2017.VII:

To appoint one expert for the Selection Committee who is not an employee of the Institute and one nominee of the Board of Management for the constitution of Selection Committee for the Post of Registrar as per the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and Memorandum of Association /Bye-laws of the institute as amended from time to time.

The Board of Management, for the constitution of Selection Committee for the Post of Registrar as per the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and Memorandum of Association /Bye-laws of the institute as amended from time to time, considered and resolved as follows :

1. **The Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to nominate one expert for the Selection Committee who is not an employee of the Institute.**
2. **The Board of Management nominated Dr.Anandavalli Mahadevan as nominee of the Board of Management.**

10. Item No.1843/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and give directions on the representations of the staff members of GRI to give admission for their children to the courses of GRI and recommendation received from Gandhigram Trust to give admission to the Children's Home candidates.

The Board of Management considered and acknowledged the action taken by the GRI for following Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Admission) Act, 2006.

11. Item No.1844/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the draft “Rules and Regulations for utilizing the Corpus Fund” as suggested by the Finance Committee.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the “Rules and Regulations for utilizing the Corpus Fund”.

12. Item No.1845/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and ratify the re-transfer of fund amounting to Rs.4,04,33,021/- (in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipts amounting to Rs.4,04,28,912/-) plus accrued interest of Rs.4,109/-) from Corpus Fund Account No.2633 to General Development Fund Account No.10632 for the purpose of utilizing the fund for capital expenditure such as creating and developing infrastructural facilities in Gandhigram Rural Institute.

The Board of Management considered and ratified the re-transfer of fund amounting to Rs.4,04,33,021 (in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipts amounting to Rs.4,04,28,912 plus accrued interest of Rs.4,109) from Corpus Fund Account No.2633 to General Development Fund Account No.10632 for the purpose of utilizing the fund for capital expenditure such as creating and developing infrastructural facilities in Gandhigram Rural Institute.

13. Item No.1846/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve :

- (i) the transfer of accumulated interest amount in the Student Deposit Account No.7 of Canara Bank, as on 31st March 2017 every year, (starting with the amount of Rs.18,70,238/-, being the accumulated interest as on 31.03.2017) and
- (ii) the transfer of unclaimed deposit amount of Rs.33,55,418/- in the Student Deposit Account No.7 of Canara Bank, as on 31st March 2017, which are kept unclaimed for more than five years after completion of the course,

to the Corpus Fund (A/c No.2633) for the purpose of utilizing the same for capital expenditure such as creating and developing infrastructural facilities in GRI.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the transfer to Corpus Fund and create capital assets related to student welfare. It was further resolved to refund the student deposit when students claim for it.

14. Item No.1847/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and ratify (i) the closure of Account No.13243 (Dr.G.Ramachandran Memorial Fund) & Account No.13445 (GRI Alumni Fund) and transfer the proceeds to Account No.2633 (Corpus Fund), and (ii) to transfer the donation / interest income accounted in these accounts during 2016-17 to the Corpus Fund by way of passing a journal entry, in compliance with the conditions laid down in the Notification issued by the Director General of Income Tax (Exemptions), Calcutta for availing 100% exemption for the donations made to the University as per Section 80 G (2) (a) (iiif) of Income Tax Act.

The Board of Management considered the same and ratified-

(i) the closure of Account No.13243 (Dr.G.Ramachandran Memorial Fund) & Account No.13445 (GRI Alumni Fund) and transfer the proceeds to Account No.2633 (Corpus Fund), and

(ii) to transfer the donation / interest income accounted in these accounts during 2016-17 to the Corpus Fund

in compliance with the conditions laid down in the Notification issued by the Director General of Income Tax (Exemptions), Calcutta for availing 100% exemption for the donations made to the University as per Section 80 G (2) (a) (iiif) of Income Tax Act.

The Board of Management further suggested to give wide publicity in the website about the donation to Corpus Fund with 100% tax exemption.

15. Item No.1848/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the modified rules and regulations for maintaining GRI Endowment Fund account.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the modified rules and regulations for maintaining GRI Endowment Fund account and be implemented from 01.08.2017. Further, only 80% of the interest earned by the Endowment be used and the rest 20% be retained along with the Endowment.

It was also resolved that the new regulations may be informed to the existing donors and get their response and wide publicity may be issued in Website.

16. Item No.1849/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 18.05.2017.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 18.05.2017.

17. Item No.1850/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.05.2017.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.05.2017 with the following alteration:

Item No.352/FC.2017.V : The Registration fee of Rs.8400/- may be met from other funds available at the Department as the UGC Unassigned grant is exhausted.

Either Registration Fee or Travel Grant may be availed for National Level Seminar / Conference from the UGC Unassigned grants from the year 2017-18. For the international conference(s), the UGC Guidelines shall be followed.

18. Item No.1851/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in extending the term of the present Dean of the Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences and Faculty of Rural Social Sciences, GRI-DU, Gandhigram as Dean in-charge of the respective faculties.

The Board of Management noted that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor was in view of obtaining 12B clearance from University Grants Commission and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in extending the term of the present Dean of the Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences and Faculty of Rural Social Sciences, GRI-DU, Gandhigram as Dean in-charge of the respective faculties.

19. Item No.1852/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in implementing the recommendations of the Prospectus-cum-Fee Revision Committee from the academic year 2017-18.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in implementing the recommendations of the Prospectus-cum-Fee Revision Committee from the academic year 2017-18.

20. Item No.1853/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and direct on the minutes of Fact Finding Committee held on 20.03.2017 for the Ph.D. Programme of Ms.Josephine Celine Mary, Ph.D. Scholar under the guidance of Dr.M.Kuruvammal, Professor of Tamil (Retd.), Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to refer the matter to the Legal Action Committee constituted already by including the following members for advice and appropriate action. :

1. Director (Academic)
2. Director (Research and Development)
3. Controller of Examinations

Further, it was resolved to withhold all the proceedings in this regard.

21. Item No.1854/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and give direction on Adjudication Report for the award of Ph.D. to Ms.C.Thenmozhi, Full-time Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Tamil, GRI.

The Board of Management advised to send the thesis to another Indian Examiner and also call for explanation from the Supervisor and the Head of the Department concerned about the designation of the Examiner.

The proceedings on this matter shall be reported to the Board of Management.

22. Item No.1855/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the establishment of a Centre of Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University, in New Delhi.

After detailed deliberations, the Board of Management resolved to establish GRI Centre –

- (i) to promote GRI and its activities**
- (ii) to conduct short term training programmes on Gandhian ideals of Rural Development**
- (iii) to promote international programmes relevant to GRI.**

The Board of Management resolved that the site for GRI Centre may be finalized after Chancellor's opinion.

The Board of Management authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to frame guidelines for the GRI Centre.

23. Item No.1856/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and direct on (i) the request of Head, Dept. of Tamil to revise the fee structure for M.Phil in Tamil Programme as in the previous year i.e., 2016-17 and (ii) the request of Dr.B.Gurugnanam, Director in-charge, Centre for Applied Geology to waive the General Development fees for M.Sc Applied Geology and Geomatics programme.

The Board of Management considered and resolved that the requests made by the Head of the Department of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts and the Director In-charge, Centre for Applied Geology are not complied with.

24. Item No.1857/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the transfer of ledger accounts pertaining to all the fixed assets being maintained in Corpus Fund Account No.2633 of Canara Bank (Gross value of Assets Rs.2,05,80,343/-, Depreciation Rs.13,92,984/-, Net value of Assets Rs.1,91,87,359/- as on 31.03.2017) to the Institute Fund Account No.2639 and to maintain such ledger accounts for the fixed assets to be purchased, if any, in future in the Institute Fund Account.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the transfer of ledger accounts.

25. Item No.1858/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve the minutes of the 51st meeting of the Academic Council of GRI-DU held on 30.06.2017 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 51st meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.06.2017.

26. Item No.1859/BOM.2017.VII: REGISTRAR'S REPORT :

The Board of Management noted the Registrar's Report and approved.

27. Item No.1860/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve to allot funds for the faculty members for their Research and Development projects.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve separate budget for University Sponsored Projects. The Board of Management authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to frame guidelines to utilize the fund.

28. Item No.1861/BOM.2017.VII:

To consider and approve to provide fellowship to Ph.D. candidates who pursue their research without any fellowship.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to create GRI Fellowship for 30 students at the rate of Rs.2000/- p.m. for two years with effect from the academic year 2017-18. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to constitute a Committee to frame guidelines.

29. Item No.1862/BOM.2017.VII: ANY OTHER MATTER :

It was resolved to take up the following activities :

- (i) The Board of Management authorized the Vice-Chancellor to fulfil cadre strength in respect of each School / Department within the sanctioned strength for obtaining 12B status.
- (ii) Report on Development Plans :
 - (a) 3 / 5 / 7 Future Plans for each Department / School / Centre.
 - (b) Strengthening of Shanti Sena by way of offering online training courses to students of other institutions
 - (c) Create Rural Research Centre
 - (d) Online Diploma / Degree Programmes.
- (iii) The Vice-Chancellor informed that in view of obtaining 12B clearance from University Grants Commission, the Headship of the incumbent Heads of Departments of Rural Industries and Management, Applied Research, Gandhian Thought and Cooperation have been extended as Head in-charge of the respective Departments until GRI gets 12B status. The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor and authorized him to follow the same till such time 12 B Certificate is obtained.

- (iv) The Board of Management authorised the Vice-Chancellor to recruit Non-teaching staff positions which are required essentially for the smooth functioning of the University as per the roster approved by the Board of Management vide Item No.1768/BoM/2016.VII dated 16.07.2016.

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

Gandhigram
17.07.2017

Dr. K.Somasundaram
Registrar In-charge

Dr. S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor