

GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE FORTY THIRD (43RD) MEETING
OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 15.10.2014 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL,
FACULTY GUEST HOUSE, GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM

Members Present:

1.	Dr.S. Natarajan Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Dr.M.R. Kubendran Prof. & Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
3.	Dr.B.Subburaj Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences & Head, Department of Sociology	Member
4.	Dr.M.Saleem Baig, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, and Head i/c, Department of Hindi.	Member
5.	Dr.M. Sundaravadivelu Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences	Member
6.	Dr.N. Narayanasamy Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Development	Member
7.	Dr.S. Ganesh Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Member
8.	Ms.A.Jansirani Dean, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation	Member
9.	Dr.V. Rajarathinam Professor and Head, Department of Tamil	Member
10.	Sri S. Parthasarathy Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
11.	Dr.M.G. Sethuraman Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
12.	Dr.K. Jayakumar Professor and Head, Department of Physics	
13.	Dr.K.P. Vasantha Devi Professor & Head, Department of Home Science	Member
14.	Dr.A.David Ravindran Professor & Head, Department of Biology	Member
15.	Dr.K. Ravichandran Associate Professor & Head, Department of Cooperation	Member
16.	Dr. S.Ramaswamy Professor & Head, Department of Economics	Member

17.	Dr.A.Celine Rani Associate Professor & Head, Department of Pol.Sci. & D.A.	Member
18.	Dr.R. Mani Associate Professor and Head, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
19.	Dr.T. Rajendran Head, Department of Sociology	Member
20.	Dr.L. Rathakrishnan Professor & Head, Department of RIM	Member
21.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Rural Development	Member
22.	Dr.S.K. Gopal Professor & Head, Department of Extension Education	Member
23.	Dr.K. Somasundaram Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications	Member
24.	Dr.N.D. Mani Professor, Department of Rural Development	Member
25.	Dr.B. Padmanabha Pillai Professor, Department of Tamil	Member
26.	Dr.M.P.Boraian Professor, Department of Extension Education	Member
27.	Dr.T.T. Ranganathan, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Member
28.	Dr.R. Udhayakumar, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry & Director i/c, Rural Energy Centre	Member
29.	Dr.G. Muralidharan Professor, Department of Physics	Member
30.	Dr.R. Kumuthakalavalli Professor, Department of Biology	Member
31.	Dr.M. William Baskaran Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
32.	Dr.R. Seerangarajan Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management	Member
33.	Dr.K. Raja Alias Pranmalai Associate Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management	Member
34.	Dr.M.R. Rajan Associate Professor, Department of Biology	Member
35.	Ms.N. Suganthi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member

36.	Ms. Balasundari Assistant Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
37.	Prof.V. Rhymend Uthariraj, Prof. & Director, Ramanujan Computer Centre, Anna University, Chennai	Member
38.	Prof.P. Thirumalvalavan, Professor, School of Management, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	Member
39.	Dr.M. Sivaraman Controller of Examinations & CBCS Coordinator	Special Invitee
40.	Dr.A. Jagitha Begum, Head i/c, Department of Education	Special Invitee
41.	Dr.K.Mahendran Director i/c., Rural Technology Centre	Special Invitee
42.	Dr.B.Gurugnanam Director i/c. Centre for Applied Geology	Special Invitee
43.	Dr.T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman Professor, Centre for Future Studies	Special Invitee
44.	Dr.K. Velumani Professor, Centre for Women Studies	Special Invitee
45.	Dr. Ramanujam, Deputy Director i/c,CSSE&IP	Special Invitee
46.	Dr. Kirubakaran Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre	Special Invitee
47.	Dr.J.Abraham Deputy Librarian, Library	Special Invitee
48.	Dr.D.Grace Nirmala Deputy Director of Physical Education	Special Invitee
49.	Dr.A.P.A.Susila Kirubavathy Deputy Registrar (Academic)	Special Invitee
50.	Dr.M. Tamizhselvan, Dy. Librarian	Special Invitee
51.	Dr.P. Balasubramaniam Registrar	Non- Member Secretary

Prof.V. Ramakrishnan, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr.C. Sivapragasam, Head, Department of Applied Research, Dr.P. Shanmugavadivu, Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications, Dr.L. Raja, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, Shri S. Ravindran, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Dr.M. Hilaria Soundari, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Research, did not attend the meeting.

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 10.00 am.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members. He highlighted the events that took place from the last meeting of the Academic Council to till date. Then the new members of the Academic Council introduced themselves to the august body. After this, the items of agenda have been taken up for discussion:

1. Item No. 651/AC. 2014.X

To confirm the minutes of the Forty Second meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.06.2014

The Academic Council considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Forty Second meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.06.2014

2. Item No.652/AC.2014. 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 30.06.2014.

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 30.06.2014 along with the following observations:

1. With regard to Item No. 640/2014.AC.VI for creating the positions of non-statutory Directors – Academic, Research and Extension, the Academic Council resolved to refer the matter to the large forum for deliberations and even to the departments. There is also another committee constituted to empower the Deans. After getting views from the departments, the two committees sit together and fine tune the powers and responsibilities of the three Directors without overlapping on the powers and functions of the statutory Deans.
2. The Academic Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to submit the revised Graduate Attributes.

3. Item No. 653/AC.2014. X

To consider and ratify the action taken to permit Mr.N. Gopinath (Reg.No.13300080), M.Tech. Renewable Energy student of GRI to pursue Master programme in Wind Power Management at Uppsala University, Sweden under Erasmus Mundus – Lund University, Eminte Scholarship.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor permitting Mr.N. Gopinath (Reg.No.13300080), M.Tech. Renewable Energy student of GRI to pursue Master programme in Wind Power Management at Uppsala University, Sweden under Erasmus Mundus – Lund University, Eminte Scholarship.

Further for exchange of students with foreign universities under bilateral agreements, it was resolved to frame guidelines including transfer of credits and place it in the Board of Studies of the respective departments. Then the outcome of the Board of Studies be placed in the Academic Council for its approval.

4. Item No. 654/AC.2014. X

To consider and make note of the decision of the Board of Management with regard to award of degrees under Tatkal Scheme.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to make note of the decision of the Board of Management with regard to award of degrees under Tatkal Scheme.

5. Item No. 655/AC.2014. X

To consider and approve the recommendations of the committee constituted to modify the format of degrees/certificates issued by our Institute.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee constituted to modify the format of degrees/certificates issued by our Institute. The Academic Council resolved to retain the nomenclature 'Deemed University' instead of 'Deemed to be University'. The degree certificates may be issued without mentioning OCGPA. Also it was resolved to make minor corrections in the degree certificates.

As far as Ph.D. degree is concerned, it was decided that the status quo may continue with regard to mentioning the name of the Faculty/Department in the degree.

It was also resolved to insert the designation of Controller of Examinations like Registrar and Vice-Chancellor in the degree certificates.

6. Item No. 656/AC.2014. X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted for restructuring the VPP programme held on 10.09.2014.

The Academic council considered and resolved to conduct workshop with all the faculty members to frame guidelines/modus operandi for fine-tuning the VPP. Then the Board of Studies of the faculties/departments/centres may deliberate the outcome of the workshop and send the report to the Convenor of the committee. Then the committee will submit a final report in the Academic Council to take a final decision.

Further it was resolved that the three departments – Department of Extension Education, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Department of Rural Development, assist the other departments to conduct the VPP. The three departments will make logistic arrangements for conducting the VPP.

The VPP shall be conducted through out the year in co-ordination with the concerned departments whose students shall take part in the programme.

7. Item No. 657/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the panel of experts for selection of teaching post through direct recruitment/promotion under CAS

The Academic council considered and resolved that those faculties/departments/centres, which sent the list of panel of experts without the approval of the Board of Studies of the faculties/departments/centres, should conduct the meeting of the Board of Studies exclusively for approving the panel of experts for selection of faculty members through direct recruitment/promotion under CAS as early as possible and send the list to the office and it was also resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to take further action based on the minutes of the Board of Studies. Later the action taken by the Vice-chancellor based on the minutes of the Board of Studies may be placed in the Academic Council for ratification.

8. Item No. 658/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the creation of the Centre for International Relations and to rename the Centre for International Relations as International Programmes

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor creating the Centre for International Relations and also the Academic Council considered and resolved to rename the 'Centre for International Relations' as Centre for International Programmes'.

9. Item No. 659/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 08.10.2014

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 08.10.2014 with the following observations:

With regard to point No.6 – Examination, status quo may continue for time being.

The syllabus for the Course Work – I and panel of experts may be prepared by the respective faculties/departments/centres for approval of the respective Board of Studies so that the same will be followed from January 2015 session onwards. Further for Course works 2 and 3, the Doctoral Committee will set syllabii and question papers.

"Excluding number of post-doctoral fellows" is included with the Point No.19.3 and Point No.19.3 of 19.0 – Research Supervisor - is read as follows:

"Research Supervisors in the cadre of Professor are permitted to take a maximum of Eight candidates, seven for Associate Professors and Six for Assistant Professors (both Full-time and Part-time) in GRI including the other Universities as per the UGC Regulations. This is inclusive of JRF or Project Fellows and excluding number of post-doctoral fellows".

With regard to Point No.10, it was also decided that only the permanent teachers having Ph.D. degree be recognized as Research Supervisors.

With regard to Anti-Plagiarism, it was resolved that all Ph.D. scholars should be informed that there is a anti-plagiarism mechanism available in the library. The supervisor should certify that there is no plagiarism involved in the process of Ph.D thesis. The Dy. Librarian is informed to apply this anti-plagiarism mechanism called "Turnition" in four or five Ph.D. thesis and demonstrate the results to the supervisors and research scholars. Each supervisor should make use of the facility and correct the thesis in such a way that plagiarism in his students' thesis is within permissible level of 15-35%. The supervisor should also certify the plagiarism level of his students' thesis while submitting to the university for further approval.

10. Item No. 660/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to frame the guidelines for award of D.Litt/D.Sc. by the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to frame the guidelines for award of D.Litt/D.Sc. by the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

11. Item No. 661/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on "Restructuring the CBCS" for adoption from the academic year 2015-2016 onwards.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to conduct a Orientation Programme for the faculty members on the revised CBCS regulations. Then based on the experience gained in the Orientation Programme, discussion shall be held at the departmental level to fine tune the CBCS regulations. The Deans/Heads of the Departments send the suggestions and views to the committee constituted to revise the CBCS regulations and the same committee can go through the suggestions received from the faculties/departments/centres and submit the final report for discussion in the Academic Council.

12. Item No. 662/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the format prescribed for "Dissertation and Thesis of M.Phil./Ph.D. Dissertation and Thesis Adjudication Report by the External Examiners after evaluation of the Thesis/Dissertation respectively.

The same procedure followed in revising the CBCS regulations be followed in this case also.

13. Item No. 663/2014.AC.X

To consider and approve the format of Consolidated Statement of Grades to be issued to the students of M.B.A. programmes of GRI with the inclusion of caption viz., "SPECIALIZATION – I: _____" and "SPECIALIZATION – II: _____" for the III and IV Semester courses of study.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the format of Consolidated Statement of Grades to be issued to the students of M.B.A. programmes of GRI with the inclusion of caption viz., "SPECIALIZATION - I: _____" and "SPECIALIZATION - II: _____" for the III and IV Semester courses of study.

The meeting came to an end at 3.30 pm with thanks to the chair.

Gandhigram
15.10.2014

Dr.S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor

Dr.R. Balasubramaniam
Registrar