

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY SEVENTH MEETING
OF THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**VENUE : NEW EXAMINATION HALL
GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (DTBU)
GANDHIGRAM**

DATE : 28.08.2020

TIME : 11.00 A.M.



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HELD ON 28.08.2020 AT THE NEW EXAMINATION HALL
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MEMBERS PRESENT :

1.	Dr.B.Subburaj Professor and Vice-Chancellor i/c Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram.	Chairperson
2.	Dr.M.Soundarapandian Dean, School of Management Studies	Member
3.	Dr.B.Gurugnanam Dean, School of Computer Science & Technologies	Member
4.	Dr.G.S.Kannan Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Member
5.	Dr.A.Balakrishnan Head, Department of Rural Health and Development Studies	Member
6.	Dr.M.Mallammal Head, Department of Gandhian Studies and Sociology	Member
7.	Dr.V.Raghupathi Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
8.	Dr.A.Jahitha Begum Head Incharge, Department of Education	Member
9.	Dr.K.Raja alias Pranmalai Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management	Member
10.	Dr.S.Manivel Head, Department of Co-operation	Member

11.	Dr.P.Balasubramaniam Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
12.	Dr.Anitha Pius Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
13.	Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali Head, Department of Home Science	Member
14.	Dr.P.U.Mahalingam Head, Department of Biology	Member
15.	Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications	Member
16.	Dr.R.Kumaran Director in-charge, Centre for Studies in Sociology	Member
17.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar Director, Centre for Development Studies	Member
18.	Dr.K.Mahendran Director, Centre for Rural Technology	Member
19.	Dr.V.Kirubakaran Director, Centre for Rural Energy	Member
20.	Dr.K.Velumani Director, Centre for Future Studies	Member
21.	Dr.M.Sundaramari Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Member
22.	Dr.M.Seethalakshmi Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Member
23.	Dr.M.R.Rajan Professor, Department of Biology	Member
24.	Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran Professor, Department of Political Science and Dev. Admn.	Member
25.	Dr.K.P.Elango Professor, Department of Chemistry	Member

26.	Dr.R.Venkataravi Associate Professor, Centre for Lifelong Learning	Member
27.	Dr.P.Kalavathi Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications	Member
28.	Dr.K.K.Satheesh Kumar Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry	Member
29.	Dr.G.Mahadevan Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics	Member
30.	Dr.N.D.Mani Controller of Examinations i/c	Special Invitee
31.	Dr.M.G.Sethuraman Director (Research and Development)	Special Invitee
32.	Dr.Seerangarajan Director , DDU – KK	Special Invitee
33.	Dr.I.Kaspar Raj, Director Computer Centre	Special Invitee
34.	Dr.Grace Nirmala Head and Deputy Director of Physical Education and Yoga Centre	Special Invitee
35.	Dr.M.Tamizchelvan Deputy Librarian	Special Invitee
36.	Dr.H.Padmanabhan Deputy Registrar, Academic Section	Special Invitee
37.	Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram.	Secretary

The following members attended the meeting of the Academic Council through video-conferencing:

1.	Dr. P.Anandakumar Dean, School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts	Member
2.	Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages	Member
3.	Dr.L.Raja Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development	Member
4.	Dr.M.William Baskaran Dean, School of Social Sciences	Member

5.	Dr. V.Nirmala Rani Head, Department of Tamil	Member
6.	Dr.M.Saleem Baig Head In-charge, Department of Hindi	Member
7.	Dr.S.Rajendran Head, Department of Economics	Member
8.	Dr.S.Meenakshi Professor, Department of Chemistry	Member
9	Dr.M.Sivaraman Professor , Department of Physics	Member
10.	Dr.K.Ravichandran Professor, Department of Cooperation	Member
11.	Dr.G.Baskaran Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages	Member
12.	Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan (former Vice-Chancellor of Mother Teresa University, Kodaikkanal)	Member
13.	Prof.K.Kumaraswamy Emeritus Professor, ICSSR – Senior Fellow Department of Geography School of Earth Sciences Bharathidasan University (BDU) Tiruchirappalli – 620 024.	Member

The following members could not attend the meeting of the Academic Council :

1.	Dr.G.Muralidharan Dean, School of Sciences	Member
2.	Dr.P.Vickraman Head, Department of Physics	Member
3.	Dr.S.Shaji Director, Centre for Malayalam Studies	Member
4.	Smt.A.Jansi Rani Associate Professor, Centre for Rural Health	Member

5.	Dr.B.Tamilmani Professor, Department of Cooperation	Member
6.	Dr.Sonkhogin Haokip Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Dev. Admn.	Member
7.	Dr.S.Ponnusamy Chair Professor Department of Mathematics Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) Chennai – 600 036.	Member

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 11.00 a.m.

The Chairperson welcomed the members and thanked them for being available for the meeting through online/off-line mode for interaction in the meeting.

The Chairperson informed the august body that this meeting should have been convened some one year before but could not do so. Now, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute was able to accomplish the task of finalizing Prospectus for admission of students for the year 2020-21. The Vice-Chancellor stated that the Institute has received more than 15000 applications for various Programs. He stated that the Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors would adhere to the admission procedures and accomplish the challenging task successfully. He thanked the faculty members for taking all steps to conduct on-line classes, which has received very good response from the students.

With the above introductory remarks, the agenda for the meeting was taken up for discussion.

1. Item No.945/AC.2020. VIII

To confirm the minutes of the Fifty Sixth meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.03.2019.

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the Fifty Sixth meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.03.2019.

2. Item No.946/AC.2020.VIII

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 29.03.2019.

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 29.03.2019 with the following remarks:

Item No.923/AC.2018.XI – Any other matter : B.B.A. (Rural Industries and Management) :

The Head of the Department of Rural Industries and Management informed that obtaining equivalency for B.B.A.(Rural Industries and Management) Program is in process and he requested that action may be initiated for obtaining equivalency for M.B.A. Program also.

Ph.D. Thesis :

After discussions, the Academic Council resolved that the grading “Commended” and “Highly Commended” will be based on the grading of the examiners.

Item No.931/AC.2019.III:

The Academic Council resolved that Human Values and Professional Ethics should be taught to all the students of U.G. Programmes of the Institute from the academic year 2020-21.”. For all PG Programmes this course may be offered as Two Credits optional Modular Course on Human Values and Professional Ethics .

Item No.936/AC.2019.III :

The Chairperson informed that B.Sc. Geology was introduced from the year 2018-19 and the Certificate Course in Disaster Mitigation and Management has been introduced from the year 2019-20.

Item No.940/AC.2019.III :

The Chairperson stated that there are representations from the faculty members for restoration of Centres to Departments and Departments to Schools. This process of re-structuring of the Centres / Departments / Schools will be taken up and finalized.

3. Item No.947/AC.2020.VIII

To consider and approve the Subject Experts for D.Sc. Programme, Subject Experts for Selection Committee (within Tamil Nadu and Outside Tamil Nadu) and External Experts for Question Paper Setting and valuation for Ph.D./M.Phil./P.G. and U.G. Programmes of the Department of Mathematics.

Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Head of the Department of Mathematics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies held on 04.02.2020 and it was seconded by Dr.Anitha Pius, Professor, Department of Chemistry.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council noted that the Rules, Regulations and procedures for D.Sc. and D.Litt. Programs are already in place and that the implementation part of it has been delayed for more than two years.

The Academic Council considered and resolved that individual cases for D.Sc. or D.Litt. Program need not be brought to the Academic Council and the standard procedures may be followed by the administration for registration of candidates for the D.Sc. and D.Litt. Programs.

4. **Item No.948/AC.2020.VIII**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 28.06.2019.

Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Head of the Department of Mathematics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies held on 28.06.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.B.Gurugnanam, Professor, Centre for Applied Geology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the syllabi for M.Phil. Mathematics (Regular) Program, subject to the offering of the course and also reorganization of units for the Course Stochastic Processes based on the 4th edition of the book for M.Sc. Mathematics Program.

5. **Item No.949/AC.2020.VIII**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 06.01.2020.

Dr.S.Rajendran, Head of the Department of Economics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 06.01.2020 through video-conferencing and it was seconded by Dr.M.Soundarapandian, Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management in person.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 06.01.2020

6. **Item No.950/AC.2020.VIII**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Development Studies held on 24.02.2020.

Dr.P.Anandha Rajakumar, Director, Centre for Development Studies presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Development Studies held on 24.02.2020 and it was seconded by Dr.P.U.Mahalingam, Professor, Department of Biology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Development Studies held on 24.02.2020.

7. **Item No.951/AC.2020.VIII**

To consider the conduct of Viva-Voce examinations of UG / P.G.Diploma / P.G. /M.Phil. / Case Study in Online mode.

Dr.N.D.Mani, Controller of Examinations presented the recommendation to conduct of Viva-Voce examinations of UG / P.G.Diploma / P.G. /M.Phil. / Case Study in Online mode.

The Academic Council felt that online mode is vital in all spheres of education and hence there is no need for the approval of the Academic Council and the administration may take necessary action as required, following the procedure.

8. Item No.952/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Committee, held on 11.03.2020, constituted for issuance of Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and B.Voc.Degree offered under Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Kaushal Kendra, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram in compliance with the UGC Guidelines.

The Academic Council considered the minutes of meeting of the Committee, held on 11.03.2020, constituted for issuance of Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and B.Voc.Degree offered under Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Kaushal Kendra, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram which is in compliance with the UGC Guidelines and resolved to approve the same. The Academic Council further resolved that collection of fees for issuance of Certificates for Certificate / Diploma and Advanced Diploma may be placed in the appropriate Committee.

9. Item No.953/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 27.06.2019.

Dr.R.Kumaran, Director i/c, Centre for Studies in Sociology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 27.06.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.G.S.Kannan, Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences.

The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Studies in Sociology held on 27.06.2019 and resolved to approve the same.

10. Item No.954/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the guidelines for the procedures to be followed for the ethical clearance for such studies involving human and animal subjects, prepared by the duly constituted Committee of GRI(DTBU) .

Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Professor and Chairman of the Committee for the ethical clearance for such studies involving human and animal subjects presented the guidelines prepared by the Committee.

The Academic Council noted that the guidelines prescribed are as per the guidelines of the ICMR and DBT. The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the guidelines for the procedures to be followed for the ethical clearance for such studies involving human and animal subjects, prepared by the duly constituted Committee of GRI(DTBU) for implementation.

11. Item No.955/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the request made by those students who had already completed the duration of their courses but keep arrears till date even beyond N + 3 limit.

Dr.N.D.Mani, Controller of Examinations presented the request made by the students who had already completed the duration of their courses but keep arrears till date even beyond N + 3 limit.

The Academic Council resolved that the Institute should not limit only to the 70 students who have made the request, but extend the same to all the students and give them the final chance to clear the arrear papers, for the growth of their career. The students may be contacted in all the possible modes like e.mail, telephone, etc. and inform them about the final chance to clear the arrear papers. Such students may have to pay extra fees for conducting the examination.

12. Item No.956/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the draft Research Policy of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) framed by the Committee.

Dr.M.G.Sehturaman, Director (R & D) and Chairman of the Committee constituted to frame the draft Research Policy presented the draft Research Policy.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the draft Research Policy for implementation.

13. Item No.957/AC.2020.VIII

To consider and approve the proposal of the School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences entitled "Proposal for creation of Departments and sanction of teaching and non-teaching posts to meet the minimum requirements for ICAR accreditation to B.Sc.(Hons.) Agriculture Programme" for onward transmission to UGC, New Delhi for its approval and sanction.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council considered the proposal to submit to the UGC for the sanction of teaching and non-teaching posts for the School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences in tune with the ICAR norms and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to forward the above proposal to the UGC, New Delhi for its approval and sanction.

The School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences can submit / furnish the details as required for ICAR accreditation with necessary Departments / Divisions / Sections, besides other Departmental faculties of GRI.

14. Item No.958/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of Computer Science and Applications held on 17.08.2020.

Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Applications presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of Computer Science and Applications held on 17.08.2020 and it was seconded by Dr.M.Seethalakshmi, Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences.

The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of Computer Science and Applications held on 17.08.2020 and resolved to approve the same.

15. Item No.959/AC.2020.VIII

To consider the minutes of the committee meeting held on 18.08.2020 to frame the policy for conducting Online Webinar Series by the different Schools / Departments/ Centres of the GRI (DTBU) during the academic year 2020-2021.

Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Professor and Chairperson of the Committee to frame the policy for conducting online webinar series presented the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18.08.2020.

The Academic Council considered and resolved that the Committee constituted may come out with a broader perspective on the subject and the same may be submitted in the next meeting of the Academic Council. The Academic Council further resolved that online Webinar may be conducted with minimum financial commitment on case by case basis.

16. Item No.960/AC.2020.VIII

To consider and approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 06.03.2020 at 11.00 a.m. at GRI (DTBU).

- (i) **Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Head of the Department of Mathematics stated that the students were admitted into M.Phil. (Integrated) in Mathematics in 2018-19 and they registered for Ph.D. also. The grievance of such students was to be discussed in the Research Advisory Committee. It was not done so. The matter on nomenclature needs to be sorted out.**
- (ii) **The following modifications were suggested by the members of the Academic Council to the Ph.D. Regulations:**

2.3 – Part time candidates (External)

2.3.1 Permanent (to be added)

4.0 PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING

4.6 - Online entrance test and interview through online mode be restricted to candidates from far off places like North East, Kashmir, Ladakh, Andamans and Lakshadweep. On exceptional circumstances online test for other candidates can be conducted at the discretion of the authorities.

ANNEXURE-I(1) – (a) Fee Structure for Ph.D. Programmes :

Separate column for Engineering to be included (Page 20).

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 06.03.2020 with the above modifications in the Ph.D. Regulations (From July 2020).

The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to sort out the issue brought in by the Head of the Department of Mathematics for the M.Phil. (Integrated) Mathematics students, admitted to Ph.D.

17. Item No.961/AC.2020.VIII – ANY OTHER MATTER :

(i) FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS :

The Academic Council considered the matter regarding funded research projects and resolved to approve 60% towards Institutional Charges and 40% to the Principal Investigator to create facilities in the concerned Department. This will be placed in the Finance Committee for its consideration as an item of agenda for discussion.

(ii) P.G. DIPLOMA IN YOGA EDUCATION PROGRAMME :

Dr.Grace Nirmala, Head and Deputy Director, Physical Education and Yoga Centre. presented the syllabus for the P.G. Diploma in Yoga Education Programme (Regular Mode).

The Academic Council resolved to approve the same.

(iii) To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge in connection with preparation of Prospectus 2020-21, commencement of online classes for all programmes, Admission procedure for the Academic year 2020-21 and Corrigendum Prospectus 2020-21.

The Academic Council considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge for the Admissions / Online classes for the academic year 2020-21.

(iv) M.Phil. Thesis submission :

The Academic Council was informed that the M.Phil. Regular students could not obtain their Degree due to non-submission of their M.Phil. Thesis alone. As a one time measure, it was requested to allow such students to submit their M.Phil. thesis so that they could get their M.Phil. Degree.

The Academic Council considered and resolved that the M.Phil. Regular students, who could not get their M.Phil. Degree due to non-submission of M.Phil. Thesis, may be allowed to submit the M.Phil. Thesis by giving one final chance and necessary action may be initiated to complete the process.

Remarks by External Members :

Dr.Anandhavalli Mahadevan appreciated the administration for arranging this meeting even during the Pandemic. The member appreciated the Institute for providing seed money to the faculty members towards research.

Dr.Kumaraswamy opined that the students may be allowed to learn on-line courses and credits may be included in the curriculum for such on-line courses . The teachers may be given training in online classes which would bring enormous potential in technical knowledge to the teachers.

The Vice-Chancellor i/c thanked the members for being present for the meeting.

The Registrar proposed vote to thanks.

The meeting came to a close at 2.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

**Gandhigram
28.08.2020**

**Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar
Registrar
Dr. B.Subburaj
Vice-Chancellor i/c**

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Ref: AS/57th AC/2020-21 dated 06.10.2020

Submitted :

The draft minutes of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.8.2020, is **re-submitted**, after incorporating the corrections as directed by the Vice-Chancellor i/c vide his approval dated 30.09.2020, for kind perusal and approval.

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