THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST (131st) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 21.01.14 AT GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj, Vice-Chancellor i/c	…	Chairperson
2.	Dr.T. Senthivel	…	Member
3.	Dr.M.A.Sudhir	…	Member
4.	Dr. S.K. Gopal	…	Member
5.	Prof. Tridip Suhrud	…	Member
6.	Prof. Jeemol Unni	…	Member
7.	Dr.(Mrs.) Devaki Jain	…	Member
8.	Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan	…	Member
9.	Mr.A. Udaya Kumar	…	Member
10.	Dr.G. Muralidharan, Registrar i/c	…	Non-Member Secretary

Prof.M.S. Srinivasan expressed his inability to attend the meeting because of other commitments.

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

The Vice-Chancellor i/c, Gandhigram Rural Institute and Chairperson of the Board of Management extended a warm welcome to all the Honourable members of the Board of Management. He introduced the new members of the BoM: Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan and Mr.A. Udaya Kumar. He also introduced the new internal members of the BoM. He thanked the BoM members for making it to GRI to attend the 131st BoM meeting.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor i/c and Chairperson of the BoM thanked the former Vice-Chancellor Prof. SM. Ramasamy for his significant contribution to GRI during his tenure. He also thanked the former Registrar Prof. N. Narayanasamy for working in tandem with the former Vice-Chancellor for the growth of GRI.

With the above introduction, the august body took up the agenda items for deliberations and decisions.

1. Item No.1572/BOM.2014.I -- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirtieth meeting of the Board of Management held on 30.04.2013.

b) To confirm the minutes of the Board of Management by circulation

c) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management by circulation

The Board of Management considered and resolved to confirm (a) the minutes of the Hundred and Thirtieth meeting of the Board of Management held on 30.04.2013 in Chennai, (b) the minutes of the Board of Management by circulation, and (c) the resolution of the Board of Management by circulation.

2. Item No.1573/BOM.2014.I -- ACTION TAKEN REPORT

a) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Thirtieth meeting of the Board of Management held on 30.04.2013 in Chennai.

b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Board of Management by circulation (dated 22-07-2013).

c) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution of the Board of Management by circulation (dated 05-09-2013).

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve (a) the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Thirtieth meeting of the Board of Management held on 30.04.2013 in Chennai, (b) the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Board of Management by circulation (dated 22-07-2013) **and (c) the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution of the Board of Management by circulation** (dated 05-09-2013).

3. Item No.1574/BOM.2014.I

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.06.2013.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.06.13.

4. Item. No.1575/BOM.2014.I

To consider the request of Dr.K. Rajamohan Rao, Professor of Economics, GRI for extension of his lien service for a further period of five more years.

The Board of Management considered the matter and after detailed deliberations resolved to extend the lien granted to Dr.K. Rajamohan Rao, Professor of Economics, GRI, upto18-06-2014 and resolved that he be instructed to rejoin GRI on 19-06-2014.

5. Item. No.1576/BOM.2014.I

To consider and nominate one member to the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to nominate Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan to the Finance Committee from among the members of the Board of Management for a period of three years with effect from 21.01.2014 or till her membership in the Board of Management expires, whichever is earlier.

6.Item. No.1577 /BOM.2013.I

To consider and approve the minor changes in the format of M.Phil. (CBCS/Non-CBCS) Degree Certificates and certificates for the certificate courses.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minor changes in the format of M.Phil. (CBCS/Non-CBCS) Degree Certificates and certificates for the certificate courses. This will be implemented from the next convocation.

However, the Board of Management pointed out that Diploma and Degree certificates are important official documents and hence the format should not be changed as much as possible. The Board also pointed out that certifications like "Re-Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade" may be avoided, as these are not permanent certifications. However, generic certifiations such as such "Accredited by NAAC" may be used.

7. Item. No.1578 /BOM.2014.I

To consider the defence given by Dr.K. Rajamohan Rao, Professor of Economics, GRI who is on lien as Professor-cum-Director, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, on the report of the Enquiry Officer.

The BoM looked into Dr. K. Rajamohan Rao's, Professor of Economics, GRI, file in a detailed manner and discussed his case (Charges leveled against him; Enquiry officer's findings; and Dr. K. Rajamohan Rao's defense) thoroughly and arrived at the following decisions:

1. **It recommended that Charge 3 (variations in signature) and Charge 2 (Anonymous letter purportedly written by Dr. K. Rajamohan Rao) be set aside.**

2. **With reference to Charge 1 (that Dr. K. Rajamohan Rao withheld the result of an MPhil candidate for more than a year), the BoM took a serious view of it and expressed its dismay and displeasure over the non-cooperation of Dr. K. Rajamohan Rao in declaring the examination results and pointed out that no individual has any right to delay the publication of results. The BoM also pointed out that in any enquiry against any individual, the word "delinquent" should be avoided. With this, this file pertaining to Dr. K. Rajamohan Rao may be treated as closed.**

8. Item. No.1579/BOM.2014.I

To consider and ratify the Earned Leave availed by Dr.SM Ramasamy, former Vice-Chancellor of GRI in different spells during his tenure.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the Earned Leave availed by Dr.SM. Ramasamy, former Vice-Chancellor of GRI, in different spells during his tenure.

9. Item. No.1580/BOM.2014.I

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor to approve the recommendations of the minutes of the meeting of the committee to decide the TA/DA for external examiners attending the Question Paper Scrutiny Board and other examination related works.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor to approve the recommendations of the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to decide the TA/DA for external examiners attending the Question Paper Scrutiny Board and other examination related works.

10. Item. No.1581/BOM.2014.I

To consider the transfer of 5 cents of GRI land as requested by the GRI Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited on a long term (99 years) lease basis for construction of a new building for the Society in GRI premises.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to transfer 5 cents of GRI land as requested by the GRI Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society

Limited on a long term (99 years) lease basis for construction of a new building for the Society in the premises of GRI. The appropriate governmental agency may be approached for approving the same.

However, the BoM pointed out that leasing any piece of land on campus should be done carefully so that it does not affect the ecological ambience of the campus.

11. Item. No.1582/BOM.2014.I

To consider the recommendation of the Advisory Committee of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) for the continuance of the Centre on a permanent basis.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) for the continuance of the Centre on a permanent basis.

The BoM made the following two observations: The Centre should focus on "inclusion" also and not just on "exclusion". Secondly, the BoM pointed out that even if the UGC withdraws financial support to the Centre, GRI, considering the nature of work taken up by the Centre which is closely aligned with the philosophy and vision of GRI, should ensure that the orientation given by the Centre and its activities are continued through other Faculties and Departments. The BoM also pointed out that as far as possible other programmes offered at GRI too should broadly reflect the philosophy of exclusion and inclusion advocated by the Centre.

12. Item. No.1583/BOM.2014.I

To consider the proposal for the Creation of Centre for Advanced Mathematical Modeling and Computing (AMM & C) under UGC-BSR OTG and designate Dr.P. Balasubramaniam, Professor of Mathematics, as the Director of the Centre.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to defer the matter, for as per statutes of GRI the creation of any Centre can be placed in the BoM only after it is formally approved in the BoS of the respective Department/Faculty and subsequently in the Academic Council as well. Hence this issue is to be taken up by the Department of Mathematics and the Academic Council.

13. Item. No.1584/BOM.2014.I -- REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Registrar's Report.

14. Item. No.1585/BOM.2014.I

To consider and give direction for appointment of the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Dr.S. Ganesh, Professor of Horticulture, the next senior most Professor in the faculty after the present Dean, Dr. T. Sentivel, as the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, for a period of three years with effect from 20.03.2014.

15. Item. No.1586/BOM.2014.I

To consider and approve the list of passed out students of various programmes during the academic year 2012-13 to award Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates and approve the list of gold medalists.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the list of passed out students of various programmes during the academic year 2012-13 to award Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates and it also resolved to approve the list of gold medalists

16. Item. No.1587/BOM.2014.I

To consider and ratify the action by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge approving the change in the format of the MBA Degree Certificate**.**

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge approving the change in the format of the MBA Degree Certificate.

17. Item No.1588 /BOM.2014.I

To consider and give directions for networking with other Gandhian Insitutions by the Gandhigram Rural Institute.

The Chancellor, GRI wanted the BoM to discuss the modalities of networking with other Gandhian institutions. The BoM resolved that GRI should network with other Gandhian institutions in the country and this can be kickstarted with a meeting and networking of the VCs/ directors of Gandhian institutions. The BoM also pointed out that GRI VC should take the lead in this. The BoM resolved that a round table meeting of VCs of Gandhian institutions and Gandhian ideologues such as Dr. Devaki Jain, Dr. Sudharshan Iyengar, Dr. Tridip Suhrud, Dr. Anupam Mishra and NCRI Chairman should be arranged to discuss the networking. The BoM also resolved that Gandhian and rural issues be taken up together for networking.

18. Item No.1589/BOM.2014.I

To consider and give direction to prepare a road map and vision document for GRI.

The BoM pointed out that the networking of Gandhian institutions will pave the way for creating a core group which will prepare the roadmap and vision document for GRI.

The BoM suggested that the preparation of vision document be taken up after the networking process takes shape.

19. Item No.1590/BOM.2014.I

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted regarding the deployment of employees of IDARA in the vacant positions of GRI.

The BoM considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the Committee constituted with regard to the possible deployment of the employees of IDARA in the vacant positions of GRI and also resolved that these employees may be given a certain weightage, all other things being equal, in future recruitments of GRI.

20. Item No.1591/BOM.2014.I

To consider and give directions for the (revised) appointment of auditor for the financial year 2013-14.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to make a few changes in the appointment orders issued to Shri K. Sivakumar, Chartered Accountant, appointed to audit the accounts and certify the consolidated statement for the year 2013-14. The revised appointment would require him to audit all the accounts of GRI. The other terms and conditions are noted in the revised appointment letter. And he will be paid an audit fee of Rs.60,000/- including out-of-pocket expenses. The terms and conditions as proposed in the draft appointment letter (Annexure -XXV) are also approved by the BoM.

21. Item No.1592/BOM.2014.I

To consider and give direction to authorize Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj, Vice-Chancellor in-charge to sign Degrees, Diplomas and medal certificates.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj, Vice-Chancellor in-charge to sign Degrees, Diplomas and medal certificates to be issued during the Thirtieth Convocation of GRI as Vice-Chancellor.

22. Item No.1593/BOM.2014.I

To consider and give direction to authorize Dr. G. Muralidharan, Registrar in-charge to sign Degrees, Diplomas, medal certificates and certificates.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize Dr.G. Muralidharan, Registrar in-charge to sign Degrees, Diplomas, medal certificates to be issued during the Thirtieth Convocation and other certificates of add on courses as Registrar.

23. Item No.1594/BOM.2014.I : Any other matter

In addition to the above, the BoM passed the following resolutions:

The BoM resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor i/c to issue the Advertisement for filling up the post of Registrar, GRI in order to facilitate the appointment of the Registrar, GRI as early as possible.

The BoM resolved that the Grievance Committee should meet periodically to discuss outstanding issues, if any. The BoM resolved that the Women Harassment Committee/Cell should follow the Vishaka Guidelines.

The BoM resolved the following to strengthen measures aimed at empowering women: There should be adequate infrastructure facilities for women students and staff. Second, the recruitment policy of GRI should be women-friendly, in the sense that there should be adequate representation of women in every department and faculty.

The BoM resolved to appoint student counsellors (from among the existing staff) for the psychological well-being of GRI students.

The BoM resolved that appropriate measures should be taken to strengthen the soft skills of GRI students.

The BoM resolved to convene the next meeting of the BoM sometime in April either in Chennai or at Gandhigram.

The meeting came to a close at 01:30pm with thanks to the Chair.

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