

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

**MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND (132ND)
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 24.06.2014
AT NEW WOODLANDS HOTEL PVT. LTD., CHENNAI**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Dr.S. Natarajan	...	Chairperson
2.	Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj	...	Member
3.	Dr.R. Kumuthakalavalli	...	Member
4.	Dr.N. Narayanasamy	...	Member
5.	Dr.S. Ramesh	...	Member
6.	Dr.(Mrs.) Devaki Jain	...	Member
7.	Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan	...	Member
8.	Mr.A. Udaya Kumar	...	Member
9.	Dr.G. Muralidharan, Registrar i/c	...	Non-Member Secretary

Prof. Tridip Suhrud, Dr. Jeemol Unni and Prof. M.S. Srinivasan expressed their 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 extended a warm welcome to all the Hon'ble members of the Board of Management. He introduced himself to the members of the Board of Management, as he assumed office of the Vice-Chancellor on 23.05.2014. He briefed on the vision, mission and the goals to be achieved.

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

1. Item No. 1595/BOM.2014.VI -- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 21.01.2014

The Board of Management considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 21.01.2014

2. Item No. 1596/BOM.2014.VI -- ACTION TAKEN REPORT

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 21.01.2014 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 21.01.2014 with the following observations:

With regard to Item No. 1588 /BOM.2014.I, Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages, is requested to prepare a progress report on the proposed networking of Gandhian Institutes.

3. Item. No.1597/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the first meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 25.03.2014

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 25.03.2014 with the following observations:

It was decided to refer the matter of creating non-statutory positions of Dean (Academic) and Dean (Research and Development) to the Academic council for its deliberations and recommendations.

4. Item. No.1598/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and give direction for appointment of the Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Dr.M. Sundaravadivelu, Professor, Department of Chemistry as Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences, GRI, Gandhigram for a period of three years with effect from 18.07.2014.

5. Item. No.1599/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and give direction for appointment of the Dean, Faculty of Rural Development, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Dr.N. Narayanasamy, Professor, Department of Extension Education as Dean, Faculty of Rural Development,

GRI, Gandhigram with effect from 01.08.2014 for a period of three years or until his superannuation, whichever is earlier.

6. Item. No.1600/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and give direction for appointment of the Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Dr.B. Subburaj, Professor, Department of Cooperation as Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences, GRI, Gandhigram for a period of three years with effect from 20.07.2014.

7. Item. No.1601/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and give direction for appointment of the Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Dr.M.R. Kubendran, Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages as Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages, GRI, Gandhigram with effect from 15.07.2014 for a period of three years or till a Professor is appointed/promoted, whichever is earlier.

8. Item. No.1602/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge approving the consolidated list of hospitals as per Tamilnadu Government G.O.Rt.No.680 dated 29.07.2013.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge approving the consolidated list of hospitals as per Tamilnadu Government G.O.Rt.No.680 dated 29.07.2013.

9. Item. No.1603/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve for implementation of 2nd Amendment of UGC Regulations (ie.) Minimum Qualifications for appointment Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education (2nd Amendment), Regulations, 2013, in GRI with effect from 13.06.2013.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve 2nd Amendment of UGC Regulations (ie.) Minimum Qualifications for appointment Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in

Higher Education (2nd Amendment), Regulations, 2013, for implementation in GRI with effect from 13.06.2013

10. Item. No.1604/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and direct on the *AG Audit Para IR No.28-090/13-14 Part II B – Para 3 – Non compliance of Fundamental Rules and Irregular holding of lien for a period of 22 years and irregular payment of Pay and allowances – Rs.19,44,711/- to Dr.S.K. Gopal, Associate Professor, Dept. of Extension Education, GRI on reversion to his parent department.*

The lien was permitted to him by the institute. The Board of Management considered and resolved to write a detailed letter to UGC in the case of Dr.S.K. Gopal with regard to his lien period of 22 years to seek ratification of the lien from the UGC.

11. Item. No.1605/BOM.2014.VI

To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge on the nomination of member in the Grievance Redressal Mechanism from among the members of Board of Management.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge on the nomination of Dr.R. Kumuthakalavalli, Member, Board of Management as member in the Grievance Redressal Mechanism from among the members of Board of Management. Since her term comes to an end on 17.07.14, the Board nominates Dr.S.Ramesh, Member, Board of Management to the Grievance Redressal Mechanism from among the members of Board of Management

Appellate authority for Grievance Redressal Mechanism may be made known to staff members and students.

12. Item. No.1606/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Grievance Committee to look into the grievances of non-teaching/technical staff for implementation.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to refer the recommendations of the committee to the full-fledged Grievance Redressal Mechanism.

13. Item. No.1607/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of Committee constituted to review and update the roster of reservation of Technical / Secretarial / Multi-tasking Staff with reference to the Recruitment Rules of GRI.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the updated roster of reservation to Technical / Secretarial / Multi-tasking Staff positions with reference to the Recruitment Rules of GRI.

14. Item. No.1608/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for Promotion of Assistant Professor from Stage 2 to 3 and Promotion from Asst. Professor Stage 1 to 2 under CAS of UGC held on 06.02.2013.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for Promotion of Assistant Professors from Stage 2 to 3 and Stage 1 to 2 under CAS of UGC held on 06.02.2013.

Accordingly, the following are promoted from the dates mentioned against their name:

Sl. No.	Name of Teaching Staff with Designation	Subject	Date of Effect
Assistant Professor (Stage 2 to 3)			
1.	Ms.S. Balasundari, Assistant Professor	English	13.07.2012
2.	Ms.N. Suganthi, Assistant Professor	English	13.07.2012
3.	Dr.P. Kalavathi, Assistant Professor	Computer Science and Applications	04.12.2011
4.	Dr.S.S. Vijayanchali, Assistant Professor	Home Science	06.05.2012
Assistant Professor (Stage 1 to 2)			
5.	Dr.B. Baskar Assistant Professor	Cooperation	His case has not been recommended for want of API scores
6.	Dr. Sonkhogin Haokip Assistant Professor	Political Science and Development Administration	11.08.2011
7.	Dr. Well Haorei Assistant Professor	Rural Industries and Management	10.11.2011
8.	Dr.R. Kumaran Assistant Professor	Sociology	12.12.2010

15. Item. No.1609/BOM.2014.VI

To consider on the eligibility of two Assistant Registrars for placement to the higher grade pay and the date of eligibility of two Assistant Registrars for the higher grade pay with reference to UGC's date of exemption from fulfillment of the training programmes upto 31.12.2013 taking into the consideration of A.G. Audit objections.

The Board of Management considered and resolved the following:

- a) Both Dr.R.V. Kannan and Dr.A. Murugesan were eligible to be considered for promotion on the date of the syndicate meeting (30-08-2011). The date of promotion for them in the higher grade pay is 17.05.2010 and 05.06.2010 respectively i.e. after completion of eight years of service as Assistant Registrar. Since only two of the Asst. Registrars are eligible to be promoted, the promotion given to Sri. H.Padmanabhan is not in order.
- b) In the case of Shri H. Padmanabhan, he is eligible for senior scale from 01.11.2012 i.e. on the day after retirement of Dr.R.V. Kannan. Excess payment made to him for the period from 29.11.2010 to 31.10.2012 can be allowed as a special case.
- c) The AG Audit has not taken cognizance of the extension of the date for completion of the orientation programme by the UGC.

16. Item. No.1610/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on the implementation of the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for the promotion given to various Non-Teaching staff.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on the implementation of the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for the promotion given to various Non-Teaching staff.

17. Item. No.1611/BOM.2014.VI

To consider the request of Dr.M. Soundarapandian, Professor, Dept. of Rural Industries and Management, GRI for extension of lien service for further period from 01.07.2014 to 18.04.2015.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve extension of lien for further period from 01.07.2014 to 18.04.2015 (a maximum of three years), to Dr.M. Soundarapandian, Professor, Dept. of Rural Industries and Management, GRI.

18. Item. No.1612/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the fee waiver and hostel room rent waiver (for hostel students) for the differently abled students.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the tuition fee waiver and hostel room rent waiver and establishment charges (for hostel students) for the differently abled students from the academic year 2014-2015. The deposits, mess bill, VPP charges, etc. are payable by the candidates as is the case with others.

19. Item. No.1613/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the re-designation of the position of Director i/c of the Centre of Applied Geology as Director.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to refer this matter to the Academic Council. Also it was resolved to refer the similar such designations of other centres to the Academic Council.

20. Item. No.1614/BOM.2014.VI -- REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

The Board of Management made note of the Registrar's report.

21. Item. No.1615/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and direct on the request of Dr.K. Kamaraj, Retired UDC and Sri S. Rajendran, UDC for inclusion of past services rendered in SIDA Aided Social Forestry Project for the period from 5.11.1981 to 31.01.1985 and from 1.5.1985 to 31.07.1986 as qualifying service for terminal benefits as was done in the case of Dr.M.Gurusamy, retired Research Assistant.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to refer it to a committee. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to constitute the committee.

22. Item. No.1616/BOM.2014.VI

To consider the request of Dr.K. Raja Mohan Rao, Professor of Economics, GRI for further extension of period of lien till 30.04.2017 (or) at least for one year ie. upto 18.06.2015.

After detailed discussions, the Board of Management resolved not to extend his lien beyond 30-06-2014.

23. Item. No.1617/BOM.2014.VI

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Recruitment Rules Amendment Committee (with Annexures – XXVII & XXVIII) held in GRI on 18.06.2014.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Recruitment Rules amended by a Committee and duties and responsibilities of non-teaching staff recommended by the Committee at its meeting held in GRI on 18.06.2014 with the following observation in the promotion qualification for the post of Private Secretary under Sl.No.11:

Existing	Changes recommended
Promotion from the personal assistants with six years of regular service failing which stenographers with 10 years of regular services	Promotion from the personal assistants with six years of regular service or 10 years of regular service in the cadre of personal assistant and stenographer put together; failing which stenographers with 10 years of regular service

24. Item. No.1618/BOM.2014.VI

To consider the deferred item No.1561/BOM.2013.IV in the meeting held on 30.04.2013 regarding approval of the recommendation of the committee constituted to decide on payment of Transport Allowance (TA) and Earned Leave (EL) credit for Teaching Staff who worked during vacation, as no reply is received from the UGC till date.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to grant appropriate EL credit for teachers who forego vacation, on certification by the Deans/HoDs concerned. They should get prior approval of the authorities before engaging the staff for any institutional work during the vacation.

25. Item. No.1619/BOM.2014.VI: ANY OTHER MATTER

1. With regard to the following self-supporting programmes run by three different departments,
 - i) M.Sc. Information Technology - Department of Computer Science and Applications
 - ii) M.Sc. Geoinformatics - Department of Rural Development
 - iii) M.Sc. Microbiology - Department of Biology

it was decided to convert the self-supporting programmes into regular programmes from the academic year 2015-16 onwards. Further it was also decided to bring all the self-supporting programmes under the direct control of the respective Heads of the Departments for administrative reasons from 01.07.2014. There will not be any course coordinators except for the MBA/UGC innovative programmes.

2. It was decided to create a separate fund for the Founder Memorial structure and other heritage sites in GRI with donations from individuals, well wishers and voluntary contributions.
3. It was decided to increase corpus fund by fund raising measures from elected members, alumni, staff, students and other voluntary organizations. Steps will be taken to get IT exemption for such contributions. The VC is authorized to take necessary steps in this regard.
4. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to form a legal committee to look into all court cases of the institute.
5. It was approved to have institutional quota as follows:
 1. UG Programmes:
 - a) 10% for sports persons
 - b) 10% for children of employees of GRI and Gandhigram Trust Institutions and service providers.
 2. PG Programmes:
 - a) 5% for sports persons
 - b) 10% for children of employees of GRI and Gandhigram Trust Institutions and service providers.
6. To resolve the issues related to Department of Computer Science and Applications and Computer centre, the BoM authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a three member committee with external experts.

Chennai
24.06.14

DR.S. NATARAJAN
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.G. MURALIDHARAN
REGISTRAR I/C