THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THIRD (133rd)
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 31.08.2014
AT NEW WOODLANDS HOTEL PVT. LTD., CHENNAI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dr.S. Natarajan	…	Chairperson
2. Dr.M. Saleem Baig	…	Member
3. Ms.A. Jansirani	…	Member
4. Dr.N. Narayanasamy	…	Member
5. Dr.S. Ramesh	…	Member
6. Dr. Tridip Suhrud	…	Member
7. Prof.M.S.Srinivasan	…	Member
8. Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan	…	Member
9. Dr.A. Udaya Kumar	…	Member
10. Dr.G. Muralidharan, Registrar i/c	…	Non-Member Secretary

Dr.(Mrs.) Devaki Jain and Dr. Jeemol Unni 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 highlighted the developments in the institute from 24.06.2014, the date of last meeting of the Board of Management to 30.08.2014.

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

1. Item No. 1620/BOM.2014.VIII -- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty Second meeting of the Board of Management held on 24.06.2014

The Board of Management considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty Second meeting of the Board of Management held on 24.06.2014.

2. Item No. 1621/BOM.2014.VIII -- ACTION TAKEN REPORT

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty Second meeting of the Board of Management held on 24.06.2014.

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 Second meeting of the Board of Management held on 24.06.2014 subject to the following:

With regard to Item. No.1615/BOM.2014.VI, the report of the committee constituted to go into the details of past services rendered by staff members is approved for implementation.

With regard to Item. No.1619/BOM.2014.VI: ANY OTHER MATTER, the Vice-Chancellor may take appropriate action based on the report of the committee constituted to resolve the issues related to Department of Computer Science and Applications and Computer centre.

3. Item. No.1622/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider the UGC's letter No.8-1/2012/(JCRC) dated 24.07.2014 regarding promotional avenues and other service conditions for the Technical Officers of USIC in Central Universities and UGC maintained deemed to be Universities.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to implement the decision of the UGC conveyed to the Institute vide its letter No.8-1/2012/(JCRC) dated 24.07.2014 regarding promotional avenues and other service conditions for the Technical Officers of USIC in Central Universities and UGC maintained deemed to be Universities.

4. Item. No.1623/BOM.2014.VIII

To reconsider the request of Dr.G. Palanithurai, Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration, GRI to count his past services as Research Professor in Rajiv Gandhi Chair to fix his seniority in the cadre of Professor which was not acceded to by BOM of GRI and now he has requested to seek direction from the UGC to protect his pay and fix seniority in GRI.

The Board of Management considered and resolved that the recommendation of selection committee for Professor of Political Science (direct recruitment) is final.

5. Item. No.1624/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and approve the draft Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the year 2013-14.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the draft Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the year 2013-14. The Board of Management authorized the Vice-Chancellor to carry out minor corrections, if any, based on the observations of the Statutory Auditor and AG (Audit) without impacting the accounts. On approval, the Statement of Accounts will be forwarded to Statutory Auditor for certification. The certified accounts will be submitted to AG (Audit) for supplementary audit.

6. Item. No.1625/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to discuss the compensation of 8 working days and issue of degree certificates under Tatkal Scheme.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to discuss the compensation of 8 working days and issue of degree certificates under Tatkal Scheme. The date of the degree certificate is the date of final approval of the request of the candidate by the Vice-Chancellor. It was suggested to send it to Academic Council for information.

7. Item. No.1626/BOM.2014.VIII : REGISTRAR'S REPORT

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

8. Item. No.1627/BOM.2014.VIII

To entrust construction of building works to CPWD – Madurai.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the entrustment of new building works to CPWD and the maintenance works to Estate Office, GRI. It was suggested that all building proposals be placed in the Building Committee for its examination and recommendation.

9. Item. No.1628/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider the appointment of retired officials from government institutions/ autonomous bodies Senior Consultants who have a good knowledge of academic, administrative, financial and engineering fields and who have had a good record while in service with eligible conditions on a consolidated remuneration fixed as per central government norms for reemployment of retired officials subject to production of a copy of retirement orders as well as pension payment orders.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the proposal to appoint eligible retired officials/engineers on adhoc basis as per the rules of GoI for a specific period/work.

10. Item. No.1629/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and approve the minutes of 46th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14.08.2014.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of 46th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14.08.2014.

11. Item. No.1630/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Grievance Redressal Mechanism held on 23.8.2014.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve, in principle, the minutes of the meeting of the Grievance Redressal Mechanism held on 23.08.2014. Modalities and financial implications be worked out and presented to the Finance Committee for its consideration and direction.

12. Item. No.1631/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider the requirement of 3 acres of land for establishing new 110kV sub-station by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Dindigul at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved in principle to allot 3 acres of land to establish new 110 kV Sub-station by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Dindigul at Gandhigram at government value of rates considering its importance and nature of work. It was suggested to seek permission from appropriate government agencies.

13. Item. No.1632/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted for evolving Proforma for Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS) in accordance with 2nd amendment, UGC Regulations, 2013 (Minimum qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) held on 21st August 2014 at IQAC, GRI for implementation to teaching staff of GRI for their CAS promotion and also for direct recruitment with effect from 13.06.2013.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted for evolving Proforma for Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS) in accordance with 2nd amendment, UGC Regulations, 2013 (Minimum qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) held on 21st August 2014 at IQAC, GRI for implementation to teaching staff of GRI for their CAS promotion and also for

direct recruitment with effect from 13.06.2013. This format evolved by the Committee is to be used for the said purpose.

14. Item. No.1633/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to update the Roster of reservation for Teaching and other Academic posts and earmark the vacancies (current and backlog) to Reserved categories held at 10.00 am on 27.08.2014 (Wednesday) at the Syndicate Hall of GRI as per reservation policy of the Govt. of India.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to update the Roster of reservation for Teaching and other academic posts and earmark the vacancies (current and backlog) to Reserved categories held at 10.00 am on 27.08.2014 (Wednesday) at the Syndicate Hall of GRI as per reservation policy of the Govt. of India. Further it recommended that the advertisement be issued based on this roster.

15. Item. No.1634/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and give direction on the appointment of the Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee. Dr.P. Balasubramaniam, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, be appointed as Registrar of Gandhigram Rural Institute and the Vice-Chancellor may issue necessary orders appointing him for a period of three years with effect from the date of joining in the eligible pay scale as prescribed by the UGC/MHRD.

16. Item. No.1635/BOM.2014.VIII

To consider and give direction on the appointment of Statutory Auditor for the audit of Financial Statements for the year 2014-15

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint M/s GPRR & Co. Madurai as Statutory Auditor for the year 2014-15 with audit fees of Rs.63,000/-, Rs.1000/- per certificate for certification works and Rs.200/- per day per person for out-of-pocket expenses for TA/DA.

17. Item. No.1636/BOM.2014.VIII : ANY OTHER ITEM

1. The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the BOM, briefed the august body the water crisis during the month of July and the steps taken by the Institute to tide over the situation. Efforts were taken on war foot to drill three bore-wells to augument the water to cater to the needs of the students and staff. A brief note prepared by the Vice-chancellor was circulated among the members of the Board of Management with regard to water crisis in the Institute and the remedial measures undertaken by the Institute.

2. The Ambo University, Ethiopia, has come forward to sign an MOU for mutual collaboration between the Gandhigram Rural Institute and the Ambo University, Ethiopia in the field of Cooperation, Rural Development, Rural Energy Centre, Rural Technology Centre, Health and Sanitation. A draft MOU has been received from the authorities of Ambo University and the Institute has accepted the terms and conditions and the MOU will be signed soon. This is for kind information of the Board of Management.

3. The Board Member suggested that in the next meeting the departments can present their vision for the development of their department/faculty for next ten years.

4. A conference/workshop on academic leadership for evolving sponsored research projects may be organized.

Chennai
31.08.2014

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VICE-CHANCELLOR

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REGISTRAR i/c