

**MINUTES OF THE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVENTH
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

**VENUE : BOARD ROOM
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GANDHIGRAM**

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THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr. S. Natarajan | ... | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. M. Saleem Baig | ... | Member |
| 3. Ms. A. Jansirani | ... | Member |

4. Dr. N. Narayanasamy	...	Member
5. Dr. A. Easwaran	...	Member
6. Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan	...	Member
7. Dr. P. Thirumalvalavan	...	Member
8. Dr. Kezevino Aram	...	Member
9. Dr. A. Udaykumar	...	Member
10. Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Registrar	...	Non-Member Secretary

Dr. Devaki Jain expressed her inability to attend the meeting because of her illness.

The meeting started at 10.30 am with one minute silent prayer.

The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Hon'ble members of the Board of Management. The Chairperson introduced Dr. A. Udaykumar, Member of the BoM to other members. Then, he highlighted the various academic and development activities that have been carried out during the last three months (ie. from the last meeting of the BoM till this meeting). After the presentation by the Chairperson, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and decision.

1. Item. No.1697/BOM.2015.X: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.7.2015.
- b) To confirm the Resolutions (Item No.1695 &1696/BoM.2015.IX) passed by circulation to consider and approve the proposal of depositing Rs. 50.00 lakhs (Rupees fifty Lakhs) with TWAD Board from the Corpus Fund of the Institute to bring Cauvery Water for Institute and Consolidated Financial Statement of Account of the GRI, for the Year 2014-2015.
- (a) The Board of Management considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Thirty Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.7.2015**
- (b) Further, the BoM resolved to confirm the Resolutions (item No.1695 &1696/BoM.2015.IX) passed by circulation that is to deposit Rs.50.00 lakhs with the TWAD Board from the Corpus Fund of the Institute to bring Cauvery Water for the Institute and to approve the Consolidated Financial Statement of Accounts of the GRI for the year 2014-2015.)**

2. Item No. 1698/BOM.2015.X : ACTION TAKEN REPORT

- (a) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the hundred and Thirty Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.7.2015.

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 Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.7.2015 with the remarks/suggestions on certain items :

1. Wherever it is indicated that “Noted and action initiated”, the action initiated shall be indicated by quoting the letter Reference No. and date.
2. Regarding Item No.1672/BOM.2015.VII: 1. (itemNO.1604/BOM.2014.IV), again a reminder letter may be sent again to the A.G. office informing the retirement of the Dr.S.K. Gopal and request the office to drop audit para.
3. Item No.1489/SY.2011.VI, : It shall be noted as “ BoM not considered”
4. Item No.1675/BoM.2015/VII: It shall be mentioned as “ Not considered by the BoM”
5. Item No.1676/BoM.2015/VII: The details of action taken along with the rule provision should be mentioned
6. Regarding Item No.1683//BOM.2015/VII, in the action taken report, the circular No. and date shall be mentioned
7. Item No.1687/BOM.2015.VII: Instead of Action initiated, it should worded as “Operational Manual for the Faculty Guest House is being operated”.
8. Item No.1691/BOM.2015.VII: Instead of noted and action initiated, it is to be recorded as Ratified.
9. Item No.1693/BOM.2015.VII: Instead of Noted, it shall be recommendations of the Finance Committee implemented
10. Under Item No.1694/BOM.2015.VII: Sl. N:6: inclusion of (g) The Best Person under Additional Corporate Responsibilities.
11. Under Item No.1694/BoM.2015.VII: Sl.9: Suggested to include as “Service Providers/Service Villages” and certain percentage be provided to the Talented, meritorious and poor candidates also.
12. Under Item No.1694/BoM.2015.VII: Sl.No.10, it is approved with effect from January 2015 Regulations.
13. Sl. No.11 of Item No.1694: The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to consider the request of GRIFA subject to the final Legal opinion.

- (b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolutions passed by Circulation.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by circulation with the following remarks/suggestion:

Item No.1695/BoM.2015.IX: The Plan details shall be placed in the next BoM meeting. The Registrar is also directed to get the original Plan documents from the TWAD Board for record purpose.

3. Item. No.1699/BOM.2015.X:

To consider and approve the minutes of the 49th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23.9.2015

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 49th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23.9.2015 with the following remarks:

- (a) The Board of Management recommends that the Finance Section should take into account the action taken report of the Annual Accounts for the year 2014-15 and the AG Audit Party slips.
- (b) The positive observation of the Finance Committee should be noted in the minutes.
- (c) The Auditors should be appointed based on the merit, experience, reputation and background of the Auditors. The selection should not be purely based on bidding.
- (d) Proper audit system is to be followed.
- (e) Maintenance of digital stock Register is proposed
- (f) Positive comments of GRI Society members may be noted in the Action taken report

4. Item. No.1700/BOM.2015.X:

To consider and approve the Draft minutes of the 46th meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.9.2015

The Board of Management considered and resolved that the draft minutes of the Academic Council shall be approved by the members of the Academic Council. The final approved minutes alone should be presented in the BoM. However, the approved minutes of the 46th Academic Council may be got approved by circulation of the BoM.

5. Item. No.1701/BOM.2015.X

To consider the minutes of the 50th meeting of the GRI Society held on 29.9.2015

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the 50th meeting of the GRI Society held on 29.9.2015. Certain remarks were made by the BoM on the following:

- 1. Regarding Audit Para on the Accounts: The Registrar may request the concerned Officers/Faculty head to present the matter to the AG Auditors in case there is any audit para against their Departments/Sections.**
- 2. The Academic Audit for the Projects should be introduced.**

6. Item. No.1702/BOM.2015.X

To consider and approve the proposal of purchase of 27.9 Cents for establishing 8 lane track.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the proposal of purchasing 27.9 cents of land for establishing 8 lane track at GRI. Further, the BoM has authorized the Vice-Chancellor to purchase the land with the approval of the Land Adjustment Committee.

7. Item. No.1703/BOM.2015.X

To consider and give direction for appointment of the Dean, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation, GRI, Gandhigram

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the appointment of Dr. G. Dhanasekaran, Associate Professor as the Dean of the Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation for a period of three years with effect from 01.01.2016 as per the MoA/Rules .

8. Item. No.1704/BOM.2015.X

To consider and approve request of Dr. V. Kirubakaran, Asst. Professor and Convenor, Power sector Reforms Committee, Rural Energy centre regarding the appointment of an Electrical Engineer in the rank of Assistant Engineer or Junior Engineer in order to look after the Power sector projects in GRI.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the appointment of an Electrical Engineer in the rank of Assistant Engineer or Junior Engineer to look after the Power Sector Projects in GRI subject to the following remarks/directions:

1. The person to be appointed will be under XII Plan
2. Should be B.E. Electrical/B.E. Electrical and Electronics
3. The scope of contract should be clear
4. The Engineers to be appointed should come under the technical control of Rural Energy Centre and he will have to look after all the power related works in GRI Campus (Electrical works, Maintenance works and other related works).

9. Item. No.1705/BOM.2015.X

To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on the report of the High-power Committee constituted to waive the tuition fee for SC/ST students of GRI and other fees as below:

The Board of Management authorized the Vice-Chancellor for taking suitable action as per the practices prevailing in Central Universities on the report of the High-Power Committee to exempt the tuition fee and other fees for SC/ST students of GRI and report the same in the next Board of Management.

Further, the Board of Management suggested the following on the implementation:

- a) The tuition fee need not be collected from the SC/ST/SCC students
- b) A guarantee letter/undertaking letter to be obtained from the candidate for transferring the tuition fee amount from his scholarship to GRI account by the Banker
- c) For belated payment of other fees, a late fee can be collected from the students not in the form of fine.
- d) The Vice-Chancellor may consider for extending this benefit to Merit cum economically poor but meritorious students. A Committee may be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to work out the ways and means of extending such benefits.

10. Item. No.1706/BOM.2015.X

To consider and give direction on the report of the Committee constituted for Enquiry regarding pending administrative and finance matters pertaining to Dr. S.K. Gopal.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to request the three member Committee to submit its report on pending advances before 30.10.2015. The BoM also directed the administration to write letters to the Accountant General for dropping the pending audit para.

Regarding pending advances with the staff, the Special Officer (Finance) may be requested to make arrangements for adjustment/ settlement of advances within a period of three months. In case advances are not settled, it shall be recovered from their salary.

11. Item. No.1707/BOM.2015.X :

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Noted.

12. Item. No.1708/BOM.2015.X : Any other matter

- (i) To consider the minutes of the Land Adjustment Committee held on 06.10.2015.

The Board of Management (BoM) considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the Land Adjustment Committee held on 06.10.2015. Further, the BoM approved the estimate of Rs.12,10,000/- submitted by the Gandhigram Trust for reconstruction of Compound Wall, Fencing work and other related works in the premises of Gandhigram Trust so that wide area shall be made available for laying access road by GRI. BoM also resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to enter into legal agreement between Gandhigram Trust and Gandhigram Rural Institute on the Land adjustment and Civil works for making the access road from National Highways as soon as the work is completed.

- (ii) To consider the minutes of the Legal Committee on 2.10.2015

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the Legal Committee held on 02.10.2015. It also approved Dr. C. Pitchai, Associate Professor, Department of Cooperation as a Liaison Officer (Legal), the Honorary additional charge.

(iii) To consider and approve the minutes of the Building Committee to be held on 6.10.2015

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the Building Committee held on 06.10.2015 with some directions to the Estate Officer on Civil work:

1. The Estate Officer should give a time frame and action Plan for the civil work to be done and work has to be finished before the date indicated
2. If delay is occurred, the penal charges be levied.
3. For civil works, Color washing and similar works item wise Negotiable Contract may be made ready. Further the members suggested to mention the allotment of construction work under Item Nos. 9-11 in the Building Committee minutes to the CPWD
4. The Project proposal submitted by the Director i/c., Rural Technology Centre (RTC) is approved and could be executed with the help of the students of RTC for repairing and relaying of roads in the campus. Also he can co-opt the Estate Officer, Technical Officer and CPWD Engineers.

(iv) To consider and approve the list of MoUs signed with various Government Agencies/Institutions

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the MoUs signed with various Government Agencies/Institutions.

(v) GRI Annual Reports for the year 2014-15 has been prepared and placed in the 50th meeting of the GRI Society and it was approved.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Annual Report for the year 2014-15

(vi) Dr. A. Easwaran's representation regarding his CAS Promotion:

Dr. A. Easwaran, Member in the Board of Management represented his CAS promotion issues and the BoM considered and resolved to constitute a three member External Committee.

The meeting came to an end at 03.00 pm. with thanks to the Chair.

**Dr . S. NATARAJAN
VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Date: 08.10.2015

**Dr. P. BALASUBRAMANIAM
REGISTRAR**