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**MINUTES OF THE
FORTY THIRD MEETING OF THE
SPONSORING SOCIETY**

**VENUE : Syndicate Hall,
Administrative Block
GRI, Gandhigram**

DATE : 28.05.2012

TIME : 10.15 A.M.



**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
GANDHIGRAM – 624 302, DINDIGUL DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU**

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MINUTES OF THE FORTY THIRD (43RD) MEETING OF THE SPONSORING SOCIETY HELD ON 28.05.2012 AT THE SYNDICATE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr.SM.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, GRI | ... President |
| 2. Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai,
Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts | ... Member |
| 3. Dr. Kumuthakalavalli,
Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences | ... Member |
| 4. Dr.T.Rajendran,
Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences | ... Member |
| 5. Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj,
Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages | ... Member |
| 6. Dr.T.Senthivel,
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry | ... Member |
| 7. Shri M.R.Rajagopalan
Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust, Gandhigram. | ... Member |
| 8. Dr.Mohamed Ghouse, Vice-Chancellor's nominee | ... Member |
| 9. Dr.C.J.Kumanan, Vice-Chancellor's nominee | ... Member |
| 10. Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Registrar | ... Non-Member Secretary |

The meeting started at 10.15 a.m. with one minute silent prayer.

The Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting.

The President extended a warm welcome to the members. The Vice-Chancellor introduced all the members to the august body. He thanked the Honourable members who have made it convenient to attend the meeting amidst their busy schedule. He thanked all the members for their co-operation and expected the same kind of co-operation in the future also.

The Vice-Chancellor gave a power point presentation on the activities of the institute so as to give an idea on the functioning of the Institute to the honourable members.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the august body that Ms.Renana Jhabvala, President, SEWA Bharat has been appointed Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute for a period of five years with effect from 30th March, 2012 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The members of the august body unanimously extend a warm welcome to Ms.Renana Jhabvala, Chancellor and resolved to record its fullest co-operation to her in the functioning of the Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University as its Chancellor.

1. Item No.146/SS.2012.V

To confirm the minutes of the Forty second meeting of the Sponsoring Society held on 28.3.2012 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Sponsoring Society considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Forty Second meeting of the Sponsoring Society held on 28.3.2012 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

2. Item No.147/SS.2012.V

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Forty Second meeting of the Sponsoring Society held on 28.3.2012 at the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Sponsoring Society considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Forty Second meeting of the Sponsoring Society held on 28.3.2012 at the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

3. Item No.148/SS.2012.V

To consider and amend the existing Provision of MoA/Rules regarding Powers and functions of Sponsoring Society.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development vide its letter No.F.8-4/2012-U.3(A) dated 22.5.2012 communicated that the Gandhigram Rural Institute is 100% funded by MHRD and therefore the MHRD is the Sponsoring Agency / Body. Accordingly, the following amendments to the existing version of MoA/Rules were discussed for amendment :

Existing Version	To be amended version
5.0. <u>Definitions</u> 5.26. "Society" means Gandhigram Rural Institute which is the Sponsoring Society.	5.0 <u>Definitions</u> 5.26. "GRI Society" means Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University.
Nil	5.27 "Sponsoring" Agency/Body means Ministry of Human Resource Development (Government of India).
5.27. "State Government" means the State Government of Tamil Nadu. 5.28. "The Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute. 5.29. "Teachers" means Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other persons giving instructions in the Institute as may be declared by the rules to be teachers.	5.28. "State Government" means the State Government of Tamil Nadu. 5.29. The Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute. 5.30. Teachers" means Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other persons giving instructions in the Institute as may be declared by the rules to be teachers.

<p>5.30 The Institute library” means the library maintained by the Institute.</p> <p>5.31“The Registrar” means the Registrar of the Institute.</p>	<p>5.31.“The Institute library” means the library maintained by the Institute.</p> <p>5.32.“The Registrar” means the Registrar of the Institute.</p>
<p>7. 0. Governance System</p> <p>The Institute shall adhere to the following criteria:</p> <p>7.1 The Gandhigram Rural Institute, a Fully UGC funded Deemed University, is registered under Societies Registration Act.</p> <p>7.3 Among the authorities of the Institute, there shall be a Chancellor who shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Society. He/She shall be an eminent educationist or a distinguished public figure other than the President of the Sponsoring Society or his/her close relatives.</p> <p>7.6 The Board of Management of the Institute shall be independent of the Society with full autonomy to perform its academic and administrative responsibilities. The number of representative(s)/nominee(s) of the society on the Board of Management shall be limited to a maximum of two.</p>	<p>7.0 Governance System</p> <p>The Institute shall adhere to the following criteria:</p> <p>7.1 The Gandhigram Rural Institute, a fully MHRD funded Deemed University through UGC is registered under Societies Registration Act.</p> <p>7.3 Among the authorities of the Institute, there shall be a Chancellor who shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Agency/Body. He/She shall be an eminent educationist or a distinguished public figure.</p> <p>7.6 The Board of Management of the Institute shall be independent of the GRI Society and the Sponsoring Agency / Body with full autonomy to perform its academic and administrative responsibilities. The number of representative(s)/nominee(s) of the Sponsoring Agency/Body on the Board of Management shall be limited to a maximum of three including one eminent academic to be nominated in consultation with UGC.</p>
<p>21. 0 NIL</p> <p>21.1. NIL</p> <p>21.2 NIL</p>	<p>21.0. The Sponsoring Agency/Body</p> <p>21.1. The Sponsoring Agency/Body means the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Govt. of India)</p> <p>21.2. Powers and functions of the Sponsoring Agency/Body</p> <p>i) to appoint the Chancellor for the Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University.</p>

	<p>ii) to nominate two members to the Board of Management.</p> <p>iii) to nominate one eminent Academic to the Board of Management in consultation with UGC.</p> <p>iv) to nominate one representative to Finance Committee.</p>
Rules	
<p>16.0 Composition of the Finance Committee</p> <p>The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vice Chancellor (Chairperson) 2. A member nominated by the Sponsoring Society 3. Two nominees of the Board of Management, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Management itself 4. A representative of the MHRD, Government of India 5. Finance Officer (Secretary) 	<p>16.0 Composition of the Finance Committee</p> <p>The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vice Chancellor (Chairperson) 2. A member nominated by the GRI Society 3. Two nominees of the Board of Management, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Management itself 4. A representative of the MHRD, Government of India 5. Finance Officer (Secretary)
<p>24.0. Chancellor</p> <p>The Institute shall have a Chancellor who shall, when present, preside over the convocation of the Institute but shall not be the Chief Executive Officer. The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Society, shall hold office for a period of 5 years and shall be eligible for one more term. The Chancellor shall neither be a member of the Society nor a close relative of the President of the Society.</p> <p>Where power is conferred upon the Chancellor to nominate persons to authorities, he/she shall, to the extent necessary, nominate persons to represent the various interests for the furtherance of the objectives of the Institute.</p>	<p>24.0. Chancellor</p> <p>The Institute shall have a Chancellor who shall, when present, preside over the convocation of the Institute but shall not be the Chief Executive Officer. The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Agency/Body. He/She shall hold office for a period of 5 years and shall be eligible for one more term.</p> <p>Where power is conferred upon the Chancellor to nominate persons to authorities, he/she shall, to the extent necessary, nominate persons to represent the various interests for the furtherance of the objectives of the Institute.</p> <p>When a temporary vacancy arises in the Office of the Chancellor or during Chancellor's</p>

When a temporary vacancy arises in the Office of the Chancellor or during Chancellor's inability to act, the Vice-Chancellor shall exercise the powers of the Chancellor till the institute makes arrangements for the appointment of the Chancellor	inability to act, the Vice-Chancellor shall exercise the powers of the Chancellor till the Sponsoring Agency/Body makes arrangements for the appointment of the Chancellor.
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After elaborate discussion, it was resolved to approve the above amendments in the existing version of MoA / Rules.

4. Item No.149/SS.2012.V

To consider and approve the switch-over from the present Societies Registration Act 1860 to Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975 as per the requirement of Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act and accordingly to make suitable amendments.

Existing Version	To be amended version
20.1. 'Society' means GRI namely the "Sponsoring Society".	20.1. Society means GRI Society and the members of which shall constitute the General Body.
<p><u>20.2 Members</u></p> <p>The Sponsoring Society shall have a maximum of 17 members in the General Body of the society as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Vice-Chancellor 2. Seven Deans of various Faculties of GRI 3. Managing Trustee of Gandhigram Trust 4. One nominee from the Ministry of Human Resource Development 5. One nominee from the University Grants Commission 6. Two nominees of the Vice-Chancellor, GRI 7. Four external members of eminence from Leading Academic / Research / Gandhian / Rural Technology Institutions / Leading NGOs <p>The Vice-Chancellor shall be the</p>	<p><u>20.2. Members</u></p> <p>The GRI Society shall have a maximum of 17 members in the General Body of the society as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Vice-Chancellor 2. Seven Deans of various Faculties of GRI 3. Managing Trustee of Gandhigram Trust 4. One nominee from the Ministry of Human Resource Development 5. One nominee from the University Grants Commission 6. Two nominees of the Vice-Chancellor, GRI 7. Four external members of eminence from Leading Academic / Research / Gandhian / Rural Technology Institutions / Leading NGOs nominated by the GRI Society. <p>The Vice-Chancellor shall be the President of the Society and the Registrar shall be the Non-Member Secretary.</p>

<p>President of the Society and the Registrar shall be the Non-Member Secretary.</p> <p>The nominated members of the society will hold the office for a period of three years. The ex-officio members will continue as long as they hold the positions.</p> <p><u>20.3 Powers and Functions of the Sponsoring Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To appoint the Chancellor ii) To nominate two persons to the Board of Management iii) To consider and pass resolutions on the Annual Reports, Annual Budgets, Annual Audits and the Annual Accounts of the Institute and the Audit Report of such accounts. 	<p>The nominated members of the society will hold the office for a period of three years. The ex-officio members will continue as long as they hold the positions.</p> <p><u>20.3 Powers and Functions of the GRI Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To facilitate the functioning of the Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University. ii) To consider and pass resolutions on the Annual Reports, Annual Budgets, Annual Audits and the Annual Accounts of the Institute and the Audit Report of such accounts and iii) To approve the change of membership.
<p><u>20.4 Meeting of the Sponsoring Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Society may meet at least once in a year on the dates to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Society shall also meet at such other times as it may, from time to time determine. ii) Each meeting of the Society shall be presided over by the Vice-Chancellor and in his absence any of the members present shall be nominated to preside. iii) One third of the members of the Society shall be the quorum required for a meeting. 	<p><u>20.4 Meeting of the GRI Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The GRI Society may meet at least once in a financial year on the date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor before 30th September of every financial year. The GRI Society shall also meet at such other times as it may, from time to time determine. ii) Each meeting of the GRI Society shall be presided over by the Vice-Chancellor and in his absence any of the members present shall be nominated to preside. iii) One third of the members of the GRI Society shall be the quorum required for a meeting. iv) For every meeting of the “GRI Society” twenty one days notice shall be given.

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The necessity for switching over from 1860 Act to Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975 was discussed.

- (i) **It was resolved to approve GRI Society to switch over from the Societies Registration Act 1860 to Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975.**
- (ii) **Accordingly, the necessary amendments proposed and approved under item Nos.148 and 149 above supersede the amendments made earlier and registered on 24.1.2012.**

5. Item No.150/SS.2012.V

To consider and approve the bye-laws prepared by a committee.

The Sponsoring Society considered and after discussion, resolved to approve the bye-laws prepared by the Committee constituted for the purpose.

6. Item No.151/SS.2012.V

To consider and approve the change of membership for the years 2010-11 and 2011&12 in the erstwhile Senate & Syndicate as well as nomination of members to the Sponsoring Society to fulfill the requirements of the Societies Registration Act.

The change of membership fell in different dates and the Institute was in transition period in amending its existing MoA based on the UGC / MHRD directions. Hence the change of members for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 as indicated in Form No.VII could be approved only in the present Society. Accordingly, the change of members as indicated in Form No.VII for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 are approved.

The meeting ended at 1.15 p.m. with thanks to the chair.

Gandhigram
28.05.2012

Dr.SM.RAMASAMY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.N.NARAYANASAMY
REGISTRAR