STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

MINUTES FOR THE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST
MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

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

DATE: **17.02.2010**

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THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST (121st) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 17.02.2010 AT THE SYNDICTE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, *GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY, GANDHIGRAM*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dr.SM.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor	...	Chairperson
2. Sri.M.R. Rajagopalan	…	Member
3. Dr.M.R.Kubendran	...	Member
4. Dr.S.Ganesh	...	Member
5. Shri Upamanyu Basu	...	Member
6. Dr.Alakh Narayan Sharma	...	Member
7. Dr.R.Udhayakumar	...	Member
8. Dr.M.William Baskaran	…	Member
9. Dr.P.Anandakumar	…	Member
10. Dr.M.G.Sethuraman	…	Member
11. Shri.M.S.Prabakaran, Registrar i/c	…	Non-Member Secretary

The Chairperson, KVIC, Mumbai could not attend the meeting.

The meeting started with two minutes silent prayer at 10.00 a.m.

The Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute and the Chairperson of the Syndicate, welcomed the members. He introduced Shri M.R.Rajagopalan, nominee to the Syndicate from Gandhigram Trust to the members. On behalf of the members of the Syndicate, the Chairperson welcomed the members and thanked them for their august presence in the meeting amidst their busy schedule.

The Chairperson presented a brief report on the activities of the Gandhigram Rural Institute during the period from 10.8.2009 to 16.2.2010. To mention a few:

- 10 more new programmes have been added such as M.Phil. in Food and Nutrition, M.Phil. in Extension Education and Communication, M.Phil. in Economics, M.Phil. in Physics, P.G. Diploma in Education Technology, Certificate Course in Energy Audit, etc.

- 86 students admitted for the Doctoral research in Science, Arts and Languages.

- 27 scholars received their Ph.D. degrees during the XXVII Convocation held in December 2009.

- Projects worth of nearly Rs.1.34 crores were conceived and funds were received from various agencies like UGC, CSIR, PCRA, NSS Cell, UNICEF, ICAR, Coconut Development Board, etc.

- Over 50 seminars, conferences, workshops, training programmes and endowment lectures were organised by different departments of GRI.

- Rs.5.00 lakhs was sanctioned by UGC for organising Conference, Seminars, etc.

- 57 faculty members attended conferences and seminars conducted by other organisations.

- 13 faculty members visited countries like Germany, South Africa and Sri Lanka on various academic assignments.

- More than 70 scientific papers were published by the faculty members of GRI.
- Raising Compound wall for the Institute has been completed
- Action was initiated to construct two new hostels, one for boys and the other for girls.
- Construction of Railway under bridge is nearing completion.
- Rs.60.00 lakhs was received as scholarships from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu and other agencies.
- UGC Expert Committee visited GRI in January 2009 to have on the spot assessment of GRI and the GRI has deservingly projected its academia.
- IQAC has been established for NAAC Reaccreditation.
- Restructuring of academic departments through School concept has taken near full dimension.
- XXVII Convocation was conducted successfully conferring degrees to 898 candidates.
- Actions were initiated to start new Centres on Climate Change, Cell for Corporate Social Responsibility, Village Resource Centres, College for Academic Administrators, Academic Staff College on Rural Development, Centre for Applied Geology, etc.
- Two major research Projects (1) RUWA (Rural Water Management) and (2) RUDA (Rural Digital Atlas for Dindigul District) are in the process of evolution.
- In order to propagate the research findings of GRI academicians a novel concept of organizing Popular Lecture Series ('PLS') has been evolved and is being conducted successfully every month in various colleges in different parts of Dindigul District and also in GRI.
- Special Book Gallery was opened in Dr.G.Ramachandran Library exhibiting over 100 books published by GRI Academicians.
- Five days training course was organised on "Agro Informatics" in order to introduce the high tech concept of remote sensing to Agriculture Scientists.
- The Department of Science and Technology has identified GRI as one of the partner institutions in "INDO – Norwegian Collaborative project on Geohazards" (Landslides, Tsunami modeling and climate change).
- Vice-Chancellor published 3 scientific papers one in an international journal and the two in national journals.
- Vice-Chancellor participated in over 10 national / international events and delivered inaugural addresses, key note addresses, invited talks, etc.

1. <u>Item No.1390/SY.2010.II</u>

1. To confirm the minutes of the Eighteenth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.7.2009.
2. To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Twentieth meeting of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 at GRI., Gandhigram.

3. To confirm the modified minutes for the Item No.1371/SY.2009/VIII of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 circulated to the Members of the Syndicate.
4. To confirm the minutes of the Nineteenth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 22.12.2009.
5. To confirm the Resolution (Item No. 1389/SY.2010.I) passed by circulation permitting the Registrar to submit the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2008-2009 to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to confirm the following minutes:

1. **The minutes of the Eighteenth Special meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.07.2009 at GRI, Gandhigram.**
2. **The minutes of the Hundred and Twentieth meeting of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 at GRI, Gandhigram.**
3. **The modified minutes of the Item No.1371/SY.2009/VIII of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 circulated to the Members of the Syndicate.**
4. **The minutes of the Nineteenth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 22.12.2009 at GRI, Gandhigram.**
5. **Resolution passed by circulation (Item No. 1389/SY.2010.I) approving the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2008-2009 to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit**

2. Item No.1391/SY.2010.II

1. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Eighteenth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.07.2009 at GRU,Gandhigram.
2. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Twentieth meeting of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 at GRI., Gandhigram.
3. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Item No.1371/SY.2009/VII of the Hundred and Twentieth meeting of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 at GRI., Gandhigram.
4. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Nineteenth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 22.12.2009 at GRI, Gandhigram.
5. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolution (Item No. 1389/SY.2010.I) passed by circulation permitting the Registrar to submit the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2008-2009 to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit.

1. **The Syndicate considered the minutes of the Eighteenth Special meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.07.2009 at GRI, Gandhigram and resolved to approve the action taken report of the Registrar.**
2. **The Syndicate considered the minutes of the Hundred and Twentieth meeting of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 and resolved to approve action taken report of the Registrar, with the following remarks :**

(a) 2.28 – Item No.1387/SY.2009.VIII :

It was clarified that the Principal Investigators can be permitted to be away on duty for a period of maximum of 3 days in a month for the project related work, not exceeding 30 days in a year.

(b) It was pointed out that the resolutions passed by the Syndicate have not been implemented, even after an year, (Eg. counting of past service of Shri Narasimhan) and the action taken on that resolution and such other resolutions are not brought out in the agenda.

(c) It was pointed out that the Syndicate resolved to get reply from Dr.T.Karunakaran, former Vice-Chancellor, GRI on a particular matter and whether the reply has been received from him or not has not been informed to the Syndicate and action taken on this has not been brought out in the agenda.

The Syndicate considered and resolved as follows :

(i) to bring out the list of resolutions of the Syndicate where action has not been taken or action is incomplete for the period from 11.02.2008 till date and to project those items in the agenda till the action is complete on those items along with explanations for not complying with the Syndicate resolutions.

3. **The Syndicate considered the modified minutes of Item No.1371/SY.2009/VIII of the Syndicate held on 08.08.2009 circulated to the Members of the Syndicate and resolved to approve the action taken report of the Registrar.**

4. **The Syndicate considered the minutes of the Nineteenth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 22.12.2009 at GRI, Gandhigram and resolved to approve the action taken report of the Registrar.**

5. **The Syndicate considered the Resolution passed by circulation (Item No.1389/SY.2010.I) approving the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2008-2009 to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit and resolved approve the action taken report of the Registrar.**

3. <u>Item No.1392/SY.2010.II</u>

To consider the reply submitted by Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration for the inquiry report of the Inquiry Officer Sri.M.A. Murugesan.

The Syndicate considered the reply submitted by Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration for the inquiry report and it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of the Syndicate along with clear rule position as no consensus was reached.

4. <u>Item No.1393/Sy.2010.II</u>

To consider the reply submitted by Dr.K.Raja Mohan Rao (on lien) Professor, Department of Economics for the inquiry report of the Inquiry Officer Sri.B. Ramalingam, District Judge (Retd.), Dindigul.

The Syndicate considered the reply submitted by Dr.K.Raja Mohan Rao (on lien), Professor, Department of Economics on the inquiry report of the Inquiry Officer and resolved that no more extension of time will be permitted and he should submit his reply on or before 03.03.2010 as committed by him.

5. Item No.1394/SY.2010.II

To consider the High Court of Judicature at Madras (Civil Appellate Jurisdiction) order W.A.No. 1501/2000 by Hon'ble Justice Mr.K. Raviraja Pandian and Hon'ble Justice Mr.T. Raja JJ. on 15.10.2009, on the representation given by the Appellant Mr.M.S. Karuppaswami.

The Syndicate considered the Hon'ble High Court order and resolved to go by the decision of the Institute terminating him from service on 30.11.1987. However, a detailed reply in the form of counter affidavit for the writ appeal No.1501 of 2000 filed by Shri M.S.Karuppuswamy may be submitted to the Hon'ble High Court through the advocate dealing with the case.

6. Item No.1395/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the proposal of redesignating the Dean, Students' Affairs as Dean, National and International Students' Affairs.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the proposal of redesignating the Dean, Students' Affairs as 'Dean, Students' Welfare and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to appoint a suitable faculty member from amongst the Senior Professors as Dean, Students' Welfare.

7. Item No.1396/SY.2010.II

To consider and give direction regarding use of Private Airlines by the Officials, Members of Faculties of GRI and External Members attending meeting of GRI on Official Account when proper connectivity is not available in AIR INDIA, for the purpose of claim of Travel Allowance on official Tour only.

The Syndicate considered the use of Private Airlines by the officials, members of Faculties of GRI and external members attending meeting of GRI on official account when proper connectivity is not available in AIR INDIA and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take up case by case and resolve the issue.

8. Item No.1397/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the proposal for Appointing Nodal Officer and Members to Statistical Cell.

The Syndicate considered the proposal for appointing Nodal Officer and members to Statistical Cell and resolved to appoint as follows :

1. Deputy Registrar (Academic)	**...**	**Nodal Officer**
2. Dr.S.Gunasekaran, Associate Professor in Applied Research	**...**	**Member**
3. Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell	**...**	**Member**

9. Item No.1398/SY.2010.II

To consider the utilization of unspent balance against the grant sanctioned for purposes other than the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

i) The Syndicate considered the utilization of unspent balance against the grant sanctioned and resolved to deposit in the Corpus Fund of GRI.

ii) The Syndicate further resolved to sanction the unspent amount accrued so far by the Energy Centre for developing the Centre.

iii) The Syndicate further resolved that wherever the over-head charges has not been sanctioned for any project, the norms prescribed by SPARC shall be followed.

iv) It was further resolved that Item No.1370/SY.2009.VIII may be revisited and action taken as per the above resolution on the request of Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Professor of Extension Education.

10. Item No.1399/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.08.2009.

The Syndicate considered the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.08.2009 and resolved to approve the same with the following remarks :

i) Item No.519/2009/AC.VIII : The Syndicate considered and resolved that a proposal may be submitted to the ICAR for starting of the four year B.Sc.(Agri.) Course and on approval of the ICAR, the same may be started with due approval of the authorities of the Institute.

ii) Item No.526/2009.AC.VIII : The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 20.03.2009 and 22.06.2009 with the following modifications :

Number of candidates to be guided by a faculty member will be as follows :

a. Professor	**...**	**6 + 2 (Project Fellows)**
b. Reader/Associate Professor	**...**	**5 + 2 (Project Fellows)**
c. Assistant Professor	**...**	**4 + 2 (Project Fellows)**

This will come into effect from January 2010 Session.

iii) Item No.538/2009.AC.VIII : The Syndicate considered and resolved to defer the restructuring of various departments / Centres of different faculties of the Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University and may be taken up on receipt of UGC Review Committee Report on Deemed University Status.

11. Item No.1400/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the implementation of UGC (Minimum Qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of teachers in Universities and institutions affiliated to it) 3rd amendment, Regulations, 2009.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the UGC (Minimum Qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of teachers in Universities and institutions affiliated to it) 3rd amendment, Regulations, 2009 for implementation in GRI.

12. Item No.1401/SY.2010.II

To consider conducting of election of two members to the Academic Council from among the Teachers of the Institute.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to conduct the election of two members to the Academic Council from among the teachers of the Institute.

13. Item No.1402/SY.2010.II

To consider and withdraw the UGC notification regarding the use of word 'University" by the Institutions Deemed to be Universities vide UGC Notification No.F.6-1(II)/2006(CPP-I) dated 13th September, 2006 and subsequent corrigendum No. F.6-1(II)/2006(CPP-I) dated 20th February, 2008.

The Syndicate noted that the UGC notification was given immediate effect to and "The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University is being used in all the correspondences.

The Syndicate resolved to take necessary action to make amendment in the Memorandum of Association to this effect and the amendment so made may be registered with the District Registrar, Societies Registration.

14. Item No.1403/SY.2010.II

To consider the proposal of Director i/c RTC for creating the Department of Civil Engineering.

The Syndicate considered the proposal of Director i/c, RTC for creation of the Department of Civil Engineering and resolved to send a comprehensive proposal to UGC for creation of the Department of Civil Engineering in GRI for approval of the UGC.

15. Item No.1404/SY.2010.II

To consider appointment of Heads of the Departments of (1) Mathematics (2) Chemistry.

The Syndicate considered the appointment of Heads of the Departments of Mathematics and Chemistry and resolved as follows:

(1) Dr.P.Balasubramaniam will continue to be the Head of the Department of Mathematics for a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of order.

(2) Dr.M.Sundaravadivelu is appointed as the Head of the Department of Chemistry for a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of the order.

16. Item No.1405/SY.2010.II

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Course Coordinators of Self Supporting Programme held on 27.01.2010.

The Syndicate considered the minutes of the meeting of the Course Coordinators of Self Supporting Programme held on 27.01.2010 and resolved to approve the same. The Syndicate further resolved that the functioning of all the self supporting programmes will be reviewed after a period of one year and the report will be presented to the Syndicate.

17. Item No.1406/SY.2010.II

To consider the proposal that the programmes run by the Distance Education Centre should pay contribution of 20% to Corpus Fund Account from the fees collection.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the collection of 20% of fees collected towards the programmes conducted by Distance Education Centre so far and in future to Corpus Fund of GRI.

It was further resolved that 20% of the CDF collected from various courses including SSP will be deposited to Corpus Fund of GRI.

18. Item No.1407/SY.2010.II

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor informing Prof.S.Ramaswamy, Coordinator of MBA Programme & Head, Department of Economics to act as the Coordinator of the proposed "Corporate Social Responsibility Cell (COSREC)".

The Syndicate considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof.S.Ramasamy, Coordinator of MBA Programme & Head, Department of Economics to act as the Co-ordinator of "Corporate Social Responsibility Cell (COSREC)".

19. **Item No.1408/SY.2010.II**

To consider and approve the proposal for extension of the period of deputation to Sri.W.J. Arulsingh, IA&AS the Finance of this Institute for a further period.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to relieve Sri W.J.Arulsingh, Finance Officer (on deputation) on completion of his deputation on 15.04.2010. The decision of the Syndicate may be informed to the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi and to the individual. The Office of the CAG may be requested to depute a suitable person for the post.

20. Item No.1409/SY.2010.II

Registrar's Report

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the Registrar's Report .

21. Item No.1410/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the proposal for attending the Association of Common Wealth Universities (ACU) Conference of Executive Heads at Cape Town, South Africa from 25-27 April, 2010 on the theme **Universities and the Millennium Development Goals** by the Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the visit of Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute to Cape Town, South Africa from 25-27 April, 2010 to attend the Association of Common Wealth Universities (ACU) Conference of Executive Heads on the theme **Universities and the Millennium Development Goals.**

22. Item No.1411/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the proposal to revert Dr.S.K. Gopal, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK (on lien service from GRI) to his substantive post Reader in the Department of Extension, GRI, Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered the proposal to revert Dr.S.K.Gopal, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK (on lien service from GRI) to his substantive post of Reader in the Department of Extension Education, GRI and resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a three member committee to go into the formulation, structure, administrative issues, etc. of KVK, functioning under ICAR, and submit the report in the next meeting of the Syndicate. Decision on reversion of Dr.S.K.Gopal will be decided by the Syndicate based on the report of the Committee.

23. Item No.1412/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the creation of "Centre for Applied Geology".

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the creation of "Centre for Applied Geology". However, in the light of the Resolution on Item No. 1399/Syn.2010 sub item C, the creation of the Centre for Applied Geology is kept in abeyance.

24. Item No.1413/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the designation of Dr.R. Subburaman, Sri.S. Ravindran and Dr.V.Seeninatarajan as Associate Professor w.e.f. 1.1.2006 instead of 22.09.2007 (already given) and accordingly place them in the pay band of Rs.37400-67000 with AGP of Rs.9000/- w.e.f. 1.1.2006.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the designation of Dr.R. Subburaman, Sri.S. Ravindran and Dr.V.Seeninatarajan as Associate Professor w.e.f. 1.1.2006 instead of 22.09.2007 and place them in the pay band of Rs.37400-67000 with AGP of Rs.9000/- w.e.f. 1.1.2006 as was done in the case of Dr.L.Raja.

25. Item No.1414/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the implementation of Assistant Librarian (Selection Grade) with effect from 7.6.2000 instead of 7.6.2005 to Dr.J. Abraham, Deputy Librarian and 27.6.2000 instead of 27.6.2005 to Mrs.S. Mathurajothi, Assistant Librarian (Selection Grade) respectively.

The Syndicate revisited the issue and resolved to approve the implementation of CAS to (1) Dr.J.Abraham to the post of Assistant Librarian (Selection Grade) with effect 7.6.2000 instead of 7.6.2005 and (2) Smt.S.Mathurajothi to the post of Assistant Librarian (Selection Grade) with effect from 27.6.2000 instead of 27.6.2005.

26. Item No.1415/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Registrar, GRI which met on 15.2.2010 at GRI.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Registrar and resolved as follows :

1. to appoint the following candidate for the post of Registrar.

   Dr.N.Narayanasamy

2. to appoint Dr.N.Narayanasamy for the post of Registrar for a period of three years from the date of his joining in the eligible pay scale, subject to rules and regulations.

3. to issue appointment orders immediately.

27. Item No.1416/SY.2010.II

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Controller of Examinations (COE), GRI which met on 16.2.2010 at Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Controller of Examinations and resolved as follows :

1. to appoint the following candidate for the post of Controller of Examinations:

   Dr.M.Sivaraman

2. to appoint Dr.M.Sivaraman for the post of Controller of Examinations for a period of three years from the date of his joining in the eligible pay scale, subject to rules and regulations.

3. to issue appointment orders immediately.

28. Item No.1417/SY.2010.II

ANY OTHER MATTER :

1. **It was pointed out that the Balwadi teachers and ayahs are paid a meagre salary and they may be paid on par with the ayahs working under Government of Tamil Nadu. The Syndicate resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a three member committee and submit the report in the next meeting of the Syndicate.**

2. **The Syndicate placed on record the excellent services rendered by Shri M.S.Prabakaran, as Registrar in-charge from 30.04.2009. Shri M.S.Prabakaran thanked the Syndicate for having given him the opportunity to serve as Registrar in-charge.**

The meeting came to a close at 4.45 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

GANDHIGRAM
17.03.2010

DR.SM.RAMASAMY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

M.S.PRABAKARAN
REGISTRAR I/C