

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

**MINUTES OF THE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH
MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE**

VENUE: Syndicate Hall,
Administrative Block
GRI, Gandhigram

DATE: 25.01.2011

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THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH (124th) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 25.01.2011 AT THE SYNDICATE 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.R.Udhayakumar	...	Member
5. Dr.M.William Baskaran	...	Member
6. Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Registrar	...	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 extended a warm welcome to the members and thanked them for their co-operation and solidarity in the activities of GRI.

The Chairperson then presented a brief report on the activities of the Gandhigram Rural Institute in the academic, research and new initiatives focusing on rural development during the period from 10.9.2010 to 24.1.2011. To cite a few:

- 1) Submission of projects to NCRI, Central Ground Water Board, DST, Dept. of Bio-Technology etc.
- 2) Indo-Norwegian collaborative project on Landslide Forewarning System for Nilgiris
- 3) International visits made by faculty members and visit of foreigners to GRI like a team from students from IOWA University to study the Western Ghat Ecosystem with Faculty of Agriculture and for evolving MOU between IOWA University and GRI; Dr.Urik from Norwegian Geo Technical Institute, Norway for field study at Ooty and to finalise the site for the collaborative project on Landslide Forewarning; Two Professors from Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan; visit of Dr.James from RADAR SAT, Canada for a joint field work with GRI team again for Landslides Project. Etc
- 4) Indian Society of Geomatics, ISRO, Ahmedabad has conferred the National Geomatics Award 2010 to the Vice-Chancellor of GRI with Gold Medal, Citation and Cash Award of Rs.25000/-. The Award Ceremony will be held on 3.2.2011 at Ajmer, Rajasthan.
- 5) Conduct of INSPIRE programme to the XI standard students under the funding of DST, New Delhi by GRI through Rural Energy Centre (REC)

The Syndicate suggested for Press Meets to highlight such important events like singing of MOU, major projects, collaborative activities and conferring National Awards, etc.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1. Item No.1460/SY.2011.I

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Third meeting of the Syndicate held on 09.09.2010.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Third meeting of the Syndicate held on 09.09.2010 with following suggestions.

Further the Syndicate observed the following:-

Item No.1454/SY.2010.IX

Sort out the issues related to Pension Contribution and Leave Salary Contribution for the GRI staff working in KVK.

Item No.1393/SY.2010.II

Obtain legal opinion in respect of Dr.Rajamohan Rao's issue to settle it.

Item No.1433/SY.2010.VI

Disburse the pay arrears of Balwadi Teachers as early as possible.

- b) To confirm the minutes of the 19(A) special meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.10.2010.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the 19 (A) special meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.10.2010.

- c) To confirm the minutes of the Twentieth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 27.10.2010.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Twentieth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 27.10.2010.

II. ACTION TAKEN REPORT

2. Item No.1461/SY.2011.I

- a) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty third meeting of the Syndicate held on 09.09.2010 at GRI., Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Third meeting of the Syndicate held on 09.09.2010. at GRI., Gandhigram and resolved to approve the same.

- b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Nineteenth (A) special meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.10.2010 at GRI, Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the 19 A special meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.10.2010. at GRI., Gandhigram and resolved to approve the same.

- c) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the 20th special meeting of the Syndicate held on 27.10.2010 at GRI, Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Twentieth special meeting of the Syndicate held on 27.10.2010. at GRI., Gandhigram and resolved to approve the same.

III.NEW AGENDA:

3. Item No.1462/SY.2011.I

To consider appointment of Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and Heads of the Departments of (1) Hindi (2) Gandhian Thought & Peace Science (3) Computer Science and Applications.

The Syndicate considered and resolved the following appointments:

S.No.	Name of the Faculty	Position	Period of appointment	Name of the Professors appointed
1.	Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Dean	20.03.2011 to 19.3.2014	Dr.T.Senthivel

S.No.	Name of the Department	Name of the faculty appointed as HOD	Period of appointment
1.	Hindi	Dr.M.Saleem Baig	07.03.2011 to 06.03.2014
2.	Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Dr.M.Mallammal	10.03.2011 to 09.03.2014
3.	Computer Science and Applications	Dr.K.Somasundaram	06.03.2011 to 05.03.2014

The Syndicate suggested to include details on the Deans and HODs of earlier periods while such agenda is being brought to Syndicate.

4. Item No.1463/SY.2011.I

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee in respect of Dr.S.R. Kannan, Assistant Professor, GRI re-interviewed for the post of Associate Professor in Mathematics (SC category) on 13.10.2010.

The Syndicate reviewed the recommendations of the Selection Committee in respect of Dr.S.R.Kannan, Assistant Professor of Mathematics for the post of Associate Professor in Mathematics and again opined that there is a greater disparity between the marks scored by the candidate in API (Academic Performance Indicator) and his performance in the Re-Interview also.

Since most of the members could not agree with the decision of the Selection Committee on the basis of its discrepancy, the Syndicate resolved to refer this matter to the Chancellor for the further direction, either to appoint him or not as per MOA of GRI.

5. Item No.1464/SY.2011.I

To consider and give direction on the letter received from the Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Govt. of Tamil Nadu with regard to the punishment given to Dr.G. Palanithurai, Professor, Dept. of Political Science and Development Administration in regard to the complaint about plagiarism.

After careful deliberations on the report of the Enquiry Committee which has been duly constituted for the purpose, the Syndicate vide item 1434 dated 25.6.2010 resolved to impose the punishment 'CENSURE' to Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor of Department of Political Science and Development Administration. Since the decision to impose punishment 'CENSURE' was taken on the basis of the report of the duly constituted enquiry committee, the Syndicate resolved to stand on its earlier decision.

6. Item No.1465/SY.2011.I

To consider and approve the recommendation of Performance Appraisal Committee meetings held on 22.12.2010 to the teaching staff of Home Science in the teaching category under Career Advancement Scheme of UGC as per the pre-revised regulation of UGC being in force prior to 31.12.2008.

The Syndicate went through the recommendations of the Performance Appraisal Committee meetings held on 22.12.2010 and resolved to approve the Promotion under CAS for the following staff:

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff and present designation	Subject	Placement/Promotion Designation
1.	Dr.G. Vijayalakshmi	Home Science	Reader to Professor
2.	Dr.R.I. Sathya	Home Science	Lecturer Senior Scale to Reader

7. Item No.1466/SY.2011.I

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Committee constituted to work out the administrative and financial implications for the request of Shri.M.S. Prabakaran, Reader in English, GRI for giving notional increment from the date of joining as Reader (ie.)

31.03.1990 and monetary benefit with effect from 1.1.2006 in the revised pay structure of Associate Professor.

The Syndicate went through the observations and recommendations of the Committee constituted for this purpose and deliberated the case of Shri.M.S. Prabakaran, Reader in English in respect of fixing Revised Pay Structure of Associate Professor and resolved to defer his case for want of some more details on this case. The matter will be taken up in the next Syndicate accordingly.

8. Item No.1467/SY.2011.I

Appointment of Finance Officer for this Institute at IA&AS cadre officers on deputation basis.

The syndicate resolved to appoint Shri Sreenivasan, IA&AS, the person deputed by CAG, New Delhi on deputation as per GRI norms for a period of two years.

9. Item No.1468/SY.2011.I

To consider the reconstitution of members of the Committee constituted to look into all matters pertaining to counting of Past services and pay anomaly of all employees of GRI.

The Syndicate resolved to nominate the incumbent Finance Officer in the place of Sri R.Ramanathan, Special Officer (Finance), GRI who was relieved from the post on 13.12.2010.

10. Item No.1469/SY.2011.I

The Syndicate in its meeting held on 8.8.09 has resolved that the evaluation of thesis submitted by Mr.K.Mohanraj, former research scholar, Dept. of Chemistry can be undertaken and the results need not be announced/published until the court cases are settled.

The Syndicate resolved that the Viva voce be conducted and the results be declared accordingly.

11. Item No.1470/SY.2011.I

Preparation of revised MoA based on UGC (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2010.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the revised MoA based on UGC (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2010 with some modifications.

The Syndicate suggested to place it in the ensuing Senate meeting and get it registered under Societies Registration Act before sending it to the UGC.

Instead of 4.1.2. c,d,e, the following corrections incorporated in the draft MoA.

4.1.2. c) Two Professors from among the members of the Academic Council by rotation representing different faculty in the order of seniority

- d) Two Associate Professors from among the members of the Academic Council **other than the faculties represented by the professors** by rotation on seniority
- e) One Assistant Professor from among the members of the Academic Council **other than the faculties represented by the professors and Associate Professors** by rotation on seniority

12. Item No.1471/SY.2011.I

Registrar's Report

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

13. Item No.1472/SY.2011.I

To consider the recommendation of the Committee constituted to work out and suggest the weightage to be assigned for criteria developed by UGC for direct recruitment and CAS promotion of Teaching staff of GRI from the Assistant Professor Stage-I to Stage-V (Professor) and approve the same.

The Syndicate considered and approved the recommendation of the Committee constituted to work out and suggest the weightage to be assigned for criteria developed by UGC for direct recruitment and CAS promotion of Teaching staff of GRI from the Assistant Professor Stage-I to Stage-V (Professor) formats.

14. Item No.1473/SY.2011.I

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. The Syndicate resolved to constitute the following five member committee to evolve the Rules and Regulations in the context of Revised MoA as per UGC regulations.

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| 1. | Sri M.S.Prabakaran, Associate Professor in English | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Director, IQAC | - | Member |
| 3. | Dr.P.Anandarajakumar, Reader, Dept. of RD | - | Member |
| 4. | Finance Officer | - | Member |
| 5. | Sri B.Arunachalam, Deputy Registrar(Dev) | - | Convener |

The Committee may be asked to submit its report within 2 months.

2. The Syndicate resolved to record its appreciation for the services rendered by Dr.R.Udayakumar as Syndicate member whose term expires on 19.3.2011.

The meeting ended at 4.45 p.m. with thanks to the chair.

GANDHIGRAM
10.02.2011

DR.SM.RAMASAMY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.N.NARAYANASAMY
REGISTRAR