

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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

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

DATE : 16.11.2011

TIME : 02.30 P.M.



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

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MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVENTH (127th) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 16.11.2011 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.B.Padmanabha Pillai	...	Member
4. Dr.V.Ragupathy	...	Member
5. Dr.M.Sundaramari	...	Member
6. Dr.P.Anandharajakumar	...	Member
7. Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Registrar	...	Non-Member Secretary

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

The meeting started with a minute's silent prayer at 2.30 p.m.

The Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute and the Chairperson of the Syndicate extended a warm welcome to all the honourable members of the Syndicate. The Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their kind co-operation and solidarity extended to the activities of GRI all these years and wished the same kind of co-operation in the future also.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the august body that the Syndicate meeting originally scheduled for 15.11.2011 had to be postponed to 16.11.2011 due to his sudden visit to New Delhi in connection with GRI work and thanked the members for having extended their consent to conduct the meeting on 16th November, 2011.

The Chairperson then presented a brief report on the activities and achievements of the Gandhigram Rural Institute in the academic, research, extension, project proposals, grants received through sponsored research projects, various extension activities, effective follow-up and receipt of UGC XI Plan grants and the massive campus development programme , especially in the building infrastructure of GRI, etc.during the period from 01.09.2011 to 15.11.2011.

Shri M.R.Rajagopalan, Hon'ble Member of the Syndicate, appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the administration for the achievements made during the said period.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Item No.1514/SY.2011.XI

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Sixth meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.08.2011.
- b) To confirm the Resolution (Item No.1512/SY.2011.IX) passed by circulation for the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of this Institute for the year 2010-11.

- c) To confirm the Resolution (Item No.1513/SY.2011.X) passed by circulation for the criteria for API of PBAS evolved by the committee for the applicants from the National laboratories, Scientific and Professional Organizations and Industries for implementation in respect of the Teaching Posts (Associate Professor/Professor) and approved the changes made in the marks for the experience for Assistant Professors.
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II. ACTION TAKEN REPORT

2. Item No.1515/SY.2011.XI

- a) To consider the the action taken Report of the Registrar on the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty sixth meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.08.2011 at GRI., Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the action taken report of the Registrar on the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Sixth meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.08.2011 at GRI., Gandhigram with the following remarks :

1. 2.10 – Item No.1506/SY.2011.VIII – Registrar’s Report - Sl.No.24:

The members of the Syndicate pointed out that a Circular has to be issued by the Finance Section to raise the amount of purchase of articles from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- at the discretion of the Head of the Department / Section Head for recoupment in the imprest bill. The Registrar assured the members that a Circular on the above lines will be issued shortly.

2. 2.28 – Item No.1445/SY.2010.IX

The members stated that there are certain modifications to be made in the SPARC norms for effective and smooth functioning of the projects and this needs immediate attention. The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that the SPARC is functioning well with the existing norms. However, some modifications were envisaged in order to further ease out some problems and to accelerate the pace of projects operation. But due to other exigencies, it is getting delayed and Vice-Chancellor assured that it will be placed in the next Syndicate meeting.

3. 2.12 – Item No.1486/SY.2011.VI

The members of the Syndicate wanted to know the current status of the action taken on the purchase of land and building situated on the campus owned by Smt.Kanakalakshmi Dutta. For the same, it was informed that the GRI is awaiting the Legal heir certificate from Smt.Kanakalakshmi Dutta to further proceed in the matter.

4. 2.19 - Item No.1493/SY.2011.VI

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in re-constituting the Grievance Committee with the following members to look into the grievances of all Non-teaching including Technical staff related to administration and establishment and other issues with Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai as Chairman in place of Dr.M.R.Kubendran and Registrar, GRI as Convenor:

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| 1. Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai
Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, GRI ... | Chairman |
| 2. Sri P.Muralikrishna,
Former Registrar, University of Hyderabad
201, SPICA Apartment, Shivam Road
New Nallakunta, Hyderabad ... | Member |
| 3. Sri Madavan, Accounts Officer, Lakshmi Seva Sangam
Gandhigram ... | Member |
| 4. Sri E.Srinivasan, IA & AS, Finance Officer, GRI ... | Member |
| 5. The Registrar, GRI, Gandhigram ... | Convenor |

- b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolution (Item No.1512/SY.2011.IX) passed by circulation for the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of this Institute for the year 2010-11.

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- c) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolution (Item No.1513/SY.2011.X) passed by circulation for the criteria for API of PBAS evolved by the committee for the applicants from the National laboratories, Scientific and Professional Organizations and Industries for implementation in respect of the Teaching Posts (Associate Professor/Professor) and approve the changes made in the marks for the experience for Assistant Professors.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolution (Item No.1513/SY.2011.X) passed by circulation for the criteria for API of PBAS evolved by the committee for the applicants from the National laboratories, Scientific and Professional Organizations and Industries for implementation in respect of the Teaching Posts (Associate

Professor/Professor) and the changes made in the marks for the experience for Assistant Professors.

III.NEW AGENDA:

3. Item No.1516/SY.2011.XI

To consider and give direction to change the nomenclature of the Department of Lifelong Learning as the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to change the nomenclature of the Department of Life Long Learning as the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension as mentioned in the letter No.F.No.1-5/2001(NFE) dated 28.09.2011 of the UGC.

The above change of nomenclature shall be reported to the Academic Council and thereafter the change in the nomenclature will come into effect.

4. Item No.1517/SY.2011.XI

To consider the request of the Director, Women's Studies Centre and give direction to attach the Women's Studies Centre with a faculty.

The Syndicate after elaborate discussions resolved that since Dr.K.Velumani is a Professor from Centre for Future Studies, attached to the Faculty of Rural Development, she needs to fulfil the formalities like submission of leave application, request for OD, etc., through the Centre for Future Studies as the position of Director, Centre for Women's Studies is only on honorary basis. If Dr.K.Velumani, in the capacity of Director, Centre for Women's Studies has to go on OD, she can inform Centre for Future Studies and get the approval from the Registrar.

The above arrangement will continue till a final decision is taken in the meeting of the Academic Council.

5. Item No.1518/SY.2011.XI

Registrar's Report

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

6. Item No.1519/SY.2011.XI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee constituted to fill up the various non-teaching positions.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee constituted to fill up the various non-teaching positions. The Syndicate authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take immediate necessary steps to fill

up the non-teaching positions according to the rules and regulations and keeping in view the orders of the Government, issued from time to time.

7. Item No.1520/SY.2011.XI

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Grievance Committee appended herewith for implementation.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Grievance Committee and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to dispose of the grievances / representations of the non-teaching and technical staff on case by case basis as per the recommendations of the Committee, applying the rules and regulations and keeping in view the Government orders issued from time to time and redress the grievances of the staff members immediately.

8. Item No.1521/SY.2011.XI

To consider and approve the request of Dr.M. Ponniah, then Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy to waive one month notice and refund the one month salary amount remitted in CSSE & IP account.

The Syndicate elaborately discussed the reversion of Dr.M.Ponniah, then Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy to his parent institution, GTN Arts College, Dindigul and his representation to waive the payment of one month salary in lieu of one month notice period. The Syndicate analysed his request on the following grounds :

- 1. He has joined GRI on tenurial position.**
- 2. Despite his committed and serious attempts with the Govt. of Tamil Nadu to continue in GRI, he could not get his lien extended and he came to know that his lien has not been extended only on 13th October 2011, the day on which he completed one year in GRI. So he wanted to leave and return to his parent institution GTN Arts College on 14th October, 2011 so as not to have any break in his service.**

Considering the unusual nature, the Syndicate resolved to waive one month notice period to Dr.M.Ponniah as a special case and repay the one month salary of Rs.92,946/- deposited by him to GRI.

9. Item No.1522/SY.2011.XI

To consider purchase of GOI approved model of staff car for use of Vice-Chancellor.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the purchase of Government of India approved model staff car within the maximum budget of Rs.10.00 lakhs utilising the Institute Fund Account (Account No.2639) for use of the Vice-Chancellor.

10. Item No.1523/SY.2011.XI

Any other matter :

1. Leave Encashment of Sri Ramachandran, Driver (Retd.) :

The Syndicate resolved to constitute a one member Committee with Dr.P.Anandharajakumar to go through all the available records with relevant rule position, his service details in the Army and his employment in GRI, etc. with special reference to his earned leave encashment. The Syndicate authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take a decision in the matter based on the report of the Committee.

Concurrently, Sri Ramachandran, Driver (Retd.) may be informed accordingly.

2. USIC – Technical Officers :

The Syndicate discussed the anomalies amongst the Technical Officers of USIC and resolved to give them CAS and scale of pay as per the UGC approved norms after duly withdrawing the benefits given to them under ACP Scheme and MACP Scheme. It was further resolved that as per UGC norms an Advisory Committee may be constituted to guide and monitor the functioning of USIC.

3. Dr.K.Govindan, Farm Superintendent :

The Syndicate resolved to constitute a Committee comprising the following members to study the issues pertaining to the service matters of Dr.K.Govindan, Farm Superintendent and submit a report :

1. Administrative Officer, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University
 2. Dr.M.Sundaramari, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, GRI
 3. Dr.J.James Pitchai, Dean, Thanthai Rover College of Agriculture, Perambalur
 4. Dr.Anandharajakumar
 5. Registrar, GRI
- ... Convener

The meeting came to a close at 7.15 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Gandhigram
01.12.2011

DR.SM.RAMASAMY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.N.NARAYANASAMY
REGISTRAR