

GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY SECOND (42ND) MEETING
OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 30.06.2014 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL,
FACULTY GUEST HOUSE, GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM**

Members Present:

1.	Dr.S. Natarajan Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj Prof. & Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
3.	Dr.T.Rajendran, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences & Head, Department of Sociology	Member
4.	Dr.M.Saleem Baig, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, and Head i/c, Department of Hindi.	Member
5.	Dr.R. Kumuthakalavalli Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences	Member
6.	Dr.M.A. Sudhir Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Development	Member
7.	Dr.S. Ganesh Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Member
8.	Dr.V. Rajarathinam Professor and Head, Department of Tamil	Member
9.	Sri S. Parthasarathy Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
10.	Dr.M.G. Sethuraman Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
11.	Dr.K.S.Pushpa Professor & Head, Department of Home Science	Member
12.	Dr.A.David Ravindran Professor & Head, Department of Biology	Member
13.	Dr. P. Shanmugavadivu Associate Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Applications	Member
14.	Dr.B.Tamilmani Professor & Head, Department of Cooperation	Member
15.	Dr. S.Ramaswamy Professor & Head, Department of Economics	Member
16.	Dr.A.Celine Rani Associate Professor & Head, Department of Pol.Sci. & D.A.	Member

17.	Dr.L. Rathakrishnan Professor & Head, Department of RIM	Member
18.	Dr.A.Jahitha Begam Associate Professor and Head Department of Education	Member
19.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Rural Development	Member
20.	Dr.S.Gunasekaran Professor & Head, Department of Applied Research	Member
21.	Dr.R.Subburaman, Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension	Member
22.	Dr.S. Gurusamy Professor, Department of Sociology	Member
23.	Dr.M. Sundaravadivelu Professor, Department of Chemistry	Member
24.	Dr.N. Narayanasamy Professor, Department of Extension Education	Member
25.	Dr.K. Somasundaram Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications	Member
26.	Dr.N.D. Mani Professor, Department of Rural Development	Member
27.	Dr.B. Padmanabha Pillai Professor, Department of Tamil	Member
28.	Dr.L. Raja Professor, Department Lifelong Learning & Extension	Member
29.	Dr.M.P.Boraian Professor, Department of Extension Education	Member
30.	Shri S. Ravindran Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension	Member
31.	Dr.K. Ravichandran Associate Professor, Department of Co-operation	Member
32.	Dr.K. Raja Alias Pranmalai Associate Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Manaagement	Member
33.	Ms.N. Suganthi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
34.	Dr.M. Hilaria Soundari, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Research	Member
35.	Dr.M. Sivaraman Controller of Examinations & CBCS Coordinator	Special Invitee
36.	Dr.K.Mahendran Director i/c., Rural Technology Centre	Special Invitee

37.	Dr.B.Gurugnanam Director i/c. Centre for Applied Geology	Special Invitee
38.	Dr.T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman Professor, Centre for Future Studies	Special Invitee
39.	Dr.K. Velumani Professor, Centre for Women Studies	Special Invitee
40.	Dr. Ramanujam, Deputy Director i/c,CSSE&IP	Special Invitee
41.	Dr.J.Abraham Deputy Librarian, Library	Special Invitee
42.	Dr.D.Grace Nirmala Deputy Director of Physical Education	Special Invitee
43.	Dr.A.P.A.Susila Kirubavathy Deputy Registrar (Academic)	Special Invitee
44.	Dr.G. Muralidharan Registrar i/c	Non- Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Ms.A. Jansi Rani, Dean, Faculty of Rural Health & Sanitation
2. Dr.K. Jayakumar, Head, Department of Physics
3. Dr.M. Mallammal, Head, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science
4. Dr.S.K. Gopal, Head, Department of Extension Education
5. Dr.T.T. Ranganathan, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
6. Dr.R. Udhayakumar, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry & Director i/c, Rural Energy Centre
7. Prof.V. Ramakrishnan, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Thiruvananthapuram
8. Prof.V. Rhymend Uthariraj, Prof. & Director, Ramanujan Computer Centre, Anna University, Chennai
9. Prof.P. Thirumalvalavan, School of Management, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 02.30 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members. He briefed his aim, objectives and goals to be achieved during his tenure. The new members of the Academic Council introduced themselves to the august body. Then items of agenda have been taken up for discussion:

1. Item No. 638/2014.AC.VI

To confirm the minutes of the Forty First meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.06.2013

The Academic Council considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Forty First meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.06.2013

2. Item No.639/2014.AC.VI

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 12.06.2013

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 12.06.2013 with the following observations:

- i) **With regard to item No.622/2013.AC.VI, it is suggested that two more attempts can be allowed for the students of 2010-11 batch (CBCS) and earlier with Rs.500/- per paper as examination fee.**
- ii) **With regard to item No.630/2013.AC.VI, it is suggested to request the Heads of the Departments/Deans of Faculties to fix the strength (i.e. intake of students) for each programme of study in the Department/Faculty concerned duly considering the infrastructure facilities, lab facilities available, etc. and the same may be placed before the next academic council meeting for its approval.**
- iii) **With regard to Item No.635/2013.AC.VI, the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension is requested to come up with a proposal of starting a new programme with new title, since the title M.A. Human Resource Development is overlapping with the titles of other programmes.**

3. Item No. 640/2014.AC.VI

To consider and give direction to create a post of Dean, Curriculum and Research.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve in principle the creation of Director (Academic) and Director (Research) and Director (Extension). To fix the duties and responsibilities of the Directors, a core committee may be formed. The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to form the committee.

4. Item No. 641/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 07.05.2014.

Dr.L. Rathakrishnan, Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 07.05.2014 and it was seconded by Dr. Anandharajakumar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Rural Development.

The Academic council considered and resolved to defer the item and it was suggested to place the proposal before the feasibility committee for its examination and place it in the Board of Studies of the Department for its consideration and recommendation before

it is placed in the Academic Council. The syllabus must be thoroughly revisited with reference to the CBCS Regulations.

5. Item No. 642/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Education held on 07.05.2014.

Dr. Jahitha Begum, Head, Department of Education, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Education held on 07.05.2014 and it was seconded by Dr. Hilaria Soundari, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Research.

The Academic council considered and resolved to defer the item. With regard to starting of M.Phil. Programme, it was suggested to place the proposal before the feasibility committee for its examination and place it in the Board of Studies of the Department for its consideration and recommendations before it is placed in the Academic Council.

6. Item No. 643/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Geology held on 09.06.2014.

Dr.Gurugnanam, Director i/c, Centre for Applied Geology, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Geology held on 09.06.2014 and it was seconded by Dr.S. Gurusamy, Professor, Department of Sociology.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Geology held on 09.06.2014.

7. Item No. 644/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Computer Science and Applications held on 07.06.2014.

Dr.P. Shanmugavadivu, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Computer Science and Applications held on 07.06.2014 and it was seconded by Dr.M.G. Sethuraman Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry.

The Academic council considered and resolved to defer the item. With regard to starting of M.Phil. Programme, it was suggested to place the proposal before the feasibility committee for its examination and place it in the Board of Studies of the Department for its consideration and recommendations before it is placed in the Academic Council.

8. Item No. 645/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 13.06.2014.

Dr.A. David Ravindran, Professor and Head, Department of Biology, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 13.06.2014 and it was seconded by Dr.K.S. Pushpa Professor and Head, Department of Home Science.

The Academic council considered and resolved to defer the item. However regarding the direction of 41st Academic Council while ratifying the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 28.10.11 vide Item No. 625/2013.AC.VI to place the matter in its next meeting of the Board of Studies, it was resolved to approve the decision of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 13.06.2014 for its earlier direction of 41st Academic Council only.

9. Item No. 646/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Hindi held on 19.06.2014.

Dr.M. Saleem Baig, Dean, Faculty of Tamil Indian Languages and Rural Arts and Head i/c, Department of Hindi, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Hindi held on 19.06.2014 and it was seconded by Dr.V. Rajarathinam, Professor and Head, Department of Tamil.

The Academic council considered and resolved to defer the item.

10. Item No. 647/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve the Graduate Attributes of GRI Alumni.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to include the suggestions made by the members and place the matter in the next Academic council for approval.

11. Item No. 648/2014.AC.VI

To consider and approve for inclusion of the subject 'anti-corruption' in the curriculum of relevant subjects like Law, Public Administration, Human Rights, etc. and also for carrying out the research work in this field in the Higher Educational Institutes as per the UGC communication vide Let.No.D.O.No.1-8/2014(CPP-II) dt.29.05.2014.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to adopt this subject in the relevant programmes wherever it is possible from the academic year 2015-16 and the UGC letter and decision of the Academic Council be circulated to all the Faculties and Departments.

12. Item No. 649/2014.AC.VI

To consider introduction of Doctor on Science (D.Sc.)/Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) in the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve in principle the introduction of Doctor on Science (D.Sc.)/Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) in the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram. To study the feasibility of offering the degrees of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)/Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) in the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, a committee may be formed. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to form a committee.

13. Item No. 650/2014.AC.VI : Any other matter

- 1. The Controller of Examinations and the Coordinator, CBCS, presented the minutes of the core committee meeting for restructuring CBCS.**
- 2. It was decided that the introduction of B.LISc. at Gandhigram Rural Institute shall be considered in the next Academic Council after the feasibility report and Board of Studies in the respective Department.**
- 3. Since the term of IQAC is over, it was decided that the IQAC shall be reconstituted and the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to reconstitute the same.**

**Gandhigram
30.06.2014**

**Dr.S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor**

**Dr.G. Muralidharan
Registrar i/c**