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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH (6TH) MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD**

**VENUE : BOARD ROOM
Administrative Block
GRI, Gandhigram**

DATE : 27.09.2017

TIME : 11.00 A.M.



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

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY, GANDHIGRAM
MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD HELD ON 27.9.2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S.No	Name of the Member	Membership
1.	Dr. S . Natarajan Vice-Chancellor Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU), Gandhigram.	Chairperson
2.	Dr. G. Baskaran Dean Dean, Fac. of English & Foreign Languages Gandhigram Rural Institute – (DU) Gandhigram	Member
3.	Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran Prof. & Head Dept. of Political Science & Devt. Admn. Gandhigram Rural Institute – (DU) Gandhigram (w.e.f. 23.9.2017)	Member
4.	Dr. B. Subburaj Professor Department of Cooperation Gandhigram Rural Institute - (DU) Gandhigram	Member
5.	Dr. K. Somasundaram Professor Department of Computer Science & Applications Gandhigram Rural Institute - (DU) Gandhigram	Member
6.	Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu Professor Department of Chemistry Gandhigram Rural Institute – (DU) Gandhigram	Member
7.	Shri S. Ravindran Associate Professor Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension Gandhigram Rural Institute - (DU) Gandhigram	Member
8.	Mrs. A. Jansirani Associate Professor Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation Gandhigram Rural Institute(DU) Gandhigram	Member

9	Shri S. Sathyam, I.A.S. (Retd.) Former Secretary to Government of India F.205, Anaya's Nana Nani Houses (Phase 3) Dhaliyur, Thondamuthur (PO) Coimbatore 641 109. (Nominee of UGC)	Member
10	Dr. P. Chinnathurai Director Centre for Agriculture & Rural Development Studies (CARDS) Tamilnadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Coimbatore – 641 003. (Expert nominee of VC)	Member
11	Dr. K. Somasundaram Registrar In-charge Gandhigram Rural Institute - (DU) Gandhigram	Secretary
12	Dr. S. Ramaswamy Director, Research and Development Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Special Invitee
13	Dr. M.G. Sethuraman Director, IQAC Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Special Invitee
14	Dr. L. Raja Co-ordinator, Unnath Bharat Abiyan Dept. of Lifelong Learning & Extension Gandhigram Rural Institute(DU) Gandhigram.	Special Invitee

The meeting started at 11.00 am. with one minute silent prayer.

Dr. P. Kanagasabapathy, (Member), Visiting Professor, Amirtha Institute, Coimbatore and Dr. S. Abraham John, Coordinator, Intellectual Property Rights Cell, GRI (Special Invitee) could not attend the meeting in view of their preoccupation.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending the meeting amidst their busy schedule. The Chairperson introduced Dr. G. Baskaran, Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages, Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration and Ms. A. Jansirani Associate Professor, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation, GRI who were nominated by the

Vice-Chancellor in the capacity of Dean, Head and Associate Professor on seniority respectively and also introduced Shri S. Sathyam, I.A.S. (Retd.), Former Secretary to Government of India, Coimbatore, who has been nominated by the UGC, New Delhi. Vice-Chancellor explained the functions of the Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB). He requested all the members to contribute their ideas to improve the growth and development of the Institute. Before taking up the agenda, the Vice-Chancellor has projected various activities and programmes carried out by GRI during the last seven months. (from the last meeting held in February, 2017 till this meeting). After the presentation the following agenda were taken up for discussion.

1. Item No.29/PMB. 2017.IX

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Fifth (5th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 28.2.2017.

The Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to approve the Fifth (5th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 28.2.2017.

2. Item No.30/PMB. 2017.IX

To consider and approve the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Fifth (5th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 28.2.2017.

After having perused the action taken report, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Fifth Planning and Monitoring Board held on 28.2.2017 with a suggestion in Item No.22/PMB.2017.II:

It is suggested to discuss with NSIC, (MSME) before submitting proposals for Business Incubator.

3. Item No.31/PMB. 2017.IX

To consider and approve the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2016-17.

After detailed discussion on the Annual Quality Assurance Report, presented by the Director, IQAC, it was resolved to approve the AQAR for the year 2016-17.

4. Item No.32/PMB. 2017.IX

To prepare 3 year Action Plan, 7 year Strategic Plan and 15 Year Vision Document for the development of Institution at Department/School/University level.

After having discussed the above agenda, the Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to prepare the same with a Supplementary Plan on Strategic Plan for 10 years including priorities.

5. Item No.33/PMB. 2017.IX

To conduct periodical Faculty Development Programmes in recent Teaching and Learning Methods and preparation of Research Projects and conduct of Research Programmes as also preparation of Vision Document.

After detailed discussion It was resolved as follows:

- i) Approved the proposal for conducting periodical Faculty Development Programmes in recent Teaching and Learning Methods and preparation of Research Projects and conduct of Research Programmes.**
- ii) Create a model by integrating IT technology for pedagogy with inputs from Technology and Education experts.**

6. Item No.34/PMB. 2017.IX

To conduct Research and Extension Council meetings once in a year for the review of ongoing Research Programmes and Extension Programmes.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered the proposal and resolved as follows:

- i) to approve the conduct of Research and Extension Council meetings once in a year for the review of ongoing Research Programmes and Extension Programmes.**
- ii) to formulate Research Policy by including Prof. S.P. Thiagrajan, Director of Research, Sri Ramachandra Medical University in the panel.**

7. Item No.35/PMB. 2017.IX

To establish separate International Programme Cell to co-ordinate with Foreign Universities and facilitate the exchange programmes of students and faculty.

The above agenda was discussed in detail and it was resolved as follows:

- i) to establish separate International Programme Cell to co-ordinate with Foreign Universities and facilitate the exchange programmes of students and faculty.**
- ii) University Scholarship Programme for student exchange programme be created.**

8. Item No.36/PMB. 2017.IX

To recommend the Academic Council to formulate Academic Regulations for the Institute.

After having considered the academic activities of the Institute, the Planning and Monitoring Board has directed the administration to prepare Academic Regulations for the GRI and place it for the approval of the Academic Council.

9. Item No.37/PMB. 2017.IX

To conduct discipline wise academic audit with external experts to draw new academic and research programmes for the next 5 year period.

The agenda was discussed and it was resolved to approve the proposal to conduct discipline wise academic audit with external experts to draw new academic and research programmes for the next 5 year period.

10. Item No.38/PMB.2017.IX

To draw guidelines for Foreign visits by students, faculty and signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Foreign Institutions/Universities.

After deliberations, it was resolved to approve the preparation of guidelines for Foreign visits by students, faculty and signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Foreign Institutions/Universities.

11. Item No.39/PMB.2017.IX

To suggest a framework on the functioning of Academic Units like Schools/Departments /Centres based on the common/similar programmes in teaching, research and extension.

The Planning and Monitoring Board has discussed the above agenda and suggested to form a Committee to suggest a framework on the functioning of the Academic Units.

12. Item No.40/PMB.2017.IX

To establish Rural Employment and Enrichment Centre at Gandhigram Rural Institute in association with National Career Service of Government of India.

After deliberations, it was resolved to establish Rural Employment and Enrichment Centre at Gandhigram Rural Institute in association with National Career Service of Government of India.

13. Item No.41/PMB.2017.IX

To streamline the extension activities to be carried out by Unnath Bharat Abiyan (UBA), N.S.S. and other Programmes of the University.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered the proposal and it was resolved to streamline the extension activities to be carried out by Unnath Bharat Abiyan (UBA), N.S.S. and other Programmes of the University in the 73 UBA Villages.

14. Item No.42/PMB.2017.IX – OTHER ITEMS:

The following points were suggested by Shri S. Sathyam, I.A.S. (Retd.), Member of the Planning and Monitoring Board for further action:

- a) Policy statement on Institutional Social Responsibility with minimum of 5-6 needy areas
- b) Identification of 5-6 Schools (nearby) in consultation with the Director of Schools and train teachers in Science and Mathematics branches in order to empower the rural students with knowledge gap.
- c) Swatch Bharat activities should include waste collection, waste disposal, biogas and energy production, and crematorium in rural areas with energy derived from waste materials
- d) Development of Multimedia package on Swatch Bharat
- e) University level Research Policy has to be evolved
- f) Promotion of National Skill Development Programmes
- g) Scholarship Policy for providing scholarship support to Research Scholars and provision of travel grant to the meritorious students for foreign visits on exchange visit basis.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm. with thanks to the Chair.

Gandhigram
27.09.2017

Dr. K. Somasundaram
Registrar In-charge

Dr. S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor