

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY SIXTH MEETING
OF THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**VENUE : VIVEKANANDA HALL
FACULTY GUEST HOUSE
GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
GANDHIGRAM**

DATE : 29.03.2019

TIME : 10.00 A.M.



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HELD ON 29.03.2019 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, FACULTY GUEST HOUSE
GRI, GANDHIGRAM**

1. **Dr.S. Natarajan**
Vice-Chancellor, GRI ... Chairperson
2. **Dr. V. Rajarathinam**
Dean, School of Tamil and Indian Languages, GRI
3. **Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj**
Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages, GRI
4. **Dr.N.D.Mani**
Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI
5. **Dr.S.Gurusamy**
Dean, School of Social Sciences, GRI
6. **Dr.M.Soundarapandian**
Dean, School of Management Studies, GRI
7. **Dr.A.David Ravindran**
Dean, School of Sciences, GRI
8. **Dr.B.Gurugnanam**
Dean, School of Computer Science & Technologies, GRI
9. **Dr.M.Seethalakshmi**
Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, GRI
10. **Dr. P. Anandakumar**
Head, Department of Tamil, GRI
11. **Dr.A.Balakrishnan**
Head, Department of Rural Health and Development Studies, GRI
12. **Dr.M.Mallammal**
Head, Dept. of Gandhian Studies and Sociology, GRI.
13. **Dr.V.Raghupathi**
Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration, GRI
14. **Dr.A.Jahitha Begum**
Head Incharge, Department of Education GRI
15. **Dr.K.Raja alias Pranmalai**
Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management, GRI
16. **Dr.S.Rajendran**
Head, Department of Economics, GRI
17. **Dr.M.Sivaraman**
Head, Department of Physics, GRI
18. **Dr.S.Meenakshi**
Head, Department of Chemistry, GRI
19. **Dr.R.I.Sathya**
Head, Department of Home Science, GRI

20. **Dr.P.U.Mahalingam**
Head, Department of Biology, GRI
21. **Dr.P.Kalavathi**
Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications, GRI
22. **Dr.P.Subramanian**
Professor, Department of Physics, GRI
23. **Dr.Anitha Pius**
Professor, Department of Chemistry, GRI
24. **Dr.K.S.Pushpa**
Professor, Department of Home Science, GRI
25. **Dr.R.Subburaman**
Professor, Centre for Lifelong Learning, GRI
26. **Dr.L.Rathakrishnan**
Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management, GRI
27. **Dr.S.Gunasekaran**
Professor, Centre for Applied Research, GRI
28. **Dr.C.Sivapragasam**
Professor, Centre for Applied Research, GRI.
29. **Dr.P.Vickraman**
Professor, Department of Physics, GRI
30. **Smt.A.Jansi Rani**
Associate Professor, Centre for Rural Health, GRI
31. **Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali**
Associate Professor, Department of Home Science, GRI
32. **Smt.Balasundari. S**
Associate Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages, GRI
33. **Dr. M.Mary Shanthi Rani**
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Applications, GRI
34. **Dr. K. Sundar**
Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, GRI
35. **Dr. C.Thangamuthu**
(Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli)
36. **Dr.S.Shaji**
Director, Centre for Malayalam Studies, GRI
37. **Dr.M.P.Boraian**
Director, Centre for Extension
38. **Dr.K.Mahendran**
Director, Centre for Rural Technology, GRI
39. **Dr.V.Kirubakaran**
Director, Centre for Rural Energy, GRI
40. **Dr. M. Sundaramari,** Special Invitee
Controller of Examinations
41. **Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu** Special Invitee
Director, IQAC, GRI
42. **Dr. R. Seerangarajan,** Special Invitee
Director, Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Kaushal Kendra, GRI

43.	Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan Deputy Librarian & Library In-charge, GRI	Special Invitee
44.	Dr. C. Sugumar. Head and Deputy Director of Physical Education & Yoga Centre, GRI	Special Invitee
45.	Dr. I. Kaspar Raj Director ., Computer Centre, GRI	Special Invitee
46.	Dr. R. Udayakumar Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. (FEOM) , GRI	Special Invitee
47.	Dr.H.Padmanabhan Deputy Registrar, GRI	Special Invitee
48.	Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar Registrar Gandhigram Rural Institute Gandhigram.	Secretary

The following members / Special Invitees could not attend the meeting:

1. **Dr.M.Saleem Baig**
Head In-charge, Department of Hindi, GRI
2. **Dr.S.Baluchamy**
Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI
3. **Dr.S.Manivel**
Head, Department of Co-operation, GRI
4. **Dr.P.Balasubramaniam**
Head, Department of Mathematics, GRI
5. **Dr.K. Jayakumar**
Professor, Department of Physics, GRI
6. **Dr.S.Ganesh**
Professor , School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, GRI
7. **Dr. S.Kavitha Maithily**
Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, GRI
8. **Prof.Dr.K.Muthuchelian**
(Former Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University)
9. **Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan**
(Former Vice-Chancellor of Mother Teresa University, Kodaikkanal)
10. **Dr.P.Anandharajakumar**
Director, Centre for Development Studies, GRI
11. **Dr. G. Muralidharan**
Coordinator, CBCS Programme and Director (Academic)
12. **Dr.M.G.Sethuraman**
Director (Research & Development)
13. **Dr.L.Raja**
Coordinator, IGNOU, GRI.

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 10.00 a.m.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and made a presentation on the activities from 29.11.2018 to 28.03.2019.

- The 34th Convocation of the Institute was held on 10.10.2018 and the Chief Guest was the Hon'ble Vice-President of India.
- Sanction of Rs.9.50 crores by the MHRD for Establishment of School of Education.
- Digital initiatives carried out by the Institute.
- Registration and participation in National Level Programmes like NIRF, ARIIA, IIC, AISHE, LEAD and GIAN.
- Introduction of six new B.Voc. Programmes from November 2018.
- Project grant of Rs.3,04,27,518/- has been received from various funding agencies.
- Year long programmes have been slated for the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi .
- Training and motivational programmes were conducted to the Students .
- Memorandum of Understanding was signed with three organizations.
- GRI faculty members and students got recognition at national and state level and won awrds.
- There was great impact of GAJA Cyclone in Gandhigram and the damages caused were rectified due to proper planning and effective relief measures taken by the Institute.
- For the future needs, the Institute is in need of infrastructure facilities like class-rooms, hostels and laboratories.

Prof.C.Thangamuthu appreciated the efforts taken by the Vice-Chancellor and the members of the staff of Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) for the steady growth of the Institute and he wished that the Institute would come out successful in all its participation in national programmes.

With the above remarks, the items of agenda were taken up for discussion.

1. **Item No.924/AC.2019.III**

To confirm the minutes of the Fifty Fifth meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.11.2018.

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the Fifty Fifth meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.11.2018.

2. **Item No.925/AC.2019.III**

To consider and approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 28.11.2018.

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 28.11.2018 with the following remarks:

Prof.C.Thangamuthu reiterated that action needs to be initiated for starting of Gandhian Community Polytechnic as this year being the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and also the Government of India would be ready to provide all necessary assistance. This would help the rural mass who are already skilled but without formal education.

Item No.923/AC.2018.XI – Any other matter :

B.B.A. (Rural Industries and Management) : The Head , Department of Rural Industries and Management was requested to coordinate with Academic Section to get equivalence of BBA RIM of Gandhigram Rural Institute to that of BBA offered by other universities for Higher Education and Employment purpose and to follow it up with the Directorate of Higher Education, Chennai.

M.S.W. Programme : The Academic Council stated that the Feasibility Committee report has to be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council so as to start the programme as early as possible.

Ph.D. Thesis : The Academic Council noted that the Ph.D. thesis sent for re-evaluation is graded “Commended” only and not “Highly Commended”.

3. Item No.926/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Organic Agriculture and Enterprise Development held on 05.10.2018 .

Dr.M.Seethalakshmi, Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences presented the syllabus for the remaining four semesters (II & III year) of the B.Voc. (Organic Agriculture and Enterprise Development) Programme and it was seconded by Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Professor, Centre for Applied Research.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the same.

4. Item No.927/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Geoinformatics held on 20.03.2019

Dr.N.D.Mani, Director, Centre for Geoinformatics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Geoinformatics held on 20.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.M.Sivaraman, Professor, and HOD of Physics.

The Academic Council noted that if there are any changes required to be made due to the OBE component, the same may be made as per the suggestions of the OBE Committee and syllabus prepared accordingly and this need not be placed again in the Academic Council.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Geoinformatics held on 20.03.2019.

5. **Item No.928/AC.2019.III**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Applied Research held on 23.03.2019.

Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Applied Research presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Applied Research and it was seconded by Dr.R.Subburaman.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Applied Research held on 23.03.2019.

6. **Item No.929/AC.2019.III**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Lifelong Learning held on 22.03.2019.

Dr.I.Kaspar Raj, Director, Computer Centre presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Lifelong Learning held on 22.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.M.Mallammal.

The Academic Council noted that the programme has multi level exit. The Academic Council suggested to include the job role in the Prospectus for all the B.Voc. Programmes and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Lifelong Learning held on 22.03.2019.

7. **Item No.930/AC.2019.III**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 18.03.2019.

Dr.S.Gurusamy, Director, Centre for Studies in Sociology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 18.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.V.Raghupathi.

The Academic Council considered and stated that the syllabus should be presented in a holistic manner for all the semesters and the syllabus of all the semesters has to be presented in the Academic Council to be held in June 2019. The report of the Feasibility Committee for starting of M.S.W. Programme has to be presented in the Academic Council to be held in June 2019.

8. **Item No.931/AC.2019.III**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Studies held on 14.03.2019.

Dr.M.Mallammal, Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Studies held on 14.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Balasundari.

The Academic Council considered and resolved that the status quo can be continued in offering the regular programmes by the Centre for all UG and PG Programmes. The introduction of new course on Human Values and Professional Ethics as suggested by the UGC shall be considered in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

With the above remarks, the Academic Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Gandhian Studies held on 14.03.2019.

9. Item No.932/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 20.03.2019

Dr.S.Rajendran, Professor and Head, Department of Economics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 20.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.L.Radhakrishnan.

The Academic Council approved the syllabi of first two semesters of B.A. Economics programme along with OBE element. The rest of the syllabi for III, IV, V and VI semesters for B.A. Economics programme has to be presented before the ensuing meeting of the Academic Council by incorporating OBE elements. The Academic Council approved the staggering of P.G. Diploma in Marketing Management.

10. Item No.933/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 23.03.2019.

Dr.P.U.Mahalingam presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 23.03.2019 and it was seconded by Smt.A.Jansi Rani.

The Academic Council noted the starting of B.Sc.Microbiology from the academic year 2019-20. The Academic Council suggested that B.Sc. Zoology and B.Sc. Botany are in high demand and the prospects are bright for those students as they can get appointment in Schools as Zoology and Botany teachers as there is no Microbiology subject in Schools.

It was also suggested that there should be a separate School of Life Sciences or Biological Sciences consisting of the Departments of Zoology, Botany and Microbiology.

After discussions, the Academic Council approved the introduction of B.Sc. Microbiology programme from the Academic Year 2019-20 and also three M.Phil. Regular Programmes, viz., M.Phil. Microbiology, M.Phil. Zoology and M.Phil. Botany.

The Academic Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 23.03.2019 and suggested to confine to 2 or 3 specializations in place of many specializations for the M.Phil. Programmes.

11. Item No.934/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 21.03.2019.

Dr.P.Kalavathi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science and Applications presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 21.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.P.Vickraman.

The Academic Council considered and noted the introduction of B.Sc. Computer Science Programme from the academic year 2019-20 and resolved to approve the same. The Academic Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 21.03.2019.

12. Item No.935/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Energy held on 20.03.2019.

Dr.V.Kirubakaran presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Energy held on 20.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Mahendran.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Energy held on 20.03.2019.

13. Item No.936/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Geology held on 21.03.2019.

Dr.B.Gurugnanam, Director, Centre for Applied Geology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Geology held on 21.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.R.I.Sathya.

The Academic Council noted the introduction of B.Sc. Geology from the Academic Year 2019-20 and resolved to approve the same. The Academic Council suggested to include First Aid Therapy as one of the elective papers. The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Geology held on 21.03.2019.

14. Item No.937/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Rural Health held on 22.03.2019.

Smt.A.Jansi Rani, Director, Centre for Rural Health presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Rural Health held on 22.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.A.David Ravindran.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Rural Health held on 22.03.2019 with the criteria for admission to PGDSI Programme as B.Sc. Chemistry students with First Group consisting of Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Second Group consisting of Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany in Higher Secondary Course.

The Academic Council in principle approved the starting of new programmes viz. (1) Geriatric care (2) Home Health aide (3) General Duty Assistant and (4) Cancer Rehabilitation from the academic year 2019-20. The Academic Council suggested to follow the modules framed by the Cancer Institute, Adyar for offering the course on Cancer Rehabilitation.

15. Item No.938/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Fine Arts of the Department of Tamil held on 25.03.2019.

Dr.P.Anandakumar presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Fine Arts of the Department of Tamil held on 25.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.K.S.Pushpa.

The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Fine Arts of the Department of Tamil held on 25.03.2019 and resolved to approve the same. The Academic Council further resolved to include Fine Arts along with NSS and Sports for the students to choose.

16. Item No.939/AC.2019.III

To consider the request of the Head, Department of Tamil to retain the nomenclature as School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts.

The Academic Council considered and suggested to approve the nomenclature as School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts with the approval of the Board of Management.

17. Item No.940/AC.2019.III

To consider the appeal received from the faculty members of Centre for Gandhian Studies for restoring the Centre for Gandhian Studies into Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science.

The Academic Council considered and after discussion, it was resolved to constitute a Committee to re-visit the re-structuring of Schools / Departments / Centres, keeping in mind the Genesis of the Institute and the Gandhian Ideologies and to place the report of the Committee in the Board of Management .

18. Item No.941/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Technology held on 18.03.2019.

Dr.K.Mahendran, Director, Centre for Rural Technology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Technology held on 18.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Rajendran.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the award of Ph.D. Degree under the discipline of Civil Engineering of the Centre for Rural Technology. The Academic Council resolved to keep in abeyance, the introduction of M.Tech. in Structural Engineering Programme. The Academic Council approved the syllabus of III to VIII semester of B.Tech. Civil Engineering.

With the above remarks, the Academic Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Technology held on 18.03.2019.

19. Item No.942/AC.2019.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Food Processing / Food Testing and Quality Evaluation held on 23.03.2019.

Dr.R.Seerangarajan, Director, DDU – KK presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Food Processing / Food Testing and Quality Evaluation held on 23.03.2019 and it was seconded by Dr.Raja alias Pranamalai.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in B.Voc. Food Processing / Food Testing and Quality Evaluation held on 23.03.2019.

20. Item No.943/AC.2019.III

To consider and approve for constitution of University Level Skill Assessment Committee for B.Voc. (Footwear and Accessories Design) Programme.

The Academic Council considered and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to nominate the members for the constitution of University Level Skill Assessment Committee for B.Voc. (Footwear and Accessories Design) Programme.

21. Item No.944/AC.2019.III

To consider and direct on the request of the Head, Dept. of Rural Industries and Management to offer the MBA Programme under Dept. of Rural Industries and Management.

The Academic Council after concurrence from the Dean, School of Management Studies, resolved that the Department of Rural Industries and Management is permitted to offer MBA Programme from 2019-2020 onwards.

The meeting came to a close at 1.45 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Gandhigram
29.03.2019

Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar
Registrar
Dr. S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor

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