

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

**VENUE : VIVEKANANDA HALL
GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (DTBU)
GANDHIGRAM**

DATE : 24.04.2023

TIME : 3.00 P.M.



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HELD ON 24.04.2023 AT VIVEKANANDA HALL
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Dr.Gurmeet Singh Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge) Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram.	Chairperson
2.	Dr.G.Baskaran Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages	Member
3.	Dr. O.Muthiah Dean, School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts	Member
4.	Dr.K.Velumani Dean & Director i/c., Centre for Future Studies School of Social Sciences	Member
5.	Dr.A.Balakrishnan Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development	Member
6.	Dr.M.Sundaramari Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Member
7.	Dr.G.Muralidharan Dean, School of Sciences	Member
8.	Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu Dean, School of Computer Science & Technologies	Member
9.	Dr.L.Rathakrishnan Dean, School of Management Studies	Member
10.	Dr.M.R.Rajan Head, Department of Biology	Member
11.	Dr.R.Uthayakumar Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
12.	Dr.S.Aripnammal Head, Department of Physics	Member
13.	Dr.M.Soundarapandian Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management	Member
14.	Dr.C.Pitchai Head, Department of Co-operation	Member
15.	Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
16.	Dr.S.Nehru Head, Department of Economics	Member
17.	Dr.R.Venkataravi Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension	Member

18.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar Head in-charge, Department of Rural Development & COE i/c.	Member
19.	Dr.M.Saleem Baig Head In-charge, Department of Hindi	Member
20.	Dr.A.Jahitha Begum Head In-charge, Department of Education	Member
21.	Dr.R.Kumaran Head in-charge, Department of Sociology	Member
22.	Dr.R.Mani Head, Department of Gandhian Thought & Peace Science	Member
23.	Smt.A.Jansi Rani Head, Department of Rural Health and Sanitation	Member
24.	Dr.S.Shaji Director in-charge, Centre for Malayalam Studies	Member
25.	Dr.K.Mahendran Director in-charge, Centre for Rural Technology	Member
26.	Dr.V.Kirubakaran Director In-charge, Centre for Rural Energy	Member
27.	Dr.B.Gurugnanam Director In-charge, Centre for Applied Geology	Member
28.	Dr.M.Muthukumar Director In-charge, Centre for Geoinformatics	Member
29.	Dr.K.Raja Alias Pranmalai Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management	Member
30.	Dr.P.Kalavathi Professor Department of Computer Science and Applications	Member
31.	Dr.S.Manivel Professor, Department of Cooperation	Member
32.	Dr.S.Rajendran Professor, Department of Economics	Member
33.	Dr.R.I.Sathya Professor, Department of Home Science	Member
34.	Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali Professor, Department of Home Science	Member
35.	Dr.P.U.Mahalingam Professor, Department of Biology	Member
36.	Dr.B.Basakar Assistant Professor, Department of Cooperation	Member
37.	Dr.Well Haorei Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Mamangement	Member
38.	Dr.K.Kala Vice-Chancellor Mother Teresa University Kodaikanal - 624 101. Dindigul District.	Member
39.	Prof.(Dr.)Amarjeet Kaur (Retd.) 153, Pearlcity, Sector - 104 Mohali - 140 306.	Member

40.	Dr.S.Meenakshi Director, Research and Development	Special Invitee
41.	Dr.C.Sugumar Director of Physical Education and Yoga Centre	Special Invitee
42.	Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar Registrar Gandhigram Rural Institute Gandhigram.	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting of the Academic Council:

1	Dr.K.P.Elango, Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
2	Dr.K.S.Pushpa, Head, Department of Home Science	Member
3	Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Professor, Department of Chemistry	Member
4	Dr.A.Ramanathan, Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Member
5	Dr.M.William Baskaran, Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
6	Dr.S.Balasundari, Associate Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages	Member
7	Smt.N.Suganthi, Associate Professor, School of English & Foreign Languages	Member
8	Dr.N.R.Bhanumurthy Vice-Chancellor Bengaluru Dr.B.R.Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASE University) Jnana Bharathi Main Road Nagarbhavi Post Opposite National Law School of India University Bengaluru - 560072	Member
9	Sri.S.Manohar, Director i/c., Computer Centre, GRI.	Special Invitee

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 3.30 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed the members and thanked them for being available for the meeting for interaction during the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting was taken up for discussion.

1. Item No.1008/AC.2023.IV

To confirm the minutes of the Fifty Eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.09.2021.

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the Fifty Eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.09.2021.

2. **Item No.1009/AC.2023.IV**

To consider and approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the 58th Academic Council at its meeting held on 06.09.2021.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the 58th Academic Council at its meeting held on 06.09.2021 with following remarks.

Item No.965/AC.2021.IX

The Academic Council resolved for follow-up in the Academic Review Committee for further necessary action.

Item No.967/AC.2021.IX

All relevant documents and records to be placed to Vice-Chancellor for further action.

Item No.982/AC.2021.IX

The Chairperson informed to constitute a committee with the following members to scrutinize and verify the structure to have separate departments viz, Department of Botany, Department of Zoology and Department of Microbiology.

1. Dr.M.R.Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology, GRI - Chairperson
2. Dr.V. Rajesh Kannan, Professor & Head, - External Member
Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University
Tiruchirapalli – 620 024.
3. Dr.P.U.Mahalingam, Professor, Department of Biology, GRI. - Convenor

The above Committee should submit the report at the earliest for further necessary action.

3. **Item No.1010/AC.2023.IV**

To consider and ratify the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 18.09.2021.

Dr.M.R.Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 18.09.2021 and it was seconded by Dr.R.Uthayakumar, Professor, Department of Mathematics.

The Academic Council ratified the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 18.09.2021.

Also, in addition to the above, after the deliberations it is resolved that a feasibility committee to be constituted for completing official procedure.

4. Item No.1011/AC.2023.IV

To consider and ratify the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 15.09.2021.

Dr.M.Soundarapandian, Professor and 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 15.09.2021 and it was seconded by Dr.L.Radhakrishnan, Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management.

The Academic Council ratified the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 15.09.2021.

5. Item No.1012/AC.2023.IV

To consider and ratify the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Development held on 28.01.2022.

Dr.P.Anantharajakumar, Professor and Head in-charge, Department of Rural Development presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Development held on 28.01.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Raja Alias Prannmalai, Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management.

The Academic Council ratified the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Development held on 28.01.2022.

6. Item No.1013/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for Centre for Rural Technology held on 03.07.2022.

Dr.K.Mahendran, Professor and Director in-charge, Centre for Rural Technology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Rural Technology held on 03.07.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.V.Kirubakaran, Associate Professor and Director in-charge, Centre for Rural Energy.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for Centre for Rural Technology held on 24.08.2021.

7. **Item No.1014/AC.2023.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Organic Agriculture and Enterprise Development held on 20.04.2022.

Dr.R.I.Sathya, Professor, Department of Home Science presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Organic Agriculture and Enterprise Development held on 20.04.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.K.Velumani, Professor, Centre for Future Studies.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Organic Agriculture and Enterprise Development held on 20.04.2022.

8. **Item No.1015/AC.2023.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension held on 22.07.2022.

Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension held on 22.07.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.C.Pitchai, Professor, Department of Cooperation.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension held on 22.07.2022.

9. **Item No.1016/AC.2023.IV**

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Development held on 15.07.2022.

Dr.P.Anantharajakumar, Professor and Head in-charge, Department of Rural Development presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Development held on 15.07.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.B.Gurugnanam, Professor, Centre for Applied Geology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Development held on 15.07.2022.

10. Item No.1017/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Health and Sanitation held on 11.05.2022.

Smt.A.Jansirani, Head, Department of Rural Health and Sanitation presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Health and Sanitation held on 11.05.2022.

The Chairperson suggested constituting a committee with the following members to look into the Board of Studies recommendations and increasing the duration of the PG Diploma in Sanitary Inspectors course.

- 1. The Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI**
- 2. The Head, Department of Rural Health and Sanitation, GRI**
- 3. Sri.Sugan Chinna Maran,
Head-Operations,
Tamil Nadu APEX Skill Development Centre for Health Care,
Sri Towers, 2nd Floor, No.34, Developed Plot (South Phase),
Guindy Industrial Estate,
Chennai - 600 032.**

The Chairperson directed to submit the committee report within four weeks of time.

11. Item No.1018/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 28.03.2022.

Dr.M.Soundarapandian, Professor and 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 28.03.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.P.Anandharajakumar, Professor, Department of Rural Development.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 28.03.2022.

12. Item No.1019/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted for conversion of Department into School of Education held on 11.10.2021 through online mode.

Dr.A.Jahitha Begum, Head in-charge, Department of Education presented the minutes of the Committee for conversion of Department into School of Education held on 11.10.2021.

Academic Council considered and & resolved to approve the agenda for further action.

13. Item No.1020/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee constituted for suggesting creation/re-structuring divisions in the School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences held on 19.11.2021.

Dr.M.Sundaramari, Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences presented the minutes of the Expert Committee constituted for suggesting creation/re-structuring divisions in the School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences held on 19.11.2021.

After detailed discussion Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the Expert Committee constituted for suggesting creation/re-structuring divisions in the School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences held on 19.11.2021.

14. Item No.1021/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to decide on maintaining the admission register, issue of transfer certificate, finalization of consolidated and degree certificate for IV year B.Sc. B.Ed. (Mathematics/Physics/Chemistry) programmes.

Dr.A.Jahitha Begum, Head in-charge, Department of Education presented the minutes of the Committee constituted to decide on maintaining the admission register, issue of transfer certificate, finalization of consolidated and degree certificate for IV year B.Sc. B.Ed. (Mathematics/Physics/Chemistry) programmes.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to decide on maintaining the admission register, issue of transfer certificate, finalization of consolidated and degree certificate for IV year B.Sc. B.Ed. (Mathematics/Physics/Chemistry) programmes.

15. Item No.1022/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the request of the Director, Centre for Applied Research for conversion of Centre for Applied Research in to Department of Applied Research.

Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Applied Research presented the request for conversion of Centre for Applied Research in to Department of Applied Research.

The Academic Council considered and approved for conversion of Centre for Applied Research in to Department of Applied Research.

16. Item No.1023/AC.2023.IV

To consider and ratify the action taken in recognizing Dr.M.Suresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics as Research Supervisor to guide Ph.D. scholars.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken in recognizing Dr.M.Suresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics as Research Supervisor to guide Ph.D. Scholars.

The Academic Council unanimously decided that henceforth need not to bring the Ph.D. guideship approval to the Academic Council for recognizing as a Research Supervisor. After fulfilling the UGC guidelines, the faculty will be given order for guideship.

17. Item No.1024/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Political Science and Development Administration held on 12.10.2022.

Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Political Science and Development Administration held on 12.10.2022 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Nehru, Professor, Department of Economics.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Political Science and Development Administration held on 12.10.2022.

18. Item No.1025/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for Centre for Applied Research held on 06.10.2022.

Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Applied Research presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Research held on 06.10.2022.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for Centre for Applied Research held on 06.10.2022.

After detailed discussions the agenda deferred and it will be presented in the next meeting.

19. Item No.1026/AC.2023.IV

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for Centre for Applied Geology held on 19.04.2023.

Dr.B.Gurugnanam, Director in-charge, Centre for Applied Geology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Geology held on 19.04.2023 and it was seconded by Dr.R.Kumaran, Assistant 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 19.04.2023.

The Registrar expressed the word of thanks to the Chairman, External Experts and members for being actively present for the meeting.

The meeting came to a close at 6.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

**Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar
Registrar**

**Prof.Gurmeet Singh
Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge)**

**Gandhigram
24.04.2023**