

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY FIRST MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 12.06.2013.**

VENUE: VIVEKANANDA HALL, K.V.K.

DATE: 12.06.2013.

TIME: 10.00 A.M.

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THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
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OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 12.06.2013 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL,
FACULTY GUEST HOUSE, GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM

Members Present:

1.	Dr.SM..Ramasamy Vice-Chancellor	President
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.Salim Baig, Professor & Head, Department of Hindi.	Member
5.	Sri S. Parthasarathy Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
6.	Dr.K.Jayakumar Professor & Head, Department of Physics	Member
7.	Dr.M.G. Sethuraman Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
8.	Dr.K.S.Pushpa Professor & Head, Department of Home Science	Member
9.	Dr.A.David Ravindran Professor & Head, Department of Biology	Member
10.	Dr.K.Somasundaram Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Applications	Member
11.	Dr.B.Tamilmani Professor & Head, Department of Cooperation	Member
12.	Dr. S.Ramaswamy Professor & Head, Department of Economics	Member
13.	Dr.A.Celine Rani Associate Professor & Head, Department of Pol.Sci. & D.A.	Member
14.	Dr.M.Mallammal Professor & Head, Department of Gandhian Thought	Member
15.	Dr.R.Seerangarajan Professor & Head, Department of RIM	Member
16.	Dr.A.Jahitha Begam Associate Professor and Head Department of Education	Member
17.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Rural Development	Member
18.	Dr.S.Gunasekaran Professor & Head, Department of Applied Research	Member

19.	Dr.R.Subburaman, Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension	Member
20.	Dr.S.K.Gopal Associate Professor and Head, Department of Extension Education	Member
21.	Dr.N.S. Nagarajan Professor of Chemistry	Member
22.	Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor of Political Science and Development Administration	Member
23.	Dr.S. Gurusamy Professor of Sociology	Member
24.	Dr.S.Ramesh Associate Professor in Chemistry	Member
25.	Dr.A.Easwaran, Associate Professor in Extension Education	Member
26.	Dr.P.U.Mahalingam Assistant Professor of Biology	Member
27.	Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali Assistant Professor of Home Science	Member
28.	Mrs.P.Kalavathy Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Applications	Member
29.	Dr.S.K.Subramanian, Sr. Scientist & Group Director, NRSC Hyderabad	Member
30.	Dr.G.James Pitchai Vice-chancellor, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	Member
31.	Dr.K.Mahendran Director i/c., Rural Technology Centre	Special Invitee
32.	Dr.B.Gurugnanam Director i/c. Centre for Applied Geology	Special Invitee
33.	Dr.M.Sivaraman Controller of Examination	Special Invitee
34.	Dr.R. Udhayakumar Director i/c, Rural Energy Centre	Special Invitee
35.	Dr.V. Kirubakaran Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre	Special Invitee
36.	Dr.J.Abraham Deputy Librarian, Library	Special Invitee
37.	Dr.D.Grace Nirmala Deputy Director of Physical Education	Special Invitee
38.	Dr.A.P.A.Susila Kirubavathy Deputy Registrar (Academic)	Special Invitee
39.	Dr.T.T. Renganathan Professor, Faculty of Agriculture & A.H	Special Invitee
40.	Dr. Ramanujam, Deputy Director i/c,CSSE&IP	Special Invitee
41.	Dr.G. Muralidharan Registrar i/c	Non-Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. B. Padmanabha Pillai, Prof. & Dean, Faculty of Tamil, IL & RA
2. Dr. M.A. Sudhir, Prof. & Dean, Faculty of Rural Development.
3. Dr. R. Kumuthakalavalli, Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences, GRI
4. Dr. T. Senthivel, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, GRI
5. Ms.A. Jansi Rani, Dean Faculty of Rural Health & Sanitation
6. Dr. Thilagavathy Daniel, Prof., Dept. of Biology.
7. Dr. A. Pitchai, Prof., Faculty of Tamil, IL & RA.
8. Dr. B. Subburaj, Prof., Dept. of Cooperation.
9. Dr. M. Kuruvammal, Prof. of Tamil.
10. Dr.K.P. Vasantha Devi, Professor of Home Science
11. Dr.M.R.Kubendran Professor of English
12. Dr.,M. Sundaravadivelu, Professor of Chemistry
13. Dr.P.Anitha Pius, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, GRI
14. Dr. Bhoop Singh, Director/Scientist 'F', NRDMS, Dept. of S & T, Govt. of India New Delhi.
15. Dr. T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman, Prof., Centre for Future Studies
16. Dr. K. Velumani, Prof., & Director, Centre for Women Studies

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

The Chairman welcomed all the members. He has extended a warm welcome to the external members Dr.S.K.Subramanian and Dr.G.James Pitchai. The Vice-Chancellor presented a brief account of the activities for the period from 26.6.2012 to 11. 06.2012. To mention a few:

1. Launching of the following new programmes
 - i. P.G. Diploma in Banking and Insurance
 - ii. B.Sc. Agriculture
 - iii. B.Sc. Textiles and Fashion Design (under UGC innovative programme with Rs. 51.00 lakhs financial assistance from UGC)
 - iv. M.Sc Applied Geology and Geomatics (under UGC innovative programme with Rs. 57.50 lakhs financial assistance from UGC)
 - v. M.S. Energy
 - vi. M.Tech. Renewable Energy (under UGC innovative programme with Rs.60 lakhs financial assistance from UGC)
 - vii. M.Phil Women Studies
2. Signing of various MoUs with national and international agencies
3. Increase of student enrollment.
4. Student achievements
5. Growth in Sponsored projects and substantial increase in publications in refereed journals raising the H index by 10 to 33 which has provided high position to GRI in the research area.

1. Item No. 621/2013.AC.VI

To confirm the minutes of the Fortieth meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.06.2012

The Academic Council considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Fortieth meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.06.2012

2. Item No.622/2013.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 25.06.2012

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 25.06.2012

On Item No. 600 regarding maximum number of attempts, the members felt that the students can take examinations for courses in any semester for two more years beyond the completion of the programme. For e.g. B.A./B.Sc., Students can appear for examinations upto five years from the date of joining the programme, the M.A./M.Sc. students four years from the date of joining of the programmes and B.Tech. students, six years from the date of joining the programme.

3. Item No. 623/2013.AC.VI

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-chancellor in approving the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Energy Centre held on 04.04.2013.

Dr.R. Udhayakumar, Professor and Director i/c, Rural Energy Centre presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Energy Centre held on 04.04.2013 and it was seconded by Dr. V. Kirubakaran, Asst. Prof., Rural Energy Centre.

The Academic council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-chancellor in approving the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Energy Centre held on 04.04.2013.

4. Item No. 624/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Chemistry held on 04.05.2013.

Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Professor and HOD of Chemistry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Chemistry held on 04.05.2013 and it was seconded by Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Prof. & Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Chemistry held on 04.05.2013. However, the

suggestion of the BOS that P.G Question paper setting by internal examiners is not approved.

The BOS, Dept. of Chemistry has suggested that Chemistry practical for Allied Chemistry courses are to be reduced to two semester duration. To bring in uniformity in the course structure, it was decided that a sub committee consisting of the following be constituted to decide on the same :

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| 1. Dean, FROS | - | Chair person |
| 2. Head, Dept. of Physics | - | Member |
| 3. Head, Dept. of Chemistry | - | Member |
| 4. Head, Dept. of Mathematics | - | Member |
| 5. CBCS Coordinator & CoE, GRI | - | Member |

5. Item No. 625/2013.AC.VI

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 28.10.11.

Dr.A. David Ravindran, Professor and HOD of Biology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 28.10.11 and it was seconded by Dr.P.U. Mahalingam.

The Academic council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-chancellor in approving the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology held on 28.10.11.

The Academic Council further recommended that the matter may be placed in the Board of Studies for the Department of Biology.

6. Item No. 626/2013.AC.VI

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Geology held on 05.04.2013.

Dr.B. 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 05.04.13 and it was seconded by Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Chemistry.

The Academic council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Applied Geology held on 05.04.2013.

The Academic Council instructed that VPP be included in the first semester of the programme. Similarly the credit distribution has to be set right. In this regard the chairman of the BOS should consult the CBCS coordinator and set right the credit distribution.

7. Item No. 627/2013.AC.VI

To consider interchange of semester wise courses in M.A. (5 yr.Int.) Development Administration programme.

Dr.A. Celine Rani, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Political Science & Development Administration presented the item. After long deliberations, the item was withdrawn and it is to be placed before BOS of the Department.

8. Item No. 628/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Technology Centre held on 05.04.2013.

Dr.K.Mahendran, Associate Professor and Director i/c, Rural Technology Centre, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Technology Centre held on 05.04.2013 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Ramasamy, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Economics.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Technology Centre held on 05.04.2013 with the condition that the starting of the M.Tech. Programme is to be postponed.

9. Item No. 629/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Industries and management held on 01.06.2013.

Dr.R. Seerangarajan, 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 01.06.2013.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the starting of the UGC funded add on course on Textile Merchandising. The change in nomenclature of BBA programme and starting of an M.Phil. Programme in Management are not approved. It was suggested that the four departments offering M.B.A Programmes are to come with the proposals for starting M.Phil Programmes in Management studies. It was also suggested that the Department of Rural Development also starts M.Phil. in Rural Management.

10. Item No. 630/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry held on 05.04.2013.

Dr.T.T. Renganathan, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry held on 05.04.2013 and it was seconded by Dr.P. Anandharajakumar, Asso. Prof. & Head, Dept. of Rural Development.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry held on 05.04.2013. However, the Academic Council turned down the suggestion of the BOS that the Ph.D degree certificate should contain the Dept. Specialization etc. and status quo on the issue of the Ph.D degree certificate will continue.

It was further resolved to increase the total in take in B.Sc. Agriculture to 60 instead of 40 as recommended by the BOS, since there is a huge demand for the programme.

11. Item No. 631/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Extension Education held on 30.05.2013.

Dr.S.K. Gopal, Associate Professor and HOD of Extension Education presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Extension Education held on 30.05.2013 and it was seconded by Dr. G. Palanithurai, Prof., Dept. of Political Science & Development Administration.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Extension Education held on 30.05.2013. However it was suggested to rework the credit distribution in consultation with CBCS coordinator.

12. Item No. 632/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Applied Research held on 05.06.2013.

Dr.S. Gunasekaran, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Research, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Applied Research held on 05.06.2013 and it was seconded by Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Chemistry.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Applied Research held on 05.06.2013.

13. Item No. 633/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee to discuss the equivalence for various programmes held at 10.00 am on 07.06.2013 at GRI.

The minutes were presented by Dr. T. Rajendran, Prof. & Dean, FRSS.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 07.06.2013. After discussions it was resolved that the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension should come up with a course on M. A. Human Development instead of Human Resource Development as it will overlap with ongoing MBA programmes.

14. Item No. 634/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Energy Centre held on 07.06.2013.

Dr.V. Kirubakaran, Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Energy Centre held on 07.06.2013 and it was seconded by Dr. K.S. Pushpa, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Home Science.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Rural Energy Centre held on 07.06.2013.

15. Item No. 635/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension held on 07.06.2013

Dr.R. Subburaman, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension held on 07.06.2013.

In the light of the discussion had on Item No. 633, this item was withdrawn.

16. Item No. 636/2013.AC.VI

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 07.06.2013 at GRI.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the minutes, it was seconded by Dr. M. Sivaraman, Prof. & Controller of Examinations.

The Academic council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 07.06.2013 with minor changes.

17. Item No. 637/2013.AC.VI

To consider and give direction to create a "Centre for Studies in Development and Resettlement" in GRI.

Dr.S. Gurusamy, Professor, Department of Sociology, presented the item. The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the starting of the Centre in principle.

The meeting came to an end at 7.00 pm with thanks to chair.

**Gandhigram
12.06.2013**

**Dr.SM. Ramasamy
Vice-Chancellor**

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