

**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
GANDHIGRAM**

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY SIXTH (46th) MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD ON 28.09.2015 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, FACULTY GUEST HOUSE
GRI., GANDHIGRAM**

Members Present:

1.	Dr. S. Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Dr. M. Saleem Baig Professor and Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts and Head i/c, Department of Hindi	Member
3.	Dr. G. Baskaran Professor & Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages	Member
4.	Dr. B. Subburaj Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences	Member
5.	Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences	Member
6.	Dr. N. Narayanasamy Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Development	Member
7.	Dr. S. Ganesh Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry	Member
8.	Ms. A. Jansirani Dean, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation	Member
9.	Dr. B. Padmanabha Pillai Professor, Department of Tamil	Member
10.	Dr. V. Rajarathinam Professor and Head, Department of Tamil	Member
11.	Sri S. Parthasarathy Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
12.	Dr. P. Subramaniam, Professor & Head, Dept. of Physics	Member
13.	Dr. M.G. Sethuraman Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry	
14.	Dr. R. Kumuthakalavalli Professor and Head, Department of Biology	Member
15.	Dr. K.P. Vasanthadevi, Prof.&Head,Dept. of Home Science	Member
16.	Dr. K. Ravichandran Professor and Head, Department of Cooperation	Member
17.	Dr. S. Nehru Professor and Head, Department of Economics	Member
18.	Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science & Development Administration	Member
19.	Dr. R. Mani Professor and Head, Dept. of Gandhian Thought & Peace Science	Member

20.	Dr. L. Rathakrishnan Professor and Head, Department of RIM	Member
21.	Dr. P. Anandarajakumar Professor and Head, Department of Rural Development	Member
22.	Dr. L. Raja Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension	Member
23.	Dr. M.P. Boraian Professor & Head, Department of Extension Education	Member
24.	Dr. M. Soundarapandian Professor, Department of Economics	Member
25.	Dr. G. Muralidharan, Professor, Department of Physics and Coordinator, CBCS	Member
26.	Dr. A. David Ravindran Professor, Department of Biology	Member
27.	Dr. R. Udhayakumar Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	Member
28.	Dr. M. William Baskaran Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
29.	Dr. R. Seerangarajan Professor, Department of Rural Industries and Management	Member
30.	Dr. G. Dhanasekaran Associate Professor, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation	Member
31.	Ms. S. Balasundari Asst. Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
32.	Ms. N. Suganthi Asst. Professor, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages	Member
33.	Dr. M. Hilaria Soundari, Asst. Professor Dept. of Applied Research	Member
35.	Prof. N.D. Mani, Professor & Director, Centre for Geoinformatics	Member
36.	Prof. V. Ramakrishnan, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Sreekariyam, Kulathoor Road, Ambady Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram 695 016.	Member
37.	Prof. V. Rhymend Uthariaraj, Professor & Director Ramanujan Computing Centre & (Secretary, T.N. Engg. Admissions, T.N. Govt.), Anna University, Chennai	Member
38.	Prof. P. Thirumalvalavan (Professor, School of Management, Bharathiar University) Coimbatore 641 045.	Member
39.	Dr. S. Ravindran, Associate Professor Dept. of Lifelong Learning	Member
40.	Dr. M. Sivaraman Controller of Examinations	Member
41.	Dr. A. Jahitha Begum Professor & Head i/c., Department of Education	Special Invitee

42.	Dr. R.I. Sathya Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme Department of Home Science	Special Invitee
43.	Dr. B. Gurugnanam Director i/c, Centre for Applied Geology	Special Invitee
44.	Dr. T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman Professor, Centre for Futures Studies	Special Invitee
45.	Dr. K. Velumani Professor & Director, Centre for Women's Studies	Special Invitee
46.	Dr. A. Balakrishnan, Professor, representing HoD. Dept. of Applied Research	Special Invitee
47.	Dr. R. Kumaran, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sociology Representing Head i/c. of the Department	Special Invitee
48.	Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan Deputy Librarian & Library I/c.,	Special Invitee
49.	Dr. D. Grace Nirmala Deputy Director of Physical Education	Special Invitee
50.	Dr. C. Sugumar Deputy Director of Physical Education	Special Invitee
51.	Dr. (Mrs.) A.P.A. Susila Kirubavathy Joint Registrar	Special Invitee
52.	Dr. V. Kirubakaran Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre	Special Invitee
53.	Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Registrar	Non-Member Secretary

Dr. K. Somasundaram, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Applications, Dr. P. Shanmugavadivu, Prof. & Head, Department of Computer Science, Dr. C. Sivapragasam, Professor and Head, Dept. of Applied Research, Dr. T.T. Ranganathan, Professor, Fac. of Agri.& Animal Husbandry and Dr. R. Gurusamy, Head i/c did not attend the meeting. However, Dr. A. Balakrishnan, Professor, and Dr. R. Kumaran, Asst. Professor, attended the meeting, as Special Invitees to represent their departments.

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 10.00 am.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members. He also introduced the external members and requested them to speak before initiating the discussion on the agenda items, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the various academic and developmental activities that took place during the last 3 ½ months (ie. from date of last Academic Council meeting ie. 04.06.2015 till date – 28.9.2015)

1. Item No.734/2015.AC.IX:

To confirm the minutes of the Forty fifth meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.6.2015.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Forty Fifth meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.6.2015.

2. Item No.735/2015.AC.IX:

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 05.6.2015.

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 05.6.2015 subject to certain modification under the Item noted below:

Item No.733/2015.AC:VI: Any other item:

To start new programme/Course in Christian Studies: It is resolved to refer the recommendations of the Dean, FRSS to a Committee consisting of internal and external Experts to be suggested by the Vice-Chancellor.

3. Item No.736/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Sociology held on 11.9.2015.

Dr. R. Kumaran, Assistant Professor, representing the Head, Department of Sociology, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Sociology held on 18.9.2015 and it was seconded by Dr.M. Saleem Baig, Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Sociology held on 18.9.2015 subject to the suggestions of the members to be made:

To change second course title as Research Methodology and put it as the first course and also objectives and lecture schedules to be included.

4. Item No.737/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Economics held on 23.9.2015..

Dr. S. Nehru, Professor & Head, Department of Economics, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Economics held on 23.9.2015 and it was seconded by Dr. B, Subburaj, Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Economics held on 23.9.2015 subject to the following suggestions to be incorporated:

- 1. Award of credit for Dissertation : 12 instead of 8**
- 2. Split up marks : CFA 75 + 125 (50 + 50 + 25)**

Further, it is suggested that for the area of specialized courses, Vice-Chancellor is authorized to approve the Syllabi and ratification will be obtained in the next Academic Council meeting. Vice-Chancellor suggested to frame Syllabus by the Course teacher/HoD and to be placed before the next Academic Council.

5. Item No.738/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Farm Equipments Operation and Maintenance held on 18.9.2015.

Dr. S. Ganesh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry requested Dr. R. Udhayakumar, Professor and the Course Coordinator of the B.Voc. Programme to present the Minutes and accordingly he presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the B.Voc. Programme held on 18.9.2015 and it was seconded by Dr.R. Kumuthakalavalli, Head, Department of Biology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Farm Equipments Operation and Maintenance held on 18.9.2015.

6. Item No.739/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Footwear and Accessories Design held on 23.9.2015.

Dr. K.P. Vasanthadevi, Professor and Head, Department of Home Science requested Dr. R.I. Sathya, Professor and the Course Coordinator of the B.Voc. Programme to present the minutes of the Board of Studies for B.Voc. Programme – Footwear and Accessories Design held on 23.9.2015 and accordingly she presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the B.Voc. Programme held on 23.9.2015 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Ganesh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for for B.Voc. Programme – Footwear and Accessories Design held on 23.9.2015 with the following suggestions to be included:

- i. Uniform Course Code**
- ii. Evaluation system to be evolved**
- iii. Instead of Bridge course – it is a course on “Basic of Science”**
- iv. For Computer applications, more practical classes to be added**
- v. Skill based courses and Practical courses to be separated**
- vi. Lecture schedule to be added**

7. Item No.740/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Yoga conducted by Physical Education and Yoga Centre held on 23.9.2015.

Dr. D. Grace Nirmala, Deputy Director of Physical Education, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Yoga conducted by Physical Education and Yoga Centre held on 23.9.2015 and it was seconded by Dr. V. Rajarathinam, Professor and Head, Department of Tamil.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Yoga conducted by Physical Education and Yoga Centre held on 23.9.2015 with the following suggestions to be included :

**List of Reference books – recently published should be in the format of :
Author, Title, Publisher name, Place of Publication, Year etc.**

8. Item No.741/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 06.7.2015 at Gandhigram Rural Institute.

The Chairman presented the minutes and after deliberations the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 6.7.2015.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 6.7.2015.

9. Item No.742/2015.AC.IX:

To consider enhancement of GRI Fellowship for the Research Scholars who are not getting any other Fellowship/Stipend.

The Chairperson presented recommendations of the Finance Committee (vide item No.296/FC/2015, dt. 14.7.2015-VII – Any other item).

After deliberations the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the enhancement of GRI Fellowship for the Research Scholars who are not getting any other Fellowship/Stipend.

10. Item No.743/2015.AC.IX:

To consider the UGC communication dt. 6th July 2015 for disallowing the Research Supervisors of GRI from guiding the research scholars of other Universities/Institutes and disallowing the other University faculty members to guide GRI scholars for Ph.D/M.Phil degree

The Academic Council perused the contents of the communication dated 6th July, 2015 of the UGC disallowing the Research Supervisors of GRI from guiding the research scholars of other Universities/Institutes and disallowing the other University faculty members to guide GRI scholars for Ph.D/M.Phil degree and resolved to approve the same for necessary implementation by GRI.

11. Item No.744/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and direct for implementing the letters received UGC, New Delhi (1) No.F.1-7/2011 (CPP-II) dated 13.08.2015 and (2) No.1-1/2015 (Secy) dated 09.09.2015.

The Academic Council perused the contents of the UGC letters No.1) No.F.1-7/2011 (CPP-II) dated 13.08.2015, dt. 13.08.2015 and (2) No.1-1/2015 (Secy) dated 09.09.2015 and resolved to approve the same for necessary implementation by GRI.

12. Item No.745/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and accord direction for implementing the letter D.O. No.F.12-1/2010(PS), dated 17.8.2015 received from the Secretary, UGC, New Delhi regarding granting of AGP from Rs.6000/- to AGP of Rs.7000/- on the prescribed conditions

The Academic Council perused the contents of the UGC letter D.O. No.F.12-1/2010(PS), dated 17.8.2015 received from the Secretary, UGC, New Delhi regarding granting of AGP from Rs.6000/- to AGP of Rs.7000/- on the prescribed conditions and resolved to approve the same for necessary implementation by GRI

13. Item No.746/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for recognizing the Research Supervisors

The Academic Council considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for recognizing the Research Supervisors.

14. Item No.747/2015.AC.IX:

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to frame the guidelines for the award of Gold Medal for M.Phil Scholars held on 15.3.2015.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to frame the guidelines for the award of Gold Medal for M.Phil Scholars held on 15.3.2015. Further, it is resolved to include suitable modifications in the By-Laws of GRI.

15. Item No.748/2015.AC.IX:

To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the Prospectus-cum-Fee Revision Committee for B.Voc programmes held on 19.9.2015 at GRI.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Prospectus-cum-Fee Revision Committee for B.Voc programmes held on 19.9.2015 at GRI.

16. Item No.749/2015.AC.IX:

To consider the Report/Recommendations of the meeting of the Committee constituted to frame the modalities for conducting the CFA and ESE examinations and also for evaluation of answer scripts of CFA and ESE examinations for implementation from the academic year 2015-2016.

The Academic Council after careful discussion on the report it was resolved to approve the following Recommendations of the Committee constituted to frame the modalities for conducting the CFA and ESE examinations and also for evaluation of answer scripts of CFA and ESE examinations for implementation from the academic year 2015-2016:

1. Questions for ESE for all major courses of UG programmes shall be set by external examiners and scrutinized by a Committee consisting of external examiners. The Committee shall be chaired by an external member as suggested by HOD/Dean concerned.
2. Question papers for language, foundation, allied and elective courses shall be set by respective course teacher and scrutinized following the procedures in vogue.
3. The departments conducting practicals for PG programmes shall invite external examiners from the panel approved. In this case, setting and evaluation shall be done concurrently by the course teacher and external examiner concerned.
4. Evaluation of ESE answer scripts of UG courses shall be done by course teacher concerned.
5. The practical examinations shall be evaluated as follows to avoid difficulties in fraction.

CFA - 60 marks
ESE -40 marks

In this case, the passing minimum shall be as follows:

CFA - 30	OR	CFA - 24
ESE --20		ESE - 16

(Prog having 50% as min. pass)

(Prog. having 40% as min. pass)

6. Seminar and subject based viva-voce examinations shall be conducted by a panel of internal examiners as suggested by the Head/Dean concerned.

7. Condoning the lack of attendance for those students securing between 70% - 80% shall be done jointly by the HoD/Dean, Guru and Course Teacher concerned. The students those who secure 60 to 69 % shall be permitted to appear in ESE in the subsequent semesters treating the course(s) as supplementary. The students with less than 60 % attendance and below shall 'redo' the course (s) by attending classes after completing the minimum duration prescribed for the programme concerned.
8. The students those who want to verify their ESE score after publication of results shall be provided with photocopy of his/her answer script and scoring sheet containing his/her scores alone subject to payment of fee of Rs.500. This shall apply to cases where single valuation of ESE is prescribed.
9. The Departments/Centres shall upload CFA marks and attendance in Intranet within 8 working days after each CFA.
10. The Controller of Examinations (COE) shall issue Rank Certificate to those students in the prescribed format who have successfully completed their programme . The rank shall be decided as follows.

Programme strength	No. of Ranks
10-20 students	2 ranks
Above 20	3 ranks

11. The Rank Certificate shall be issued in the following format

Rank Certificate

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____ S/o/D/o
 Thiru/Smt. _____ bearing Reg.No. _____ passed
 _____ Programme and secured _____ rank with CGPA of
 _____ in the examinations conducted by Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University in
 April/May 20____.

Further, the Academic council suggested the following:

- i) Retain CFA paper with course teacher till the publication of results
- ii) All teachers may undergo training at Computer Centre to set Question papers in the Template
- iii) Award of punishments for the malpractices inside the Exam hall need not be printed in the Hall Ticket
- iv) The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take appropriate decisions with regard to CFA and ESE examinations in the interest of GRI and to report the same to the subsequent Academic Council meeting for ratification.

17. Item No.750/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Geoinformatics, held on 23.9.2015

Dr. N.D. Mani, Professor & Director, Centre for Geoinformatics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Geoinformatics, held on 23.9.2015 and it was seconded Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Director i/c., Centre for Applied Geology.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Geoinformatics, held on 23.9.2015 with following suggestion:

Unit 2 : Aerial Remote Sensing to be included

18. Item No.751/2015.AC.IX:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting to frame guidelines for Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Kaushal Kendra including B.Voc. Programmes and Community College held on 22.9.2015

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting to frame guidelines for Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Kaushal Kendra including B.Voc. Programmes and Community College held on 22.9.2015

19. Item No.752/2015.AC.IX: Any other matter:

1. Plagiarism Policy :

A Committee with two external experts and two internal members shall be constituted.

2. Department Nomenclature change:

Converting the Department of Cooperation into Department of Cooperative Management.

After detailed deliberations, it was resolved to keep it in abeyance. It will be finalized during the next academic year.

3. Education Department:

Starting of M.Phil. Programme in Education: The request of the Head i/c., Department of Education will be referred to the Feasibility Committee for its recommendations.

Gandhigram
28.09.2015

Dr. S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor

Dr. P. Balasubramaniam
Registrar