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**MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH (50th) MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**



**VENUE: VIVEKANANDA HALL
FACULTY GUEST HOUSE, GRI**

DATE : 08.03.2017

TIME : 10.30 A.M

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HELD ON 08.3.2017 AT THE VIVEKANANDA HALL, FACULTY GUEST HOUSE
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Members Present:

1.	Dr. S. Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Dr. G. Baskaran Professor & Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages	Member
3.	Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu, Dean, FROS	Member
4.	Dr. B. Subburaj Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences represented by Dr. S. Gurusamy	Member
5.	Dr. S. Ganesh Professor and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry	Member
6.	Dr. N.D. Mani Dean, Faculty of Rural Development	Member
7.	Dr. G. Dhanasekaran Associate Professor and Dean, Faculty of Rural Health & Sanitation	Member
8.	Dr. P. Anandakumar Professor and Head, Department of Tamil	Member
9.	Dr. M. Saleem Baig, Professor & Head, Dept. of Hindi	Member
10.	Dr. M. Sivaraman, Professor & Head, Dept. of Physics	Member
11.	Dr. R.Uthayakumar Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
12.	Dr. S. Meenakshi Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
13.	Dr. R.I. Sathya Professor & Head, Dept. of Home Science	Member
14.	Dr. M.R. Rajan, Professor & Head Dept. of Biology	Member
15.	Dr. P. Shanmugavidivu Professor and Head, Dept. of Computer Science and Applications	Member
16.	Dr. S. Nehru, Professor & Head, Dept. of Economics	Member
17.	Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran, Professor & Head, Dept. of Political Science & Development Administration	Member
18.	Dr. R. Mani Professor and Head, Dept. of Gandhian Thought & Peace Science	Member
19.	Dr. S. Gurusamy, Head i/c., Dept. of Sociology	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. C. Sivaprakasam, Professor & Head, Dept. of Applied Research	Member
23.	Dr. L. Raja Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension	Member
24.	Dr. M.P. Boraian Professor & Head, Department of Extension Education	Member
25.	Dr. A. David Ravindran, Professor, Dept. of Biology	Member
26.	Dr. M. Soundarapandian, Professor, Dept. of RIM	Member
27.	Dr. S. Ramaswamy Professor, Dept. of Economics & Director – R&D	Member
28.	Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry	Member
29.	Dr. T. Senthivel, Professor, Fac. of Agri. & Animal Husbandry	Member
30.	Dr. T. Rajendran, Professor, Department of Sociology	Member
31	Dr. M. Mallammal Professor, Dept. of Gandhian Thought & Peace Science	Member
32	Dr. K. Velumani, Professor, Centre for Futures Studies	Member
33	Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor, Fac. of English & F.L.	Member
34	Dr. T. Selvin Jebaraj Norman, Professor, Centre for Furtures Studies	Member
35	Dr. P.U. Mahalingam, Associate Professor, Department of Biology	Member
36	Dr.R.Venkatarami, Associate Professor, Dept. of Lifelong Learning	Member
37	Sri S. Parthasarathy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mathematics	Member
38	Dr. K. Manikandan, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics	Member
39	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Member
40	Dr. K. Marimuthu, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Physics	Member
41	Dr. Anandavalli Mahadevan, Former VC, Mother Teresa Women's University - VC Nominee	Member
42	Dr. M. Sundaramari, Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee
43	Dr. G. Muralidharan Professor, Dept. of Physics & Coordinator, CBCS Programme	Special Invitee
44	Dr. K. Mahendran, Director i/c, RTC	Special Invitee
45	Dr. R. Udayakumar Professor & Course Coordinator, B.Voc. Programme Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	"
46	Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Director i/c, Centre for Applied Geology	"
47	Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Dy. Librarian	"
48	Dr. A. Jahitha Begum, Professor & Head i/c., Department of Education	"
49	Dr. R. Seerangarajan, Professor, Dept. of RIM and Director, Kousal Kendra	"
50	Dr. C. Sugumar. Deputy Director of Physical Education	"
51	Dr. V. Kirubakaran, Assistant Professor, Rural Energy Centre	"
52	The Director, IQAC, GRI	"

53	Dr. R. Kumuthakalavalli, Professor & Director, ICC	Special Invitee
54	Dr. K. Somasundaram, Professor & Director – Admission, GRI.	“
55	Dr. M. Seethalakshmi, Professor, Fac. of Agril. & A.H.	“
56	Dr. A. Ramanathan, Professor, Fac. of Agril. & A.H.	“
57	Dr. I. Kasparraj Director i/c., Computer Centre	“
58	Dr. P. Balasubramaniam, Registrar, GRI	Non-Member Secretary

Dr. V. Rajarathinam, Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, Dr. K. Ravichandran, Professor & HoD., Department of Cooperation, Dr. D. Grace Nirmala, Deputy Director of Physical Education, Dr. Panneerselvam, Professor, Dept. of Management Studies, Pondicherry University and Dr. K.M. Annamalai, Ahmedabad, could not attend the meeting in view of their preoccupation.

The meeting started with one minute silent prayer at 10.30 am.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members. The Vice-Chancellor greeted the newly nominated Dean (Dr. N.D. Mani), Faculty of Rural Development, who was nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. After that, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the various academic and developmental activities that took place during the last 4 month (ie. from date of last Academic Council meeting ie. 26.10.2016 till date – 07.3.2017). The Vice-Chancellor informed the Academic Council that UGC Review Committee has recommended the continuation of Deemed University status to GRI for the next five years period from 22nd February, 2017. Dr. Anandhavalli Mahadevan, External member of Academic Council appreciated the team efforts of faculty of GRI for the achievement.

1. Item No.792/2017.AC.III

To confirm the minutes of the Forty Ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on 26.10.2016.

It was resolved to confirm the Forty Ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on 26.10.2016.

2. Item No. 793/2017.AC.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 26.10.2016

After detailed deliberations, it was resolved to confirm the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 26.10.2016

NEW ITEMS:

3. Item No.794/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Centre for Women's Studies held on 16.2.2017

Dr. K. Velumani, Professor and Director presented minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Centre for Women's Studies held on 16.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Gurusamy, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Centre for Women's Studies held on 16.2.2017. It was decided to permit the Centre for Women's Studies to offer new academic programmes only when UGC approves the continuation of the Centre beyond 31.3.2017.

4. Item No.795/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 20.2.2017

Dr. M. R. Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Biology held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. David Ravindran, Professor, Dept. of Biology.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved that the status quo shall continue in offering the academic programmes in the ensuing academic year. Certificate courses can be offered offline initially and later through online with Video lessons and also resolved to approve the Panel of Examiners for CAS/Direct recruitment for the Dept. of Biology

5. Item No.796/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 20.2.2017

Dr. S. Meenakshi, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu, Professor, Department of Chemistry.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Chemistry held on 20.2.2017. The Academic Council also suggested that the Course code for M.Phil. (In-depth study) may be got approved by the Academic and Examination Committee. Online course may be offered from ensuing academic year following UGC Regulations – MOOCs.

6. Item No.797/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 20.2.2017.

Dr. R. Uthayakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Shri S. Parthasarathy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mathematics.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics held on 20.2.2017. The Course code and the syllabi of the revised courses may be got approved by the Academic and Examination Committee.

7. Item No.798/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Health and Sanitation held on 20.2.2017.

Dr. G. Dhanasekaran, Dean, Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Health and Sanitation held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M.R.Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Rural Health and Sanitation, held on 20.2.2017

8. Item No.799/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Geology held on 20.2.2017.

Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Professor and Director i/c. Centre for Applied Geology, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Geology held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. N.D. Mani, Dean, Faculty of Rural Development.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Geology held on 20.2.2017. Panel of experts is approved excluding the Associate Professors and Emeritus Professors (as they have retired from regular service).

9. Item No.800/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held 20.2.2017.

Dr. S. Nehru, Professor and Head, Department of Economics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr.S.Ramaswamy, Professor, Dept. of Economics.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Economics held on 20.2.2017 along with certain modifications to be made as follows:

- i. **Exit option after the completion of three years can be decided later in the Five Year Integrated programme in M.A. Economics**

- ii. **The corrections suggested may be done in the syllabus and references may be got approved by Academic & Examination Committee.**
- iii. **Computer Science applied in Economics course may be framed in consultation with the Department of Computer Science and Applications**

10. Item No.801/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Lifelong Learning and Extension held 20.2.2017.

Dr. L. Raja, Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Lifelong Learning and Extension held 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran, Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science and Development Administration.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Lifelong Learning and Extension held on 20.2.2017 subject to the following conditions:

- i. **New Programme on B.Sc. Visual Communications can be offered after creating staff structure needed for the programme.**
- ii. **Panel of experts for the Selection Committee excluding the Associate Professors is approved.**

11. Item No.802/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science & Development Administration held on 20.2.2017

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 in Political Science & Development Administration held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. L. Raja, Professor & Head, Dept. of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science & Development Administration held on 20.2.2017.

12. Item No.803/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 20.2.2017.

Dr. S. Gurusamy, Professor and Head i/c, Department of Sociology, presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 20.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. S. Rajendran, Professor, Department of Sociology.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology held on 20.2.2017 subject to certain suggestions made by the Academic Council:

- i. Approval is given for starting Five year integrated programme in M.A.Sociology.**
- ii. Lateral entry under the M.A.Integrated programme shall be decided later.**
- iii. Course work for Ph.D. programme shall be decided later.**

13. Item No.804/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 21.2.2017

Dr. M. Sivaraman, Professor and Head, Department of Physics presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 21.2.2017 and it was seconded by the Dr. G. Muralidharan, Professor, Department of Physics.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 21.2.2017. The modified M.Phil., syllabi may be got approved by Academic & Examination Committee.

14. Item No.805/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 24.2.2017

Dr. A. Jehitha Begam, Professor & Head i/c., Department of Education presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 24.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. G. Baskaran, Professor and Dean, Faculty of English and Foreign Languages.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Education held on 24.2.2017. Integrated B.Ed. programme can be offered after the approval from NCTE. Thereafter the Head of Department is required to consult Heads of Science Departments and Academic & Examination Committee and submit appropriate proposal to the Academic Council for approval.

15. Item No.806/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Yoga held in the BOS meeting of Education on 24.2.2017.

Dr. C. Sugumar, Deputy Director and Head, Physical Education and Yoga Centre presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Yoga held on 24.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. B. Jagitha Begam, Professor and Head i/c, Department of Education.

The Academic Council ratified the conduct of Board of Studies in Yoga Education under the Umbrella of Education Department held on 24.2.2017. The course code and syllabi may be finalized by the Academic and Examination Committee.

16. Item No.807/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library Science held in the BoS meeting of Education on 24.2.2017.

Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Dy. Librarian and Librarian Incharge presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library Science held in the BoS meeting of Education held on 24.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. P. Anandakumar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Tamil.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council ratified the conduct of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library Science held on 24.2.2017 under the umbrella of Education Department with following observations:

- i. Vice-Chancellor shall decide the panel of experts in professor cadre in the list proposed for constituting Selection Committee / Screening Committee for recruitment / CAS.
- ii. The Course work for the Ph.D. Programme may be got finalized by the Academic and Examination Committee.

17. Item No.808/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Home Science held on 27.2.2017.

Dr. R.I. Sathya, Professor and Head, Department of Home Science presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Home Science held on 27.2.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. R. Seerangarajan, Professor, Department of RIM and Director, Koushal Kendra.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of in Home Science, held on 27.2.2017 with the following suggestions/conditions:

- 1, Panel of subject experts is approved excluding the Associate Professors.
2. Short term courses to be offered by the Department have to be designed with the NCVT pattern enabling them to issue certificates accordingly. NCVT approval is necessary for the Syllabus and the course content.
3. GRI can issue Certificates for short term Certificate courses for which NCVT is neither offering programmes nor issuing certificates.

4. The syllabi of the revised courses may be got approved by Academic & Examination Committee.

18. Item No.809/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 03.3.2017

Dr. P. Shanmugavadivu, Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Computer Science and Applications held on 03.3.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Professor, Department of Chemistry.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of in Computer Science and Applications held on 03.3.2017 along with a suggestion that the syllabus of non-major electives (cyber security, social networking, animation and chassis map publishing) may be prepared and got approved in the next Academic Council.

19. Item No.810/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 03.3.2017

Dr. C. Sivapragasam, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Research presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Research held on 03.3.2017 and it was seconded by Dr. R. Mani, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science.

After detailed presentation, the Academic Council decided to keep in abeyance the Research Methodology / Statistical courses for MBA programmes. The revision made for other programmes may got approved by Academic & Examination Committee.

20. Item No.811/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Plagiarism fixing similarity index level committee held on 17th November, 2016.

It was resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee constituted for checking Plagiarism in terms of minutes of its meeting held on 17.11.2016.

21. Item No.812/2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the Feasibility Study Committee held on 15.2.2017 to consider the proposals submitted by various Faculties/Departments/ Centres for starting of new programme(s)/ dropping out the existing programmes from the academic year 2017-18.

The Minutes of the Feasibility Study Committed held on 15.2.2017 was presented in the Academic Council for discussion. After detailed deliberations, it was decided to conduct a workshop involving experts from

Management Studies of other institutions to formulate an MBA programme in consistence with the recommendations of Feasibility Committee, Academic Audit and NAAC peer team.

The Feasibility Committee can be named henceforth as “Academic Programme Review Committee”.

22. Item No. 813 /2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Department of Rural Industries and Management held on 20.2.2017

Dr. L. Radhakrishnan, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Department of Rural Industries held on 20.2.2017 and Management and it was seconded by Dr. M. Soundarapandian, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management.

After detailed deliberations, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of RIM, except MBA Programme and Ph.D. Course work. The syllabus of the BBA & DLM programmes may be got approved by the Academic & Examination Committee.

23. Item No. 814 /2017/AC.III

To consider and ratify the minutes of the meeting of Academic and Exam Matters Committee held on 28.02.2017 with regard to providing a last and final chance for all those students of 2010-11 batch and earlier, 2011-2012 batch (3 years programmes) and earlier and of 2012-2013 batch (2 years programmes) and earlier under the name of “Extraordinary Supplementary Examinations”.

The Controller of Examinations presented the minutes and after deliberations, the Academic Council resolved to ratify the minutes of the meeting of Academic and Exam Matters Committee held on 28.02.2017 with regard to providing a last and final chance for all those students of 2010-11 batch and earlier, 2011-2012 batch (3 years programmes) and earlier and of 2012-2013 batch (2 years programmes) and earlier under the name of “Extraordinary Supplementary Examinations”. The Academic Council decided to allow students to write supplementary examination but not beyond N+ 2 period of years in future.

24. Item No. 815 /2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the creation of new Department exclusively for Dairy Science under the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry.

After detailed deliberations, it was resolved to approve the creation of Animal Husbandry Department under the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry.

25. Item No. 816 /2017/AC.III

To consider and approve the proposal for starting of new programmes (i) Post Diploma in Dairy Science and B.Sc. in Dairy Science in lieu of the present M.Sc. Dairy Science programme.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve in principle the proposal for starting of new academic programmes in lieu of M.Sc. Dairy Science after convening the workshop with experts in the field of Dairy Science.

26. Item No.817/2017/AC.III: - Other Items:

The Academic council also resolved to approve the following:

1. Board of Studies for Yoga Education and Library Science are permitted to be conducted in future under the Umbrella of Department of Education.
2. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to approve the names of experts for Selection Committee under Direct Recruitment / CAS wherever the names suggested by the BoS of the Departments / Centres / Faculties are exhausted / insufficient and in occasions where those do not meet the cadre requirements of experts suggested.

The meeting came to an end at 5.30 pm. with thanks by the Chairman

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

The Board of Management recommended to conduct a Brain-storming Session to discuss on the viability and feasibility of courses to be offered in GRI.

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08.3.2017

Dr. P. BALASUBRAMANIAM
REGISTRAR

Dr. S. NATARAJAN,
VICE-CHANCELLOR