

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY, GANDHIGRAM

MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 07.10.2017 AT GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, GANDHIGRAM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dr.S.Natarajan	... Chairperson
2. Dr.G.Baskaran	... Member
3. Dr.G.Dhanasekaran	... Member
4. Dr.P.Thirumalvalavan	... Member
5. Dr.Kezevino Aram	... Member
6. Dr.Anandhavalli Mahadevan	... Member
7. Dr.K.Somasundaram	... Member
8. Smt.A.Jansi Rani	... Member
9. Smt.Kavita Narayan	... Member
10. Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director (ICR)	... Member
11. Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Registrar In-charge	... Secretary

The meeting started at 10:30 a.m. with one minute silent prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending the meeting amidst their busy schedule. The Chairperson introduced the new members Smt.Kavita Narayan who has been nominated by the MHRD; Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director (ICR), representing MHRD; Dr.G.Baskaran, Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages and Dr.G.Dhanasekaran, Dean, Faculty of Rural Health & Sanitation who were nominated in their capacity as Dean.

The Board of Management placed on record and thanked Dr.M.Sundaravadivelu and Dr.B.Subburaj for the valuable contributions during their tenure as Members of the Board of Management.

The Chairperson briefed the achievements of the Institute in terms of growth, both in the field of academic and development activities. **He informed that the University Grants Commission vide its letter F.No.40-2/2014(CPP-I/DU) dated 8th September 2017 awarded 12-B status to the Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University.** He thanked all the faculty members and non-academic staff for their valuable support in achieving yet another milestone.

The Board Members namely Dr.Anandhavalli Mahadevan and Dr.P.Thirumalvalavan congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, the Faculty & staff and stated that it is a moment of joy and pride to GRI and each one of them should be proud to be a part of this great institution.

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

1. **Item No.1863/BOM.2017.X: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES :**

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Fourth meeting of the Board of Management held on 17.07.2017 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Fourth meeting of the Board of Management held on 17.07.2017 at Gandhigram.

2. Item No.1864/BOM.2017.X: ACTION TAKEN REPORT :

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Fourth (144th) meeting of the Board of Management held on 17.07.2017.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Forty Fourth (144th) meeting of the Board of Management held on 17.07.2017.

3. Item No.1865/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 14.09.2017.

The Board of Management resolved to approve in principle the minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 14.09.2017 subject to the approval by the Finance Committee.

4. Item No.1866/BOM.2017.X:

To consider the recommendations of the Selection Committee held on 12th August, 2017 for the selection of various teaching posts of Professor / Assistant Professor / Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty/Contractual Faculty) in different domain areas for the Department of Education under Direct Recruitment.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Selection Committees which met on 12.08.2017 for the posts of Professor / Assistant Professor / Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty/Contractual Faculty) in different domain areas for the Department of Education under Direct Recruitment as follows :

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the post</i>	<i>No. of Post(s)</i>	<i>Subject / Specialization</i>	<i>Candidate Selected / Waitlisted</i>
1.	Professor	1 (SC)	Teacher Education	None found suitable. BoM recommends re-advertisement.
2.	Assistant Professor	1 (OBC)	Mathematics Education	Selected : Dr.P.Ponnusamy Waitlisted: Mr.R.Kingston
		1 (OBC)	Science Education (Biological Science: Botany / Zoology)	Selected : Dr.R.Bagdha Vatchala Perumal Waitlisted: Dr.R.Hariharan

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No. of Post(s)	Subject / Specialization		Candidate Selected / Waitlisted
		1 (SC)	Science Education (Physical Science: Chemistry)		* Kept pending in a sealed cover awaiting final verdict of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras (Madurai Bench).
3.	Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty / Contractual Faculty)	6 (UR)	Philosophy of Education	One post for each specialization	Selected : Dr.N.Anandakumar (Contractual Faculty) Waitlisted: Ms.S.D.Subadra
			ICT in Education		Selected : Mr.M.Deivam (Contractual Faculty) Waitlisted: Ms.Jerslin.S
			Educational Planning, Administration and Management		Selected : Dr.R.Jeyanthi (Guest Faculty) Waitlisted: NIL
			English Language Education		Selected : Ms.S.I.Thahirabanu (Guest Faculty) Waitlisted: Mr.I.Joseph Milton Paulraj
			Tamil Language Education		Selected : Dr.A.Sathiyaraj (Guest Faculty) Waitlisted: NIL
			Physical Education		Selected : Dr.A.Thangasamy (Contractual Faculty) Waitlisted: Ms.Pratheepa

5. Item No.1867/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the re-appointment of M/s.A.V.Subramanian & Co., Chartered Accountants, Madurai as Statutory Auditor for auditing of accounts of GRI-DU for the Financial Year 2017-18 at a remuneration of Rs.69,300/- plus TA/DA and certification charges as paid earlier for the financial year 2016-17.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the re-appointment of M/s.A.V.Subramanian & Co., Chartered Accountants,

Madurai as Statutory Auditor for auditing of accounts of GRI for the Financial Year 2017-18 at a remuneration of Rs.69,300/- plus TA/DA and certification charges as paid earlier for FY 2016-17.

6. Item No.1868/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and ratify the action taken on the issuance of CAS Promotion order to Dr.C.Pitchai, Department of Co-operation from Associate Professor (Stage 4) to Professor (Stage 5) w.e.f.20/01/2015 instead of 13/01/2015.

The Board of Management considered and ratified the action taken on the issuance of CAS Promotion order to Dr.C.Pitchai, Department of Co-operation from Associate Professor (Stage 4) to Professor (Stage 5) w.e.f.20/01/2015 instead of 13/01/2015.

7. Item No.1869/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee constituted for selecting students for part time job under Earn While You Learn Scheme for the year 2017-18 including the revision of the honorarium prospectively to the students from Rs.400/- p.m. to Rs.600/- p.m.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the Selection Committee constituted for selecting students for part time job under Earn while you Learn scheme for the year 2017-18 including the revision of the honorarium prospectively to the students from Rs.400/- p.m. to Rs.600/- p.m., starting from the year 2017-18.

The members suggested that the Earn While you Learn Scheme should be linked with developing employability skill for the students which will be helpful to them in future.

8. Item No.1870/BOM.2017.X: REGISTRAR'S REPORT :

The Board of Management noted the Registrar's Report and approved.

9. Item No.1871/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 6th Planning and Monitoring Board of the Institute held on 27.09.2017 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 6th Planning and Monitoring Board of the Institute held on 27.09.2017.

10. Item No.1872/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the appointment of Registrar, Controller of Examinations and Finance Officer for a period of five years as per the OM dated 2nd November 1988 of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the appointment of Registrar, Controller of Examinations and Finance Officer for a period of five years as per OM No. F.10-52/87-Desk (U) dated 2nd November 1988 of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the tenure of five years can

be made effective from the appointment for the post of Registrar in response to Advertisement No. 3/2017.

11. Item No.1873/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted to frame guidelines for the award of G.R.I. Research Fellowship for Ph.D. Programme, effective from 2017-18.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the GRI-DU Fellowship Committee and to implement the Scheme with effect from 2017-18 and with the further approval of Finance Committee.

12. Item No.1874/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute which met on 06.10.2017 at the Faculty Guest House, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee. Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar be appointed as the Registrar of Gandhigram Rural Institute and the Vice-Chancellor may issue necessary orders appointing him for a period of five years with effect from the date of joining in the eligible pay scale as prescribed by the University Grants Commission and the regulations of GRI.

13. Item No.1875/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and give direction on the implementation of the proposal approved by UGC for restructuring the existing Faculties / Departments / Centres in terms of the recommendations of Inspection Committee constituted for granting 12-B status to GRI-DU and approval as granted by UGC vide its letter F.No.40-2/2014 (CPP-I/DU), dt.8th September, 2017.

The Board of Management considered and resolved as follows for implementing the reorganization plan of Faculties / Departments as approved by UGC.

- a) Adoption on the UGC's approval for the reorganization of Faculties and Departments into Schools and Departments and to meet adequate cadre strength in the reorganized Schools / Departments.**
- b) Allow the different entities of merged departments to function as independent academic units henceforth till such time these entities are either made as full-fledged departments or independent multi-disciplinary schools with corresponding cadre strength as stipulated by UGC.**
- c) The above change may be effected in the bye-laws of the Gandhigram Rural Institute with immediate effect.**

2. The academic units shall be re-organised as follows:

**Schools – Headed by the Deans
Departments – Headed by Heads of Departments
Centres – Headed by the Directors**

The Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors shall be members of the Academic Council.

The re-organised Departments / Centres under the umbrella of meaningful Schools of interdisciplinary nature as per the UGC Review Recommendations shall be as per Annexure – 19 submitted to the UGC Inspection Committee for approval of the re-organisation of Faculties and Departments into Schools and Departments.

The nomenclature of the School of Rural Development, Health and Extension may be re-named as School of Health Sciences and Rural Development.

The Board of Management authorized the Vice-Chancellor to create a separate School of Health Sciences as and when adequate staff are inducted to maintain the cadre strength.

The members suggested that efforts should also be taken to help independent small Academic Units to evolve into full-fledged Departments.

14. Item No.1876/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and appoint Deans for Schools wherever applicable and approve continuation of existing Deans of the then Faculties, in view of approval of 12-B status for GRI-DU by the UGC.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Deans of Schools as per the re-organisation set-up approved by the University Grants Commission. The Deans of Schools shall be appointed on the basis of seniority among the Professors of the School on rotation basis. The appointment of Deans for Schools are approved as follows:

<u>School of Social Sciences</u> 1. Gandhian Thought and Peace Science 2. Sociology 3. Political Science and Development Administration 4. Education	Dr.S.Gurusamy , Professor of Sociology
<u>School of Management Studies</u> 1. Rural Industries and Management 2. Co-operation 3. Economics	Dr.M.Soundarapandian , Professor of RIM
<u>School of Sciences</u> 1. Chemistry 2. Physics 3. Mathematics 4. Biology 5. Home Science	Dr.A.David Ravindran , Professor of Biology

<p><u>School of Computer Science and Technologies</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Computer Science and Applications 2. Rural Energy Centre 3. Rural Technology Centre 4. Applied Geology 	<p>Dr.B.Gurugnanam, Professor of Applied Geology</p>
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Further, it was resolved that the other existing Deans shall continue until such time their present term comes to an end.

15. Item No.1877/BOM.2017.X:

To consider and give direction for appointing new Heads of Departments and approving continuation of existing Heads of the Departments wherever applicable under the reorganized faculty structure and as approved by UGC for granting 12-B status.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to appoint Heads of Departments as per the re-organized set-up approved by the University Grants Commission. The Heads of Departments shall be appointed on the basis of seniority among Professors of the Department. Wherever two Departments are merged, the Head of the Department shall be appointed on the basis of seniority among the Professors of the merged departments on rotation.

The Board of Management resolved to appoint Heads of Departments as follows:

- 1) Rural Industries and Management : **Dr.Raja alias Pranmalai**, Professor
- 2) Co-operation : **Dr.S.Manivel**, Professor

Further, the Heads of merged Departments will be appointed as per the seniority among Professors on rotation.

16. Item No.1878/BOM.2017.X: ANY OTHER MATTER :

Under the above item, Smt. Kavita Narayan suggested the following:

1. Public health agenda to be given importance.
2. Partnership with FCRI and WHO
3. Model University which other people can look for training
4. Short term skill courses for Diabetes Educators, Dietetics', paramedics, etc.
5. Strengthening of Public Health infrastructure.
6. Common Research Centre to be established for collaborating research and Shanti Sena students may be given health training as the first target.

Further, the member concerned informed that India needs 8 million Health workers and therefore proper training may be conducted through Gandhigram Rural Institute as a Nodal Centre.

The Board of Management appreciated the excellent service rendered by Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, as the Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The meeting came to a close at 2.00 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Dr. P.Balasubramaniam
Registrar In-charge
Dr. S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor

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