

Minutes of the 109th meeting of the Syndicate held at 10 AM on 16.03.2006 at the Anthar Bharathi Hall, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

Members Present:

1.	Dr.T.Karunakaran, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairperson
2.	Shri M.R.Rajagopalan	-	Member
3.	Dr.D.K.Paliwal	-	Member
4.	Dr.A.Gnanam	-	Member
5.	Dr.K.Somasundaram	-	Member
6.	Dr.M.R.Kubendran	-	Member
7.	Dr.N.Narayanasamy	-	Member
8.	Shri S. Parthasarathy	-	Member
9.	Dr.P.Anandakumar	-	Member
10.	Dr.M.Sivaraman	-	Member
11.	Dr.M.Sundaravadivelu-Registrar	-	Non-Member Secretary

The Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Mumbai could not attend the meeting.

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

The Chairperson welcomed the members and greeted the new members Dr.P.Anandakumar and Dr.M.Sivaraman.

One of the members remarked that the meeting notice and agenda papers must be sent to the members well in time.

The Chairperson gave a brief presentation of various developments in the institute highlighting the achievements of students and staff. He gave details of collaborations with internationally known universities and organizations like General Electric, MicoBosch and UNDP. He also indicated the demand for GRI courses like MBA Rural Development, B.Tech. Habitat, B.Tech. Sustainable Technology and Rural Industries (proposed), among African countries like Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia, besides SAARC countries like Afghanistan. He also indicated the keen interest of Kenya to have an off shore campus of GRI in Kenya for the benefit of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda etc. The possibility of floating short term "development" programmes, cultural tourism programmes and a "centre for global studies" for global audience was also indicated by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor also indicated the problems arising due to most of the academic staff living outside the campus. He also emphasized the need for infrastructure including hostels, residence and academic infrastructure for frontline knowledge areas and their extensions. The Vice-Chancellor also indicated the difficulties in getting the student and staff quota of ST category. The members of the syndicate appreciated the overall vision and mission of the university and felt that resource mobilization should be given priority. The members saw potential in all the international programmes indicated by the Vice-Chancellor and advised that the matter be pursued with the concurrence of the HRD Ministry.

Dr.D.K.Paliwal remarked that to increase the residentiality of the faculty members basic facilities must be enhanced in the campus. He also mentioned that a strategy must be developed to strengthen the parent, teacher, student relationship and the parental role of a teacher should be highlighted. In future, staff members (including senior functionaries and essential staff) should be required to stay in the campus. The Institute must identify academic programmes that could attract tribals particularly from the north

eastern region. Networking with dedicated NGOs and creating information among High Schools might provide the needed relief.

Shri M.R. Rajagopalan while appreciating the students' participation in rural marketing remarked that there is a good scope for certain medicinal plants required for Lakshmi Seva Sangam and the students can promote the cultivation of such plants as part of their "student farm enterprise scheme" and also in their service villages.

1. Item No.1167/SY.2006.III

- a. To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Eighth meeting of the Syndicate held at 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2005 at Taramani House, I.I.T., Chennai.
- b. To confirm the Resolution passed by circulation approving the Draft Annual Report for the years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.
- c. To confirm the minutes of the 13th Special meeting of the Syndicate held at 11.00 a.m. on 07.11.2005 at Anthar Bharathi Hall, GRI, Gandhigram.
- d. To confirm the Resolution passed by circulation regarding the preparation of Master Plan for GRI Campus for 2020 by M/s.Sankar & Associates, Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.3.50 lakhs.
- e. To confirm the Resolution passed by circulation approving the draft Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2004-2005, to be submitted to the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to confirm:

- 1) the minutes of Hundred and Eighth meeting of the Syndicate held at 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2005 at Taramani House, I.I.T., Chennai.***
- 2) the resolution passed by circulation approving the Draft Annual Report for the years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.***
- 3) the minutes of the 13th Special meeting of the Syndicate held at 11.00 a.m. on 07.11.2005 at Anthar Bharathi Hall, GRI, Gandhigram.***
- 4) the resolution passed by circulation regarding the preparation of Master Plan for GRI Campus for 2020 by M/s.Sankar & Associates, Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.3.50 lakhs.***
- 5) the resolution passed by circulation approving the draft Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2004-2005, to be submitted to the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit.***

2. Item No.1168/SY.2006.III

- a. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Eighth meeting of the Syndicate held at 10.00 a.m. on 14.10.2005 at Taramani House, I.I.T., Chennai.
- b. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolution passed by circulation approving the Draft Annual Report for the years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.
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- e. To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the Resolution passed by circulation approving the draft Consolidated Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2004-2005, to be submitted to the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit)-1, Chennai for audit.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on

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3. Item No.1169/SY.2006.III

To consider and approve the recommendation of selection committee and Performance Appraisal committee meetings conducted from 05.03.2006 to 07.03.2006 for various posts.

The Syndicate after discussions resolved to approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee in the order of merit for various teaching posts as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Candidate selected/wait listed
01.	Registrar	1	Selected: Dr.M.SundaraVadivelu (For a period of three years from the date of joining.)
02.	Controller of Examinations	1	Selected: Dr.K.S.Kumari (Initially appointed for a period of one Year with effect from the date of joining , extendable for a further period of two years)
03.	Professor of Home Science	1	The interview was postponed.
04.	Professor of Physics	1	Selected: Dr.G.Muralidharan Wait listed: Dr.K.Jeyakumar
05.	Reader in Computer Science and Applications	1	Selected: Dr.D.Gunaseelan Wait listed: Mr.V.Murugesh
06.	Lecturer in Mathematics (lien vacancy)	1	Selected: 1. Mr.Kumaresan.N 2. Mr.Annadurai.U
07.	Lecturer in Tamil	1	Selected: Dr.K.Sundar Wait listed: Dr.K.Radhikumari

The Syndicate also resolved to approve the recommendations of the Performance Appraisal Committee under CAS of UGC as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of the staff	Subject	Placement/ Promotion/ designation	Resolution
1.	Dr.R.Subburaman	Adult continuing Education and Extension	Lecturer Sl. Grade to Reader	Deferred for one year
2.	Dr.V.Seeninatarajan	Adult continuing Education and Extension	Lecturer Sl. Grade to Reader	Deferred for one year
3.	Dr.O.Muthiah	Tamil	Lecturer to Lect. Sr.Scale	Recommended w.e.f.31.07.2002
4.	Ms.P.Shanmugavadivu	Computer Science and Applications	Lecturer to Lect. Sr.Scale	Recommended w.e.f. 21.07.2005.
5.	Dr.K.Ravichandran	Cooperation	Lect. Sr.Scale to Reader	Recommended w.e.f.30.09.2005
6.	Dr.V.Anuradha	Entomology	Lect. Sl.Grade to Reader	To be reassessed after a year.
7.	Ms.S.S.Vijayanchali	Home Science	Lecturer to Lect. Sr.Scale	To be reassessed after Six months
8.	Dr.R.Uthayakumar	Mathematics	Lecturer to Lect. Sr.Scale	Recommended w.e.f.26.11.2003

4. Item No.1170/SY.2006.III

To consider the appointment of Auditor for the Institute.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to appoint

- M/s. Chitrabala Natarajan, Dindigul as auditor for a period of one year;
- M/s. Ramaswamy and Srinivasan to be appointed in case M/s. Chitrabala Natarajan does not accept the offer.

5. Item No.1171/SY.2006.III and Item No. 1183/SY.2006.III to 1185/ SY.2006.III

To consider appointment of Heads of the Departments of (1) Home Science (2) Physics (3) Applied Research (4) Biology (5) Mathematics(6) Political Science (7) Sociology and (8) Rural Development,

The Syndicate considered and resolved to appoint the Heads of the Departments as given below:

Sl.NO.	Name of the Department	Name of the person appointed as Head	Period
1.	Home Science	Dr.K.P.Vasantha Devi	3 years from 16.03.2006
2.	Physics	Dr.R.Balasubramanian	From 16.03.2006 till the date of his retirement
3.	Applied Research	Dr.M.A.Sudhir	3 years from 16.03.2006
4.	Biology	Dr.Thilagavathy Daniel	3 years from 16.03.2006
5.	Mathematics	Dr.R.Uthayakumar, Head i/c.	Until further orders
6	Political Science	Dr.G.Palanithurai	3 years from 01.04.2006.
7	Sociology	Dr.S.Gurusamy	3 years from 12.04.2006
8.	Rural Development	Dr.N.D.Mani	Will continue till decision is taken in the next meeting of the Syndicate.

6. Item No.1172/SY.2006.III

To consider and approve the proposal of Dr.T.Karunakaran, Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU), Gandhigram to participate in the Association of Commonwealth University Council meeting and Vice-Chancellor's Conference to be held at the University of Adelaide between 8th and 12th April, 2006 and to visit other institutions in other countries for developmental collaboration.

The syndicate considered and resolved to approve the following

- i. To approve the travel plan of the Vice-Chancellor between 2nd April and 26th April, 2006**
- ii. To grant Leave of absence to the Vice-Chancellor from 1st April to 27th April, 2006**
- iii. To meet his expenditure from the University funds in connection with his visits over and above the amount reimbursable from ACU etc. and to grant the required advance.**
- iv. To constitute a committee with the following syndicate members to perform the duties relating to the day today functioning of the Vice-Chancellor, during the above period subject to the approval of the Chancellor as per the MOA, Rules and Regulations of this Institute.**
 - 1. Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Professor & HOD of Extension Education
- Convener**
 - 2. Dr.K.Somasundaram, Professor & HOD of Computer Science & Applications & Dean, FROS
- Member**
 - 3. Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Professor & Dean, Faculty of English and FL
- Member**

7. Item No.1173/SY.2006.III

To consider and approve the creation of an Endowment in the name of SHRI V. RAMACHANDRAN contributed by various Sarvodaya Sangh organizations in Tamilnadu.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the creation of an Endowment in the name of SHRI V. RAMACHANDRAN contributed by various Sarvodaya Sangh organizations in Tamilnadu. The Syndicate further resolved to utilize the annual interest accrued thereon to organize endowment lecture or seminar or symposia in the month of April every year by the Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science.

8. Item No.1174/SY.2006.III

To consider and approve the creation of an Endowment in the name of Tamilar Thanthai Thiru Si.Pa.Aditanar.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the creation of an Endowment in the name of Tamilar Thanthai Thiru Si.Pa.Aditanar. The Syndicate further resolved to deposit the amount of Rs.50,000/- earmarked for creation of this endowment in a separate account and to utilize the interest accrued thereon to organize lecture programme on the birthday of Si. Pa. Aditanar every year by the Department of Political Science & D.A.

9. Item No.1175/SY.2006.III

To consider the request of Sri K.Raja alias Pranmalai for regularization of his services and for sanction of all benefits as applicable to other teaching faculty based on the judgement received from the Honourable High Court Chennai dated 22.7.2005.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to honour the order of the honourable High Court in toto.

10. Item No.1176/SY.2006.III

To consider and approve the draft Finance Code of this Institute.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to defer the item to the next meeting. Further it resolved that an exclusive meeting may be convened on 2nd and 3rd May 2006 to consider the above item along with the redrafted MOA, rules and regulations.

11. Item No.1177/SY.2006.III

To consider clarification on delegation of powers to sign in the Memorandum of Understanding with other Universities and agencies in India and abroad to promote Education, Research, Extension and other areas of interest for the development of G.R.I.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to decide on the signing authority depending on the needs of the protocol. The draft of the MOU if it concerns policy issues should be discussed with the Syndicate at least by circulation. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to approve the financial implications upto Rs.2 lakhs for the implementation of MOU.

12. Item No.1178/SY.2006.III

To consider and approve the preparation of Master Plan for GRI Campus for 2020 to be allotted to M/s.Sankar & Associates, Coimbatore.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve M/s. Sankar & Associates for drawing up the Master plan of GRI and approved sanction of Rs.3.50 lakhs as fees for this purpose.

13. Item No.1179/SY.2006.III

To consider the report of the sub-committee constituted by the Syndicate to listen to the submission of Dr.S.Sivaraman, Retd. Professor of Mathematics against the report of the enquiry committee.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to accept the recommendation of the sub-committee.

14. Item No.1180/SY.2006.III

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the RTC Fruit Processing/Production Committee held on 08.07.2005 and the MOU between Rural Technology Centre and Hill Food Fruit Processing Society, Valayapatti village (Reg.No. 14/2005) to use the name "SARVO" for ratification.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the item.

15. Item No.1181/SY.2006.III

To consider and direct further course of action regarding Dr.P.Kanniappan's request for joining the post of Professor of Mathematics under direct recruitment.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to reject the request of Dr.P.Kanniappan and resolved to appoint the next person in the waiting list.

16. Item No.1182/SY.2006.III**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the Registrar's Report with the following remarks:

Regarding Centre for Future Studies after deliberations it was resolved to present the proposal for establishment of a Centre for Future Studies in the next Syndicate meeting.

17. Item No:1186/SY.2006.III

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for the enhanced payment of sitting fee from Rs.100/- to Rs.500/- to the experts for attending the Selection Committee and Performance Appraisal committee meetings relating to the teaching staff.

The Syndicate resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor and approved to continue the same in future.

18. Item No:1187/SY.2006.III

To consider some visible directions of innovative international courses (Note placed by Dr.T.Karunakaran, during the Syndicate meeting on 16.03.2006.)

The Syndicate encouraged the proposed courses to be promoted as part of international programmes.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Permission to Dr.V.Ragupathi, Reader in Political Science and D.A. to serve as Secretary of Gandhiniketan Ashram, T. Kallupatti, Madurai

The matter was discussed in detail. It was decided that as per the existing rules if a Faculty member undertakes honorary social work without affecting his academic work vide CCS Rule No:15 (2) he/she does not need any permission. However, the appropriate bye-laws can be created in the revised statutory structure if the Gandhigram Rural Institute structure demands any modification from the General Rules.

The meeting came to a close at 5.00 p.m. with thanks to the chair.

**DR.T.KARUNAKARAN
VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**GANDHIGRAM,
29.03.2006.**

**DR.M.SUNDARAVADIVELU,
REGISTRAR**

