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**MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT HELD ON 23.06.2018**

The 28th Meeting of the Board of Management of VFSTR was held on 26.06.2018 (Saturday) at 10:00 AM in the Board Room (V Floor) of A-Block. Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, VFSTR chaired the meeting.

The following members were present :-

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| 1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR | - Special Invitee |
| 2. Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari, Sr. Executive Director, President's Office, NTU, Singapore | - External Member |
| 3. Dr. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC | - External Member |
| 4. Dr. T. S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, Dept. of Biotech., Min. of S&T, Govt. of India | - External Member |
| 5. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems, Hyderabad | - External Member |
| 6. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy, Prof., Dept. of CSE, AU | - External Member |
| 7. Sri. L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group - | - External Member |
| 8. Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean, Engg. and Management | - Special Invitee |
| 9. Dr. K. V. Krishna Kishore, Dean, IT and Lib. Services | - Internal Member |
| 10. Dr. M. Rama Krishna, Dean, IQAC | - Internal Member |
| 11. Dr. S. Krupanidhi, Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology | - Internal Member |
| 12. Dr. K.V. Madhuri, Assoc. Prof., Dept of S&H | - Internal Member |
| 13. Mr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Asst. Prof., Dept. of IT | - Internal Member |
| 14. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Controller of Exams | - Permanent Invitee |
| 15. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean, Student Affairs | - Special Invitee |
| 16. Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dean, Admissions | - Special Invitee |
| 17. Dr. Vijay Ramu, Dean, Academics and Foreign Collaboration | - Special Invitee |
| 18. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean R&D | - Special Invitee |
| 19. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean, Training and Placement | - Special Invitee |
| 20. Dr. G.Sreenivasa Rao, HoD, Dept. of EEE | - Special Invitee |
| 21. Dr. N. Srinivas, HoD, Dept. of S&H | - Special Invitee |
| 22. Mr.T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of ECE | - Special Invitee |
| 23. Dr. A.Sharada, Professor, English, Dept. of S&H | - Special Invitee |
| 24. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR | - Member Secretary |

Student participants

1. Mr. Sai Swagath Penugonda Reg.no. 151FA10011
2. Mr. Jonah Watts, Reg.no. 151FA16014
3. Ms. Mokkaapati Jahnavi Reg.no. 151FA15020
4. Ms. Ravuru Sravani Reg.no. 151FA01045
5. Ms. B. Vaishnavi Durga Reg. no.161FA05146
6. Mr. Satyavarapu Venkata Ganesh Reg.no.161FA04193
7. Ms. M. Vani Naga Nandini Reg.no. 16FA06019
8. Mr. Rohith Maddu Reg no. 161FA04265
9. Mr. Mohammed Arshad Alikhan Reg.no. 161FA05107

Proceedings

The chair, Dr. M.Y.S Prasad welcomed all the members to the meeting. He informed the members that four students from the VFSTR were selected for research internship programme at NTU, Singapore with the sincere efforts of Dr. B.V.R. Chowdari. He also informed that a total of 15 students are selected for Research Internships in premier Institutes. He expressed his satisfaction regarding the performance of the VFSTR with respect to the admissions of the year and the results of the outgoing students. He also informed the members about the preparations done for the second cycle of accreditation of NAAC 2020 and the strengthening of the university's IQAC team for the same. Thereafter, he requested Hon. Chancellor, Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu for his remarks.

Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu greeted all the members of the meeting. He discussed the reasons of the scheduled revisit by the UGC team to the VFSTR with the members and the readiness of the VFSTR for any such inspections in future. He conveyed to the members the efforts made by the university to enhance the research activities and funded projects. He expressed the willingness and objective of the university to focus on encouraging the faculty to file for patents as the next crucial step towards research excellence.

Registrar, Cmde. M.S. Raghunathan commenced the proceedings of the meeting of BoM by explaining the various heads in the corpus of the agenda to the Board members.

I. Agenda items for the meeting

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 27th Board of Management meeting held on 24.03.2018.**

The Chair invited comments from the members on the minutes of 27th Board of Management meeting held on 24.03.2018. With no comments, members confirmed the minutes.

2. Actions taken on the decisions of the 27th Board of Management meeting

As the meeting commenced, Dr.H.Devaraj and Dr.Y.Sarat opined that a draft of the Road Map of the university should be mailed to the members beforehand. Cmde. M.S. Raghunathan clarified that the document is with the Planning and Monitoring team and the same would be fine-tuned and placed before the Planning and Monitoring Board scheduled on 7 August 2018. Thereafter the document will be mailed to all the members.

Dr.Y.Sarat advised to improve the maintenance of the website for easy navigation of the web pages of the VFSTR. Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy opined to move the responsibility of website maintenance to the IQAC team of the VFSTR. Dr. K.V. Krishna Kishore, Dean IT Services & LIS, explained the procedure followed in the development and maintenance of the website. He clarified that the contents are assessed and verified by respective departments before it is placed on the website. Dr. Y.Sarat suggested inspecting the website on a daily basis. Dr. M.Y.S, Prasad advised to update the website and monitor both the content and the system regularly.

The following points were discussed in the meeting

A. Internship offer for students of VFSTR at NTU through the Global India Connect Programme as offered by Prof.B.V.R Chowdari.

Dr. Vijaya Ramu, Dean Academics informed the members about the selection of students from the university at NTU by the support of Prof. B.V.R Chowdari. He informed that NTU internship will be considered for 15 credits equivalent to regular internship. Vice-Chancellor thanked Prof. B.V.R.Chowdari for his efforts.

B. Research support for VFSTR through the program called Bionic ear of Andhra University by Dr.P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy.

Dr. G.Srinivasa Rao, Dean R&D, informed the Board that a team of senior faculty would be sent to Andhra University in the second week of July 2018 for the same.

C. Comprehensive research plan of the University.

Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad conveyed to the members that a comprehensive document on the research activities of the university would be presented in the meeting covering research targets, achievements and research activities of the university.

D. Identification of fake journals by the Office of Research and Development.

Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao, Dean R&D briefed on the regulations for checking on fake journals. He informed the board that the revised list of UGC approved journals was obtained from the UGC's website and that the Ph.D. students were advised to publish their investigations in UGC approved journals only.

Dr.H.Devraj suggested to focus on the quality of the journals. Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy opined that publications in journals of ten years of standing could be a possible way to ensure good quality.

Mr.D. Vijay Krishna, Dean Training and Placements informed the Board that projects have been distributed to the students and the feasibility of the same was being studied. He shared the practical difficulties in implementing the projects to the members. Dr. T.S.Rao commented on the viability of the course and its demand. Dr.H.Devraj suggested to carry out a feasibility study prior to implementation.

II. Agenda Items for Approval

1. The minutes of the 19th Academic Council meeting held on 12.05.2018

All the under-mentioned agenda items were presented for the approval of the Board.

A. Revision of curriculum (R18) for BCA and MCA programmes

Dean, Academics presented the revised curriculum and regulations of BCA and MCA programmes for approval.

The curriculum of both the programmes is revised by incorporating suggestions/feedback received from all stakeholders after thorough discussion in the BoS.

The members of the Board enquired about the viability of the programmes BCA and MCA. They discussed about the shrinking job opportunities for the degree holders of the courses and advised the university to look into the need to continue with the same. Prof. Krishna Kishore responded to it by stating that good number of students were admitted to BCA and MCA programmes.

The stakeholders feedback analysis of BCA and MCA programmes and action taken report is approved.

B. Introduction of one elective course in R13 namely 'Internet of Things'

Vice Chancellor Dr.M.Y.S.Prasad explained the inclusion of the course as an elective under R13 as opposed to its current status of being a compulsory course under R16 .

2. Revised University Research Policy

Dr. G.Srinivasa Rao, Dean R&D briefed the Board on the same and informed that it has been decided that faculty would be deputed for industrial training for fifteen days a month to study the market needs and bridge the gap between the industry and academics.

He conveyed that four out of the ten proposed projects were already reviewed and sanctioned by both the URB members and the external agencies. He said that twenty more projects are expected to be submitted by next month. The target is to get approval for projects worth 8 crores INR for the year. Out of this projects worth Rs.2 crores have already been sanctioned. He communicated to the Board that 13 patents were filed (all under review) from the university out of which 12 are national and one is international. Dr. T.S. Rao and Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari suggested international collaborations to improve the number of patents filed. Dr.P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy suggested modifying the objectives to remove redundancies in the same. He also

suggested undertaking serious measures to promote research among undergraduate students.

Dr. H. Devraj enquired the number of students from the VFSTR who are enlisted as faculty in the university as inbreeding concept. Hon. Chancellor Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu sought for details on conferences organized in the university and advised to focus more on filing of patents and more number of funded projects. Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari suggested sending faculty for visits to universities abroad which would give them better exposure in their respective fields and would enable international collaborations. Dr. T.S. Rao opined that connecting the existing projects under a research cluster would be helpful for grant approvals.

After the discussions, the Revised University Research Policy is approved.

3. University Revised Consultancy Policy

Dean R&D briefed the salient points under the Revised Consultancy policy of the university to the members present. After the deliberations, the same is approved.

4. VI Convocation of VFSTR

Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean Engineering & Management informed the members that the VI Convocation of VFSTR has been scheduled on 4 August 2018. He further explained the preparations done in connection with the convocation. The names of Padmashri Surya Rao and Singeetham Srinivasa Rao were suggested for honorary awards. He requested the members to recommend names for the chief guest. Several names such as Sudha Narayan Murthy and Shashi Tharoor were suggested. Dr. T.S. Rao suggested mailing the profile of the probable chief guests to the members of the Board so that recommendations can be given based on the same. Chancellor appointed a sub-committee of Dr.V.M. Rao, Dr.Prasad Reddy and Sri Krishnadevarayulu to make recommendations and decide the Guests of Honour, and Chief Guest.

After the discussion the schedule of the convocation is approved.

III. Agenda Items for Ratification

All the under-mentioned agenda items were presented for the ratification of the members of the Board of Management

1. Policy on consolidated pay for Teaching staff during their first year of service in VFSTR
2. Appointment of Prof. T. Subbaiah (Chemical Engineering) as Research Adviser for VFSTR
3. Recruitment of faculty since the last BoM held on 24.03.2018
4. List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 24.03.2018

All the agenda items were discussed by the members and ratified.

IV. Agenda Items for Information.

All the under-mentioned agenda items were presented for the information of the Board.

1. AICTE approval for the Academic year 2018-19
[presented by Cmde, Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR]
2. Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) approval for the Academic year 2018-19
[presented by Cmde, Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR]
He informed the Board that the admissions would not start till next year and that the university is waiting for the UGC's approval.
3. Filing of International Patent [presented by Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean R&D]
4. Campus Recruitment Training (CRT)
[presented by Mr. Vijay Krishna, Dean Training and Placement]
5. Admissions 2018-19 [presented by Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean Admission]
The Board enquired the viability of B.Tech in Textile Technology, Agricultural Engineering and Automobile Engineering. Dr.M.Y.S.Prasad explained that though the courses are not viable, students were admitted to these programmes keeping in mind the local industry and its relevance.
The viability of programmes with low student strength such as B.Tech in Biomedical Engineering, Bioinformatics Engineering and Civil Engineering were advised to be considered for the coming years.
Dr.M.Y.S. Prasad informed the Board that a committee would be formed to look into the continuance of the UG programmes where student strength is less than 50.
6. Second Semester Results of Academic Year 2017-18
[presented by Dean, Evaluation, Dr. PMV Rao]
7. Faculty Development Programme (FDP) in collaboration with NITTTR, Bhopal
[presented by Dr. Sharada, Prof. of English, Department of Sciences & Humanities]
8. Preparation for NAAC 2020 [presented by Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean IQAC]
9. Faculty Orientation Programme (FOP) -12th to 22nd June 2018
[presented by Dr. Sharada, Prof. of English, Department of Sciences & Humanities]
Dr.H.Devraj and Hon.Chancellor opined that the total number of days of the orientation programme can be extended to 15 days. Dr. H. Devraj suggested implementing an effective evaluation system to assess the faculty..
10. APSSDC - Skill Development
[presented by Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean Training and Placement]
11. NCC Training [presented by Mr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Asst. Prof, Dept. of IT]

12. Commencement of Bridge Course for first year UG students

[presented by Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Department of Sciences & Humanities and
Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean of Student Affairs]

All the members of the Board took a note of the above-mentioned agenda points.

V. Any other points with the permission of the chair

Dr. Y. Sarat suggested looking into the improvement of the Finance Office. Documentation of various files is out of tune and this needs to be fixed. Dr. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy recommended the purchasing and commissioning of ERP package to tackle this issue. Dr.T.S.Rao, Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari and other members unanimously agreed that in the coming years the university must focus more on the research activities. Hon. Chancellor sought guidance from the Board members in achieving the same.

Student members present as observers for the meeting appreciated the efforts of the university in striving to build an academically challenging and stimulating environment. The Vice-Chancellor thanked the members for their valuable inputs.

The decisions / actions from the 28th Board of Management Meeting are as given below:

1. University website should be checked regularly for updates and corrections.

[Action: Dean IT Services & LIS]

2. A committee has to be formed that would review the continuance of MCA, Bioinformatics, and other Engineering programmes with student strength less than 50.

[Action: Vice-Chancellor]

3. The university's research policy should be revised to reduce the number of objectives and promote research at the undergraduate level. [Action: Dean R&D]

4. A sub-committee constituted of Dr. V.M. Rao, Dr.P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy and Sri Krishnadevarayulu would make recommendations for the chief guests and the list of honorary doctorates for the Convocation 2018. [Action: Dean E&M]

5. A good ERP package has to be purchased and commissioned for the whole VFSTR.

[Action: Dean IT Services & LIS]

6. Road Map of the university has to be circulated to BoM members after Meeting.

[Action: Dean P&M]

The meeting concluded as the Registrar proposed the vote of thanks. The External members were felicitated by the Hon. Chairman Sri. Dr.L.Rathaiah and the Chair, Dr.M.Y.S.Prasad, Vice-Chancellor.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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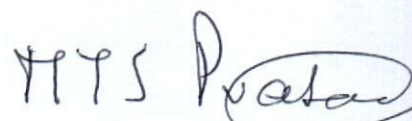
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