

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 03RD PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD HELD ON 19.03.2016

The 03rd Planning and Monitoring Board of VFSTR University met on 19.03.2016 at 10:00 Am in the Board Room, 5th Floor, A - Block. Dr. C. Thangaraj, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTRU, Chaired the meeting. The following members were present.

Members Present:-

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| 1. Dr.K.Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor | Spl. Guest. |
| 2. Dr.V.Madhusudhan Rao, Dean - E&M, VFSTRU | Member |
| 3. Dr. B. Seetharamanjaneyulu, Dean, Academics, VFSTRU | Member |
| 4. Dr.Avireni Srinivasulu, Dean - R&D, VFSTRU | Member |
| 5. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Dean - Evaluation, VFSTRU | Member |
| 6. Prof. K. V. Krishna Kishore, Dean - LIS & IT Services, VFSTRU | Member |
| 7. Dr. N. Usha Rani, Dean - T&P, VFSTRU | Member |
| 8. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg., VFSTRU | Member |
| 9. Dr.Ch.S.S.S.Murthy, Dean - Foreign Collaborations, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 10. Mr. R. Sambaiah, Finance Officer, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 11. Dr. G. Sreenivasa Rao, HoD, Dept. of EEE, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 12. Dr. N. Gnaneswara Rao, HoD, Dept. of CSE, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 13. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 14. Dr. K.P. Vidhu, HoD, Dept. of Applied Engineering, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 15. Dr. Alamelu Mangamma Hebsur, HoD, Dept. of Civil Engg., VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 16. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, HoD, Dept. of Chemical Engg., VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 17. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, HoD, Dept. of MBA, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 18. Dr. R. Bharath Kumar, I/c HoD, Dept. of Biotechnology, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 19. Mr. B. Prema Mayudu, I/c HoD, Dept. of IT, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 20. Commodore Dr M S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTRU | Member-Secretary |

Leave of Absence:

The following member(s) did not attend the meeting:-

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| Prof. D.N.Reddy | Member |
| Dr.K.Lakshminarayana | Member |
| Prof.B. Ramamoorthy, Rector, VFSTRU | Spl. invitee |

Proceedings:

At the outset, the Chancellor, Dr.K.Ramamurthy Naidu heartily welcomed all the members of PMB and special invitees to 03rd PMB meeting of VFSTRU. Chancellor congratulated the VFSTRU fraternity for being accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC. He advised to include new external members for Planning and Monitoring Board which could give inputs to planning process. He enquired about the academic activities on the campus and encouraged foreign collaborations and faculty exchange programs in the university.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. C. Thangaraj warmly welcomed all the members for the Meeting. The Vice-Chancellor agreed with the Chancellor and thanked him for guiding and advising about the constitution of PMB and he informed the Chancellor that all board meetings would be held as per the schedule.

The chairperson thanked all the members for their support for completing all projects proposed in the last PMB meeting. He was interested to know the details of suggestions made in the previous meeting and action taken on them. Later, the dates for different Apex Body meetings were planned and dates announced.

| S.No | Name of the Board | Dates |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Board of Management | 06-05-16, 12-11-16 and 30-01-17 |
| 2 | Academic Council | 23-04-16 and 22-10-16 |
| 3 | Planning and Monitoring Board | 19-03-16 and 01-10-16 |
| 4 | Finance Committee | 21-03-16 and 05-11-16 |

Agenda points

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of previous Planning and Monitoring Board meeting were displayed and action taken in each case was discussed.

II. Action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting

In the previous PMB meeting, it had been decided that PMB should meet once a year. The chair viewed the need and informed that the PMB meeting would be conducted yearly as per schedule.

The HoDs of all departments informed the chair that, faculty members have been visiting the various industries and exploring the possibilities for introducing the industry specific courses.

It has been informed by the HoD, Applied Engineering that the present curriculum of B.Tech. Agriculture Engineering was as per the model curriculum suggested by ICAR and electives also student supporting. Answering a query about visiting Petroleum University, the HoD of Dept. of Applied Engineering replied that he would visit the University next week. The VC was also informed that Petroleum Engineering (started in 2015-16) would follow the R-13 curriculum.

An elective course in IBL and 'modular courses', would be provided in new regulation (R-16), and the proposal would be placed for approval in coming BoS. About closing down the courses where the intake was 50% less than expected, the chair felt that research should be done to decide the courses that could help the stakeholders in getting placements.

Also, introducing the course (Transport and Logistics engineering) would be discussed in forth coming BoS. The chair recommended the course on Transport and Logistics engineering as it would attract many stake holders.

In the new regulation (R-16), introduction of Soft skills, Professional Communications, Professional Ethics, Yoga, Foreign Languages and Cultures would be proposed.

The idea of offering E-Commerce (which is already in offer by Department of Computer Science for CSE and IT students) to other branches was appreciated and approved by the board.

The formation of BOII was encouraged and approved by the board.

The structured annual training calendar prepared and implemented this year, was appreciated by the chairperson.

III. Agenda points for Discussions and Recommendations

1. Infrastructure

Dean Engineering and Management put the requirements of infrastructure before the chairperson. He brought out that, as the expected intake for the academic year 2016-17 going to be increased, the space requirement would be 3570 square meters, including class rooms and labs (23 class rooms and 16 labs).

- a. Setting of separate computer lab for CSE and Civil Eng. Dept. has been approved after enquiring about the space availability. Both HoDs confirmed the space availability in their respective departments. The HoDs were enquired about the existing systems and number of additional systems they require. HoD, Civil requested for 25 computer systems and Auto CAD software.
- b. Provision of additional two drawing halls has been approved by the chair.
- c. Plan of having a separate building for MBA has been deferred for the time being.
- d. The idea of starting UG and PG courses in S&H dep. has been encouraged by Chancellor and Vice-chancellor.

2. Conferences planned

IEEE Conferences planned by Dep. of EEE and Dep. Of ECE has been approved by Chairperson.

3. Workshops planned

Workshops planned by Dept. of CSE and Dept. of EEE in the second semester of 2015-2016 were approved. The chairperson wished more workshops should be planned and communicated in meeting of P&M

4. New courses planned

- i) Dept. of Chemical Engineering planned to start the part time B.Tech programme in Textile Technology as it could attract many diploma candidates. The idea has been approved by the chair after detailed discussion with the concerned department.
- ii) All skill development programmes proposed by Dept. of Biotechnology in various areas have been approved.
- iii) A six month certification course 'Analytic techniques' by Department of Biotechnology has been approved. The chairperson opined that taking add on courses would be beneficial for stakeholders.

5. The proposal of Dept. of MBA for 'Faculty exchange programme with international universities' has been approved by the board.

6. Tenure track positions by inviting foreign scientists for Biotechnology department has been approved and chair has given assurance of meeting its expenditure in all dimensions and added that the tradition was already in practice.

7. **Department Five year Plan (2015-2020)**

Dept. of ECE was the first to present the five year plan. Vice-Chancellor made a few enquiries about the proposal and justifications. Chancellor asked the Dept. to keep track of alumni.

Dept. of Applied Engineering presented its 5 year plan. The department was advised to start new courses that could attract the stakeholders.

Later Dept. of Biotechnology made its presentation. The chairperson communicated the doubt about the percentage of tutorials and was clarified by the representative concerned.

8. Budget proposal for the Financial Year 2016-17 got due recommendations of the Board.

IV. **Agenda Items for Information**

The information that the University was accredited by **NAAC** with '**A**' Grade was appreciated. Information about conducted workshops, conferences, Faculty Development Programmes and extension activities by various departments were appreciated and encouraged to be conducted in coming academic year. MoUs signed since the last PMB meeting was discussed and appreciated. Exercise undertaken on 'National Institutional Ranking Framework' brought to the notice of all members.

The information on Faculty recruited during the period 07.05.2015 to 04.03.2016 (total of 78 faculty comprising Professors - 06, Associate Professors - 04 and Assistant Professors -67 (including one Scientist)) was shared among the members.

The University results for 2014-15 (II Semester) and 2015-16 (I Semester) were discussed and advised to be improved in coming academic year. The information that a total of 839 students were awarded with their degrees at the third Convocation of the University held on 29.08.2015 was shared with the members. The placement record, that, out of 489 Eligible Students from all the branches, 378 students got placement, was shared with the members.

Finally, the Registrar proposed a vote of thanks to all the members for their august presence and valuable suggestions.



Registrar

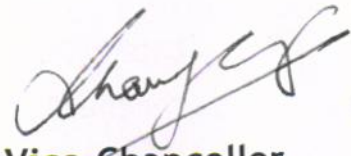
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