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**MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON
20TH NOVEMBER 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Academic Council of VFSTR met through video conferencing on 20th November 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Board Room, 5th Floor, A-Block. Dr.M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR : Special Invitee
2. Dr. K. Babu Rao : External member
MD, NAVAYUGA Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad
3. Dr. P.M.V.Rao : Permanent Invitee
Dean, Academic Registration and
Evaluation and Controller of Examinations
4. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean - Student Affairs : Internal Member
5. Dr. D. Vijayaramu : Internal Member
Dean, Academics and Dean, Foreign Collaborations
6. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean - IQAC : Internal Member
7. Dr. K.V.Krishna Kishore : Internal Member
Dean, IT & LIS and HoD, Dept. of IT
8. Prof. S. Krupanidhi : Internal Member
Dean, Planning & Monitoring and HoD, Dept. of Biotech.
9. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, : Internal Member
Dean, R&D and HoD, Dept. of EEE
10. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions : Internal Member
11. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean - T&P : Internal Member
12. Prof. Sharada, Dean-Academic Faculty development : Internal Member
13. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, HoD, Dept. of Chem. Engg. : Internal Member
14. Mr. A. Narayana Rao, HoD, Dept. of AE : Internal Member
15. Dr. N. Ruben, HoD, Dept. of Civil Engg. : Internal Member
16. Dr. D. Venkatesulu, HoD, Dept. of CSE : Internal Member
17. Dr. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of ECE : Internal Member
18. Dr. L. S. Raju, HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg. : Internal Member
19. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H : Internal Member
20. Dr. K. Kalpana, HoD, Dept. of MBA : Internal Member
21. Dr. Dr. Jithendra Ch, HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy : Internal Member
22. Dr. B.Seetharamanjaneyulu, Prof., Dept. of ECE : Internal Member

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| 23. Dr. N. Usha Rani, Prof., Dept. of ECE | : Internal Member |
| 24. Dr. Shaik Jakeer Husaian, Prof., Dept. of ECE | : Internal Member |
| 25. Mr. K. Praveen Kumar, Asst. Prof., Dept. of IT | : Internal Member |
| 26. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Professor, Dept. of S&H | : Internal Member |
| 27. Dr. P.L.N.Varma, Professor, Dept. of S&H | : Internal Member |
| 28. Dr. K. Hemantha Kumar, Professor, Dept. of CSE | : Internal Member |
| 29. Mr. N.S.N.Murthy, Finance Officer | : Internal Member |
| 30. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar | : Member Secretary |

Leave of absence:

Dr. Shanti Swarup and Er. D. Ramakrishna, both External members have taken permission for leave of absence.

The meeting commenced with the initial remarks of the Chair informing of the unusual pandemic conditions during which VFSTR made efforts to counter them with innovative remedies. The Chair commented on the preparation of E-content, online evaluation, online classes and physical attendance of the students to the campus from 5th of November, 2020. He stated that VFSTR took all precautions to keep the campus free of Covid-19 and due to this, currently 2,400 students, i.e. approximately more than 40% of students are attending the campus. The Chair also informed about the status for second cycle of NAAC.

The remarks by the Chair were followed by the remarks of Chancellor who complemented the Chair and the Registrar for conduct of online meeting. He hoped that VFSTR shall be strengthened by NAAC accreditation. He requested the external members to support VFSTR and expected the internal members to be proactive. He stated that he had perused the SSR and sent his remarks to Dean, IQAC.

Dr. Babu Rao commended the efforts of VFSTR to commence online classes and opined that we should make efforts to reach international standards.

Agenda:

I. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council held virtually on 5-09-2020 was placed for confirmation. The Chair invited comments from the members on the minutes of 25th Academic Council meeting. With no comments the members confirmed the minutes.

II. Agenda Items for Approval:

1. Approval to commence academic programs through Open and Distance Learning mode and online mode:

Chancellor, welcomed the both the external and internal members and requested external members, Dr. Babu Rao, Dr. Shanthi Swaroop and Sri. Ramakrishna help

VFSTR to have Collaborations with their institutions and also use their good offices to have collaborations with other industries also.

HoD, MBA presented on the Vision, Mission and objectives of the course. The Head stated that the eligibility for the admission into BBA was a degree in plus two through regular, distance or vocational modes with 50% or 5.2 CGPA for open category and Backward classes while it is 45% for SC/ST category students. The Head presented that the duration of the program is three years for BBA (General) and two years for MBA (General, Finance and HR). She presented on admission process; instructional delivery mechanism; SL material; in-house prepared digital material; list of prescribed textbooks; video digital content; student support services and digital content of topics. The Head mentioned that practical exams will be conducted through Case studies and seminars.

HoD, MBA presented on the evaluation pattern where assessment for modules 1 to 7 will be for thirty marks and assessment for modules 8 to 15 will be for 30 marks making a total of 60 marks. External assessment for Online Distance Learning (ODL) will be for 70 marks and for Online Learning (OL) the external assessment will be done through 50 marks of MCQ and 20 marks of descriptive writing. Pass percentage is fixed at 40%.

She then presented on the fee structure of BBA as rupees fifty thousand for the first year and rupees forty-five thousand for the remaining two years. The Head stated that the cost estimate for BBA is Rs. 81,00,000. For MBA there shall be admission fee of Rs. 5,000 and the fee for first year is Rs. 57,000 and Rs. 53,000 for the second year.

Concerning the question from the Chancellor regarding the reason behind confining the ODL and OL courses to MBA and BBA, Registrar clarified that UGC has imposed a prohibition on commencement of ODL and OL in Engineering, Pharmacy and Law and thus VFSTR is eligible for MBA and BBA only. Universities including those with deemed to be universities status with NAAC grading of more than of 3.01 are allowed to apply for courses which do not require lab activity.

It was further clarified to the Chancellor that VFSTR had applied for the MBA and BBA courses to the DEB of UGC and awaiting the clearance from UGC.

The members of Academic Council approved the agenda point.

2. Results of Supplementary Examinations:

Dean, AR&E stated that immediate supplementary exams will be generally conducted immediately post end exams at the end of June. But, this year due to

pandemic conditions sixty online exams were conducted of which the results of fifty-three exams were announced. The Dean requested the permission of Academic Council to allow the award of degrees to the students who passed the exams.

The members of Academic Council approved the agenda point.

3. Additions to the eligible candidates for the award of degrees:

Dean, AR&E stated that the approved initial number eligible for the award of degree was 1688 to which an additional 178 were now to be added. This makes the total eligible number of students receiving the degrees as 1866. The Dean remarked that considering the number of degrees awarded in the previous years, 1866 will be the maximum number of degrees awarded in VFSTR so far.

The members of Academic Council approved the agenda point.

III. Agenda Items for Ratification:

There were no agenda items to be ratified.

IV. Agenda Items for Information:

There were no agenda items for information.

V. Discussion on items not furnished in the original agenda:

The Registrar stated that virtual inspection by Bar Council was carried on during 15th and 16th of October 2020 for commencing Law programme in VFSTR. The formal approval from Bar Council of India is expected very soon.

Prof. Seeta Ramanjeneyulu advised the HoD, MBA for the inclusion of Business Analytics in the courses. The Head responded that the programme has the content of analytics in its syllabus and plans to commence MBA (Operations) in future.

Vice-Chancellor appreciated the Department of IT for their commendable service during pandemic times in conducting digital classes and the support the IT team rendered in the creation of digital content. Dr. Babu Rao also complimented the IT team.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.

Registrar

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