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MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD HELD ON 08.06.2019

The 6th Meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of VFSTR University was held on 08.06.2019 (Saturday) at 11:00 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. Y. Venkata Rami Reddy
Chairman, Savera Hospitals, Anapur | External Member |
| 2. Dr. Krishna Ella
Director and MD, Bharat Biotech International Ltd. | External Member |
| 3. Hon. Chancellor, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu | Special Invitee |
| 4. Prof. K. Satya Prasad, Rector | Internal Member |
| 5. Dr. D. Vijay Ramu, Dean, Academics | Internal Member |
| 6. Dr, G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean, R&D | Internal Member |
| 7. Dr. P.M.V Rao, Dean, Evaluation | Internal Member |
| 8. Dr. K.V. Krishna Kishore, Dean, LIS and IT Services | Internal Member |
| 9. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean, Training and Placements | Internal Member |
| 10. Dr. S. Krupanidhi, Dean, Planning and Monitoring | Internal Member |
| 11. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar , Dean, Admissions | Special Invitee |
| 12. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar | Secretary |

Leave of Absence

The following members did not attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

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| 1. Prof. D.N. Reddy , Former VC, JNTU (H) and Director of Advanced Institute of Maths | External Member |
| 2. Dr. V. Madhusudan Rao, Dean, Engg. & Management | Special Invitee |

Proceedings

The meeting commenced at 11:00 AM and the Chair Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad welcomed all the members to the meeting. After the exchange of pleasantries, the Chair, Dr. M. Y. S. Prasad requested Hon. Chancellor, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu to commence the meeting.

Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu greeted all the members and welcomed them to the meeting. He stated that the objective of the University to attain berth in the top ten universities of India. He stated that in that process, P&M Board plays a very important role. He advised to develop Centers of Excellence in the University.

The VC then introduced Rector Prof. K. Satya Prasad to the members of the board. Thereafter Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan stated the long term initiatives taken by the University.

The Registrar informed the members that inspection of UGC was successful and led to the continuation of the deemed university status to VFSTR University. He also reminded the members of the approval of AICTE and PCI for VFSTRU. He also mentioned of the 107th rank obtained in NIRF ranking. He mentioned that revised academic regulations in the name of R19 shall be placed before BoM on 15-06-19. He stated that for the first time, 3 credits for physical fitness are given to the deserving students in this regulation. He further stated that the University had done away with the system of Question Bank. No dilution of standards took place in the in the admissions. Despite adopting stringent standards, admissions for the year 2019 crossed 1,000. He further mentioned that Rs.50 lakhs of rupees is given as incentives for Faculty Development Program. The Registrar also informed of the latest developments in the installation of Robotics lab, 3D lab, Structural Engineering Lab, Bio-gas Lab, Advanced Cloud Computing Lab and Animal House in VFSTRU.

Dr. Y. Venkata Rami Reddy advised to obtain a good NIRF ranking which shall improve the face value of the University. Responding to this, Prof. M. Rama Murthy Naidu said a rank below 50 shall be ideal position to be achieved by the University

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th meeting of Planning and Monitoring Board

The Chair invited the comments from the members on the minutes of 5th meeting of Planning and Monitoring Board. With no comments, the members confirmed the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board.

II. Actions taken on the decisions of the 5th meeting of Planning and Monitoring Board

The members took note of the actions taken on the decisions of the 5th Planning and Monitoring Board meeting.

Dr. Y. Venkata Rami Reddy mentioned of the awards to deserving faculty. He said that merit and contribution should be considered for giving awards and not the method of awarding on the basis of seniority. Responding to this, Dr. MYS Prasad informed of the categorisation of teachers in Class A, Class B and Class C. This categorisation is made on the grounds of their qualification, teaching ability, performance and research.

III. Agenda Items for Discussions and Recommendations

Progress on the Road Map of VFSTR for the next five years (2019-2024)

Dr. Krupanidhi, Dean, P&M Board made a presentation on the Road Map for the next three, five and ten years in the University. Basing on his presentation, the following discussion ensued.

(a) Dr. Krishna Ella advised to bring good technologists to the department of Bio-Technology. He advised to develop a Skill Development Centre at VFSTRU. He stated that VFSTR University being located in the rural area, can access plenty of funds that are available to it. He advised to employ young and skilled faculty to write reports on the lines of CSIR and MJME.

He further advised to think on the lines of establishing a veterinary college as the placements are very bright in that area. He promised to extend full support in this respect. He also promised to extend support to obtain projects from foreign universities. Dr, Ella promised to extend his support in obtaining license from foreign universities. He stated that retired faculty in USA should be employed for this program. He hoped that students of Food Technology should be benefited by visiting Innova Agri Bio-Tech industries in Bangalore and Bharat Bio-Tech in Hyderabad. In this respect, Prof. Rama Murthy Naidu added that non-allied courses can be started by the university.

Prof. Rama Murthy Naidu advised that VFSTR University should secure NIRF ranking below 50. He advised that faculty should be identified and encouraged to publish their research articles in IEEE journals.

The members were also informed of the latest developments in the installation of Robotics lab, 3D lab, Structural Engineering Lab, Bio-gas Lab, Advanced Cloud Computing Lab and Animal House in VFSTRU. Dr. Rami Reddy enquired about the target groups utilizing these labs and appreciated the efforts towards comprehensive teaching through labs.

The members were informed by Dr. Krishna Ella that the presentation should be made with pictorial representation of students admitted from different countries and states, and to be given in the form of graphical comparison along with the previous year's SAC activities.

(b) The members were informed by Dr. Krishna Ella that a flow chart is to be drafted for planning the activities in Vignan. Short, medium and long term goals should be made for the progress of university and improvement of academics.

The Chair in this regard mentioned of the SWAYAM courses highlighting the quality of courses, good faculty and facilitation of self study. He state that VFSTR University invites industry experts and take classes which are linked to credits and causes to make its faculty visit industries. In this respect, Dr. Krishna Ella advised to employ the retired faculty from IITs and NITs. He also advised to outsource some courses from the university to expert resource persons. He mentioned to have six month calendar to expose students to industry culture. He also interacted with Prof. Krishna Kishore, Dean, IT Services and advised him to take up the research activities related to the data mining in all the fields of Engineering.

(c) Dr. Ella invited the faculty and students to visit their companies. Dr. Krishna expressed his interest to develop Atul Incubator and CSIR Centre of Excellence at VFSTRU.

Prof. Krupanidhi, Dean, Planning and Monitoring Board requested Dr. Krishna Ella to extend his support to initiate the Phage Display Technology at Vignan's University which came into vogue as a consequence of 2018 Nobel Prize awards. Dr. Krishna Ella gave a reference of Prof. Chaudary from Delhi University.

(d) Dr. Ella further extended invitation to all the faculty and non-teaching faculty to visit his company for two days during this month. He also advised to take up Aflatoxin research related to Chillies. He directed that the Department of Chemical

Engineering should take up research work related to the abatement of pollution in shrimp culture ponds.

(e) Dr. Ella insisted to put up the proposal for BIONEST Incubator for DBT for Rs. 5 crores to Rs. 15 crores. He also insisted to put up the proposal for CSIR - Centre for Excellence.

(f) Dr. Krishna Ella suggested tracing at least two foreign professors who stay at Vignan's campus for one semester or two months for which VFSTRU can put up a proposal to DST.

The VC said that some Engineering departments should be identified for further developing them for which, Dr. Krishna Ella responded by advising the integration of Engineering study with agriculture which is predominant field of employment in this area. He also advised to identify course areas where the synergy of engineering courses can be created.

IV. Agenda Items for Information

The agenda items for information are presented and were noted by the members.

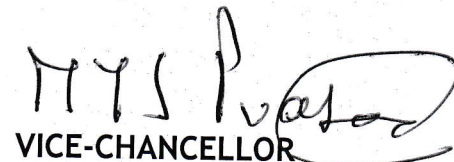
Dr. Y. Venkata Rami Reddy thanked the Vice-Chancellor and expressed his pleasure regarding the manner in which the university is administered. He advised to send some of the selected faculty to abroad universities. He also advised to emulate the good practices and standards of universities of MIT, Stanford, Austin and Dallas etc.

The Registrar rendered the Vote of Thanks and the External Members were felicitated by the Vice Chancellor and Hon'ble Chairman Dr. L. Rattaiah.

There being no further points the meeting was adjourned.


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