

Minutes of 34th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 22/07/2023 (Saturday) at 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Chancellor's Board Room, VFSTR

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MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 22nd July, 2023. (Virtual mode)

The members of Academic Council met on 22nd July, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Chancellor's Board Room, A-Block. Dr. P. Naga Bhushan, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Dr. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Er. D. Ramakrishna, MD, Efftronics : External Member
3. Prof. K. Subbarangaiah, Director and Head VEDA IIT, Hyd : External Member
4. Dr. M. Shanti Swarup
Director of Engineering, Math Works, Hyderabad : External Member
5. Dr. P.M.V. Rao
Dean, AAA : Permanent Invitee
6. Dr. D. Vijayaramu
Dean, PCF : Member
7. Dr. K.V. Krishna Kishore
Dean, SCI, Dean – Admissions and Recruitment
HoD, Dept. of CSE : Member
8. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao,
Dean, R&D : Member
9. Dr. Sk. Jakeer Hussain
Dean, Infrastructure, Planning and Monitoring : Member
10. Dr. N. Usha Rani, Dean, SEECE : Member
11. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean – Student Affairs
Alumni Linkages, Gender Sensitization and Discipline : Member
12. Dr. A. Ravi Shekhar, Dean, Technology and Development : Member
13. Dr. T. Ramesh Babu, Dean, SAFT and Director AHS : Member
14. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, HoD, Dept. of Chem. Engg. : Member
15. Dr. N. Narayan Rao, HoD, Dept. of AE : Member
16. Dr. D. Venkatesulu, HoD, Dept. of ACSE and
Joint Dean SCI : Member
17. Dr. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of ECE : Member
18. Dr. T.C. Vekateswarlu, HoD, Bio Technology : Member
19. Dr. Sitaramanjeaya Reddy, HoD, BME : Member

20. Dr. L. S. Raju, HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg. : Member
21. Dr. Sarita Satpathy, HoD, MBA : Member
22. Dr. N. Srinivasu, Dean, SASH : Member
23. Dr. Jithendra Ch, HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy : Member
24. Dr. M. Kartikeyan, HoD, Civil Engineering : Member
25. Dr. PVS Shoban, HoD, EEE : Member
26. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Director of LAW : Member
27. Dr. N. Veeranjanyulu, Prof., HoD, Dept. of IT
Director, CDOE : Member
28. Dr. Koya Prabhakar Rao, HoD, Chemistry : Member
29. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, HoD, Physics : Member
30. Dr. P.L.N.Varma, Professor, Dept. of S&H : Member
31. Dr. Kaki Venkat Rao, Prof of Mech. Engg. : Member
32. Dr. V. Radha Krishna Murthy, Prof of Mathematics : Member
33. Dr. B.L. Srinivas, Asst. Prof, Dept. of ECE
Associate Dean, Internships : Representing Dean, T&P
34. Dr. Srinivasa Desikan, Assoc. Dean, IQAC : Representing Dean, IQAC
35. Dr. J. Nitchal Kiran, Prof of Physics : Member
36. Dr. P. Ashok Kumar, Prof of Chemical Engg. : Member
37. Dr. Shaik Anwar, Assoc. Prof of Chemistry : Member
38. Dr. B. Nageswara Rao, Prof of Mech. Engg : Member
39. Dr. M. Sarada, Prof of ECE : Member
40. Dr. B. Premamayudu, Prof of IT : Member
41. Dr. D. Vinay Kumar, Assoc Prof of Mech. Engg. : Member
42. Dr. A. Goswami, Assoc. Prof of Chemistry : Member
43. Dr. K. Santi Sree, Assoc. Prof of IT : Member
44. Dr. N. Satya Sree, Prof. of Chemistry : Member
45. Dr. P. Shiva Prasad, Assoc. Prof. of CSE : Member
46. Dr. N. Ananda Rao, Asst. Prof, Dept of ECE : Member
47. Dr. Dr. G. Nageswarara Rao, Asst. Prof of English : Member

48. Dr. P. Joshua Reginald, Asst. Prof of ECE : Member
49. Mr. S. Deva Kumar, Asst. Prof. of CSE : Member
50. Dr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Asst. Prof of IT : Member
51. Cmde. Dr. MS Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR : Member Secretary

Leave of Absence: The following members have taken the leave of absence

1. Prof. Sreenivasa Kumar
Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Madras : External Member
2. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean – IQAC
Dean, School of Core Engineering : Member
3. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean – T&P
Dean School of Law and Management : Member
4. Dr. T. Subbbaiah, Prof of Chemical Engg. : Member
5. Prof. G. Mohanacharyulu, Prof of English : Member

Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 22/07/2023 [Saturday] at 10:00 a.m.

Item	
	<p>Welcoming the members of Academic Council by the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the members of the Academic Council and the new External Member Prof. K. Subba Rangaiah. The Dean, CPF read the profile of Prof. K. Subba Rangaiah for which the latter responded that it was his privilege to be the member of the Academic Council. He presented the salient features of the structure, programs and activities of his organization viz Veda IIT. He mentioned that Veda IIT has MoU with Anurag University and the same with other universities were in pipeline. He expressed that soon there shall be an MoU of Veda IIT with VFSTR.</p> <p>As the Chair handed over the meeting to the Registrar, the latter also welcomed all the Internal and External Members to the Academic Council Meeting. He also informed that the action taken report on the decisions of the 33rd Academic Council Meeting was a work in progress and shall be presented in the next Academic Council Meeting.</p> <p>As the Chair sought the response of their External Members, Er D. Ramakrishna, MD, Efftronics stated that he was happy about the conduct of 11th Convocation at VFSTR and expressed his contentment about the significant increase in admissions. He stated that he interacted with the students, who were associated with his company, and they were in the state of certain perplexity about learning and experimentation. He also brought to the notice of the Chair about some degree of lacunae in the design of the</p>

	<p>syllabus and stated that more academic industry interaction should have gone into the planning of syllabus.</p> <p>The Chair responded that such perplexity is not uncommon in the student community who were at the entry levels of their career and wished that Sri Ramakrishna's training shall mitigate all such teething problems of such students.</p> <p>Dr. M. Santhi Swarup expressed his happiness on the conduct of the Convocation and stated that the day's council's business shall be mostly informative in nature rather than deliberative.</p>
I	Confirmation of the Minutes of 33rd Academic Council meeting held on 17-06-23. Minutes of Meeting enclosed.
34/01	The Registrar read out the salient features of the previous Academic Council meeting. After deliberation, the Council approved the minutes of the 33 rd Academic Council Meeting.
II	Agenda Items for Approval
34/02	<p>i. Exam results of academic year 2022-23 II semester – presented by Dean, AAA</p> <p>The Dean AAA presented a comparison of the official results of III and IV B.Tech. He presented the comparison of pass percentage of the academic year 22-23 which was at 93% with that of the academic years 21-22 (89.15%) and 20-21(88%). He presented the results of eighteen other examinations.</p> <p>Responding to the appreciation of Dr. M. Sathi Swarup about the remarkably good results, Dean, AAA stated that the results were all authentic for they have been thoroughly scrutinized and approved by the Examinations Standards Committee and those results worth appreciation were the result of hardworking students and faculty. He stated that 95% of students were also in receipt of job offers from various companies. The Dean also stated that in spite of the dedicated efforts of faculty, still 5% of the students could not come to IV B.Tech. Dr. M. Santhi Swarup remarked that the faculty were also improving.</p> <p>The Academic Council approved the agenda point.</p>
	<p>ii. Details of scholars eligible to be awarded degrees during the 11th Convocation – presented by Dean AAA.</p> <p>The Dean AAA presented the distribution of degrees for students of various programs as given above.</p>

Sl.No	Program	No. of candidates eligible
1.	B.Tech.	1239
2.	M.Tech.	14
3.	BBA	74
4.	BCA	26
5.	B.Sc.	27
6.	B. Pharmacy	27
7.	MBA	93
8.	MCA	62
9.	M.Sc. (Chemistry)	21
10.	M.Sc.(Organic Chem.)	21
11.	M.A. (English)	04
12.	Ph.d.	40
Total		1648

The Dean then presented the distribution of prospective Ph.D awardees from various departments. Dr. Sampath submitted the case of late scholar Kaki Satish Babu of the Department of Biotechnology who passed away on 17th May, 2023 and who be awarded the Ph.D. degree posthumously. The council commended the efforts of the Chair, Dean R&D and Dr. Sampath for their efforts in making this remarkable and compassionate act possible. Dr. M. Santhi Swarup commended that people at VFSTR have not restricted the award of doctoral degree as a mere mechanical recognition but have taken it to the level of heart-warming completion of research work in case of the above-said scholar.

In the discussion regarding the award of Extramural doctoral degree, the Chair presented the process adopted for the same where the research work of the scholar is subjected to thorough scrutiny at various levels. Dr. M. Santhi Swarup appreciated the program as a good initiative.

Er D. Ramakrishna stated that people from industry lack time to publish their research and hence, VFSTR should make arrangements for the publication of the research from people from industry.

The Chair stated that all measures have been taken to keep the award of extra mural degree as genuine as possible and requested the members to publicize this academic program at VFSTR in the industry circles.

Then Dean AAA presented the special features of the outgoing B.Tech. batch students. He also presented the details of candidates awarded degrees and so far and to be awarded degrees in the 11th Convocation after comparing the numbers with that of all the previous Convocations. He mentioned that

after the 11th Convocation, VFSTR would have awarded degrees in various programs to 15, 687 candidates.

The Dean presented the number of B.Tech. students completing course work within four years.

Dr. Santhi Swarup remarked that the presentation showed the multi-faceted programs in VFSTRU and queried on the significant drop of strength in post-graduation courses. Dean, Admissions responded that the drop was common in PG and BBA. Prof. Subba Rangaiah stated that students must be attracted towards two-year PG course and research. He also pointed the case of IITs offering integrated programs and advised the Council to draw inspiration from the same. The Chair responded to this advice stating that attempts were on the way for the above-said programs and mentioned that the research entry plans like Teaching cum Research Assistant (TRA) and Contractual Assistant Professor (CAP) in VFSTR were in vogue in VFSTR for awarding B.Tech. along with Ph.D degrees in one go.

The Chair also mentioned that the strong demand of parents for placements is reducing the demand for PG courses and Ph.D programs from the younger generations. Er D. Ramakrishna stated that IT jobs shall reduce in future and for that reason, knowledge, good teaching learning process in sound technical education and industrial visits should be encouraged. He also mentioned Secretary of Technical Education, A.P. visited several industries and should be preparing suitable syllabi.

The Chair questioned on the drop in BBA and BCA departments for which the respective Heads of the departments (Prof. Sarita Sathapathy and Prof. J. Veerajeeyulu respectively) responded that a number of students joining these courses were withdrawing after the announcement of EAPCET results.

The Dean AAA then presented the category wise comparison and gender wise comparison of candidates who completed the courses. He also presented the distribution of class relating it with the students' Intermediate percentage.

Prof. Subba Rangaiah stated that many poor Polytechnic and B.Tech. degree holders discontinued their education after joining industry and sought the proposal from the Chair to design a program of B.Tech. and M.Tech. for such candidates. The Chair responded that already such programs were in vogue in VFSTR for M.Tech. and MBA. The Chair also stated that a comprehensive draft would be presented in the next Academic Council Meeting.

The Academic Council approved the agenda point.

The Registrar invited all the External Members to the 11th Convocation which is tentatively scheduled during mid Aug 2023.

Having discussed all the points, the meeting was adjourned.

The following action point was pronounced during the 34th Academic Council meeting.

Action Point	Action point addressed to
1. A committee, with the support of Prof. K. Subba Rangaiah, should be constituted to create a course, for diploma and B.Tech. degree holders in industry to pursue B.Tech. and M.Tech. courses respectively in VFSTR.	Dean, AAA.

 25.7.23

Registrar

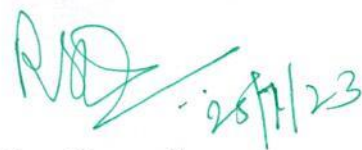
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