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**MINUTES OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 30.11.2019**

The 34th Meeting of the Board of Management of VFSTR was held on 30.11.2019 (Saturday) at 10:30 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. G. Subrahmanyam, Former Vice-Chancellor, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam | Special Invitee |
| 3. Prof. Y. Satyanarayana, Former Vice-Chancellor, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam | Special Invitee |
| 4. Prof. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC | External Member |
| 5. Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari, Sr. Executive Director, President's Office, NTU, Singapore | External Member |
| 6. Dr. T. S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, Dept. of Biotech., Govt. of India | External Member |
| 7. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad | External Member |
| 8. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, AU, Visakhapatnam | External Member |
| 9. Sri. L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group, Guntur | External Member |
| 10. Dr. K. Satya Prasad, Rector, VFSTR | Internal Member |
| 11. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Dean - AR & E, VFSTR | Internal Member |
| 12. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions, VFSTR | Internal Member |
| 13. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Professor, Dept. of ECE, VFSTR | Internal Member |
| 14. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Assoc. Prof., Dept of MBA, VFSTR | Internal Member |
| 15. Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean, Engineering and Management | Special Invitee |
| 16. Dr. D. Vijay Ramu, Dean, Academics & I/c Foreign Collaboration, VFSTR | Special Invitee |
| 17. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean - R&D, VFSTR | Special Invitee |
| 18. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H, VFSTR | Special Invitee |
| 19. Dr. A. Sharada, Prof. and Division Head of English, Dept. of S&H | Special Invitee |
| 20. Dr. Koya Prabhakar Rao, Prof. and Division Head of Chemistry, Dept. of S&H | Special Invitee |
| 21. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Prof. and Division Head of Physics, Dept. of S&H | Special Invitee |
| 22. Dr. P.L.N.Varma, Prof. and Division Head of Mathematics, Dept. of S&H | Special Invitee |
| 23. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR | Secretary |

Note : Prof. Y. Satyanarayana, Former Vice-Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam is a Special Invitee of the Board of Management Meeting.

Proceedings

The Chair Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad welcomed all the members to the meeting. After pleasantries, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad thanked all the external members for accepting the invitation.

Hon. Chancellor, Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu greeted all the members of the meeting and commented that recent publications from VFSTR were very good and there is a need for more project proposals. He also mentioned that international collaboration is very important and need to know from the experts how to develop international collaborations.

Vice- Chancellor Dr. MYS. Prasad informed the members present about the various major events that happened since the last BOM held on 26.07.2019. He also thanked Prof. BVR. Chowdari for supporting the visit of VFSTR's faculty to NTU, Singapore.

Before Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan commenced the proceedings of the meeting of BoM, initial remarks were sought from the External members.

Comments of Prof. H. Devaraj: Prof. H. Devaraj appreciated that starting a course in Law is a very good initiative and advised to adopt the model and practices of OP Jindal University. Prof. H. Devaraj seconded Prof. BVR. Chowdari's advice about MoUs. He also advised that faculty should be proactive in developing the University.

Comments of Dr. TS. Rao: Dr. TS. Rao appreciated the commencement of Law course in the University and remarked that if technical graduates have legal knowledge, then they can resolve the IPR issues very easily.

Comments of Dr. Y. Sarat: Dr. Y. Sarat expressed his happiness that VFSTR is about to attain the status of 12B. He mentioned that as a deemed to be University, VFSTR is free to commence new courses like Law. He also expected the University to commence new courses in technology. He advised to evolve good plan to get good placements for the law graduates. He also advised to find good resource persons to guide the University's Law course. He stated that resource persons can be extremely helpful for research in VFSTR. He also advised that accreditation work should be part of regular work and also mentioned to project all the important activities and programs of the University.

Comments of Prof. BVR. Chowdari: Prof. BVR. Chowdari thanked Dr. Vijaya Ramu and his team for visiting NTU, Singapore. He also mentioned that the response of the faculty of NTU was also very good. He advised that senior administrators should encourage the team which visited NTU.

Comments of Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy: Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy remarked that placements are very important for any institution and asked VFSTR to compare with other institutions in the matter of placements. He mentioned that there should be increase in the strength of graduates and also mentioned that PG programs are equally important. He also advised to increase the number of Ph.D scholars for encouraging and increasing research in VFSTR.

Comments of Prof. G. Subramanyam: Prof. G. Subramanyam mentioned that University should develop a brand value in research. He stated that every faculty researcher, department and the University on the whole should have thrust areas in research. He also mentioned that identifying staff for Law course is very important. He also advised to involve local talent by developing professional liaison with senior Judges and senior law practitioners. He emphasized on the importance of Moot Court in law education.

Comments of Prof. Satyanaryana: Prof. Satyanarayana appreciated the commencement of Law programme in VFSTR. He promised to support VFSTR in the case of Law course and also promised to support the commencement of legal consultancy services in VFSTR.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 33rd Board of Management meeting

The Chair invited the comments from the members on the minutes of 33rd Board of Management held on **26.07.2019**. With no comments, the members confirmed the minutes.

2. Actions taken on the decisions of the 33rd Board of Management meeting

The response to action points of the 33rd Board of Management meeting (i.e. to review all the major components of research for quality and to go through the research publications with the help of a committee) was given by Dean R&D in his presentation.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of 21st Finance Committee meeting held on 09-11-2019.

The Minutes of 21st Finance Committee meeting held on 09-11-19 was placed before the BoM for approval. On this point, Prof. H. Devaraj enquired about the allocation made to research from the budget of VFSTR. In response the Chair mentioned that 10% of the entire budget amounting to Rs. 8-10 crores is allocated to research every year to support activities like publications, Research Scholars, conferences, project proposals etc.

I. Agenda items for approval:

1. Commencement of new programs for the next academic year 2020-21.

(a) M.A English (b) M.Sc. Chemistry

Prof. A. Sharada presented on the need for commencing M.A. English as there is an enormous need for teachers, translators, trainers and language consultants. She presented the

syllabus and structure of the course. The members approved the proposal to commence PG course in English.

Prof. Koya Prabhakar, Head, Division of Chemistry has presented the significance of M.Sc Chemistry programme. He mentioned that the curriculum is oriented to enable students work in Pharmacy industry.

The proposal to commence PG courses in Mathematics and Physics was not accepted.

Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy proposed to commence a PG course in Psychology. Vice-Chairman Sri. Sri Krishna Devarayulu responded to the Heads of Physics and Mathematics departments by directing them to know the needs of industry and to tie up with the industry for sponsoring students.

2. Commencement of Law programmes from the next academic year 2020-21

After intense discussions and deliberations, all the members supported the commencement of this program by mentioning the various advantages of courses in Law. Three resolutions were presented by the Registrar for approval of the BoM.

Resolution No:01: To start Vignan Institute of Law at its campus to offer programs in (i) 5 years integrated B.A., L.L.B (Hons) (ii) 5 years integrated B.B.A., L.L.B (Hons) with effect from the next academic year 2020-21.

Resolution No:02: To allocate the required funds to develop the necessary infrastructure and meet the recurring expenditure to organize the academic programmes in the proposed Vignan Institute of Law under the ambit of VFSTR.

Resolution No:03: (i) To earmark two acres of land in survey no. 284/1,2,3 and 285/2, Vadlamudi, Chebrolu Mandal, Guntur Dist., Andra Pradesh for development of necessary infrastructure facilities for the Vignan Institute of Law.

(ii) To build a separate three storied building with a plinth area of 24,300 sq.ft. to house the proposed Vignan Institute of Law.

The Board unanimously approved the commencement of Law courses i.e. 5 years integrated B.A., L.L.B (Hons) and 5 years integrated B.B.A., L.L.B (Hons) with effect from the next Academic Year 2020-21 and all the three resolutions were passed by the members of BoM.

3. Revision of B.Sc and B.Pharmacy programmes

HoD S&H presented the salient features of revised BSc curriculum and regulations. He mentioned that the curriculum had undergone major revision by obtaining feedback from various stakeholders and was considered after thorough discussions in various academic bodies.

The B.Pharmacy programme was revised by inclusion of new elective courses meant to enhance skill and employability in pharmaceutical and allied fields.

The stakeholders feedback analysis of B.Sc. and B.Pharmacy programmes, and the corresponding action taken reports are approved

4. Finalization of intake capacity for UG and PG programmes for the academic year 2020-21:

The agenda point was presented by the Dean, Admissions and was approved by the members

5. Eligibility for UG, PG and Ph.D programmes for the academic year 2020-21:

The agenda point was presented before the members of BoM by Dean Admissions and was approved by the members.

6. Fee structure and scholarships of UG, PG and Ph.D programmes for the academic year 2020-21:

The point was presented by Dean, Admissions and was approved by the members of the BoM.

II. Agenda items for ratification

1. Results of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) held during 31-10-19 to 02-11-19.
2. List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 26-07-19.

All the items were ratified after discussions.

III. Agenda items for information

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

1. Revised Examination Manual
2. Status of research activities

Dean R&D presented on the status of research in VFSTR and informed the members that 638 papers were published of which 131 were indexed in SCI and 387 in Scopus indexed journals. Regarding this point, Prof. H. Devaraj advised to improve the H-Index. Department wise publications were reviewed and Dr. T.S. Rao advised for a more critical thinking in publication and publication of such good papers in journals with good credentials. The Dean also presented on the projects sanctioned and patents filed by VFSTR

3. Status of NBA accreditation
4. Visit of senior faculty to NTU Singapore during 06-10-2019 to 10-10-2019
5. Application for the grant under UGC 12 (B) and subsequent inspection by UGC Expert Committee during 14th and 15th of Nov 2019.

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

The decisions / actions from the 34th Board of Management Meeting are as below: -

1. Thorough research on the employability of PG courses in Physics, and Mathematics should be undertaken by consulting the industry experts.

[Action: Dean, Academics and Division Heads of Mathematics and Physics]

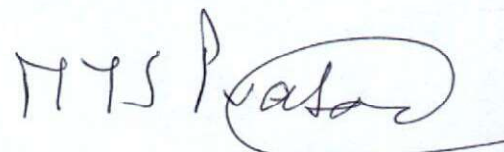
2. All the members of BoM should suggest the names of some experts to review the project proposals in VFSTR.

[Action: All the members]

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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