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**MINUTES OF 39TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD
ON 26th August, 2021 BY HYBRID MODE
(PHYSICAL AS WELL AS VIRTUAL MODE)**

The 39th Board of Management of VFSTR met on hybrid mode (physical and virtual) on 26th August, 2021 at 03:00 PM 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. Prof. BVR. Chowdari, Sr. Executive Director, President's Office, NTU, Singapore : External Member (virtually)
2. Prof. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC, New Delhi : External Member (virtually)
3. Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy, VC, Andhra University Visakhapatnam : External Member (virtually)
4. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Ltd., HYD : External Member
5. Dr. T.S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, DBT, New Delhi : External Member
6. Dr. P.M.V. Rao, Dean - AR &E, VFSTR : Permanent Member
7. Dr. K.V.Krishna Kishore, Dena - Lib. & IT Services, VFSTR : Internal Member
8. Dr. MSS. Rukmini, Dean SA, VFSTR : Internal Member
9. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean, T&P, VFSTR : Internal Member
10. Dr. M. Rama Krishna, Dean, IQAC, VFSTR : Special Invitee
11. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean, R&D, HOD, Dept. of EEE, VFSTR : Special Invitee
12. Dr. D. Vijaya Ramu, Dean, Academics, VFSTR : Special Invitee
13. Dr. B. Srinivasa Rao, Director, CDOE, VFSTR : Special Invitee
14. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR : Member Secretary

The following member have taken leave of absence:

Sri. Lavu Srikrishnadevayulu, Vice-Chairman, VFSTR : External Member

Proceedings: -

In their opening remarks all the members of the Board of Management appreciated the resilience of VFSTR in wading through the pandemic period and conducting classes and exams during the most trying times.

I. Agenda items for the meeting.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 38th BoM meeting held virtually on 24.4.2021.

The minutes of 38th BoM meeting held virtually on 24.4.2021 was presented before the members of BoM. The members approved the minutes after due deliberation.

2. Actions taken on the decisions of the 38th BoM meeting held on 24.04.2021.

The following actions were taken on the decisions of 38th Board of Management meeting held on 24.04.2021.

S.No.	Action Point	Concerned Person	Brief note on Actions taken
1	Steps taken to attract scholars from industry.	Dean - R&D	<p>At present, 105 industry sponsored scholars are pursuing their Ph.D in VFSTR university. It is 20% of entire existing scholars of the university. However, to attract more number of Scholars from industry, the following actions have been initiated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MOUs with Industries. 2. Possibility of organizing Ph.D. course work at their convenience. 3. Involving the Industry research scholars with potential research support in submitting projects & patents. 4. Providing information on innovative research trends in the areas concerned, through journals and publications. 5. Involving industry people in international/national conferences and seminars to strengthen their research area.
2	Steps taken so that VFSTR should become iconic for good vertical research in one area	Dean - R&D	<p>As it is a budding university, lot of research work is going on in the areas of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Molecular Phylogeny 2. Food Processing 3. Image Processing Techniques 4. 5G Technologies 5. Electric Mobility 6. Composite Materials 7. Nano material for catalytic applications etc. <p>BoM suggestions are considered and suitable measures will be taken to develop good research on one emerging area in near future.</p>

3. Confirmation of minutes of 28th Academic Council meeting held in hybrid mode (physical as well as virtual) on 31.7.2021.

The minutes of 28th Academic Council meeting held in hybrid mode on 31.7.2021 was presented before the members of BoM. The Board approved the minutes after discussion.

II. Agenda Items for Approval

1. Award of degrees to eligible students

Dean, AR&E presented the results before the Board and the subsequent award of degrees to the students who were successful in the 13 regular and 9 supplementary exams held in VFSTR. Students from B.Tech., BCA, B.Sc., B.Pharm., MBA and MCA will receive the degrees in the 8th and 9th Convocations scheduled on 27.8.2021 and 28.8.2021 respectively. The Dean presented a comparison of current year's result with that of previous year and the results of 2018-19.

On the 8th Convocation day, a total of 1866 students of 2016 batch who completed the course will be awarded their degrees while on the 9th Convocation day, 1821 students of 2017 batch will receive their degrees.

The Dean also presented the percentage of students who passed in distinction and first class.

The Dean also presented on the names and credentials of students who were awarded Academic Gold Medals, Best Outgoing Student Medal, Chairman Gold Medal and Endowment Awards. The Dean added that Honorary degrees in B. Tech. are awarded for the first time on 8th Convocation day.

Dean - R & D further added that of the 48 research scholars who receive the Doctoral degrees, 10 people from industry receive Ph.D degrees in this Convocation and nine research scholars are Assistant Professors in VFSTR,

After deliberations, the Board approved the award of degrees.

2. Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees (Honoris Causa) to Guests of Honour.

The Chief Co-ordinator for Convocations, Mr. D. Vijay Krishna informed the members of the Board that on the day of 8th Convocation, Honorary Doctorate degree (Doctor of Science) will be conferred on Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Founder, Director, Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL). On the same day, Shri Veeramachineni RamaKrishana, Nutrition and Dietician, Vijayawada will be awarded Doctor of Letters.

The Registrar further informed the Board members that on the day of 9th Convocation, Honorary Doctorate degree (Doctor of Science) shall be awarded to Dr. Satyanarayana Chava, Founder and CEO Laurus Labs Limited, Hyderabad and Doctor of Science to Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS & Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The members of the Board approved the award of Honorary Doctorate Degrees (Honoris Causa) to the above-said dignitaries.

The Chief Co-ordinator also assured to the members about COVID-19 protocol taken during the Convocation like physical distancing, virus preventive measures and arrangement of annex facility to the main Convocation to avoid crowding in the hall.

III. Agenda items for Ratification

1. Recruitment of faculty since the last BoM held on 24.4.2021

The Registrar informed the members that seven faculty members and seven non-teaching staff joined VFSTR since the last BoM meeting held on 24.4.2021.

2. List of teaching staff relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 24.4.2021

The Registrar informed the members that seventeen faculty and three non-teaching faculty were relieved from duties since the last BoM meeting held on 24.4.2021.

3. Appointment of Dr. Praveen Kumar Lohchab as Director, Vignan Institute of Law

The Registrar informed the members of the Board about the appointment of Dr. Praveen Kumar Lohchab as the Director, Vignan Institute of Law.

4. Change of venue for setting up of Centre for Distance and Open Education (CDOE) (OL and ODL programs)

The Registrar informed the members the change of venue for setting up of Centre for Distance and Open Education (CDOE). He also informed the members that AICTE has given its approval for commencing the OL and ODL programs and only the approval of UGC is awaited.

5. Increase in intake capacity of CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) from 30 to 120.

The Registrar informed the members of the Board that AICTE has approved the increase in intake capacity of CSE (AI & ML) from 30 to 120 seats.

IV. Agenda items for Information

1. AICTE approval of intake for the academic year 2021-22

AICTE approved all the present 20 UG, 11 PG courses and 04 ODL and 04 OL Programmes. Approval of the AICTE is furnished at ENCLOSURE - I

2. Conduct of online classes since May 2021

During the second wave of Covid pandemic, online classes were conducted for 63 days from May 5th till July 17th that also includes revision classes. On an average the attendance percentage of students attending online classes was around 85. The total number of hours wherein online classes were conducted was 21,000.

3. Status of Research Activities

Details are placed in the ENCLOSURE - II.

4. Conduct of Webinars

The objectives of conducting webinar in VFSTR (Deemed to be University) are as follows:

- a) To get more exposure and awareness on emerging areas of research.
- b) To provide opportunity to the researchers to interact with the eminent persons in research.
- c) To exchange ideas on discussions and deliberations to solve the problems in Research
- d) To invite ideas from eminent persons to strengthen existing researchers of engineering and science.

VFSTR has organized 54 webinars so far and few more are scheduled in the month of August 2021. Information about the no of webinars organized by the departments is given below.

Sl. No	Department	No. of Webinars organized
1	AE	04
2	Biotech	04
3	CHEM	05
4	CIVIL	04
5	CSE	02
6	ECE	04
7	EEE	02
8	IT	03
9	MBA	01
10	MECH	04
11	Pharmacy	09
12	S&H	12
Total		54

Details are placed in in **ENCLOSURE - III**.

5. Details of placements:

Of all the students from B.Tech., UG and PG, total 1,247 students were placed in the year 2020-2021. Details in **Enclosure - IV**.

6. Status of OL and ODL

The institution applied for permission to float four programs for Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning (OL) - Bachelor of Business Administration (General), Master of Business Administration (General), Master of Business Administration (Finance) and Master of Business Administration (HR) in October 2020.

Approval is obtained for all the four Programmes from AICTE for the academic year 2021-22 with an intake of

BBA (General) - 540; MBA (General) - 450; MBA (Finance) - 450; MBA (HR) - 450;

For all the programs the curriculum of the convention mode is adopted (BBA - R17 and MBA-R19).

The Virtual visit of the Expert Committee of UGC for both Open & Distance Learning and Online Learning is completed. Approval from UGC is awaited.

Courses through (Online Learning) OL and (Online Distance Learning) ODL were approved by AICTE and approval of UGC is awaited.

7. **Results of Examinations announced after previous Board of Management meeting**
Details of results announced for B.Tech., BCA, B.SC., B. Pharmacy, MBA and MCA along with the comparison of aggregate result with previous two years is placed in ENCLOSURE - ✓.
8. **Faculty who have acquired Ph.D. since 01.01.2021**
Total twelve in-house faculty were awarded their Doctoral Degrees since 01.01.2021.

There being no further points for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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2.9.2021

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