

# Minutes of 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 21/09/2022 [Wednesday] at 02:30 p.m.

Venue: Chairman's Board Room, VFSTR

Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and  
Research

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MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022.

Members of 42<sup>nd</sup> BoM

External Members

1. Prof. BVR Chowdari - Senior Executive Director, President's Office,  
NTU, Singapore
2. Dr. H. Devaraj - Former Vice-Chairman, UGC
3. Dr. T.S. Rao - Former Senior Advisor, DBT, New Delhi
4. Dr. Y. Sarat - Director, United Health Systems, Hyderabad
5. Sri. L. Krishna Devarayulu - Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group, Guntur

Internal Members

6. Dr. M. Rama Krishna - Dean, IQAC and Dean School of Civil, Mechanical,  
Chemical and Textile Technology
7. Dr. D. Vijayaramu - Dean, Promotion, Collaborations and Faculty Affairs
8. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao - Professor, Dept. of EEE

Special Invitees

9. Dr. PMV Rao - Dean Academics, Assessment and Awards
10. Prof. A. Sharada - Joint Dean, Faculty Affairs

Leave of Absence

1. Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy - Vice-President, Global RMG Head, TCS  
(External Member)
2. Dr. D. Vinay Kumar - Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering  
(Internal Member)
3. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna - Dean, Internship, Training and Placements  
(Special Invitee)
4. Dr. NSS Sampath Kumar - Joint Dean, AAA  
(Special Invitee)
5. Mr. NSN Murthy - Finance Officer  
(Special Invitee)

| Item  | Section 01  |
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| 42/01 | <p data-bbox="343 215 1326 255"><b>Welcoming the members by the Chairman, Board of Management</b></p> <p data-bbox="304 286 1361 768">Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor greeted all and welcomed the members to the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management. The Chair remarked that Dean, IQAC should perform SWOT analysis of the University for its readiness for any contingency and growth, should introspect and move forward. The Chair desired that VFSTR should strive for absolute quality. The Chair shared his thoughts with the members about lifelong learning. He also informed the members that orientation program was made compulsory and the syllabus of orientation program was far better than in many other institutions.</p>  |
| 42/02 | <p data-bbox="304 786 1361 864"><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> BoM meeting held both physically and virtually on 04/04/2022.</b></p> <p data-bbox="304 869 1361 1070">The Registrar read out the salient features of the previous BoM meeting. He informed that the minutes of the meeting have been circulated and since no comments have been received, requested that the minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> BoM be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="304 1093 1361 1238">Prof. H. Devaraj opined that ODL should be quality oriented. The Chair responded that Dean, IQAC is looking into the matters of quality concerning ODL.</p> <p data-bbox="304 1261 1010 1294"><b>After discussions, the minutes were confirmed</b></p> <p data-bbox="887 1317 1361 1350" style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - I (Page Nos. 09-12)</b></p> |
| 42/03 | <p data-bbox="343 1361 1326 1462"><b>Consider and approve the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Academic Council meeting held in hybrid mode (physical and virtual) on 30/07/2022.</b></p> <p data-bbox="304 1473 1361 1686">The Registrar read out the salient features of the previous Academic Council meeting. He informed that the minutes of the meeting have been circulated and since no comments have been received, requested that the minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> Academic Council be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="304 1709 994 1742"><b>After discussions, the minutes were approved</b></p> <p data-bbox="874 1753 1361 1787" style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - II (Page Nos. 13-26)</b></p>   |



## Section 2 (Agenda items for Approval)

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| 42/04 | <p>Award of degrees to eligible students (UG, PG and Ph.D) during the 10<sup>th</sup> Convocation-2022 scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.</p> <p>Dean, AAA stated that 55 regular and 52 supplementary exams were conducted during the last academic year. He presented the comparison of aggregate result of I, II, III and IV B.Tech. The Dean stated that 1842 students were eligible to take their degrees. The Dean also presented on the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total students graduated from VFSTR</li> <li>b. Percentage of students who completed their B.Tech. within stipulated time.</li> <li>c. Distribution of divisions.</li> <li>d. Students without backlogs over five years</li> <li>e. Gender-wise receipt of degrees.</li> </ol> <p>Prof. H. Devaraj opined in this aspect that broad image should be created for VFSTR.</p> <p>Fifty-one research scholars of VFSTR are eligible to take their doctoral degree after successful defending of their thesis work.</p> <p><b>After discussion, the agenda item was approved.</b><br/> <b>Annexures -III (a) (Page No. 27-28) &amp; (b) (Page No. 29-90) and Annexure IV (Page Nos. 91-108)</b></p>  |
| 42/05 | <p><b>Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa)</b></p>  |
|       | <p>The Registrar stated before the BoM that honorary doctorate degrees (Honoris Causa) will be presented to four Guests of Honour.</p> <p>Guests of Honour receiving honorary doctorate degrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Dr. Krishna Ella<br/> <i>(Padma Bhushan awardee - 2022)</i><br/>                     Chairman and MD, Bharat Biotech International Limited<br/>                     Hyderabad <span style="float: right;">Doctor of Science</span></li> <li>(ii) Shri. Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi<br/> <i>(Padmasri Awardee - 2018)</i><br/>                     Indian Badminton Player <span style="float: right;">Doctor of Letters</span></li> <li>(iii) Shri M.V. Reddy<br/>                     Joint Managing Director<br/>                     Astra Microwave Products Ltd.<br/>                     Hyderabad <span style="float: right;">Doctor of Science</span></li> <li>(iv) Shri. M.M. Keeravaani<br/>                     Music Director, Singer and Lyricist<br/>                     Hyderabad <span style="float: right;">Doctor of Arts</span></li> </ol> <p><b>After discussion, the agenda item was approved.</b><br/> <b>Annexures V(a) (Page No. 109-110, V(b) (Page No. 111-114), V (c) (Page No. 115-116), V(d) (Page No. 117-120)</b></p> |

| <b>Section 3 (Agenda items for Ratification)</b> |   |
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| <b>42/06</b>                                     | <b>Academic Regulations, Curriculum and course contents - R22</b>   |
|  | <p>Dean, AAA presented that R22 regulations were in line with NEP. The Dean presented the agenda point under the following sub heads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Salient features</li> <li>(ii) Credit distribution of R22</li> <li>(iii) Comparison of R16 and R19 with R22</li> <li>(iv) Major changes from previous regulations</li> <li>(v) Add on provisions</li> </ul> <p>The Chair strongly advocated that with introduction of R22 regulations, the University shall do away with routine exam system and shall switch to better ways of learning process and assessment methods.</p> <p><b>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annexure VI (a) (Page Nos. 121-122) &amp; (b) (Page Nos. 123-156)</b></p> |
| <b>42/07</b>                                     | <b>Ph.D Regulations - 2022</b>  |
|  | <p>Dean R&amp;D presented this agenda point under the following heads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Preamble</li> <li>(ii) Executive summary</li> <li>(iii) Research bodies</li> <li>(iv) Eligibility</li> <li>(v) Admission process</li> <li>(vi) Academic process</li> <li>(vii) Duration of the program</li> <li>(viii) Calendar for submission</li> <li>(ix) Publication of research work</li> <li>(x) Submission of Thesis</li> </ul> <p>In the discussion that ensued on this agenda point, Prof H. Devaraj advised to reconsider the method of granting admission to candidates from industry.</p> <p><b>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annexure VII (Page Nos. 157-190)</b></p>                        |
| <b>42/08</b>                                     | <b>Results of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) conducted during 21/07/2022 to 23/07/2022.</b>  |
|  | <p>The Registrar presented on the CAS - 2022 and said that 29 faculty were promoted from Assistant Professors to Associate Professors.<br/> AE (01), CSE (02), English (03), Maths (02), Physics (02), Chemistry (03), ECE (04), BT (04), EEE (03), Textile Engineering (01) Chemical Engineering (02) and Mechanical Engineering (02)</p> <p><b>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</b></p>  |



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| 42/09 | <p>List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the BoM meeting held on 04/04/2022.<br/>The Registrar presented the list of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the BoM meeting held on 04/04/2022.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annexure - VIII (Page Nos. 191-194) and IX (Page Nos. 195-198)</p> |
| 42/10 | <p>Appointment of Dr. C. Thangaraj as Honorary Distinguished Professor of VFSTR.<br/>The Registrar informed the members of the BoM, the appointment of Dr. C. Thangaraj (former VC of VFSTR) as Honorary Distinguished Professor of VFSTR.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annexure - X (Page Nos. 199-200)</p>                                   |
| 42/11 | <p>Appointment of Dr. Voleti Sridhar as Adjunct Professor in the Dept. of Biotechnology.<br/>The Registrar informed the members, the appointment of Dr. Voleti Sridhar as Adjunct Professor in the Dept. of Biotechnology.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annexure - XI (a) (Page Nos. 201-202) &amp; (b) (Page Nos. 203-208)</p>                |
| 42/12 | <p>Appointment of Dr. H. Purushotham as Advisor, Innovation Ecosystem.<br/>The Registrar informed the members of BoM, the appointment of Dr. H. Purushotham as the Advisor for Innovation Ecosystem.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annexure - XII (a) (Page Nos. 209-210) &amp; (b) (Page Nos. 211-220)</p>                                     |
| 42/13 | <p>Appointment of Mr. P. Ramakrishna as Advisor - Food Technology<br/>Mr. P. Ramakrishna, Former Academic Advisor / Visiting Professor, JNTUK has been appointed as Advisor - Food Technology.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annexure - XIII (a) (Page Nos. 221-220) &amp; (b) (Page Nos. 221-222)</p>  |
| 42/14 | <p>Appointment of Dr. R. Krishnan as Adjunct Professor in the Department of CSE.<br/>The Registrar informed the members of BoM the appointment of Dr. R. Krishnan as Adjunct Professor in the Department of CSE.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annexure - XIV (a) (Page Nos. 223-224) &amp; (b) (Page Nos. 225-238)</p>                         |

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| 42/15   | <p><b>Appointment of Mr. K. Kishore Babu as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.</b><br/>The Registrar informed the members of BoM the appointment of Mr. K. Kishore Babu as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.</p> <p>After discussion, the agenda item was ratified.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - XV (a) (Page Nos. 239-240) &amp; (b) (Page Nos. 241-246)</b></p>  |
| <b>Section 4 (Agenda Items for Information)</b> |  |
| 42/16   | <p><b>Faculty Development programs (FDP) Conducted in 2022.</b><br/>Prof. A. Sharada presented on the Faculty Development Programs conducted in 2022. She stated that a total of 85 new faculty members of Engineering, Science, Social Sciences and Humanities disciplines of the university underwent the Faculty Orientation Program in two phases from 15 June 2022 to 07 July 2022.</p> <p>A Faculty Development Program was organised from 11 - 16 July to orient faculty and provide hands on training for implementing R22 curriculum of NEP-2020.</p> <p>A Faculty Enrichment Program on Outcome Based Education (OBE) was organised from 16 - 20 July 2022 in collaboration with the Office of IQAC to enable faculty to revisit different aspects of OBE.</p> <p>Noted by members</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - XVI (Page Nos. 247-248)</b></p> |
| 42/17   | <p><b>NIRF Rank</b><br/>Dean, IQAC presented on the NIRF ranking secured by the university. During the Year 2022 VFSTR acquired NIRF ranking 95 in University category and 99 ranking in Engineering category.</p> <p>Noted by members</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - XVII (Page Nos. 249-250)</b></p>  |
| 42/18   | <p><b>AICTE Extension of Approval for the Academic Year 2022-23.</b><br/>Dean, IQAC presented on the extension of approval for academic year 2022 - 23 by AICTE.</p> <p>Noted by members</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - XVIII (Page Nos. 251-256)</b></p>   |

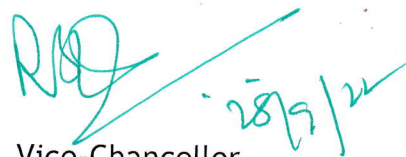
## List of Action Points Pronounced During the Meeting

| Sl.No | Action Point  | Action point referred to |
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| 01    | The Chair directed that every department should have a specific theme area for research.  | Dean, R&D                |
| 02    | Dr. Sarath directed that instead of preparation only at the time of NAAC inspection, every department should be ready for NAAC inspection on any given day. | Dean, IQAC and All HoDs  |

Having discussed all the agenda points, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Registrar

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