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**MINUTES OF the 22ND MEETING OF the ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 26TH JULY 2019**

The Academic Council of VFSTR met on 26.07.19 at 10:00 am 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. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR : Special Invitee
2. Dr. K. Satya Prasad, Rector : Internal Member
3. Dr. V. Madhusudhan Rao, Dean, Engg. & Management : Internal Member
4. Dr. P.M.V.Rao : Permanent Invitee
Dean, Academic Registration and
Evaluation and Controller of Examinations
5. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean - Student Affairs : Internal Member
6. Dr. D. Vijayaramu : Internal Member
Dean, Academics and I/c Dean, Foreign Collaborations
7. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean - IQAC : Internal Member
8. Dr. K.V.Krishna Kishore : Internal Member
Dean, IT & LIS and HoD, Dept. of IT
9. Prof. S. Krupanidhi : Internal Member
Dean, Planning & Monitoring and HoD, Dept. of Biotech.
10. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, : Internal Member
Dean, R&D and HoD, Dept. of EEE
11. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions : Internal Member
12. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean - T&P : Internal Member
13. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, HoD, Dept. of Chem. Engg. : Internal Member
14. Mr. A. Narayana Rao, HoD, Dept. of AE : Internal Member
15. Dr. N. Ruben, HoD, Dept. of Civil Engg. : Internal Member
16. Dr. D. Venkatesulu, HoD, Dept. of CSE : Internal Member
17. Dr. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of ECE : Internal Member
18. Dr. L. S. Raju, HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg. : Internal Member
19. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H : Internal Member
20. Dr. K. Kalpana, HoD, Dept. of MBA : Internal Member
21. Dr. Dr. Jithendra Ch, HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy : Internal Member
22. Dr. B. Madhusudhan Rao, Professor, Dept. of MBA : Internal Member

23. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Professor, Dept. of S&H : Internal Member
 24. Dr. P.L.N.Varma, Professor, Dept. of S&H : Internal Member
 25. Dr. K. Hemantha Kumar, Professor, Dept. of CSE : Internal Member
 26. Mr. N.S.N.Murthy, Finance Officer : Internal Member
 27. Mr. R. Suresh Kumar, Systems Manager : Internal Member
 28. Mr. A. Gouri Sankar Rao, Asst. Registrar : Internal Member
 29. Cmde. Dr. M.S.Raghunathan, Registrar : Member Secretary

Leave of Absence

The following members did not attend the meeting due to various reasons:-

Name of the member	External / Internal member	Remarks
Dr. K. Babu Rao MD, NAVAYUGA Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	External Member	Took leave of absence
Er. D. Rama Krishna MD, Efftronics, Vijayawada	External Member	Took leave of absence
Dr. Shanti Swarup Director of Engg., MathWorks, Hyderabad	External Member	Out of Country
Prof. A. Sharada, Professor, Dept. of S&H	Internal Member	On Official Duty
Dr. N. Veeranjanyulu, Professor, Dept. of IT	Internal Member	On Leave
Dr. B.Seetharamanjanyulu, Professor, Dept. of ECE	Internal Member	On Leave
Dr. N. Usha Rani, Professor, Dept. of ECE	Internal Member	On Leave
Dr. Shaik Jakeer Husaian, Professor, Dept. of ECE	Internal Member	On Official Duty
Dr. D. Satyanarayana, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Mech. Engg.	Internal Member	On Official Duty
Mr. P.V.S.Sobhan, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of EEE	Internal Member	On Official Duty
Dr. K. Annapurna, Asst. Prof., Dept. of ECE	Internal Member	On Official Duty
Mr. K. Praveen Kumar, Asst. Prof., Dept. of IT	Internal Member	On Official Duty

Proceedings:

The Chairman of the meeting welcomed all the members to the meeting and handed over to the Chancellor for his initial remarks. The Chancellor welcomed all to the meeting and requested all the members to participate actively in the meeting by involving in sparkling conversations. He congratulated all the people behind the finalization of R19 syllabus. He directed the Dean, Academics to compare R19 syllabus with other deemed universities. He also informed the members that recommendations of the apex bodies like UGC and AICTE should be taken seriously because the implementation of the recommendations will be seriously noted down during the inspections by these bodies.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29th April 2019 was placed for confirmation. The Chair invited comments from the members on the minutes of 21st Academic Council meeting. With no comments, the members confirmed the minutes.

2. Action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting

The Dean presented the action taken report on the decisions of the previous meeting by explaining how the recommendations were being implemented.

In his presentation concerning point no. 02 under action plan, i.e. about the allotment of 09 credits to online courses, the Dean, Academics supported the decision. The Chancellor directed the Dean, Academics to identify deemed to be universities and verify the credits awarded to online courses in those deemed to be universities.

Answering to the non-feasibility of credit based summer internship of one month for the students during 2nd and 3rd year (Point no. 03), the Dean explained the engagement of students in programs like CRT and hence cannot be allowed for credit based summer internship.

Responding to the point no. 12 under action taken report, i.e. about the retention of Compilers in the syllabi of CSE and IT, the HOD, CSE quoted the premier institutions like NIT-Warangal, NIT- Calicut and NIT- Suratkal having Compilers on their syllabi. Also considering the GATE syllabus, the HoD felt the need to continue compilers in the syllabus of VFSTR. He stated that the recommendation to embed Real Time Operating Systems in the fifth unit of Operating Systems was accepted.

Responding to point no. 13, i.e. about the evolving Cameras and Vision as a subject, of the action taken report, the HoD of ECE mentioned that Cameras and Vision are included in Digital TV and Broadcasting course.

Responding to point no. 17, i.e. to examine whether online courses in Basic Science and Engineering can also be included in the list, the Dean, Academics stated that it is not feasible for first year students.

Concerning the action taken report discussed under heading "GENERAL", the Chair answered the action taken for the point no. 02, i.e. about finishing school concept to be implemented in the lead departments. He also mentioned that certification in online courses such as IOT, Machine Learning and Artificial

Intelligence, with Gold, Silver and Qualifying certificates, the students will be awarded Rs. 20,000/-, Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- respectively.

Answering point no. 03, i.e. about the frequency of examinations in VFSTR, the Dean, Evaluation mentioned that he compared the examination system in VFSTR with that of the same in Amrita and SRM Universities and mentioned that at VFSTR, weekly tests and mid exams are choice based. So he asserted the continuance of the system as it was in VFSTR.

Responding to point no. 04, i.e. make prospective arrangement for the improvement of technical content knowledge suiting the demands of industry in students of VFSTR, the Dean, T&P stated that after the completion of the placement season, there is a plan to conduct industry and institution interaction sessions for understanding the future requirements of the industry from students, and how the same can be fulfilled at VFSTR level.

III. Agenda items for approval

Dean, Evaluation mentioned that exams were conducted and the results were announced after the 21st Academic Council meeting. He stated that students of IV B.Tech. secured 98% of pass percentage while 90%, 85% and 84% were secured by students of III, II and I B. Tech. The Dean then presented the progression of the batch without backlogs. He mentioned that in the 5th Convocation 1114 degrees were awarded and in the 6th Convocation 1225 were awarded. This time in the 7th Convocation 1570 degrees will be awarded. He also mentioned the awards presented like 22 Academic Gold Medals, 18 Best Outgoing Student Medals, one Chairman's Medal and other Endowments medals. He presented that list of students receiving Best Outgoing student Medal.

After the presentation by the Dean, the Chair expressed his concern over the pass percentage of the students especially in BCA and B.Sc. He directed all the HoDs that there should be concentration on 3rd year students and after the 7th Convocation, steps should be taken to improve the pass percentage. The Chancellor also opined that passing without backlogs is also important for placement.

The Chancellor presented before the members, the New Education Policy, 2019 and asked for the opinions of the members on the recommendations of the New Education Policy 2019.

After the review of the presentation by Dean, Evaluation, the Academic Council approved to confer degrees to all the recipients mentioned in the list.

IV. Agenda Items for Ratification

-NIL-

V. Agenda items for information

1. Seventh Convocation - 2019

The Registrar presented on Convocation 2019 and the number of students receiving their degrees. Responding to the doctorates awarded in the Convocation, the Chancellor opined that every department should award at least two doctorates every year. The Registrar also mentioned the number of students receiving their degrees and the persons receiving Honorary Doctorates. He mentioned of the Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour, along with their credentials, who are gracing the Convocation.

2. Status of Research Activities

Dean, R&D presented the number of papers published and presented in various conferences. He mentioned that six projects worth Rs. 186 lakhs were secured by various faculty of the University. In the plan to conduct 13 conferences, out of which 4 are international and 9 are national ones, and of which, three were already organized by the S&H department. The Dean further mentioned that 16 patents were filed and five were published and two were granted American patents. At the university level 33 projects were given seed money of Rs. 70 lakhs. Research incentives at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- were being awarded to the faculty for publication in reputed journals. The Dean - Evaluation presented the faculty who were awarded doctorate degrees in the Convocation. The Registrar presented the case of Dean, E&M, Dr. V. Madhusudan Rao, who attended an international conference and presented paper in NTU, Singapore and Dr. Jithendra Ch, HoD, Pharmacy, who attended an international conference and presented a paper in Czech Republic.

The Rector, in this context, informed the members about the various MoUs and Collaborations the University has with reputed organizations like ICRISAT etc.

Dean, Academics mentioned the students who attended their internship in Germany, South Korea and Japan. The Chancellor directed that faculty publishing papers in international conferences outside the country shall be encouraged.

The following action points were given in the meeting:

S.No.	Action Point	Action to be taken by
1	Compare R19 syllabus with other Deemed Universities	Dean, Academics

2	Recommendations of the apex bodies like UGC and AICTE should be taken seriously because the implementation of the recommendations will be seriously noted down during the inspections by these bodies.	All concerned
3	Identify deemed to be universities and verify the credits awarded to online courses in those deemed to be universities.	Dean, Academics
4	There should be concentration on 3 rd year students and after the Convocation, steps should be taken to improve the pass percentage.	All HoDs
5	Faculty publishing papers in international conferences outside the country shall be encouraged.	Dean, R&D

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.

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