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Date: 26<sup>th</sup>December.2017

**MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The Academic Council of Vignan University met on 21.12. 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Board Room, 5<sup>th</sup>Floor, A-Block. Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor of Vignan University, Chaired the meeting. Chancellor, Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu attended the meeting as a special invitee.

**Members attended :-**

1. Dr. K. Babu Rao : External Member
2. Dr. Shanthi Swaroop : External Member
3. Er. D. Rama Krishna : External Member
4. Dr. V.Madhusudhan Rao : Dean, Engineering & Management
5. Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Etika : Dean, Academics and HoD, Chemical Engg.
6. Dr. M. S. S. Rukmini : Dean, Student Affairs
7. Dr. M. Ramakrishna : Dean, IQAC and HoD Mech. Engg.
8. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar : Dean, Admissions
9. Dr. K. V. Krishna Kishore : Dean, IT & LIS and HoD, IT
10. Dr. S. Krupanidhi : Dean, Planning and Monitoring
11. Dr. D. Vijaya Ramu : I/C Dean, Foreign Collaborations and HoD, Biotechnology
12. Dr. K.V. Madhuri : Dean - R&D I/c
13. Mr. Bhaskara Rao : Assoc. Dean, T&P
14. Dr. D. Vinay Kumar : HoD, Applied Engineering
15. Dr. N. Ruben : HoD, Civil Engineering
16. Dr.D. Venkatesulu : HoD, CSE
17. Mr. T. Pitchaiah : HoD, ECE
18. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao : HoD, EEE
19. Dr. K. Kalpana : HoD, Management
20. Dr. N.Srinivasu : HoD, Sciences& Humanities
21. Dr. B. Madhusudhan Rao : Professor, Dept. of MBA
22. Dr. P. Srinivasa Reddy : Professor, Dept. of MBA
23. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu : Professor, Dept. of S&H
24. Dr. A. Sharada : Professor, Dept. of S&H
25. Dr. V. Radhakrishna Murthy : Professor, Dept. of S&H

26.	Dr. K. G. Madhwaraj	: Professor, Dept. of IT
27.	Dr. N. Veeranjanyulu	: Professor, Dept. of IT
28.	Dr. N.Gnaneswara Rao	: Professor, Dept. of CSE
29.	Dr. K. Hemantha Kumar	: Professor, Dept. of CSE
30.	Dr. B.Seetharamanjanyulu	: Professor, Dept. of ECE
31.	Dr. N.Usha Rani	: Professor, Dept. of ECE
32.	Dr. Shaik Jakeer Husaian	: Professor, Dept. of EEE
33.	Dr. K. Venkata Rao	: Professor, Dept. of Mech. Engg.
34.	Dr. L. S. Raju	: Professor, Dept. of Mech. Engg.
35.	Dr. R. Bharath Kumar	: Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Biotechnology
36.	Mr. P.V.S.Sobhan	: Assoc. Prof., Dept. of EEE
37.	Mr. B. Jagan Mohan Rao	: Asst. Prof., Dept. of Mechanical Engg.
38.	Mr. A. Nagabhushan	: Asst. Prof., Dept. of MBA
39.	Mrs. A. Rajani Kumari	: Librarian
40.	Mr. K. Dasaradha Ramaiah	: Physical Director
41.	Mr. M. Bhanu Praveen	: Asst. Registrar
42.	Dr. P.M.V.Rao	: I/C Registrar and Dean, Academic Registration and Evaluation, Member Secretary

**Leave of Absence:**

The following members did not attend the meeting :-

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| 1. | Dr. Shakee Ahmad<br>Pro Vice-Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University | External Member |
| 2. | Dr. P. L. N.Varma<br>Professor, Dept. of S&H                                   | Internal Member |

**Student invitees attended:**

1. Mr. B. Sanjay Bhargav, Reg. No. 131FA10002
2. Mr. E. Yeswanth Kumar, Reg. No. 131FA05076
3. Ms. Abu Taalha Siddigi, Reg. No. 131FA06002
4. Ms. Ravi Vyshnavi, Reg. No. 141FC01049
5. Ms. Ch. Mrudula, Reg. No. 131FA03011
6. Mr. K. Praveen Murthy, Reg. No. 131FA03030
7. Mr. Sk. Mujamill, Reg. No. 131FA04108
8. Mr. P. Manoj, Reg. No. 131FA12042
9. Mr. N. Chaitanya, Reg. No. 131FA08097
10. Mr. Vika Boddula, Reg. No. 131FA08178
11. Mr. J. Radheshyam, Reg. No. 131FA02004
12. Ms. N. U.V.Sai Malini, Reg. No. 141FA01042

13. Ms. T. Sri Amrutha Valli, Reg. No. 141FA05054

**PROCEEDINGS:**

The Chairman of the Academic Council, DR. M.Y.S. Prasad greeted and welcomed all the members to the meeting. Hon. Chancellor, Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, in his opening remarks mentioned that the UGC-AICTE inspection team reported favorably after their inspection to VFSTR in October, 2017. Hon. Chancellor advised that this success should inspire VFSTR to apply for other accreditations. He also advised that VFSTR to commence Off-campus academic operations; launch more job-oriented courses.

Acting Registrar, Dr. P.M.V Rao took over and briefed the Members on the following aspects:

- a. Visit of UGC and AICTE Joint committee.
- b. Constitution of URB and its first meeting.
- c. Visit of team from South Korea led by Mr. Tim.
- d. Honorary Doctorate Degree to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad by Sri Krishna Devaraya University, Ananthapur.

After that, the Acting Registrar commenced the proceedings of the meeting as per the laid down agenda of the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Academic Council Meeting.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> Academic Council held on 14-07-2017 was placed for approval. Since there were no comments from any member, the Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting.

**2. Action Taken on the Decisions of the Previous Meeting.**

Dr. PMV Rao informed the meeting that all the decisions of the previous meeting were meticulously implemented.

**(i) Lab activity and experimentation in the M.Tech. Programs**

Dr. Krishna C. Etika quoted the provision of lab integrated theory courses in M.Tech. R17 curriculum meets the requirements. For example: the three lab integrated theory courses in the machine design program increased the practical periods and experimentation skills of the students.

**(ii) Choice in the mid-exams**

Acting Registrar and Dean, Evaluation, Dr. PMV Rao responded that the current system that mandates three mid-exams compels the students to learn the entire prescribed syllabus. Examination reforms like inclusion of objective type questions given in every question paper of mid-exams and internal choice questioning pattern with uniform difficulty level maintained in questions are deemed to sustain to standards of testing and still produce impressive results. He further added that, the choice system shall however be gradually discontinued in a phased manner in the near future.

**(iii) Industry expectations – Quality of skills imparted: Variance**

Dr. Krishna C. Etika responded that with the introduction of minor projects, actions taken on skill acquirement through laboratory exercises, attachment of faculty to industry for a stipulated period and collecting feedback from industry and using it to take necessary action shall reduce the said variance.

**(iv) Methods of teaching and Technical communication skills for M.Tech. Students**

Dean, Academics responded by explaining that the introduction of compulsory credit-based "Employment Orientation Program" (EOP) will hone the students skills in teaching, pedagogy and presentation. This programme mainly aims for orienting the students towards teaching profession. Responding to the members query about industrial job training, Dean Academics responded that the year-long industry internship and analysis/simulation based project works will meet the said requirement.

**(v) Faculty: Attachment to Industry**

Dean, E&M, Dr. V.M. Rao responded that 10% of the faculties from all departments were attached to industry for a period ranging from 15-30 days and the skills gained thereby were being transferred to students. HoD, ECE, Mr.T.Pitichiah shared his experience gained through industry exposure. Members opined that that the industry attachment should be treated as a continuous programme for an extended period of time.

**(vi) Qualifying criteria and course requirement for Ph.D registrations from industry personnel**

Dr.K.V.Madhuri Associate Dean-R&D explained that relaxation is not planned for Ph.D. entrance examination. However, keeping in view of the requirement of the industry personnel there are proposals to consider NPTEL courses as an option for course work. Similarly based on the number of Scholars, class work may be conducted online. These

proposals will be discussed in the next URB meeting before bringing them to the notice of the Academic Council. Er. D. Ramakrishna, External Member recommended elimination of the memory related learning and testing for deciding the qualifications for admission and course work requirement of Ph.D. programme. Procedures similar to open book test will be in line with professionals from industry and help the University in attracting good number of senior and talented scholars from industry.

**(vii) Life-skills building program on Saturdays**

The discussion on this point is deferred to a later point of time during the meeting as the point is presented as agenda item for information.

**(viii) Launching Bachelors and Masters courses in English Litt. etc.,**

Dean, E&M responded on this point stating that committees were constituted to recommend on the above proposal and their work is in progress and the final report on the recommendations of the committees shall be submitted in the forthcoming Academic Council meeting. Dr. N. Rueben, HoD, Civil Engineering reported on the efforts made so far to commence bachelors course in Architecture.

**3. Agenda points for Approval**

The following agenda points were presented for approval of the Council. The members discussed and approved them with recommendations.

**(i) B.Pharmacy Curriculum**

The agenda point was presented by Dr.Jithendra, Associate Professor, Pharmacy and the curriculum of B.Pharmacy following **Choice based credit system (CBCS)** was approved after discussion. Dr.Jithendra informed the members that the course structure satisfies the PCI requirements and also having flexibility to meet the industry requirements. All the courses in the programme **cater to employability/skills** and promote the spirit of entrepreneurship.

**Outcome: The B.Pharmacy Curriculum, structure and regulations following PCI guidelines have been approved.**

**(ii) Changes in the 2<sup>ND</sup> year courses of Bio-Medical Engineering (BME)**

The details were presented by Dr.Seetaramanjeneya Reddy and Dr.N.Usha Rani, Department of ECE and the changes were approved. Microbiology and pathology course was replaced with Basic Clinical Science.

**(iii) Comprehensive Viva-voce and examination for M.Tech. Programmes**

The details are explained by the Dean Academics. Replying to the members suggestion to involve external examiners into the evaluation process Dean Evaluation responded that the scheme is still evolving and based on feed-back on its implementation the need of external examiner will be considered. The members have approved the proposal.

**4. Agenda Items for Ratification**

**Revised procedures for lab course work and assessment**

The agenda point on revised procedures for lab course and assessment was presented by Dean, Evaluation, Dr. PMV Rao. The point was discussed in the Council and was ratified.

**5. Agenda items for Information**

The details related to the following events were informed to the Academic Council.

- i) UGC visit during 09<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017
- ii) URB Meeting conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017
- iii) Visit of South Korean delegates on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
- iv) Details of faculty attended Workshops and Conferences
- v) Programs for building Life-skills
- vi) Participation in NIRF-2018
- vii) Conduct of Vignan Mahotsav – 2018
- viii) Ph.D admission in the Odd semester 2017-18
- ix) Faculty awarded Ph.D
- x) Candidates who have completed Ph.D in VFSTR
- xi) Sanctioned research grants and funding from various agencies.
- xii) Conduct of Cambridge BEC Exam (22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017) and PET Exam (on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017)

The 18<sup>th</sup> Academic Council concluded with closing remarks by the Acting Registrar, Dr. PMV Rao and felicitation to External Members by the Chancellor.

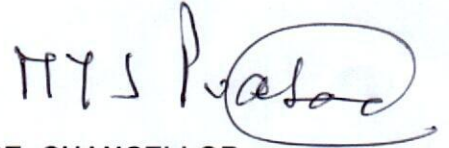
The chair of the meeting proposed a vote of thanks to all the members.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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