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F.No. VFSTR/Reg/A1/04/2021-22_02**Date : 22.12.2021****MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2021 BY HYBRID MODE (PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL)**

The Academic Council of VFSTR met on hybrid mode (physical and virtual) on 18th December 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Board Room, 5th Floor, A-Block. Dr. K.V.Krishna Kishore, I/c Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR : Special Invitee
2. Dr. K. Babu Rao
MD, NAVAYUGA Info tech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad : External Member
3. Er. D. Ramakrishna
MD, Efftronics, Vijayawada : External Member
4. Dr. Vidhu Kampurath Paduvattil
Joint Director-Plant Health Engg., National Institute
Of Plant Health Management, Dept. of Agriculture,
Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of
Agriculture, Govt. of India, Hyderabad : Special Invitee
5. Dr. V. Madhusudhan Rao, Dean - E&M : Internal Member
6. Dr. D. Vijayaramu
Dean, Academics and Dean, Foreign Collaborations : Internal Member
7. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean - IQAC : Internal Member
8. Prof. S. Krupanidhi
Dean, Planning & Monitoring and HoD, Dept. of Biotech. : Internal Member
9. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao,
Dean, R&D and HoD, Dept. of EEE : Internal Member
10. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, HoD, Dept. of Chem. Engg. : Internal Member
11. Mr. A. Narayana Rao, HoD, Dept. of AE : Internal Member
12. Dr. N. Ruben, HoD, Dept. of Civil Engg. : Internal Member
13. Dr. D. Venkatesulu, HoD, Dept. of CSE : Internal Member
14. Dr. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of ECE : Internal Member
15. Dr. N. Veeranjanyulu, HoD, Dept. of IT : Internal Member
16. Dr. L. S. Raju, HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg. : Internal Member
17. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H : Internal Member
18. Dr. K. Kalpana, HoD, Dept. of MBA : Internal Member
19. Dr. Jithendra Ch, HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy : Internal Member
20. Dr. B. M. Rao, Prof., Dept. of MBA : Internal Member
21. Dr. Shaik Jakeer Husaian, Prof., Dept. of ECE : Internal Member
22. Dr. N. Usha Rani, Prof., Dept. of ECE : Internal Member
23. Dr. K. Hematha Kumar, Prof., Dept. of CSE : Internal Member
24. Dr. N. Veeranjanyulu, Prof., Dept. of IT : Internal Member
25. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Prof., Dept. of S&H : Internal Member

26.	Dr. P.L.N.Varma, Professor, Dept. of S&H	: Internal Member
27.	Dr. D. Satyanarayana, Prof., Dept. of Mech. Engg.	: Internal Member
28.	Dr. M. Nirupama Bhat, Prof., Dept. of CSE	: Internal Member
29.	Dr. P.V.S. Sobhan, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of EEE	: Internal Member
30.	Mr. S.V. Ramakrishna, Asst. Prof., Dept. of CSE	: Internal Member
31.	Mr. K. Praveen Kumar, Asst. Prof., Dept. of IT	: Internal Member
32.	Mr. N.S.N. Murthy, Finance Officer	: Internal Member
33.	Mr. R. Suresh Kumar, Systems Manager of IT Services	: Internal Member
34.	Dr. T. Ramesh Babu, Director, AHS (Hons.)	: Special Invitee
35.	Dr. B. Srinivasa Rao, Prof., Dept. of MBA	: Special Invitee
36.	Dr. Praveen Kumar, Director, VIL	: Special Invitee
37.	Dr. G. Sitaramaneya Reddy, Prof. of Biomedical Engg.	: Special Invitee
38.	Dr. P.M.V.Rao, I/c. Registrar and Dean, Academic Registration and Evaluation and Controller of Examinations	: Member Secretary : Permanent Invitee

Leave of absence:

Dr. M. Shanti Swarup, Director of Engineering Math Works, Hyd	: External Member
Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean - Student Affairs	: Internal Member
Prof. A. Sharada, Dean-Academic Faculty Development	: Internal Member
Dr. B. Seetharamanjaneyulu, Prof., Dept. of ECE	: Internal Member
Mr. A. Gouri Sankar Rao, Assistant Registrar	: Internal Member

Above Internal members have taken permission for leave of absence.

Proceedings: -

Dr. K.V. Krishna Kishore who is acting as In-charge Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of the meeting commenced the proceedings of the meeting by welcoming all the members. He informed the members that the previous Vice-Chancellor Dr. M.Y.S.Prasad was retired and relieved from services on 15.11.2021.

He also informed the members that the Registrar Dr.M.S.Raghunathan is on leave upto 06th June 2022 and Dr. P.M.V.Rao was appointed as acting Registrar.

Agenda

I. (i) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of 28th meeting of Academic Council held on hybrid mode (Physical as well as virtual) were placed for approval. After deliberations, the council approved the minutes.

(ii) Actions taken on the decisions of the previous AC meeting held on 31-07-2021:

Registrar informed the members that the respective staff are working on the actions recommended in the previous Academic Council meeting. The actions are delayed in

view of the NAAC inspection happened in the month of October 2021. He informed the members that the detailed report will be presented in the next Academic Council meeting.

II. Agenda item for Ratification

1. Results of Even semester of Academic year 2020-21

Dr. P.M.V.Rao, Controller of Examinations presented the Examination results announced after the previous Academic Council meeting. The results of all the years has shown a drop compared to previous semester results. He explained the members that in the previous semester, examinations are conducted online and the results of online examinations are 10 to 15% higher compared to conventional examinations in view of several reasons like: the Examinations pattern is objective, some students has utilized the re-examination option, chances of malpractices irrespective of precautions. After the discussions members ratified the results.

III. Agenda item for Information

1. NAAC II Cycle grading

Dean - IQAC has informed the members about the 2nd Cycle NAAC inspection. The five member team constituted of (i) **Dr. Asok De - Chairman** (ii) Dr. Mohammad Arif - Member (iii) Dr. Gulshan Bansal - Member (iv) Dr. Saneem Fatima - Member (v) Dr. Sreejith P S - Member Coordinator has visited the institution on 22nd to 24th October 2021. They inspected the facilities and documents very vigorously and submitted the report. The results of NAAC inspection was announced on 26th Oct 2021 and the institute got an **CGPA 3.49 with "A+" grade**. The member opined that the institution deserve a better ranking. Based on the suggestions of the members Vice-Chancellor asked Dean - IQAC to check the possibility of filing a grievance with NAAC. All the External members congratulated the staff of VFSTR for achieving a good grade. Dr. K. Babu Rao informed the Vice-Chancellor to participate in International Accreditations for improving the perception of University.

2. Placements

Dr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean - T&P explained that the Placement process which started in the month of August, 2021 picked pace in the months of October and November and 75 percent of the B.Tech students are placed in various companies.

TCS has picked up 220 students with varying packages from 3.4 LPA to 7 LPA.

CTC has picked up 256 students with varying packages from 4.5 LPA to 6.75 LPA.

Accenture has selected 218 students with packages ranging from 4.5 LPA to 7 LPA.

IT giants like IBM selected 44 students, PWC 28 students, L&T Technological solutions 36 students, Accolite 14 students, KEUS 2 students, KAAR 5 students, CISCO 1 student, INFOR 4 students and many more.

The core company placements are underway and companies like Galla Foods, Greentech Industries, SuryaTech Industries, Deccan Chemicals etc are lined up to hire the core branch students.

Members congratulated the T&P team for placing 75% of students. Er. D. Ramakrishna quoted that there is a scope for improving the average pay package and to look for companies like Amazon & Google. Dean - T&P replied that a comprehensive training programme is designed and being conducted for present 3rd year students and he is hoping for a noticeable improvement in next academic year. He also stated that the placements are going on and he will present the final picture in next Academic Council meeting.

3. **Research**

Dean - R&D has informed the members that 670 Research articles were published by the faculty in the present calendar year. Out of this 600 are Scopus or WOS indexed Journals and around 100 are in UGC identified Journals. He also informed that around 420 Lakhs worth of Projects are sanctioned by the governed agencies to the VFSTR faculty. Regarding the Patents area he shared with the members that one patent was granted and other was published.

4. **Convocation**

Dr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean - T&P and Chief Coordinator of 8th and 9th Convocations informed the members about the details of Convocations.

The 8th Convocation was held on 27.08.2021. 1866 students have taken degrees during the Convocations including 27 Ph.Ds. Dr.D.P. Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and Guest of Honours are Mr. Kwon Young-seup, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Chennai. Honorary Doctorates are conferred to Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Founder Director, Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL) (Doctor of Science) and Mr. Veeramachaneni Ramakrishna, Ketogenic Dietician (Doctor of Letters).

The 9th Convocation was held on 28.08.2021. 1821 students have taken degrees during the Convocations including 21 Ph.Ds. Dr.G.R. Chintala, Chairman, NABARD, Mumbai was the Chief Guest and Guest of Honours are Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President, ICCR and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). Honorary Doctorates are conferred to Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder Chairman of KIIT & KISS & Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), (Doctor of Science) and Dr. Satyanarayana Chava, Founder and CEO Laurus Labs Ltd. (Doctor of Science). In addition 100 medals including Academic gold medals, Endowment medals are awarded to students under different categories.

5. **Student Activity Counsel**

Dean - Student Affairs informed that after reopening of the college post Covid, a total of 17 events have been organized by following all the Covid protocols. Out of which 4 events were conducted in a grandeur way.

WEEK LONG CELEBRATIONS OF GANDHI JAYANTHI

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a week-long commemoration on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary was planned from 26th September to 2nd October-2021. Each day is being celebrated with a specified theme with Invited talks and competitions. Week long celebrations of Gandhi Jayanthi was graced by Sri Vajrala Ramalinga Chari, founder of Sree Mahathma Shanti Seva Ashram, Dr. Nalini Bikkina, Director for GITAM school of Gandhian studies, Mr. Addanki Sridhar, IAS, Executive Director, Tobacco board, Professor M.V.Rajeev Gowda, Member of Parliament-Rajya Sabha , Mr. Bhupal Reddy, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax and Mr.Derek O'Brien, Honourable Member of Parliament-Rajya Sabha. Various competitions such as Elocution, Essay writing, Painting and Quiz was organized. A total of 2365 students participated and experienced the Gandhian principles through various competitions and sessions

WEEK LONG CELEBRATIONS OF VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

To emphasize the need for anti-corruption India, VFSTR organized *Vigilance Awareness Week* from 30th October to 6th November-2021, with the theme "Independent India at 75: *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* - Self Reliance with Integrity". *Awareness Gram Sabha*, Debate and Essay writing competitions was organized as part of it and a total of 378 students participated in various activities.

CULTURAL NIGHT FOR NAAC PEER TEAM VISIT

VFSTR - Student Activities Counsel (SAC) students exhibited their talent and passion by organizing and performing in cultural night for NAAC peer team visit on 22nd October 2021.

"ART OF SMART WORK"

Stressing the need for smart work, a session with Sri.Radheshyam Das Prabhuji, M.Tech. Gold Medallist, IIT Bombay and Global Excellence award winner was organized on 29th Nov 2021 in association with Umeed Foundation. A total of 3254 students participated in the session.

IV. Any other points with the permission of the chair

Dr. Ramakrishna has asked regarding the courses being offered to the students that are not part of the curriculum and also the ones offered by industry personnel during the past few months. Responding to the question, Dean - Academics mentioned that value added courses in frontier areas beyond curriculum are being offered in good number across the campus. Value added courses in the areas of UAV and GIS technologies, Lean and Six sigma concepts, Bioprocess optimization using statistical tools, Economical prospects of meat, poultry, fish and egg industry in India, Comsol multiphysics for biomedical applications, etc. were offered. Regarding the ones exclusively offered by industry personnel, Dean - Academics mentioned that the curriculum comprises of credit based modular courses that are to be exclusively offered by industry personnel. As part of this, courses in the frontier areas of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Supply


chain management, Geophysical methods for petroleum exploration, Clinical data management, Critical care equipment and its importance, PLC AND SCADA, Electrical automation, etc. were offered during the past few months. Dr. Ramakrishna has expressed specifications about the provision of value added courses in the curriculum.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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