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MINUTES OF THE 36TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 09TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The 36th Board of Management meeting was held on 9th September 2020 at 10 AM in the Chairman's Board room (5th floor) A Block under the chairmanship of Dr.MYS Prasad, Vice-Chancellor. The following members were present

Internal members:

Dr. P.M.V. Rao	:	Dean, Academic Registration and Evaluation
Dr. D. Vijaya Ramu	:	Dean, Academics
Dr. V. Ravi Kumar	:	Dean, Admissions
Dr. M.S.S.Rukmini	:	Dean, Student Affairs and Prof., Dept, of ECE
Mr. D. Vijay Krishna	:	Dean, Training and Placement and Assoc. Prof., Dept. of MBA

Comde.Dr.M.S.Ragunathan : Registrar, Member Secretary

Since the agenda item for approval pertains to only one point viz. Award of degrees to eligible students (UG, PG and Ph.D) prior to issuance of degree certificate, the minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the following external members through email for their approval. Once approved, degree certificates will be issued to eligible students. There will be no formal convocation this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

External Members:

Prof. B.V.R.Chowdari	:	Senior Executive Director, President's Office, NTU, Singapore
Dr. H. Devaraj	:	Former Vice-Chairman, UGC
Dr.T.S. Rao	:	Sr. Advisor, DBT, New Dethi
Prof. P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy	:	Vice-Chancellor, AU, Visakhapatnam;
Dr.Y.Sarat	:	Director, United Health Systems, HYD;
Sri.L.Krishnadevarayulu	:	Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group, Guntur

Proceedings

I. Agenda items for the meeting

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 35th BoM meeting held on 29.02.2020:

Minutes of meeting of Board of Management held on 29.02.2020 was placed before the members of Board of Management. The Board members approved the minutes.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 24th Academic Council meeting held virtually on 25.07.2020.


Minutes of the meeting of the 24th Academic Council held virtually on 25.07.2020 was placed for the approval of the BoM. The Board members approved the minutes without any comments.

3. Actions taken on the decisions of the previous BoM meeting

The Registrar presented the report on the actions taken on the decisions of the 35th BoM meeting held on 29.02.2020 for approval.

Action taken report of the 35th Board of Management Meeting held on 29.02.2020

S.No.	Action Point	Action Taken
1	No additional facility or new faculty for the new M.Sc. (Chemistry) program.	As promised to the BOM members, we have not recruited any new faculty for M.Sc. (Chemistry) program for the upcoming academic year 2020-21.
2	Each department / Engineering programs has to identify only one or two thrust areas for concentrated and focused improvement	<p><u>Dept. of Applied Engg. :-</u> Farm implements and machinery</p> <p><u>Dept. of Biotech. :-</u> 1. Life Sciences with a focus on disease biology. 2. Bioprocess optimization with a focus on the development of protocols for laboratory scale production of biological.</p> <p><u>Dept. of Chem. Engg. :-</u> 1. Extraction or recovery of metals. 2. Waste Heat recovery.</p> <p><u>Dept. of Civil Engg. :-</u> 1. Fire and Durability studies on Structural and Pavement Materials like Concrete, Steel, Fibres Etc. 2. Waste water /Ground water Treatment studies. 3. Geomorphometric Analysis and Geo Spatial Applications</p> <p><u>Dept. of CSE :-</u> 1. Artificial Intelligence 2. Cyber Security 3. Machine and Deep Learning 4. Data Analytics</p> <p><u>Dept. of ECE :-</u> 1. 5G Communications 2. Machine Learning 3. Internet of Things (IoT) & 4. Networking</p>

		<p><u>Dept. of EEE :-</u> 1. Power system optimization 2. Electric mobility 3. Design of Power converters</p> <p><u>Dept. of IT :-</u> 1. Machine Learning 2. Data Analytics</p> <p><u>Dept. of Mech. Engg. :-</u> 1. Characterization of Materials. 2. Vibration based condition monitoring.</p> <p><u>Dept. of MBA :-</u> 1. Marketing Analytics 2. Competency Mapping 3. Entrepreneurship Development 4. Financial Engineering</p> <p><u>Dept. of S&H :-</u> <u>English:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Teaching (ELT) • Post Colonial Literature <u>Physics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials for Harvesting • Thin films <u>Chemistry:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Materials • Organic Synthesis <u>Maths :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluid Dynamics • Algebra <u>Pharmacy :-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical method development using HPLC • Targeted Drug delivery system </p>
3	<p>The additional courses to be introduced for each of the new programs (viz. 03 in CSE, 01 in ECE and 01 in Mech. Engg.) have to be thoroughly redesigned in consultation with Industry / Academic experts. (Approach should not be adding one or two courses in the selected specialization with old content)</p>	<p><u>Dept. of ECE :-</u> This Academic Year viz. 2020-21 AICTE accepted only four new programs. Program from ECE dept. will be postponed in next Academic Year.</p> <p><u>Dept. of CSE :-</u> Preparation of the Curriculum for three programs is under progress.</p> <p><u>Dept. of Mech. Engg. :-</u> Refer Appendix (B.Tech. - Robotics and Automation)</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  Appendix.doc </div>
4	<p>The examination pattern and the percentage of change during moderation should also be given in the next BoM meeting along</p>	<p>Will be presented in the next BOM.</p>

	with the trend in semester examinations results.	
5	UNICEF can be approached for funding of Child Rights Centre which is recently decided in a MoU with KSCF	UNICEF was approached by a letter from VFSTR. Reminder also sent on 20 th May, 2020. Reply awaited.
6	The Masters programme in law and PG Diploma courses in new areas of law can be started by the Vignan Institute of Law without approval of Bar Council of India	Dr. Satyanarayana, Former Vice-Chancellor, GITAM has been requested to send a draft syllabus on the programme for placing it in the next Academic Council Meeting.

II. Agenda item for Approval

1. Award of degrees to eligible students (UG, PG and Ph.D) totalling 1688 students (including 44 students with B.Tech. Honors Degree)

Dean, Evaluation presented the results of examinations and details of 1688 eligible students to receive degrees of B.Tech., M.Tech., BBA, BCA, B.SC, MBA, MCA programs besides the details of scholars who completed their research and ready to receive their Ph.D Degree for approval of the Board. The members approved the award of degrees to eligible students.

Few more i.e. around 100 students may be added to the list since results of some more supplementary examinations are going to be announced in the next two weeks.

Dean, Research stated that eighteen research scholars of VFSTR are eligible to receive their doctoral degree after successfully defending their thesis.

III. Agenda items for Ratification:

1. Recruitment of faculty since the last BoM held on 29.02.2020

The Registrar presented on the recruitment of faculty since the last BoM meeting. Shortlisted candidates were invited to appear through on-line interviews with the help of Zoom video conference during 23rd June to 14th July 2020. A total number of 34 candidates were selected out of which 08 candidates with Ph.D qualification have already joined duties for faculty positions as given below.

Professor - 01 (ECE - 01), Associate Professors - 04 (IT - 02, Civil - 01 & CSE - 01) and Assistant Professors - 03 (ECE-02 and Textile Technology - 01). In addition, two candidates with M.Tech. qualification have also been recruited for CSE department and joined duties.

Eleven non-teaching staff joined VFSTR since the last BoM.

2. List of teaching and non-teaching staff relieved since the last BoM

List of teaching and non-teaching staff relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 29.02.2020 was presented by the Registrar who stated that 14 faculty members and

two non-teaching staff were relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 29.02.2020 on different grounds.

IV. Agenda items for Information

1. Status of research activities

The status of research activities was presented by Dean, Research for ratification.

2. Results of second semester of Academic year 2019 -20

Results of passed out batches of B.Tech., M.Tech., BBA, BCA,MBA and B.SC regular were placed before the Board for ratification.

3. Appointment of Shri. Murthy Indrakanti as External Expert in the Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB) of VFSTR.

The Registrar presented that Shri. Murthy Indrakanti has been appointed as “External Expert in the Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB) of VFSTR”.

4. Appointment of Shri. M. Malakondaiah, IPS, Former DGP (AP) as Advisor, VFSTR

The Registrar stated that Shri. M. Malakondaiah, IPS, Former DGP (AP) has been appointed as “Advisor”.

5. Status of new student admissions (Academic year 2020-21)

Dean, Admissions presented on the status of new student admissions for the academic year 2020-21.

B.Tech. Admissions

S. No.	Branch	TOTAL
1	Agricultural Engineering	13
2	Automobile Engineering	01
3	Bioinformatics	06
4	Bio. Medical Engineering	05
5	Biotechnology	24
6	Chemical Engg	06
7	Civil Engineering	03
8	Computer Science And Engineering	218
9	Electronics And Communication Engineering	52
10	Electrical And Electronics Engineering	04
11	Food Technology	21
12	Information Technology	49
13	Mechanical Engg	06
14	Petroleum Engineering	03
15	Textile Technology	0
16	CSE - Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	29
17	CSE - Cyber Security	05
18	Computer Science and Business Systems	0
19	Robotics and Automation	1
Total		446

BCA Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	Bachelor of Computer Application	11
Total		11

BBA Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	Bachelor of Business Administration	28
Total		28

B.Sc. Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	B.Sc.	16
Total		16

B.Pharmacy Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	B.Pharmacy	27
Total		27

Lateral B.Tech. Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	Agricultural	2
2	Chemical Engg.	1
3	Electronics And Communication Engineering	2
4	Automobile Engg.	2
5	Textile Technology	3
6	Biomedical Engg.	1
Totals		11

MBA Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	Master of Business Administration	37
Totals		37

MCA Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	Master of Computer Applications	0
Totals		0

M.Tech. Admissions

S.No.	Branch	Total
1	Biotechnology and Bio-processing Engg.	07
2	Computer Science and Engineering	02
3	Machine Design	1
4	Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI)	3
5	Food Processing Technology	9

6	Structural Engg.	1
7	Farm Power and Machinery	3
Totals		26

Total admissions : 602

6. Online classes for all students during April and May 2020:

Dean, Academics presented on the details of online classes for all students during April and May 2020.

7. Online Examinations - June - July 2020:

Dean, Evaluation presented on the online examinations for final year students conducted from 8th June 2020 to 2nd July, 2020 for 728 students (B.Tech. - 445, BBA - 110, BCA -27, B.SC 44 and MBA - 102) in collaboration with TCS Ion using Artificial Intelligence based video Proctoring. The Dean further stated that VFSTR is the first Deemed to be University in the state of AP to conduct such online examinations and the results were declared within one week on completion of the examinations and communicated to the students online by 09.07.2020.

The same online examination process was adopted for the students of first, second and third year, UG and PG programs with the collaboration of CoCubes.

8. Online commencement of new academic session for academic year 2021-21 on 13th Aug 2020 for all the students including first year students:

Dean, Academics presented on the Online commencement of new academic session for academic year 2021-21 on 13th Ag 2020 for all the students including first year students.

9. Conduct of Bridge course for I year students:

Dean, Academics presented on the two-week bridge course for the I B .Tech students of AY 2020-21 kick started on 13.08.2020 through online. The aim of this course is to bridge the gap between Basic Sciences to Technical / Engineering Applications. The course was started with a grand inauguration function in the morning and followed by an Introduction to Basic Communication Skills.

All the sessions were conducted through zoom application. There were four sessions consisting Maths, Physics / Chemistry, Communications Skills and Fundamentals of Programming languages. The methodology was blended with interaction of teachers via zoom and digital content. Special motivational classes were also conducted. The assessment was conducted at the end the course. Feedback was sought for from the students. About 75% of the students attended the bridge course inspite of having National level competition examinations and expressed their satisfaction.

10. NBA Accreditation

The Registrar stated that National Board of Accreditation (NBA), New Delhi, has granted Tier-1 accreditation to the five programs of VFSTR for a period of 3 years up to 2023. The five Programs are: Biotechnology, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

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



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