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**MINUTES OF 40th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON
12th November, 2021 BY HYBRID MODE
(PHYSICAL AS WELL AS VIRTUAL MODE)**

A special BoM meeting was convened on 12th November 2021 at 5.30 PM in the Chairman's Board Room. The following members of BoM attended the meeting.

1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR : Special Invitee
2. Prof. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC, New Delhi : External Member
3. Dr. T.S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, DBT, New Delhi : External Member
4. Prof. BVR. Chowdari, Sr. Executive Director, : External Member
President's Office, NTU, Singapore
5. Prof. PMV Rao, Dean, AR&E : Internal Member
6. Dr. Rukhmini, Dean, Student Affairs : Internal Member
7. Dr. Krishna Kishore, Dean, Admissions and : Internal Member
Library & IT Services
8. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean, T&P : Internal Member
9. Dr. K. Babu Rao : Special Invitee
MD, NAVAYUGA InfotechPvt. Ltd., Hyderabad
10. Er. D. Ramakrishna : Special Invitee
MD, Efftronics, Vijayawada
11. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar : Member Secretary

The meeting commenced with the opening remarks of the Registrar who invited the External BOM members to wish the departing Vice-Chancellor.

I. Agenda items for the meeting.

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 38th BoM meeting held virtually on 26.8.2021.**

The minutes of 39th BoM meeting held virtually on 26.08.2021 was presented before the members of BoM. The members approved the minutes after due deliberation.

2. **Actions taken on the decisions of the 38th BoM meeting held on 24.04.2021.**
Actions taken on the decisions of 38th BoM meeting discussed and approved.

II. Agenda Items for Approval:

There were no agenda items for approval of the BoM.

III. Agenda items for Ratification

There were no agenda items for ratification of the BoM.

IV. Agenda Items for Information:

1. **NAAC (second cycle) accreditation and results:**

The VC informed the members of the meeting about the visit of NAAC peer team (Second cycle) on 22nd, 23rd and 24th of October to VFSTR. The Chairman of the

team was Prof. Ashok De and Prof. Srijith, Prof. Gulshan Bansal, Prof. Mohd. Arif and Prof Saneema Fathima were the members. The team visited all the departments and thoroughly inspected all the labs and other Infrastructural facilities in the University.

The VC informed that in this NAAC second cycle accreditation visit, A+ grade was accorded to VFSTR with a score of 3.49. The members appreciated the efforts of VFSTR.

The Registrar informed the members that by virtue of VFSTR attaining 'A+' grade in the second cycle of NAAC, the University moved into Category II and hence as per the **UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018**, VFSTR is eligible for commencement of Off Campus Centers. The same was confirmed by the Vice-Chancellor. The BoM members approved commencement of Off Campus Centers at Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam subject to approval by UGC.

2. Relinquishment of the post of VC by Dr. MYS Prasad:

The VC informed the members about his relinquishment from the post of Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR after a pleasant four and half years of service. He said that the Chairman graciously approved his request for relinquishment from the post of VC.

The Chancellor stated that he had association with the Vice-Chancellor for four years and in these four years the VC always discussed every plan with him before he implemented them. He stated that the VC had the capacity of selecting the right person for the right job. With this capacity, the VC was able to achieve 12B status for VFSTR, good NBA ranking and NIRF ranking of 97. He appreciated that he was always very cordial with him. He also praised the VC's efforts in establishing the Robotics Lab.

The Chancellor wished the departing VC a happy and healthy life.

Dr. H. Devaraj praised the VC that the was latter was always dedicated for the institution and did his tenure excellently. He stated that the VC is leaving with a good note which is a happy thing. He appreciated the VC in his efforts to secure 3.49 in NAAC accreditation. He praised the VC that during his stint, the university performed very well. He wished the VC good health with which he can pursue his hobby of reading.

The VC responded that he welcomed all the debates of BOM and received the advices of the members objectively.

The next person to greet the VC was Prof. BVR Chowdari who stated that he was at loss of words on hearing about the departure of the VC. Prof. Chowdari stated that he learnt a lot about the management of the University from Dr. MYS Prasad and the latter's legacy shall be remembered. He shared his advice to the VC that he should be active in his retirement life by travelling. He appreciated the departing VC for being very accommodative all through.

The VC responded that he always welcomed and respected the wise participation and advice of Prof. BVR Chowdari.

Dr. T.S. Rao appreciated the VC that the latter was leaving with a good note. He appreciated the effectiveness of the VC in administration and he was very happy for that. He praised the VC that NAAC brought a lot of laurels to VFSTR and they are the results of hard work of the VC. He advised the VC to spend his retired life by reading all the books he collected and bring all good things to society. He brought to the notice of everyone that the ambience of VFSTR was very good and the VC understood the vision of Vignan.

Dr. MYS Prasad mentioned that the credit of NAAC goes to the wonderful advices of the BoM members with whose support the university was able to secure four out of four in governance.

Prof. Babu Rao stated that planning, execution, leadership and controlling were duties that were excellently borne by the VC. He also wished that the retirement life of the VC shall be happy and healthy.

The VC responded that all the advice given by Prof. Babu Rao were very helpful in R19 and R21 revision.

Dr. Ramakrishna was surprised to hear about the retirement of the VC and stated that he had good interaction with the VC. He wished that the VC should be active during his retirement life.

Dr. MYS Prasad responded that Dr. Ramakrishna has a bigger place in his heart and appreciated the cooperation of the latter in giving good projects for students in his company.

The Chairman thanked all the external members for attending the meeting on a short notice. He thanked the members for supporting the VC. He hoped that VFSTR shall steer in the right direction with their support. He stated that VFSTR crossed many milestones successfully. He appreciated the VC that they shall miss him and the VC fulfilled the requirement of great leadership i.e. empowering

people. The Chairman of VFSTR stated that in the last four and half years there was a good sync between him and VC. He wished the VC a happy life in future.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned and the Registrar proposed the vote of thanks.

The meeting ended with the felicitation of VC by all the members present.



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