

Minutes of 42nd Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 26/7/2025 (Saturday) at 10.00 AM.

Venue: Chancellor's Board Room, VFSTR

**Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research
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MINUTES OF THE 42nd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 26th July, 2025. (Hybrid mode)

The members of Academic Council met on 26th July, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Chancellor's Board Room, A-Block. Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

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| 1. Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor | : Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Sreenivasa Kumar (virtual Participation)
Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Madras | : External Member |
| 3. Dr. Subbarangaiah. K (virtual Participation)
Director and Professor at Veda IIT
VLSI Physical Design, Hyd | : External Member |
| 4. Dr. Debi Prasad Mishra (virtual participation)
Director, NITTTR, Kolkata | : External Member |
| 5. Dr. Shanti Swaroop (virtual participation)
Director of Engineering, MathWorks, Hyderabad | : External Member |
| 6. Dr. Bala Subramanian Raman (virtual Participation)
Professor, dept. of CSE, IIT, Roorkee | : External Member |
| 7. ER.D.Rama Krishna (virtual Participation)
MD, Effotronics, Vijayawada | : External Member |
| 8. Prof. D. Vijayaramu, Dean AAA&FA | : Member |
| 9. Prof. P. Bangariah, CoE | : Member |
| 10. Dr. M. Ramakrishna
Dean - IQAC | : Member |
| 11. Dr. K.V. Krishna Kishore
Dean, SCIT, Dean - Admissions and Recruitment | : Member |
| 12. Prof. B. Seeta Ramanjeneyulu,
Dean-Faculty & Staff Development | : Member |
| 13. Prof. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean P&C | : Member |
| 14. Dr. D. Venkatesulu, Dean R&D, Addl. Dean ACSE | : Member |
| 15. Dr. Sk. Jakeer Hussain
Dean, Infrastructure, Planning and Monitoring | : Member |
| 16. Dr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean - T&P | : Member |
| 17. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean - Student Affairs
Alumni Linkages, Gender Sensitization and Discipline | : Member |
| 18. Dr. Y. Ravi Shekhar,
Dean, Technology and Development | : Member |
| 19. Dr. N. Usha Rani, Dean, SEE&CE | : Member |
| 20. Dr. A. Sharada, Dean, IS | : Member |
| 21. Dr. N. Srinivasu, Dean, SASH | : Member |
| 22. Dr. T. Ramesh Babu, Dean, SAFT and Director AHS | : Member |
| 23. Dr. S.V. Phani Kumar, HoD, CSE | : Member |
| 24. Dr. D. Radha Rani, HoD, ACSE | : Member |
| 25. Dr. Ch. Jitendra, HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy | : Member |
| 26. Prof. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of BME | : Member |
| 27. Dr. M. Sarada, HoD, Dept. of ECE | : Member |
| 28. Dr. T.C. Vekateswarlu, HoD, Biotechnology | : Member |
| 29. Dr. P. Sundara Kumar, HoD, Civil Engineering | : Member |

30.	Dr. PVS Shobhan, HoD, EEE	: Member
31.	Dr. Nandure Narayan Rao, HoD, Mech. Engg.	: Member
32.	Dr. K. Sujatha, HoD, IT	: Member
33.	Dr. Sarita Sathpathy, HoD, MBA	: Member
34.	Dr. K. Santhi Sri, HoD, Dept. of CA	: Member
35.	Dr. N. Seshagiri Rao, HoD, Mathematics and Statistics	: Member
36.	Dr. K.V.Madhuri, HoD, Physics	: Member
37.	Dr. G. Mohanacharyulu, HoD, English	: Member
38.	Dr. Partha Sarathi Rakshit, Director, Law	: Member
39.	Dr. P. Ashok Kumar, HoD, Dept. of Chem. Engg	: Member
40.	Dr. A. Ranganadha Reddy, HoD, Dept. of BI	: Member
41.	Dr. Ch. Govardhan Rao, HoD, Dept. of TT	: Member
42.	Dr. Mohammed Shameem, Asst. Prof of SS&H (represented HoD, SS&H)	: Member
43.	Dr. J. Nitchal Kiran, Prof of Physics	: Member
44.	Dr. M. Nirupama Bhat, Prof. Dept of ACSE	: Member
45.	Dr. Shaik Anwar, Assoc. Prof of Chemistry	: Member
46.	Dr. B. Nageswara Rao, Prof of Mech. Engg.	: Member
47.	Dr. B.M. Rao, Prof of MBA	: Member
48.	Dr. N. Satya Sree, Prof, Dept of Chemistry	: Member
49.	Dr. D. John Babu, Professor, BT	: Member
50.	Dr. M. Sreenivsulu, Prof. Dept. of Physics	: Member
51.	Dr. K. Mercy Rosalina, Prof, Dept. of EEE	: Member
52.	Dr. A. Goswami, Assoc Prof of Chemistry	: Member
53.	Dr. P. Shiva Prasad, Assoc. Prof of CSE	: Member
54.	Dr. N. Ananda Rao, Asst. Prof, Dept of ECE	: Member
55.	Dr. G. Nageswarara Rao, Asst. Prof of English	: Member
56.	Dr. P. Joshua Reginald, Asst. Prof of ECE	: Member
57.	Dr. S. Deva Kumar, Asst. Prof of CSE	: Member
58.	Dr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Asst. Prof of IT	: Member
59.	Dr. K. Maria Das, Asst. Professor of Chemistry	: Member
60.	Prof. N. Veeranjanyulu, Director, CDOE	: Special Invitee
61.	Prof. M. Ramesh Naidu, Prof of Chemical	: Special Invitee
62.	Mr. Prasad Panda, Director, IR	: Special Invitee
63.	Ms. K. Chandana, Director, Outreach & Strategy	: Special Invitee
64.	Dr. PMV Rao, Registrar, VFSTR	: Ex-Officio Member Secretary

Leave of Absence: The following members have taken the leave of absence

1.	Dr. K. Meghana, CEO, VFSTR	: Member
2.	Prof. M. Subba Rao, Director Off-Campus, Hyd	: Member
3.	Dr. K. Kalpana, Dean, SL&M	: Member
4.	Dr. Koya Prabhakara Rao, HoD, Chemistry	: Member
5.	Dr. Adam Stephen, HoD, Social Sciences and Humanities	: Member
6.	Dr.B. Srinivasa Rao, Prof, of MBA	: Member
7.	Dr. Asadi Siva Sankar, Prof, of Environmental Sciences	: Member
8.	Dr. P. Subba Rao, Assoc. Prof of IT	: Member

Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 26/7/2025 [Saturday] at 10:00 AM

Item	
	<p>Welcoming the members of Academic Council by the Chair.</p> <p>The meeting commenced with the welcome remarks by the Chair, Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan who greeted and welcomed the members to the 42nd Academic Council meeting. He stated that convocation of the university signifies the successful completion of the academic year. The Chair handed over the meeting to the Member Secretary who also welcomed all the members of the 42nd Academic Council. He stated that the XIII Convocation of VFSTR shall be held on 2nd August, 2025 and it would be followed by the Convocations of CDOE and Polytechnic Education which would be held together on 3rd August, 2025. The Member Secretary mentioned that there was a healthy growth in the pass percentage which is eventually the result of multi-disciplinary education.</p> <p>The Chair informed the members that the Hon. Supreme Court of India had made it mandatory to appoint Student Counsellors and a Psychologist in every educational institution which was much early fulfilled by VFSTR.</p>
I	<p>Agenda Items for Discussion and Approval</p>
	<p>1. Chief Guest and Guest of Honour for the XIII Convocation – Presented by Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, Chief Co-ordinator of the XIII Convocation.</p> <p>The Chief Coordinator informed that the XIII Convocation of VFSTR would be graced by His Excellency, The Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Abdul Nazeer as the Chief Guest. The Chair lauded the efforts of the Chief Guest as a distinguished jurist.</p> <p>The Coordinator then presented the profile of the Chief Guest. He then presented the profiles of the Guests of Honour Shri Srinivasa Raju, Founder of iLabs Group, Hyderabad; Mr. Ashok Attaluri, MD Zen Technologies, Hyderabad and Komanduri Ramachary, a musical luminary and mentor.</p> <p>The Chief Coordinator then moved the motion to confer <i>Honoris Causa</i> (Doctor of Science and Doctor of Letters) to the visiting celebrities.</p> <p>The motion was approved by all the members of the 42nd Academic Council.</p> <p>2. Assessment Results Released after the 41st Academic Council Meeting – Presented by the Controller of Examinations.</p> <p>The CoE presented the agenda under the following heads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Assessment Result: B.Tech. I Year II Semester (R22C24) Regular May 2025 B. Distribution of Grades C. Assessment Result: B.Tech. II Year II Semester (R22C22) Regular April 2025 D. Distribution of Grades E. Assessment Result: B.Tech. III Year II Semester (R22C22) Regular May 2025 F. Distribution of Grades G. Assessment Result: B.Tech. IV Year II Semester (R22C22) Regular April 2025 H. Distribution of Grades I. Other regular programs – Assessment Results J. Supplementary Assessment Results <p>The CoE stated that all the above results were scrutinized and approved by the Evaluation Standard Committee and presented them for the approval of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Commenting on the results, Prof. K. Subbarangaiah appreciated that there was a gradual improvement in the results.</p>

Dr. M. Shanti Swaroop stated that the results trend was good. He remarked on the more number of students in B and C grades which was an indication of strict evaluation. He advised that the percentages could be presented in whole numbers by rounding of the decimals. He also appreciated the affect the remedial classes and hoped that results of B. Pharmacy would improve in future.

The Chair advised to compare the current results with that of the previous ones for which Er. D. Rama Krishna advised to use Data Science and Power Bi. He advised a perspicuous analysis of the results and the efforts of the faculty. He also advised to undertake more complex activities to improve the learning component of the students.

.Prof. P. Sreenivasa Kumar appreciated the results and advised the academicians to assign the tasks of building proto-type inter-disciplinary models that would develop integrity, sense of belonging and confidence in the students. The Chair responded stating that an inter-disciplinary workshop should be developed and assign some identified students to the peer experts. This activity could motivate the students to commence Start-ups in the future.

Prof. K. Subbarangaiah expected that the correlation chart of results and placement should be prepared

The 42nd Academic Council approved the assessment results after deliberation

3. Details of Students Receiving Degrees During the XIII Convocation – Presented by Dean AAA and FA

The Dean AAA and FA presented the agenda point under the following heads:

- A. Program wise details of students eligible to receive degrees during the XIII Convocation as on 22nd July, 2025.
- B. Discipline wise details of scholars eligible to receive Ph.D degrees during the XIII Convocation as on 22nd July, 2025.
- C. B.Tech. students awarded degrees with Add-ons
- D. Notable achievements by B.Tech. students
- E. Status of students received / receiving degrees – convocation wise.
- F. Percentage of candidates who completed their course work within stipulated time – B.Tech.
- G. Comparison of pass percentage on admitted Vs students who reached the final semester.
- H. Comparison of pass percentage (gender wise) admitted Vs students who reached the final semester.
- I. Percentage of B.Tech. students awarded degrees without any R grade or I during the course of the program.
- J. Distribution of class division out of graduating students – B.Tech.
- K. Various medals being awarded during the XIII Convocation

After presenting the above-said details, the Dean AAA and FA stated that these impressive results testify the progression of the University to evolve as MERU.

Dr. Shanti Swaroop stated that the candidates with research outlook would be choicest ones for employers.

Prof. K. Subbarangaiah, when he advised for improving the statue of PG students, the Chair stated that M.Tech. (Research) was already in place. The Chair answered in affirmative to the query of Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra about Integrated M.Tech. and stated that the same shall take off in the future.

Er. D. Rama Krishna opined that programming skill should be taught to the students while Dr. Shanti Swaroop wanted to encourage the students to write codes using the existing software provisions. The Chair while agreeing with Dr. Shanti Swaroop advised the faculty and HoDs of the Council to LLM models based teaching should be taken seriously.

	<p>The Dean AAA and FA responded to the query of Prof. P. Sreenivasa Kumar that 250 Ph.Ds were awarded to scholars against the 400 supervisors. Prof. P. Sreenivasa Kumar advised that labs should play a vital role and wanted the faculty to encourage the students towards PG studies and establish Centres of Research. He also wanted the students to work on AI.</p> <p>Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra wanted the students to work on fundamentals and the aim of any program was to develop an analytical mind-set. The HoDs and Deans should select the faculty carefully while deploying them to teach the fundamentals.</p> <p>The agenda point was approved by the council on deliberation.</p> <p>4. Chief Guests and Guests of Honour for the III Convocation of CDOE and I Convocation of Polytechnic Education – Presented by Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, Chief Co-ordinator of the III Convocation</p> <p>The Chief Co-ordinator for the III Convocation of CDOE presented the profiles of Dr. K. Ram Kumar, Former Director of IIM Raipur and Smt. Galla Radha Rani, Founder of RR Sports, Vijayawada as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively for the III Convocation of the CDOE.</p> <p>5. List of Graduates from CDOE for the award of degrees in the III Convocation scheduled on 3rd August, 2025 – Presented by Director CDOE</p> <p>The Director CDOE presented the agenda point under the following heads:</p> <p>A. Total number of eligible students (P.G) to degrees in the III Convocation.</p> <p>B. Total number of U.G. Candidates eligible from Jan 22 and July 22 (regular) to receive the degrees.</p> <p>C. Overall data regarding eligible candidates for III Convocation.</p> <p>D. Summary of eligible candidates – Online Learning</p> <p>E. Number of Polytechnic candidates (program-wise) eligible for the Ist Convocation for Polytechnic Education.</p> <p>The 42nd Academic Council approved the agenda point after deliberation.</p>
II	<p>Agenda Items for Information and Ratification</p> <p>1. Graduation of the 1st Batch students of B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture and Placements – Presented by Dean, SAFT</p> <p>The Dean SAFT presented the above agenda point under the following heads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inaugural Ceremony of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture ON 11th November 2021. 2. Overall strength of VIAT 3. Student Strength, diversity and social status in VIAT 4. Student Demographic and academic performance 5. Rural Awareness Work Experience – RAWE Program and Distinguished visitors. 6. Rythu Sadassu and Agricultural Exhibition at Kollipara villegge on 30-10-24 7. Rythu Sadassu and Agricultural Exhibition at Nutakki villegge on 09-04-25 8. Experiential Learning Program: Semester Long in AHS Farm, LARSA Green 9. Allocation of students to internships 10. Educational Tour 11. Global Conference on Climate Smart Agriculture – 27th to 29th March 2023 12. International Conference on Plant Health in Asia – Research Priorities and Partnerships held on 17th to 18th December 2024. 13. Felicitation of 250 progressive farmers on 4th January 2025 – <i>Sankranthi Sambaralu</i> 14. Associate Membership in Asia-Pacific for Agriculture Research Institutions (APPARI) 15. Memoranda of Understanding

	<p>A video was played the Dean SAFT which captured the glimpses of various important events that took place in his department.</p> <p>Prof. P. Sreenivasa Kumar congratulated the Department of Agriculture for its infrastructure and effort. He also enquired about the Natural Farming.</p> <p>Dr. Santhi Swaroop was very impressed and lauded the department for its fusion of industry affiliation, academic excellence and research He advised on the adoption of AI, Digital Farming and Precision Farming. The Dean responded stating that VIAT would have the privilege of thought leadership and three crops could be raised with natural farming.</p>
III	<p>Table Agenda</p> <p>1. Establishment of UG Labs under National Quantum Mission (NQM) – Presented by HoD, Department of Physics</p> <p>HoD, Department of Physics presented this agenda point under the following heads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Quantum Labs: Necessity of the present B. National Quantum Mission C. Quantum Technology D. Objectives E. Methodology F. Structure of Minor Program on QA G. Budget details H. Conclusion <p>Prof. K. Subbarangaiah appreciated the move as right one as it coincides with the state's vision.</p> <p>Er. D. Ramakrishna opined that more in depth knowledge is to be gathered through a panoramic study of the concept.</p> <p>The Chair opined that the presentation aimed for initiation of Minor Program on this area and advised the HoD to come up with a more comprehensive presentation.</p> <p>2. Faculty Industry Immersion Program – Presented by Director IR</p> <p>The Director IR presented this agenda point under the following heads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Updates on FIP Phase II B. Outcome report process C. Research gap D. Academic gap E. Outcome report –documentation F. Immersion companies G. Offline visits / FIP Phase II <p>3. Community based Campus Radio – Presented by Director, Outreach and Strategy</p> <p>The Director presented the agenda under the following heads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Importance in community setting B. Key steps to launch a community campus radio C. Establishment requirement D. Details of Finance E. Team F. Preliminary data G. Range of the FM H. Road map for future

Prof. K. Subbarangaiah queried on the possibility of IP Radio to which the Chair responded that it would require tech savviness of the users in the neighbouring rural areas.

Dr. Shanti Swaroop appreciated the idea as a good initiate and advised to rope in the alumni also into this activity.

Dr. Malakondaiah responded to the various proceedings of the council deliberations and recollected his experience as a Loan Officer in a bank in which he worked in his posterity to clarify that practical knowledge was more important than theoretical knowledge.

He also opined that Industry Immersion Program should be continuous.

Of the students who attended the meeting, A. Sunanda of BT stated that the experience of attending ACM was motivating and informative. She opined that the proceeding of this meeting should percolate to all the levels of university's student community

The Chair thanked the external and internal members of the Academic Council Meeting and the external members present were felicitated. Having discussed all the points, the meeting was adjourned.

There are no action points recommended in 42nd Academic Council meeting.



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