

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Executive Council

Date: 01/08/2025 (Friday) at 10.00 AM.

Venue: Chancellor's Board Room, VFSTR

**Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research
Vadlamudi, Guntur
Andhra Pradesh- 522213**

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON

1st August, 2025. (Hybrid mode)

The members of Executive Council met on 1st, August 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Chancellor's Board Room, A-Block. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Col.Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Shri P. Murali Manohar, Former Member Secretary,
Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education,
Hyderabad (virtual) : Member
3. Prof. BVR Chowdary, Senior Executive Director
(Strategic India and Initiatives)
Office of the Provost, NTU Singapore : Member
4. Shri M. Malakondaiah, Former DGP, AP : Member
5. Prof. Lalit M. Patnaik, Adjunct Professor,
National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISC, Bengaluru : Member
6. Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Former VC, AU, Vizag (virtual) : Member
7. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd. Hyd : Member
8. Dr. E.S. Chakravarthi, Former, Vice-President,
Global RMG HEAD, Bangalore : Member
9. Dr. T. Ramesh Babu, Dean, SAFT and Director AHS : Special Invitee
10. Dr. Meghana Koorapati, Medical Director and Chief Surgeon
Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, Guntur : Special Invitee
11. Dr. D. Vijayaramu , Dean AAA & FA : Member
12. Prof. P. Bangariah, CoE : Special Invitee
13. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean IQAC : Member
14. Dr. N. Veeranjeyulu, Director CDOE : Special Invitee
15. Prof. M. Ramesh Naidu, Chief Coordinator
13th Convocation and 3rd Convocation of CDOE : Special Invitee
16. Dr. K.V.Madhuri, HoD, Physics : Member
17. Dr. Anandarup Goswami, Assoc. Prof, Chemistry : Member
18. Dr. PMV Rao, Registrar, VFSTR : Ex-Officio Member
Secretary

The following have taken the leave of absence:

1. Shri. L. Sri Krishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman
Lavu Educational Society, Guntur : Member
2. Dr. M. Subba Rao, Director, Off-Campus, Hyderabad : Special Invitee
3. Dr. GSR. Satyanarayana, Asst. Prof of ECE : Member

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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 8th Executive Council meeting which is exclusively dedicated to the three convocations scheduled at VFSTR. He expressed his pleasure of sharing the platform with the External Members who were physically present in the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair handed over the meeting to the Member Secretary who also welcomed all the members of the 8th Executive 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 (III convocation) and Polytechnic Education (I convocation) which would be held together on 3rd August, 2025. The Member Secretary mentioned that over 2000 candidates would be receiving their degrees in these convocations.</p>
I	<p>Agenda Items for Discussion and Approval</p>
	<p>The Chancellor Dr. Lavu Rattaiah welcomed all the guests to the meeting. He stated that Faculty Immersion Program was highly successful with the first batch of 40 faculty beneficiaries who returned after their attachment to industry. This FIP has resulted in attainment of projects for faculty as well as the acceptance of Ananth Technologies to sanction a Centre of Excellence in the area of space research at VFSTR. That would be followed by the Centres of Excellence that were promised by ten other companies in the coming year.</p> <p>The Chancellor stated that there would be industry specific placements in the coming years.</p> <p>The Chancellor stated that well before the Hon'ble Supreme Court mandated to appoint Psychologists in every educational institution, the same was fulfilled by VFSTR appointing the experts at the ratio of one psychologist for every hundred students. The Chancellor stated that the placements, in spite of the current meltdown, were 75% which was possible with the enablement of students in self-learning.</p> <p>The Chancellor stated that AI based orientation was desirable for which Dr. Ghanta Subba Rao and others will be supportive. The admissions were good and only 12% yet to be completed. He stated that the courses on Design Technology and AI based learning would be in place soon. The University would function on shift system basis this year. He thanked all the members for extending their cooperation all through.</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 8th Executive Council.</p> <p>2. Details of Students Receiving Degrees During the XIII Convocation – Presented by Dean AAA and FA</p>

The Dean AAA & FA stated that 2137 candidates from multiple streams like Engineering, Sciences, Management and Humanities would be receiving their degrees in this convocation. This multiplicity of courses makes it evident that VFSTR is proving itself to be a MERU. The Dean AAA & 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 the presentation by the Dean, Prof. B.V.R. Chowdary enquired if the number of awardees was progressing for which the Dean answered in affirmative.

Prof. Lalit M Patnaik enquired on the incidence of multiple entry and multiple exit in this instance, then the Dean responded that one student of B.Tech. Food Technology has opted this facility and moved to B.Sc. Food Technology.

In the discussion about the medium of instruction in the lecturing activity, the Chair asserted that L based classes will be purely taught in English medium to suit to the needs of non-local students while the T and P sessions, for the convenience of some students, the interaction will be in vernacular language.

He also apprised the members that the Chancellor's Birthday, on 28th July, would be celebrated henceforth as the Foundation day.

The Chair also mentioned that of the students receiving their degrees, only 6% had limited themselves to 160 credits while 93% had acquired additional academic credentials through were efforts. Three percent of students were inclined towards research.

DR. E.S. Chakravarthi asked about the external add on courses for which the Chair responded that the students receive the add on certification from companies like CISCO etc,. He mentioned that R22 facilitated multiple entry, multiple pause, multiple exit and multiple re-entry. He also mentioned about the Student Exchange Program and also the growing startup-culture at VFSTR and the support offered by the University for the same.

The Dean AAA informed that till date, VFSTR awarded 19508 degrees since its inception. He mentioned that the pass percentage has trended from 95 to 91 and mentioned that in the coming two or three months the percentage would improve.

3. 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>The Chief Co-ordinator for the III Convocation of CDOE presented the profiles of Prof. 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>After the presentation, Dr. E.S. Chakaravarthi stated that in the next presentation the emphasis should be on insights rather than information by the presentation being graphical.</p> <p>The Chancellor questioned on the average pass percentage which was only 70% the Director stated that due to default of attendance below 70% some candidates were not promoted. The Chancellor advised the Director to identify the issues while still retaining the standards. The Chair hinted at the possibility of conducting live classes.</p> <p>Dr. E.S. Chakaravarthi enquired on the placement of Polytechnic students for which the Director mentioned that most of them opt for joining B.Tech. The Chancellor opined that the Polytechnic students should join companies like HCL which were employing Intermediate students, work for certain time and then return to pursue B.Tech.</p> <p>The Chancellor enquired on the delivery of AI content to the Polytechnic students and the Director answered in affirmative.</p> <p>4. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Total number of eligible students (P.G) to degrees in the XIII Convocation. B. Total number of U.G. Candidates eligible from Jan 22 and July 22 (regular) to receive the degrees. C. Overall data regarding eligible candidates for III Convocation. D. Summary of eligible candidates – Online Learning E. Number of Polytechnic candidates (program-wise) eligible for the Ist Convocation for Polytechnic Education. <p>The 42nd Academic Council approved the agenda point after deliberation.</p>
II	<p>Agenda Items for Information and Ratification</p> <p>1. Assessment Results Released after the 8th Executive 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>2. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inaugural Ceremony of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture ON 11th November 2021. 2. Overall strength of VIAT

	<p>3. Student Strength, diversity and social status in VIAT</p> <p>4. Student Demographic and academic performance</p> <p>5. Rural Awareness Work Experience – RAWWE Program and Distinguished visitors.</p> <p>6. Rythu Sadassu and Agricultural Exhibition at Kollipara village on 30-10-24</p> <p>7. Rythu Sadassu and Agricultural Exhibition at Nutakki village on 09-04-25</p> <p>8. Experiential Learning Program: Semester Long in AHS Farm, LARSA Green</p> <p>9. Allocation of students to internships</p> <p>10. Educational Tour</p> <p>11. Global Conference on Climate Smart Agriculture – 27th to 29th March 2023</p> <p>12. International Conference on Plant Health in Asia – Research Priorities and Partnerships held on 17th to 18th December 2024.</p> <p>13. Felicitation of 250 progressive farmers on 4th January 2025 – <i>Sankranthi Sambaralu</i></p> <p>14. Associate Membership in Asia-Pacific for Agriculture Research Institutions (APPARI)</p> <p>15. Memoranda of Understanding</p> <p>A video was played the Dean SAFT which captured the glimpses of various important events that took place in his department.</p>
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The Chair invited the responses of the student observers and one student from IV B. Tech. opined that due to lack of strength, her department is not getting the Best Outgoing Student awards for which the Chair expressed the possibility if there could be department-wise convocation. The student also expressed her concern that though there were learning platforms like SWAYAM, the University is recognising on the courses done from NPTEL. The Chair brought this to the notice of the Dean AAA and initiate necessary actions and instructions to be taken during the BoS of departments.

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



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