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MINUTES OF THE 16th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 12.06.2015

The Board of Management of VFSTR University met on 12.06.2015 at 11:00 a.m in the conference hall of Guest House. Dr. C. Thangaraj, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTRU, chaired the meeting. The following members were present.

Members Present:-

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| 1. Dr.K.Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor | Spl. Guest. |
| 2. Dr.B.V.R.Chowdari, Executive Director,
NUS - India Initiatives, National University of Singapore | Permanent Spl. Invitee |
| 3. Dr. D.S.Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura | External Member |
| 4. Dr.T.S.Rao, Sr.Advisor, Dept. of Biotech.,
Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi | External Member |
| 5. Mr.Ajit Kumar Acharya, Founder Chairman, India On The Move,
Bangalore | External Member |
| 6. Dr.Y.Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad | External Member |
| 7. Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasada Reddy, Prof., Dept. of CSE, AU | External Member |
| 8. Dr.V.MadhusudhanRao, Dean - E&M | Member |
| 9. Dr.Ch.S.S.S.Murthy, Dean - Foreign Collaborations | Member |
| 10. Dr.A.Srinivasulu, Dean - R&D | Member |
| 11. Mrs.A. Sharada, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of S&H | Member |
| 12. Dr.B.Ramamoorthy, Rector | Spl Invitee |
| 13. Dr.R.VenkatNadh,Dean - Admissions | Spl Invitee |
| 14. Dr.PMVRao, Dean - Evaluation | Spl Invitee |
| 15. Dr.M.VenkataRao, Dean - IQAC | Spl Invitee |
| 16. Mr.R.Sambaiah, Finance Officer& Director - External Affairs | Spl Invitee |
| 17. Mr.MD. Shujauddin, Associate Dean Placements | Spl Invitee |
| 18. Mrs.A.RatnaMalathi, Head - Training Cell | Spl Invitee |
| 19. Commodore Dr M S. Raghunathan, Registrar | Member-Secretary |

Leave of Absence :

The following members did not attend the meeting :-

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| 1. Mr.L.Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman,
Lavu Educational Society, Guntur | External Member |
| 2. Dr.Rakesh Kumar, Registrar & Appellate Authority, IIT Delhi | External Member |
| 3. Mr.V.Rajanna, Vice-President, TCS, Hyderabad | External Member |
| 4. Dr.B.Seetharamanjaneyulu, Dean - Academics | Member |

Proceedings:

At the outset, the Chancellor, Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu followed by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. C. Thangaraj formally welcomed all the members to the meeting. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu conveyed his heartfelt thanks to all the eminent external members. The VC, Dr. C. Thangaraj requested the external members to have a thorough view of the various university practices and to provide constructive criticisms and suggestions in different fields for the growth of the institute so that Vignan's University can become a learning centre for the neighbouring institutions also.

The VC also asked the suggestions of members regarding internationalization of university's work in terms of academics, research, infrastructure and social programmes so that Vignan's University can find its niche in the international arena.

Discussion of the agenda:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Board of Management held on 07.03.2015 were placed for confirmation and it was unanimously approved.

2. Action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting.

A report on the actions taken on the decisions of the previous meeting was placed for ratification. The Chancellor remarked that instead of mentioning "Action Taken" for some suggestions, it should be elaborated as to what action had been taken. If necessary, an annexure could be appended to furnish the details of action taken.

3. Agenda Items for Approval

i. Copy of the Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on 04.03.2015

As the members went through the mentioned document, the VC announced that the M.Tech. courses (supposed to be introduced) would not be introduced from this academic year due to lack of experts while the new undergraduate courses such as 1) B.Tech in Petroleum Engineering, 2) B.Tech in Biomedical Engineering and 3) Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) Programme would be introduced in 2015-16.

Prof. Prasada Reddy raised doubt about the success of BCA Programme as it has been closed down in many institutions due to negligible admissions. He also wanted to know why the university had taken such a bold step and what kind of employment could be offered to such students.

Dr. Venkata Nadh, Dean Admissions, replied that the course would run for 25 Afghanistan students who have joined the university. So, it would be better if it could be offered to a few local students who were willing to join.

Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasada Reddy again suggested that the University could think of integrating BBM and BCA to have a better course value.

Dr Y. Sarat commented that it was not possible to integrate as per UGC norms. However, he suggested that BCA and B.Ed. could be combined to make students fit for school jobs.

Dr. T.S. Rao suggested that the management could take further steps in getting students from other SAARC countries besides Nepal.

The Board of Management has finally approved that the BCA Programme can be offered for both Foreign and local students.

ii. Copy of the Minutes of the Planning and Monitoring Board Meeting held on 06.05.2015

The VC mentioned that PMB meeting mainly focused on three main points i.e. HR policy, Placement and Training and Faculty Development Programme as per Industry requirements.

He then directed the Asst. Registrar, Mr. Bhanu Praveen, to finalize the HR policy to be shared with all the members in the next BoM meeting.

Dr. Sarat suggested that it would be better to discuss finance issues in PMB meeting also as finance issue was not discussed in the previous PMB meeting.

iii. Convocation - 2015 - Date of Convocation, Chief Guest & Guest of Honour

The VC informed that for the last two convocations judges were the chief guests and asked the members' opinion to select guests for next convocation to be held in August 2015.

Dr. Y Sarat suggested having an eminent academician as the chief guest.

The Chancellor proposed to confer honorary doctorates on two persons - one from the field of arts and another from the field of science.

Dr. T. S. Rao opined that we must look for personalities who are excellent in their areas but have not got recognition. He also added that this should be discussed in a small committee and proper criteria should be set to select people for the purpose.

Dr. Y. Sarat strongly recommended choosing a progressive farmer to get doctorate. He added that in the case of choosing the chief guest, we must choose a person who is well known for his towering personality but not for his position because a chief guest must have the power to inspire and influence.

Prof. BVR Chowdari urged that while selecting people for convocation, we must see how they had motivated the society and in what way they could contribute to the institution in future.

The VC agreed to the point and remarked that even overseas eminent personalities could be invited which would ultimately help the university in international networking.

Then the VC constituted a small committee comprising the Dean, E&M, the Registrar and Dr. Y. Sarat to select personalities to be the chief Guest and to

receive honorary doctorates by the end of June 2015. Other members were also requested to put forth their recommendations and views.

Prof D.S.Chauhan was of the opinion that the university could follow the tradition of some deemed universities i.e. to hand over all the documents including the final certificate of a student within few days after the final examination so that students would find it easy and convenient.

iv. Budget for the Financial Year 2015-16:

Mr. Sambaiah, Finance Officer brought to everybody's notice about the following budget:

Year	Total Income	Total Expenditure
2014-15	Rs. 490042501.10	Rs. 534,056,020
2015-16 (projected)	Rs. 506556575.00	Rs. 583,037,679

The VC explained that the main constraints of budget was due to (a) no separate money is collected from students towards research though 10% of total expenditure is spent on research and (b) student's fee waiver and merit scholarships constitute 18% of the total budget. Reimbursed

Prof. Chauhan wanted to know about the money got through publications and research projects.

Dean R &D replied that only three projects (two by Bio-Technology branch and one by S &H Dept.) had been taken so far from the last Board of Management meeting.

The Chancellor mentioned that projects in core subjects were not obtained due to lack of expertise in those branches.

Prof.Chauhan opined that income could be raised by increasing tuition fee by Rs. 5000 per student and by getting projects if the expertise is obtained with the help of external experts. The VC requested to contact some external experts who could train the faculty members.

Dr. T.S Rao stressed upon long term finance inflow in terms of availing more DST projects by strengthening expertise.

Prof. Prasada Reddy wanted to know why the University could not try for more admissions to meet the budget deficit. The VC replied that the number of admissions had already been increased in comparison to last year. Apart from that, the University was keen on maintaining the minimum cut off percentage of 70 marks in intermediate to get admissions.

The Chancellor wanted to know if there was any hike in the fee during this academic year. The Dean - Admissions replied positively saying that last year the fee was Rs.1,20,000/- in comparison with Rs. 1,35,000/- this year. The Chancellor pointed that Examination fee could be collected exclusively to enhance the research budget.

Finally, the VC suggested the FO to prepare a more detailed finance statement and asked to conduct a finance meeting soon to find out ways to meet the deficit.

v. Training Calendar for 2015-16:

The VC requested comments and suggestions of members on training calendar that has been designed for all the four year students for the first time.

Prof. Chauhan opined that in-house trainers could accept the challenge of training students for GRE and TOEFL instead of inviting external trainers. He urged upon the need to build up a strong training team.

The VC informed the members that regular faculties would not get time for research and advanced studies if they got busy in training during vacation (the usual training time).

Dr. Acharya stressed on "Something different has to be presented- may be more linked with adhyatmika metaphor." He also suggested that while hiring external trainers we must check their training modality, target time and content thoroughly before endorsing them. He insisted on the idea to start training from first year so that motivation and skills would be reinforced.

The VC asked Mrs. A. Ratna Malathi, Head Training Cell to have more deliberations with Dr. Acharya to bring a change in the training structure if necessary.

vi. Placement policy for 2015-16:

Mr. Shujuddin, Associate Dean Placements informed that 436 students had been placed this year out of 612 eligible students.

Dr. Acharya wanted to know the employment in core sector and suggested to concentrate on getting more campus drives for core subject aspirants as there would be a gradual boom in the employment in core sector.

The VC quipped that the core culture was still primitive and they wanted diploma holders to do the job but not an engineer.

Prof. Chauhan suggested inviting some best outgoing students to deliver convocation acceptance address which will motivate students to a large extent.

vii. Revised Fee waiver for B.Tech. Programmes for 2015-16 admitted students:

Dean Admissions, Dr. Venkata Nadh presented the fee waiver structure (APPENDIX- I) by comparing both the academic years and stressed upon the last category i.e. students availing fee waiver based upon intermediate marks, which was a new addition this year.

The VC wanted to know the eligible candidates for the last category to which Dr. Venkat Nadh gave a number as 58 students.

To a question from the Chancellor regarding the present admission status, Dr. Venkat Nadh furnished a figure of 959 and added that it would cross 1000 as the admission processes would go on till 18 July 2015.

Prof. Chowdari wanted to know the justification of having minor branches with low admissions. The VC replied that it was the Chairman's policy and desire to offer some courses for societal needs even if they were not financially viable.

viii. Intake capacity for UG and PG Programmes 2015-16

Dr. Venkata Nadh, Dean-Admissions proposed the intake capacity of various B.Tech. and M.Tech. courses for the A.Y 2015-16 and same is approved.

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4. Agenda Items for Ratification:

The VC with great pleasure formally announced the following two new appointments

i. Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari of National University of Singapore (NUS), appointed as **'Chairman, International Advisory Committee and Adviser'** and Permanent Special Invitee to the BoM -Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research University (VFSTRU).

ii. Prof B Ramamoorthy, Ex Prof of IIT, Madras as Rector with effect from 15 May 2015.

iii. Faculty Recruitment:

The VC announced that in the period (from 10.12.2014 to 11.06 2015), seven faculty members have joined including the VC and the Rector. He also stated that nearly 61 members from various IITs and NITs have been offered job offer letters who would be joining the university soon.

iv. Resignation of the faculty Members during 2014-15:

However, he also mentioned that 20 members had left the institute mostly to pursue higher studies.

v. Parent Teacher Association Executive Committee:

The VC informed the members that VU has a strong Parent - Teacher Association which meets once in a month to discuss results and strengthen network between parents and the university. The general body also meets regularly to discuss various matters.

V. Agenda Items for Information

1. General Administration

The VC stated that the SSR had been prepared and submitted to NAAC on 27.05.2015 and the institute was getting ready for NAAC inspection on a war footing.

2. Academics Evaluation:

The VC happily announced the phenomenal growth in the results of the students that was nearly 30% more in comparison with previous years. He mentioned that the continuous monitoring in internal assessment, attendance and weekly tests played a crucial role in significant improvement in the end semester examination results.

Dean Evaluation, Dr PMV Rao briefly detailed about the results of end semester exam of all four years: IV year- 92.06%, III year- 74.75 %, II year- 66.91, I year- 67.95%.

Prof.Chauhan commented that electronics gadgets takes a lot of time of students. He suggested more assignments and project works be planned so that students' 'self study' hour would be increased.

3. Admissions :

Vignan's University's B.Tech entrance examination (V-SAT-2015) results were declared on 06-05-2015 by Dr.C.Thangaraj, Vice-Chancellor at a specially organized press conference in Guntur. On the occasion, he announced that the counseling had been scheduled from 15th May 2015.

As on **10.06.2015**, a total of **964** students were admitted into UG programmes inclusive of all branches. As per the proposal of the Admission Advisory Committee, the percentage(%) of the fee waiver was revised and the following is the status of the admissions taken under revised fee waiver scheme:

Tuition Fee Waiver	No. of students
100%	98
50%	67
25%	36

4. Student Affairs

i. International Internship of two students at National University of Singapore (NUS)

The VC whole heartedly thanked Dr B.V.R. Chowdari, Executive Director, NUS – India Research Initiatives, National University of Singapore, for offering internship to our students. After a tough selection process, the following two students were deputed to NUS-Singapore:

1. Ms. A. Poojitha - III year, ECE
2. Mr. Bharat Bhushan - III year, ECE

ii. Attendance details for the II-Semester of 2014-15 Academic year

Information was shared with members.

iii. Internship Details:

Dean, E &M stated that nearly 670 students were sent for Internship in 126 companies in the last two semesters. He also mentioned about the stipend generation amounting to Rs 3,95,000/- by three Depts. Mechanical, Textiles and EEE.

iv. Vignan Mahotsav Details:

The VC stated that a galore of events was brought forth through Vignan Mahotsav, under categories of Sports & Games, Technical Tryst, Literary Rendezvous, Fine Arts and Cultural Fest. With handsome cash prizes worth more than Rupees ten lakhs on offer, the event was the most awaited and drew a participation of more than 10,000 students from various Engineering Colleges across the country. He also said that the budget for Mahotsav-2K15 was nearly Rs 40 lakhs.

Dr. Y Sarat wanted to know about the sponsorship amount, to which the Registrar answered that nearly Rs.10 lakhs was generated as the sponsorship amount. Dr. Sarat suggested better planning to get more sponsorship for this programme as in the case of premier institutes.

v. Students Achievements

The information was shared with all the members.

5) Record of Placements during 2014-15

The VC once again announced that out of the 615 final year students of 2014-15, 436 students were placed in 55 companies.

6) R & D

i) Seminars, Workshops and Conferences conducted during 2014-15

Dean R & D stated that the university has been taking interest in organizing international, national conferences and workshops on the campus. The departments are encouraged to conduct at least one national / international conference every year. Budget is provided by the university and wherever it is possible the departments were asked to approach the industries / institutions also to partially sponsor the programme. A total of 46 Seminars, Workshops and Conferences were conducted during 2014-15 with a budget of Rs.19,85,403/-.

The VC told Dean, R &D to ensure that at least one national or international level workshop was conducted by every department annually.

Prof. BVR Chowdari opined that school and college students could be given a chance to visit the labs and workshops of the university regularly so that knowledge would be disseminated and higher awareness could be created.

Prof Chauhan stated that "Visit University" programme for school and college students would also ensure more admissions.

ii) **Workshops and Conferences attended by faculty during 2014-15**

Dean R &D stated that 253 faculty members attended various Workshops and conferences in 2014-15 to widen their sphere of knowledge and skills. The budget allocated for this purpose was Rs.7,66,480/-.

iii) **Sanctioned Research Projects:**

Dean, R & D reported that three projects have been sanctioned by DST.

S.No.	Name of the Principal Investigator and Dept.	Title & Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Dr.R. Rahul Nair, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Biotechnology	Molecular Phylogeography and Population Genetic Structure of <i>Kingiodendron pinnatum</i> - Implications for conservation management	Rs.26,86,000/-
2.	Dr. B. Lalitha Kumari, Asst. Prof., Dept. of S&H	Novel approach to develop Value added (Biofortification) Production of Tomatoes enriched with Iron – Management of Anaemia among rural women and children in selected Mandals of Guntur (Dt.) A.P.	Rs.46,87,890/-
3	Dept. of Biotechnology	Fund for Improvement of Science &Technology (FIST)	Rs. 19,25,000/-
Total			92,94,890/-

iv) **PAC meeting of DST**

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India, New Delhi has planned to organize the meeting of the Expert Committee on Fast Track Young Scientists (EARTH & ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES) during 29th & 30th June 2015 at Vignan's University. The Committee deals with multi-disciplinary subjects dealing with various facets of Earth System Science (Ex. Earth processes, Water quality, Environmental pollution, monsoon rainfall, climate modeling, satellite communication and upper atmosphere etc.) Several Principal Investigators working on various DST supported projects from different Universities and reputed Institutions will participate in the meeting and present the status of their projects to the committee members.

A committee led by Dr. Avireni Srinivasulu, Dean - R&D - Chief Coordinator, Mr.M.V.Raju, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering - Asst. Coordinator will organize the meeting.

7. **Liaison with US Consulate team**

Vignan's University, in the continuous process of exploring academic tie ups for the benefit of students and faculty members had wide ranging talks with US consulate team members, Mr. Gurdit Singh, Assistant Public Relations Officer and Mr. Mohammed Abdul Basit, Media Advisor on 31.03.2015.

The US consulate team interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr.C.Thangaraj, Registrar, Commodore Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Dean - Engineering & Management, Dr.V.Madhusudhan Rao, Deans and Head of the departments of the university.

In continuation to above meeting, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Dean-Engineering and Management visited U.S. Consulate, Hyderabad and had discussions with the officials Ms. Piya Bhahadur, Mr. Senthil Kumar and Mr. Sraavani on 08-04-2015 .During the discussions, the consulate team assured that they would help VU students who are interested to go to US for higher studies, right from application stage to visa process. They even assured that they would visit VU in the month of June / July and give demos to the students. They further assured that our students could directly contact them at U.S Consulate.

Dr.V.Madhusudhan Rao, has been appointed as SPOC to conduct the programmes.

8. Expert talks by faculty at other institutions

Vignan's University not only invites guests to illuminate our students, but also facilitates the faculty deliver guest lectures in other premier institutes in various subject domain. Twenty seven members delivered guest lectures in 2014-15 and received high accolades for their new ideas and directions.

VI. Any other points with the permission of the chair:

Proposal to invite scientists to campus:

The VC proposed that scientists who can sensitize the students in the field of advanced research and add wings to the aspirants in the field of science and research should be brought into the University network.

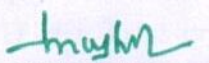
Dr T.S Rao opined to create a centre of excellence in Bio Design combining branches.

Next BoM Meeting Date:

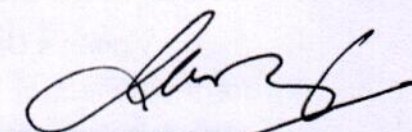
It was decided to have the next BoM meeting a day before the forth coming Convocation so that the external members could attend both the events.

Finally the Registrar thanked all the external members for their valuable time and precious suggestions. He also sincerely thanked the Chancellor, the VC, and all other members and supporting staff including the team behind the screen for making the meeting a grand success.

There being ^{no} further points, the meeting was adjourned.


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APPENDIX - I

Revised Fee waiver for B.Tech. Programmes for 2015-16 admitted students

Earlier Fee waiver for B.Tech programmes

Tution Fee Waiver	100%	50%	25%
VSAT-2015 (Rank) *	1-100	101-300	301-500
EAMCET-2015 (Rank) **	1-5000	5001-10000	10001-20000
JEE -2015(Adv) (Rank) **	1-20000	20001-35000	35001-50000
JEE-2015 (Mains) (Marks) **	>180	150-179	Qfy – 149

Revised Fee waiver for B.Tech programmes

Tution Fee Waiver	100%	50%	25%
VSAT-2015 (Rank) *	1-100	101-300	301-500
EAMCET-2015 (Rank) **	1-8000	8001-16000	16001-20000
JEE-2015 (Adv) (Rank) **	1-20000	20001-35000	35001-50000
JEE-2015 (Mains) (Marks) **	>170	135-169	Qfy – 134
Inter-2015 (Marks) **	>975	960-974	950-959

Note: Various merit scholarships will be offered to meritorious students in each branch, in subsequent years.

(*) for first year only

(**) Four years fee waiver is applicable for only those students who secure 70% of aggregate marks in each year without any backlogs in each semester, and the ranks in JEE (Advanced) should be All India Ranks

Other special fee waivers:

B.Tech Branch	Category	Prescribed fee per Year	% of marks at 10+2 required for fee waiver	Fee waiver applicable	Fee to be collected per year
IT	A	Rs.1,35,000/-	70% or above	Rs.65,000/-	Rs.70,000/-
IT	B	Rs.2,25,000/-	60% or above	Rs.90,000/-	Rs.1,35,000/-
Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Food Technology and Biomedical Engg.	B	Rs.1,35,000/-	80% or above	Rs.65,000/-	Rs.70,000/-
Chemical, Automobile and Textile Technology	B	Rs.1,35,000/-	60% or above	Rs.65,000/-	Rs.70,000/-

Note: The above fee waiver is applicable for four years of study subject to maintaining a minimum of 70% of marks in the preceding year without any backlogs. However, the admission fee for category will remain as Rs.20,000/-

APPENDIX - II

Intake capacity for UG and PG Programmes 2015-16

UG Programmes	2015-2016
B.Tech Programmes	
Biotechnology	120
Chemical Engg.	30
Civil Engg.	60
CSE	360
ECE	330
EEE	60
IT	90
Mechanical Engg.	120
Automobile Engineering	30
Textile Technology	30
Agriculture Engineering	60
Bioinformatics	30
Food Technology	90
Petroleum Engg.	30
Biomedical Engg.	30
BBA	60
BCA	30
Grand Total	1560

Intake capacity for PG Programmes	
M.Tech Programme	2015-16
M.Tech (PED)	18
M.Tech (Embedded Systems)	18
M.Tech (VLSI)	18
M.Tech (Machine Design)	18
M.Tech (Biotechnology)	18
M.Tech (CSE)	18
M.Tech (Food Processing Technology)	18
M Tech (Structural Engg .)	18
M Tech (Farm Machinery)	18
MCA	60
MBA	120
Grand Total	342