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## MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 24.03.2018

The 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of VFSTR was held on 24.03.2018 (Saturday) at 10:00 AM in the Board Room (V Floor) of A-Block. Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, VFSTR Chaired the meeting.

The following members were present.

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| 1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR                                 | Special Invitee   |
| 2. Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari, President, NTU, Singapore                          | External Member   |
| 3. Dr. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC                                  | External Member   |
| 4. Dr. T. S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, Dept. of Biotech., Min. of S&T, Govt. of India | External Member   |
| 5. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems, Hyderabad                   | External Member   |
| 6. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy, Prof., Department of CSE, AU               | External Member   |
| 7. Dr. K. V. Krishna Kishore, Dean, IT and Library Services                   | Internal Member   |
| 8. Dr. M. Rama Krishna, Dean, IQAC  | Internal Member   |
| 9. Dr. S. Krupanidhi, Professor, Department of Biotechnology                  | Internal Member   |
| 10. Dr. K.V. Madhuri, Assoc. Prof., Dept of S&H                               | Internal Member   |
| 11. Mr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Assistant Professor, Dept. of IT              | Internal Member   |
| 12. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Controller of Exams                                     | Permanent Invitee |
| 13. Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean, Engineering and Management                            | Special Invitee   |
| 14. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean, Student Affairs                                 | Special Invitee   |
| 15. Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dean, Admissions  | Special Invitee   |
| 16. Dr. Vijay Ramu, Dean, Academics and Foreign Collaboration                 | Special Invitee   |
| 17. Dr. Vidhu Kampurath, Dean R&D   | Special Invitee   |
| 18. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean, Training and Placement                        | Special Invitee   |
| 19. Mr. R. Sambaiah, Finance Officer  | Special Invitee   |
| 20. Dr. G.Sreenivasa Rao, HoD, Dept. of EEE                                   | Special Invitee   |
| 21. Dr. N. Srinivas, HoD, Dept. of S&H  | Special Invitee   |
| 22. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR                              | Member Secretary  |

### Leave of Absence

The following members did not attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

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| Sri. L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group | External Member |
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## Proceedings

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM and the Chair Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad welcomed all the members to the meeting. After pleasantries, the Chair, Dr. M. Y. S. Prasad requested Hon. Chancellor, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu to commence the meeting with his remarks.

Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu greeted all the members of the meeting. As the Hon. Chancellor mentioned the award of Honorary Doctorate to Dr. B.V. R. Chowdari, all the members present greeted him. Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu informed the members about the good impressions of Vice-President of India on VFSTR and expressed his hope that VFSTR shall achieve a good rank among the other Universities in the coming times.

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan commenced the proceedings of the meeting of BoM by explaining the various heads in the corpus of the agenda to the Board Members.

### 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting

The Chair invited the comments from the members on the minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting held on 27.12.2017. With no comments, the members confirmed the minutes.

### 2. Actions taken on the decisions of the 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting

The members concerned with the decisions of the 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting responded to this agenda point as follows:

#### A. Feasibility study to start M.A. (English), M.A. (Mass Communications), B.Arch., M.Sc. (Health Psychology) and M.A. (Health Economics)

Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean, Engineering and Management explained that a team conducted feasibility study and deliberations with the English faculty from Department of S&H and faculty from the Department of Civil Engineering. In these deliberations, the rationale for commencing PG program was assessed by inviting the Feasibility Report from the faculty of the departments and consequently, only M.A. (English) was considered feasible to be commenced from the coming academic year. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy and Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari supported the decision considering the good employment opportunities for post-graduates in English.

As part of this deliberation, Prof. Devaraj and Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy suggested that MOOCs facility can be utilized to the advantage of the PG program by adopting one or two courses from MOOCs and according credits to them. It was suggested that projects related to Health Economics can be introduced to the students of MBA as a precursor to the two year M.A. (Health Economics) course in future. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy drew the attention of the members to PG program in Health Psychology and advised to take the modus of Central University of Hyderabad as reference.



**B. Supporting students' attachment program to NTU, Singapore as offered by Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari**

Dean, Foreign Collaboration, Dr. Vijay Ramu presented that deserving students were identified along with faculty supervisors from VFSTR. Research themes and supervisors at NTU were identified and these details were posted to Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari. Dr. Vijay Ramu also informed that faculty at NTU were contacted.

Prof. Chowdari responded that NTU's 'India Connect' program offers Research internship program for Indian students which is dependent on faculty and research projects proposed. The admission of students into NTU involves various bodies, right supervisors and approval at various levels. He appreciated the efforts of VFSTR students who were earlier sent to NUS.

Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy suggested a possibility that the entire first semester of the fourth year can be dedicated for project by adjusting one subject of the course work into the second semester of third year and the other into second semester of fourth year.

**C. Opinion of external experts on the course content of B.Pharmacy**

Dr. Vijay Ramu, Dean, Academics stated that the course content of B.Pharmacy was good in the opinion of external experts who were selected on the basis of their good H-Index.

**D. Centre for elite courses (or) Finishing school in Department of Bio Technology**

HoD, BioTechnology, Dr. Sri Rama Krupanidhi responded that all the academic and allied benefits of a finishing school are enjoyed by the students of Bio Technology in VFSTR which is evident in the high placement rate in students of the department of Bio Technology. He also brought to the notice of the members that APSSDC offers a three month programme named 'Pratyancha' which has benefits equal to that which are drawn from the elite courses and centers suggested in the previous BoM. He also informed the members that 09 Bio Technology students received employment offer which is preceded by an induction course like training program conducted at Chalapathi College, at Lam, Guntur.

**E. Out of turn promotion for deserving faculty**

The Chair, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad explained the intention behind the plan to give out of turn promotion to some deserving faculty i.e. to prevent the attrition of outstanding faculty. Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad explained that good faculty with consistent performance in teaching and research shall, on the recommendations of their HoD, will be processed for out of turn promotion. Dr. Y. Sarat in this respect advised, which was seconded by Dr. T.S. Rao, to frame a rational criteria for identifying star performers and they shall



also be offered the benefit of self appraisal to present their case comprehensively.-  
Dr. H. Devaraj pointed at the important role of IQAC in the context of granting out of turn promotion to faculty. The Chair concluded the discussion on the point that this plan with good intent shall be implemented with objectivity.

**F. Coursework for Ph.D scholars and UGC norms.**

Following the discussion on the issue of customizing the coursework of Ph.D scholars from industry, the Dean - R&D made a statement that no compromise of UGC norms shall happen in the research programs of VFSTR.

**3. Continuation of the Deemed to be University status accorded by UGC consequent upon the recommendations of UGC and AICTE Expert Committee visit during 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017.**

The members were informed by the Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan about the recommendations of the UGC and AICTE Expert Committee that visited VFSTR on 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 according to which the deemed University status of VFSTR was preserved. In this regard, Dr. H. Devaraj advised for more rigorous research activity in VFSTR which shall assure 3.26 - 3.5 NAAC rating for VFSTR.

**4. Recent initiatives of AICTE and VFSTR response**

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan informed the members of BoM about the developments related to

- i) Application to AICTE seeking approval for commencement of technical programs as a new technical institution & subsequent visit of AICTE Expert Committee to the University on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
- ii) Filing of Writ Petition (W.P) in the Hon. High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad against AICTE on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and conditions that led to the filing of W.P and thereof.

**II. Agenda items for approval**

All the under-mentioned agenda items were presented for the approval of the Board.

**1. Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**

The Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting were presented to the BoM by Finance Officer, Mr. R. Sambaiah. In the discussion that ensued on this agenda point, the following advices were given by the members before they approved the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting:

Dr. T.S. Rao advised that VFSTR should make efforts to acquire more funding from external agencies. He mentioned about the MHRD's IMPRINT - 2 which funds research programs of the institutions.

Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy advised to consult research organizations to recruit the researchers into VFSTR.



Dr. Y. Sarat advised to recruit more faculty having flair for research.

Dr. B.V. R. Chowdari advised to upgrade the research standards and performance in VFSTR to match the competition at DST.

**2. Commencement of Off-campus centers in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam**

The discussion on this agenda point was deferred to the next meeting of BoM.

**3. Division of the Department of S&H into four Schools**

Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, S&H presented the proposal to divide the present S&H department for administrative convenience to form four divisions comprising School of Physical Sciences, School of Chemical Sciences, School of Mathematics and School of Linguistics Studies. The proposal was approved by the members.

**4. Eligibility / Intake and Tuition fee waiver for UG and PG Programmes for 2018-19**

The agenda point was presented by Dean, Admissions and was approved by the BoM (Enclosure).

**5. In principal approval to commence PG courses in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry from the academic year 2019-20**

The proposal to commence PG courses in Mathematics from the Academic Year 2018-19, and Physics and Chemistry from the academic year 2019-20 was presented by Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, S&H seeking approval of members of BoM in principle. The proposal was approved by the members in principle.

**III. Agenda items for ratification**

All the under-mentioned agenda items were presented for the ratification of the members of the Board of Management.

- i) Change of Deans and HoDs
- ii) Appointment of Adjunct Professors
- iii) Appointment of Advisers for VFSTR
- iv) Appointment of Professors from Korea as Guest Professors in the Department of CSE.
- v) Recruitment of faculty in various IITs/NITs/IIITs etc., for the academic year 2018-19 through campus recruitment.
- vi) Recruitment of faculty in VFSTR from 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 to till date.
- vii) List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since last BoM meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

All the agenda items were discussed by the members and were ratified.

**IV. Agenda items for information**

All the under-mentioned agenda items were presented for the information of the Board.



- i) Results of First semester of Academic year 2017-18 [presented by Dean, Evaluation, Dr. PMV Rao]
- ii) Sports Fete and Vignan Mahotsav - 2018 [presented by Dean, Students' Affairs, Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini]
- iii) International student exchange program [presented by Dean, Foreign Collaborations, Dr.D. Vijay Ramu]
- iv) Status of campus placements and felicitation of parents of students placed through campus placements [presented by Dean T&P, Mr. D. Vijay Krishna]
- v) Commissioning of 1MW Roof Top Solar PV Plant on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. [presented by HoD, EEE, Dr. G.Sreenivasa Rao]
- vi) Nomination of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, VC of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow by UGC as member in Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB) of VFSTR. [presented by Cmde, Dr. M.S. Raghunathan]
- vii) MoUs signed with institutions / industry since the last BoM Meeting. [presented by the Cmde, Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR]
- viii) List of active and inactive MoUs with Academia / Industry. [presented by the Cmde: Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR]
- ix) One more skill development lab sanctioned by APSSDC. [presented by Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean, E&M]
- x) Parent - Teachers Association (PTA) meeting [presented by Dr. MSS Rukmini, Dean, Student Affairs]

All the members of the Board took a note of the above-mentioned agenda points.

Hon'ble Chancellor expressed his happiness in informing the members that funded projects are expected by the end of March. He also said that VFSTR is putting committed efforts to acquire projects. He advised that capable faculty whether on regular or adjunct basis have to be recruited for the sake of excellence in research.

The meeting concluded with the remarks of the Chair, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad who assured that good proposals shall be considered with special interest. He further stated that internal quality of research in VFSTR will be enriched.

**The decisions / actions from the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Management Meeting are as given below:-**

1. Commencement of two year course in MA - English and M.Sc. - Mathematics is approved to start from the coming academic year pending course design and UGC approval. The decision was taken however, with a remark on the legitimacy and technicality involved in launch of course in Humanities under Department of S&H.  
[Action: Deans E&M; Academics and HoD, S&H]
2. Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari announced his support to the admission of students from VFSTR into internship program at NTU. It was also decided that the credits for this attachment



program which shall be deemed as "Extended Internship" shall be ascertained by appropriate authority in VFSTR.

[Action: Dean, Academics and Dean - Evaluation]

3. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy offered support for research in VFSTR through the program called Bionic Year of Andhra University.

[Action: Dean, Research and Development]

4. Comprehensive research plan of the University to be presented in the forthcoming BoM Meeting.

[Action: Dean, Research and Development]

5. The Office of Research and Development should make efforts to identify fake journals even from the white list of journals released by UGC by a thorough review of all journals.

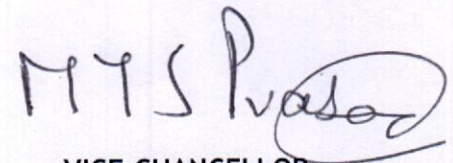
[Action: Dean, Research and Development]

The 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Management Meeting concluded as the Registrar proposed the Vote of thanks to the members. The External Members were felicitated by Hon'ble Chairman, Sri. Dr. L. Rathaiah and the Chair, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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## Eligibility / Intake and Tuition fee waiver for UG and PG Programmes for 2018-19

Intake for UG Programmes : -

Intake capacity for UG Programmes:-

B.Tech.	2018-19
BIOTECHNOLOGY	180
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	60
CIVIL ENGINEERING.	60
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	540
ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING	420
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	60
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	120
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	120
AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING	60
TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY	60
AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING	60
BIOINFORMATICS	60
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	120
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	60
PETROLEUM ENGINEERING	60
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	180
BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	60
B.Pharmacy	60
B.Sc. (M.S.Cs)	120
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2460</b>

Intake capacity for PG Programmes

M.Tech.	2018-19
POWER ELECTRONICS AND DRIVES	18
EMBEDDED SYSTEMS	18
VERY LARGE SCALE INTEGRATION (VLSI)	18
MACHINE DESIGN	18
BIOTECHNOLOGY	18
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	36
FOOD PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY	18
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING	36
FARM MACHINERY	18
MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	60
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	240
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>498</b>

Eligibility and Tuition fee waiver :-

- It is approved that the fee waiver should be extended to V-SAT rankers for four years of study.



**Tuition Fee waivers for B.Tech programmes:**

Tuition Fee waiver	100%	50%	25%
V-SAT (Rank)*	1-50	51-100	101-200
EAMCET *	Below 8000	8001-16000	16001-20000
JEE (Adv) (Rank)*	Below 20000	20001-35000	35001-50000
JEE Mains (Marks)*	>170	135-169	Qualifying mark-134
Inter Marks	>975	960-974	950-959

\*Minimum eligibility to avail fee waiver is 80% aggregate marks in Inter/+2 examinations.

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

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

**Tuition Fee waivers for BBA programme:**

- 50% Tuition Fee waiver for 80% and above at 10+2 level
- 25% Tuition Fee waiver for 70-80% at 10+2 level

**Tuition Fee waivers for Different PG Programmes (2018-19)**

**For M.Tech Programmes**

**Tuition Fee waiver based on GATE / PGCET performance:**

% of Marks at B.Tech Level	Test	Tuition Fee Waiver	Fee to be paid after fee waiver
Min 60% for general and Min 55% for BC / SC / ST / Differently enabled	GATE qualified	Full Tuition Fee waiver	First year: Rs.10,000/- (Admission Fee) Second year: NIL
Min 60% for general and Min 55% for BC / SC / ST / Differently	Top 20% in PGCET in the concerned Dept.	50% Tuition Fee waiver	First year: Rs.60,000/- (Rs.10,000/- + Rs.50,000/-) Second year: Rs.50,000/-

**Tuition Fee waivers based on performance in Vignan Merit Test:**

% of Marks at B.Tech Level	Marks to be obtained by the candidate in Vignan Test	Tuition Fee waivers	Fee to be paid after fee waiver
75% and above	As prescribed by the Dept.	Full Tuition Fee waiver	First year: Rs.10,000/- (Admission Fee) Second year: NIL
70 to 75%		75% Tuition Fee waiver	First year: Rs. 35,000/- (Rs.10,000/- + Rs.25,000/-) Second year: Rs. 25,000/-
65 to 70%		50% Tuition Fee waiver	First year: Rs.60,000/- (Rs.10,000/- + Rs.50,000/-) Second year: Rs.50,000/-
60 to 65%		25% Tuition Fee waiver	First year: Rs.85,000/- (Rs.10,000/- + Rs.75,000/-) Second year: Rs.75,000/-



### For MBA Programme

#### Fee waivers

- **100% Tuition fee waiver**  
ICET Rankers below 1000 & 70% and above in any Bachelor Degree (Only 6 seats on first come first serve basis)
- **50% Tuition fee waiver (To pay Tuition fee Rs.49,000 per year only)**  
ICET Rank below or equal to 10,000 (or)  
B.Tech students with above 80% and qualified in the Written test of the University (or)  
MAT/CAT Score above 7 on 10 point scale.
- **25% fee waiver (To pay Tuition fee Rs.73, 500per year only)**  
ICET Rankers from 10,001 to 20,000 (or)  
B.Tech students with above 70% and qualified in the Written test of the University (or) MAT/CAT Score above 6 on 10 point scale.

### For MCA Programme

% of Marks at UG Level	Test	Tuition Fee waivers
60% and above	ICET'18 rank below 5,000	50% Tuition Fee waiver
60% and above	ICET'18 rank in between 5001 to 7500	25% Tuition Fee waiver

\* Tuition Fee waivers will be applicable for II and III years only if the student is promoted with 70% of marks in the previous year without any backlogs.

#### TA ships for Ph.D. Scholars:

For selected Ph.D. Scholars, teaching assistantship will be offered with a pay of Rs.18,000/- per month for science students during first two years and for satisfactory work report the amount will be hiked to Rs.25,000/- per month for science students and Rs.30,000/- per month for engineering students for the next two years.

#### Tuition Fee waivers for spouse / son / daughter of Vignan University Staff:

20% tuition fee waiver in all years of the UG / PG. programmes for those students who is a spouse / son / daughter of an employee of Vignan University.

#### Tuition Fee waivers for Vignan Alumni:

10% tuition fee waiver in all years of the UG / PG. programmes for those students who studied the qualifying exam in Vignan institutions.