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MINUTES OF THE 20th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 06.05.2016

The Board of Management of VFSTR University met on 06.05.2016 at 10:00 am in the Board Room, 5th Floor, A - Block. **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. Invitee |
| 2. Dr. Prahlada Ramarao, Advisor, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 3. Dr M Y S Prasad, Advisor, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 4. Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay, Advisor / Scientist 'G', SERC, DST, New Delhi | Member |
| 5. Prof. D.S.Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor, GLA University & Former Vice-Chancellor, Uttaranchal Technical University | Member |
| 6. Dr.T.S.Rao, Sr.Advisor, Dept. of Biotech, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi | Member |
| 7. Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy, Prof., Dept. of CSSE, AU | Member |
| 8. Mr.Ajit Kumar Acharya, Founder Chairman, India on the Move, Bangalore | Member |
| 9. Dr.Y.Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad | Member |
| 10. Mr.L.Srikrishnadevarayalu, Trust Nominee | Member |
| 11. Dr. B. Ramamoorthy, Rector, VFSTRU | Member |
| 12. Dr.V.Madhusudhan Rao, Dean - E&M, VFSTRU | Member |
| 13. Dr. B. Seetharamanjaneyulu, Dean, Academics, VFSTRU | Member |
| 14. Dr.Avireni Srinivasulu, Dean - R&D, VFSTRU | Member |
| 15. Dr.Ch.S.S.S.Murthy, Dean - Foreign Collaborations, VFSTRU | Member |

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| 16. Mrs. A. Sharada, Associate Professor, Dept. of S&H, VFSTRU | Member |
| 17. Dr. P.M.V.Rao, Dean - Evaluation, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 18. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 19. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, Dean - T&P and HoD, Dept. of Chem. Engg. VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 20. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean – IQAC and HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg., VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 21. Dr. N. Gnaneswara Rao, HoD, Dept. of CSE, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 22. Dr. N. Usha Rani, HoD, Dept. of ECE, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 23. Dr. K. P. Vidhu, HoD, Dept. of Applied Engg., VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 24. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, HoD, Dept. of EEE, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 25. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 26. Dr. D. Vijaya Ramu, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Biotechnology, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 27. Mr. R. Sambaiah, Finance Officer, VFSTRU | Spl. Invitee |
| 28. Commodore Dr M S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTRU | Member- Secretary |

Leave of Absence:

The following members did not attend the meeting:-

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| 1. Dr. K. Rakesh Kumar, Secretary (Education), Govt. of H.P | Member |
| 2. Mr. V. Rajanna, Vice President & Regional Head, Tata Consultancy Services, Synergy Street park, Hyderabad | Member |
| 3. Dr. Alamelu Mangamma Hebsur, HoD, Dept. of Civil Engg. | Spl. Invitee |

Proceedings:

At the very outset, the Chairman of the meeting Dr. C. Thangaraj, Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members and special invitees to the meeting on behalf of the entire Vignan's University management and family. At the request of the Chair, Cmde. Dr. M. S. Raghunathan, Member Secretary, officially welcomed all members and invitees by offering flower bouquets.

The Vice-Chancellor heartily congratulated Prof. D. S. Chauhan, one of the external members, for being designated as the next President, Association of Indian Universities. He expressed that Vignan's University would always be proud of having

Prof. D. S. Chauhan as one of its members. The Board wished him many more successes.

The Chancellor, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu extended his warm greetings to Prof. D. S. Chauhan and gave a brief resume, recalling his services in the Chair of Vice-Chancellor for more than 15 years, which is quite unique.

Then the Vice-Chancellor warmly welcomed Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay, for his august debut presence in the Board of Management meeting. He also thanked Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay for his forenoon interactive sessions with the scientists and researchers of the university to augment research in a holistic manner by implementing advanced technologies and latest innovations.

Before starting the discussion, the Vice-Chancellor gave a bird's eye view of the agenda of the meeting and mentioned that the meeting was very crucial as many important decisions, which were taken in the last three meetings such as Planning and Monitoring Board, Academic Council and Finance Committee, were to be ratified in the present meeting.

He also showered his high praise on the Finance Committee members for giving a philosophical foundation to the financial activities and devising exact formulae for allocation of funds to various areas.

Agenda:

The action taken report of 19th Board of Management Meeting held on 30.01.2016 was placed before the honorable members to invite comments and suggestions and to finally ratify them.

Dr Prahlada Ramarao, wanted to know the status of the five year plans (point-12) that had been envisaged in the last Board of Management meeting. The Vice-Chancellor told that the four committees namely - Infrastructure Planning Committee, Research Plans Committee, Admissions Committee and Academics Committee had been constituted and the work is in progress. A final picture of the concrete plan would come into shape in August 2016. The Vice-Chancellor also mentioned that the department wise five year plans as submitted by departments would be circulated to all external members. In addition, Dr. Prahlada Ramarao suggested the Vice-Chancellor to have an integrated five-year plan for the University and to circulate to members. It was resolved to accept the proposal.

Dr A Mukhopadhyay supplemented that there were number of avenues to get funds for material science from DST and FIST. He again emphasized that even the University could have an exclusive well equipped research lab on water technology to render service to all the departments. At the same time it would be a centre that could address the issues of local people and in that way a strong niche and good reputation could be built up. It would also generate revenue and attract more funds from premier scientific bodies.

Dr Prahlada Ramarao suggested to open an instrumentation lab for common usage. He added that the lab needn't be used only for the University but for other people also, under the auspices of the university so that the university, can contribute to the society in a better way.

At this juncture, Dr T S Rao, external member, added that every instrument must be utilized optimally, with at least 80% internal use of the university and 20% for external use to generate revenue from external projects. Quoting the example of the e-learning system of the university, he told that it was not used optimally due to lack of awareness. By creating better awareness among stakeholders, all the existing and new technologies and equipment could be utilized to the fullest extent.

Dr MYS Prasad, advisor to Vignana's University, wanted to know the actual reason for low admission rate in Chemical Engineering Department - was it because of lack of faculty, lack of interest among students or placement opportunities?

The Vice-Chancellor replied that there was no issue from faculty members as well qualified faculty members have been recruited for Chemical Engineering Department. HoD Chemical Dept. mentioned that the students of Andhra Pradesh were more interested in software jobs and opted for IT related fields. Dr. Prahlada Ramarao also asserted that it was a regional bias and herd mentality among students of this area. The interest of students had an adverse role in low admission to this department.

Mr Ajit Kumar Acharya, External Member, enquired about the inclusion of Architecture in Civil Engineering. The Vice-Chancellor answered that not only architecture but also Green Buildings Structures had been included in R16 curriculum by discussing with external members from reputed industries.

Dr Prahlada Ramarao suggested that members of Board of Study must keep track of the latest developments in the field of engineering and try to accommodate those in the syllabus to enable students to keep abreast of industry.

Agenda Items for Approval:

- i. The Minutes of the 3rd Planning and Monitoring Board meeting held on 19.03.2016 was placed for approval by the members. The Vice-Chancellor specially focused on the suggested Meeting calendar by Planning and Monitoring Board to avoid last minute changes in plans and change of scheduled engagements of the honourable members for the rest of the year.

| S. No. | Name of the Board | Dates |
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| 1 | Board of Management | 12.11.2016 and 30.01.2017 |
| 2 | Academic Council | 22.10.16 |
| 3 | Planning and Monitoring Board | 01.10.2016 |
| 4 | Finance Committee | 05.11.2016 |

The Vice-Chancellor then asked if the members had any comments on the schedule. Most of the external members opined that it was a good step and all would stick to it and plan their work calendar accordingly.

The Registrar added that, apart from this general calendar, there would be two extra ordinary meetings - one Board of Management meeting and one Academic Council Meeting just a day before the convocation to ratify the end semester academic results and the award of the Degree in the forthcoming Convocation.

Dr Prahlada Ramarao wanted to know about the status of planned conferences mentioned in Planning and Monitoring Board meeting. The Vice-Chancellor replied that ECE and EEE depts. would conduct an international conference (IEEE) in December 2016 while Biotechnology and IT depts. would conduct an international conference in July 2016.

Dr. Y. Sarat wanted to know the reason for the absence of external members in the last Planning and Monitoring Board meeting. The Vice-Chancellor informed that all the external members were engaged at other places at that time.

The minutes of the 3rd Planning and Monitoring Board meeting was approved by all the members.

ii. **Minutes of the 11th Finance Committee meeting held on 21.03.2016 placed for approval.**

Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay wanted to know if the fund allocated for research was commensurate to any standard norm as the allocated budget of the present year (2016-2017) was less than the previous year. Mr. R. Sambaiah, Finance Officer replied that it was higher last year as equipment worth more than Rs. 3 crores were purchased. Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay suggested to allocate a certain portion, say 6-7% of the total budget towards R&D every year. The minutes of the 11th Financial Committee meeting was approved by all the members.

iii. **Minutes of the 12th Academic Council Meeting held on 23.04.2016 placed for approval.**

1. Revision of B.Tech curriculum of all programmes

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated and congratulated the Rector Dr. B. Ramamoorthy, and the Dean, Academics and other Deans and HoDs for a holistic R16 curriculum. The Dean, Academics thanked the members and mentioned that during the finalization process of revised R16 B.Tech curriculum pertaining to all the programmes, feedback from various stakeholders was taken into consideration after thorough discussions in various academic bodies.

The stakeholders feedback analysis of all B.Tech programmes, and the corresponding action taken reports are approved.

The Chancellor brought to the notice of everyone that, earlier there was a detention system from 4th semester for students who would not get at least 50% credits in both 1st year and 2nd year. However, in the recent Academic Council meeting it had been suggested to have the detention from 2nd semester i.e. not to promote students who could not clear 50% subjects by 2nd semester. He then urged all the external members to brainstorm on this issue and come up with a final resolution.

The comments and suggestions of the members during the brain storming session on this issue have been jotted down below:

1. The Chancellor mentioned that major universities such as JNTU-K, JNTU-H, JNTU-A didn't have detention system.
2. Dean E&M, replied that at present detention was there in all the major universities- all the JNTUs detained the students in 4th semester if they did not have required credits.

3. Chairman mentioned that as majority of the students joining Vignan's University were from rural background, the first year was mainly meant for them to adjust with the university environment and get familiar with university culture and learning techniques. At the same time they require time to cope up with new teaching learning environment, the English language and vastness of the syllabus. Students couldn't handle all these things suddenly which might result in low performance in academics. Hence, detention should not be implemented in 2nd semester.
4. Prof. D.S.Chauhan remarked that, as per AICTE norms, B.Tech. could be completed in 7 years and in Kerala it's even 8 years. Detention could be done in both course wise and year wise. However, the modern engineering teaching and getting job were more oriented towards preparing a cosmetic personality, to prepare students who could fare well in placement drives. Now, as most of the students were very much exposed to computers and avail two mother system i.e. engineering institutes and coaching centres for their study, it would be better not to detain students in the first year. He also suggested
 - ❖ Students with backlogs in first year should be given opportunities to take exam before they are promoted to 2nd year
 - ❖ To have clear attractive reasons for the students to clear backlogs. It would motivate them to be proactive.
 - ❖ Let four years be four years, but at the same time make students aware about the intentions of study and clearing subjects in time.
 - ❖ If they have passed at least in 50% subjects (not applicable for first year), promote them. If someone could not clear all the subjects of first year, by 4th semester then the student could be detained.
5. Dr. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy remarked that make up examinations were there even in NITs (of course semester wise). So, students could be allowed to take exams and clear subjects.
6. The Vice-Chancellor stated that all the remedial steps were available like supplementary examination, summer semester, in some cases even super supplementary examinations for students to clear backlogs. Still students didn't show any improvement though various measures were taken. As per existing regulations, students with 12 backlogs from first four semesters are permitted to go to the 5th semester. Students with more than 12 backlogs in the third year

hardly had any motivation to finish their graduation. So, it would be better to detain them and give correction course in the first year itself.

7. Sri L. Krishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Vignan's Group, commented that a student being detained in 2nd year spends at least Rs. 4 lakhs and two years of his/her precious time. By the time he/she completes the third year, he/she may be carrying 12-15 backlogs and hardly clear the backlogs even after getting many chances. Ultimately, most of them never clear any subject, some realize and leave college at that time, while some others continue till the 4th year but never finish their graduation.

In case of JNTU, students hardly pay for their studies as they get fee reimbursement. But at Vignan, Parents have to spend lakhs of rupees. So on moral grounds and as a moral responsibility both to save the money and the time, the parents and students must be given ultimatum to look for some other courses if a student is not faring well in engineering by 2nd semester.

8. Chairman opined that while we all were calibrating students only but have never tried to know the real reason for their failure - whether due to lack of interest, lack of intelligence or lack of support from the faculty, poor quality of faculty, etc. With due counselling and spending personal time with those students we must try to find out the actual reason. Moreover, the contribution of a faculty should also be taken into account. Teachers also should be calibrated and if they don't meet the basic minimum standards, then they should be shown the door before sending the students away. Without standardizing teachers or before calibrating the standard of teachers, taking untoward action only against students would be unfair and will not stand the scrutiny of law.
9. Dr MYS Prasad commented that if 5-10% students failed in a subject, it was because of the students. On the other hand, if 60-70% students failed in that subject, then the question was really hinted at the caliber and expertise of a teacher. In that case the teacher should be taken to task. He mentioned that we should not tighten the detention step further and let the previous system (Detention after 2nd year) prevail.
10. Dr T.S Rao suggested that there should be certain standardized parameters to evaluate both teachers and students to know their caliber.
11. HoD, ECE stated that regular counseling of students was being done meticulously. Even parents were happy with the faculty and never complained regarding the inability of teachers. All supports were provided to students, till they

leave college in third year as they express their inability to cope up with B.Tech. studies. But this realization comes at a later stage. As faculty members put all their effort, whenever they were asked to meet certain targets, students also must be given targets, so that they would be compelled to clear subjects and get their degrees.

12. Chairman suggested that the counseling being done at the end (completion of 3rd year), should be carried out six months before, so that students could be aware and prepare well. At the same time, if a faculty produces less than 70% result, he/she must be taken to task.
13. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his high confidence on the caliber of faculty members and agreed to the proposal of the Chairman.
14. However, Dr Prahalada Ramarao suggested that instead of making a rule of detaining students and asking faculties to move out, individual case studies should be carried out to examine whether the poor performance was related to system, teacher or student. Then appropriate action could be taken.
15. Dr A Mukhopadhyay mentioned that some universities had student feedback mechanism for faculty performance. If that was followed, faculty improvement could be ensured and action could be taken against poor performers.
16. Dr Y Sarat highlighted that the USP (Unique Selling Point) of Vignan's University was 'producing global students who are technically sound and socially accepted.' If as per data available, 93% students were passing in exams, then there should not be any question of detention as 93% result was considered to be very good.
17. Prof. D.S Chauhan stated that if the university was financially sound, then it could think of detaining student in the first year as such a system would certainly have an adverse impact upon admissions and badmouthing about the system.
18. The Chancellor mentioned that even the students present in the recently conducted Academic Council meeting also proposed to have detention rule after 4th semester.

After intense brainstorming of the issue, it was finally resolved to have an interim resolution as follows:-

- (a) Students with less than 50% credits in the first year will not be permitted to proceed to second year. This decision is approved in principle.

- (b) The above policy will be applicable only for a period of one year as a pilot project.
 - (c) A small group of senior faculty members be formed to study the change as a result of the above policy, in its entirety and come up with their recommendations in the next Board of Management meeting (12.11.2016), on the continuation of the policy or otherwise.
 - (d) After through discussions, the members approved the R16 B.Tech regulations.
2. Adjunct faculty for Science and Humanities (S&H) approved by the members.
 3. Additional infrastructure (2 classrooms) projected by Dept. of Biotechnology in addition to the infrastructure projected in the last Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB) meeting held on 19.03.2016, approved.

Agenda Items for Ratification:

- i. **Details of list of teaching and non-teaching staff recruited, joined and relieved during the period 30.01.2016 to 05.05.2016 placed before the Board of Management.**

The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that out of 54 candidates (from IITs / NITs) who had been sent offer letters, at least 50% would join and the 25 candidates from other universities would mostly join the university shortly to facilitate teaching, learning process.

He also mentioned that six faculty members had already been relieved in this period, for various reasons. The Dean E&M mentioned that another 14 members may leave the institution for higher studies or for other reasons as they had not submitted their service continuation forms.

The promotion of Dr B Lalitha Kumari from Asst. Professor to Associate Professor was also ratified.

Agenda items for Information:

- i) **AP State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) visit on 26th April 2016**

A team consisting of four members from SIEMENS visited Vignan's University on 26.04.2016 to inspect the readiness of the University to have Technical Skill Development Institutes (TSDI) under Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC). The inspection was successful and it is

with great pride to inform that TSDI was sanctioned to the University. Under TSDI, the following labs will be established in the University by APSSDC to train the students of the University and outside Institutions.

The following seven labs would be established:-

1. Design CBT Lab
2. Home Electrical Lab
3. Commercial Electrical Lab
4. CNC Lab
5. Welding Lab
6. Electronics Home
7. Electronics Office

The Rector highlighted that two years of training to the trainees along with the trainers identified by the University for each labs would be provided by the experts. Two trainers were to be identified by the University for this purpose for each labs. In the third year, the University trainers were expected to train the trainees under the supervision of the master trainers from Siemens and other companies.

If the program goes on well ending up with successful training and placement of the candidates, there are good chances of getting additional labs in the second phase.

ii. **NIRF Ranking**

MHRD has issued a notification (UGC letter D.O.F.1-11/2015 (Cm), dated 21.11.2015) seeking data of all Educational Institutions for ranking in a particular format under NIRF.

The data was sent in the required format on 16 Jan 2016 and uploaded in the website of NIRF under five different sections namely Teaching-Learning and Resource; Research, Professional Practice and Collaborative Performance; Graduation Outcome; Outreach and Inclusivity and Perception.

VFSTR has been ranked 88 out of a total of 1438 Engineering Institutions and 233 Universities who have registered for ranking under NIRF (Engineering Category). The Vice-Chancellor proudly announced to all the members and also told that the rank would have been better, had we provided some data to which we could not do.

However, Dr Prahlada Ramarao suggested to work towards improving the rank.

iii. All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) Data

Data on the required format for 2014-15 and 2015-16 uploaded in AISHE website under MHRD on 10 & 13 March 2016 respectively. The Vice-Chancellor intimated all members about this and it was ratified.

iv. MoUs signed with Institute / Industry

The Vice-Chancellor informed about the three latest MoUs signed with various industries and institutions.

(a) IIC Technologies, Hyderabad

(b) I-Shou University, Taiwan

(c) SRIVT (Sri Maharshi Research Institute of Vedic Technology, Hyderabad)

v. National Agricultural Day Celebration on 15th March 2016

The Vice-Chancellor intimated that National Agriculture Day was celebrated in collaboration with agriculture industries.

Dr Prahlada Ramarao congratulated the organizing committee for such a noble deed. He further suggested to move ahead in that regard and plan for an agro based CoE as the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister had planned to make the new capital as an agro cultural capital.

vi. Parents' felicitation Function on 08th April 2016

The Vice-Chancellor brought to the forum one of the best practices i.e. parents' felicitation programme that started last year. He stated that it was conducted on the auspicious day of Ugadi (Telugu New year) this year to make parents feel proud of their wards and have a separate identity. Parents and other family members of more than 403 placed students turned up to be a part of this glorious function and to bask in the glory of Vignana's University.

vii. Board of Studies of the departments conducted on 09th, 12th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 20th April 2016

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that phase wise Board of studies meetings were held with subject experts, industrial advisors, to make the R-16 curriculum, skill oriented and holistic by accommodating latest topics in all branches of engineering.

viii. University Day celebration on 23rd April 2016

A valedictory function was conducted on 23.04.2016 in order to felicitate the students in various events which were held year long during academic year 2015-16 in the presence of the following Guests:-

1. Dr. P. Uday Bhaskar, APSSC Chairman
2. Mr. Karthik Amanchi, Chief Technical Officer, SRIVT

Nearly 550 prizes were distributed to students for their excellence in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. In addition, Academic scholarships for the meritorious students based on I, II & III Year performance were distributed. A total of 176 students received the scholarships worth Rs. 56 lakhs.

ix. Nomination of Prof. D.P.Singh, Director, NAAC as UGC nominee in Planning and Monitoring Board (PMB)

The Vice-Chancellor informed that, for the first time UGC had nominated a member for the Planning and Monitoring Board of Vignan's University.

x. Fourth Convocation scheduled on 29 July 2016

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that the fourth Convocation of VFSTRU has been scheduled on 29 July 2016. He also informed that invitation to the Vice-Chairman, UGC, to be the Chief Guest, had been sent.

The Chancellor suggested a three-member committee comprising the Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chairman and Dr. Y. Sarat to nominate two people who would be conferred with honorary doctorate degrees during the convocation. However, he also requested the external members to suggest a few names for the same purpose.

xi. Progress of Centres of Excellence

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Rs. 2.84 crores worth of scientific equipment have been procured for Centers of Excellence. The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the list of equipment to all the members.

The Vice-Chancellor requested the Directors of CoEs to inform the board on their activities. Dr Chavali Murthy, Dean Foreign Collaborations replied that the CoEs would be mainly used for research by all the departments. However, it would be used by B.Tech. students for carrying out their projects and other practical purposes as well.

The Vice-Chancellor again wanted the man power requirement for the CoEs. Dr. Murthy answered that one scientist would be appointed who could handle all the equipment. At the same, the recent appointments in various departments were done keeping in mind the experts who could handle this new equipment.

Dr MYS Prasad wanted to know the utility of all this costly equipment. The Vice-Chancellor told that apart from regular research work, our B.Tech. and M.Tech. students would be given a chance to carry out their minor or major projects by working on these research labs instead of going out for their projects. Besides, the colleges in the vicinity could utilize the labs on payment basis and new projects can be taken to generate revenue.

Dr MYS Prasad again enquired the way the University plans to translate the skill development into curriculum and its viability. The Vice-Chancellor told that skill development really meant for students knowledge in that area where they would be able to demonstrate to others in industries after joining a job.

The Rector replied that the present R-16 curriculum had been designed to make sure students get more practical knowledge. He also mentioned that 60-70% of the courses were lab oriented and many mini projects had been included in the curriculum.

Prof. D.S.Chauhan wanted to know the weightage of credits for labs. The Rector replied that it was 20% against 80% for theory. Prof. D.S.Chauhan, said that the less credit was one of the demotivating factors for most of the students not taking practical seriously. A balance should be struck between allocation of credits to both theory and lab periods (giving at least 30-40% credits to labs) would certainly create high interest among students to gain better hands on knowledge.

The Rector mentioned that Vignan's University students get maximum exposure to industry as they get six months internship in various industries. Prof. D.S.Chauhan mentioned that in India, projects or Internship in Industries were not taken very seriously as many students prepare report based upon previous record or data even without attending any industry.

However, Prof. D.S.Chauhan again opined that the skill set of a student should be properly reflected in the certificate with due credit.

The Chairman urged all the external members to set 2-3 top most targets to be fulfilled in a period of six months apart from the regular suggestions and opinions.

Finally, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all the external members for their august presence and valuable suggestions and feedbacks. The external members and special invitees were felicitated by the Chairman and the Chancellor in the end.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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