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**MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**  
**HELD ON 28.07.2017**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Management Meeting of VFSTRU was held on 28.07.2017 (Friday) at 02:00 PM in the Board Room (V Floor) of A-Block under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, VFSTRU.

The following members were present:-

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| 1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTRU   | Special Invitee   |
| 2. Dr. Prahlada Ramarao, Advisor, VFSTRU   | Special Invitee   |
| 3. Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Secretary (Education) & PCCF, Govt. of H.P  | Member            |
| 4. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd., HYD  | Member            |
| 5. Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Prof., Dept. of Computer Science and Systems Engineering, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam | Member            |
| 6. Dr. K. V. Krishna Kishore, Dean, IT and Library Services  | Internal Member   |
| 7. Dr.M.Ramakrishna, Dean, IQAC  | Internal Member   |
| 8. Dr. S. Krupanidhi, Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology  | Internal Member   |
| 9. Dr. K. Venkata Madhuri, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of S&H  | Internal Member   |
| 10. Mr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Assistant Professor, Dept. of IT   | Internal Member   |
| 11. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Controller of Exams  | Permanent Invitee |
| 12. Dr.V.M.Rao, Dean (E&M)   | Special Invitee   |
| 13. Dr. Vidhu Kampurath, Dean, R&D   | Special Invitee   |
| 14. Dr. V. Ravikumar, Dean - Admissions  | Special Invitee   |
| 15. Mr. R. Sambiah, Finance Officer, VFSTRU  | Special Invitee   |
| 16. Mr. Phani Kumar, Asst. Professor represented Dean, Academics   | Special Invitee   |
| 17. Cmde. Dr. M. S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTRU   | Secretary         |

**Leave of Absence:**

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

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| 1. Dr. DS Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura  | Member          |
| 2. Dr. T.S. Rao, Sr.Advisor, Dept. of Biotechnology<br>Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi | Member          |
| 3. Sri L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Lavu Educational Society  | Member          |
| 4. Dr. Krishna C. Etika, Dean, Academics   | Internal Member |

## Proceedings

In the opening remarks, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Ragunathan, Registrar, VFSTR University introduced the External members to the other members of the meeting. Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu welcomed the members to the meeting and greeted the Chairman of the meeting Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad on his first Chairmanship in the Board of Management meeting.

### I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Management Meeting.

The Minutes of the 21<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was placed for the Board's approval. With no comments from any member, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by the Board.

### II. Action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting.

Responding to the suggestions made during the previous Board of Management meeting, Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR University presented to the members that the decisions of the previous Board of Management meeting were meticulously implemented. He presented the progress in evolving a Road Map of VFSTR University for the next five years, by presenting the templates from the departments of Bio-Technology and Civil Engineering. Dr. Prahlada Ramarao appreciated the progress in implementation of the suggestion made.

Responding to the suggestion to merge SAC into URB, the Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan confirmed the merger and presented the modus in which additional members from all departments were constituted into sub-committees of URB. The members sought for the submission of minutes of URB before the next Board of Management meeting from Dean - R&D. Dr. Prahlada remarked to facilitate broader and interdisciplinary participation in the URB.

The members expressed their satisfaction on the measures to implement the decisions taken during the 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Management meeting.

### 3. Agenda items for approval

The following agenda items were placed before the Board for approval

#### I. Minutes of the 04<sup>th</sup> Planning and Monitoring Board Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Minutes of the 04<sup>th</sup> Planning and Monitoring Board Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 were presented for the approval of the Board. The members of the Board approved the minutes.

#### II. Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 were presented for the approval of the Board. Dr. Rakesh Kumar advised that courses like Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Commerce should be considered for introducing them in

the University to preserve the true spirit of the University's academic compositeness. The members of the Board approved the minutes.

**III. Fifth Convocation-2017 scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and award of Honorary Doctorate Degrees to three eminent personalities.**

The Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan apprised the Board Members on the Fifth Convocation scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 for the award of Bachelor, Masters and Doctoral degrees to the passed out students of VFSTR University. He also apprised on the award of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Shri. A.S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, ISRO and Dr. Kalpana Narendran of Aravind Eye Hospital. The Registrar also informed the members that in addition, eminent Film Director Shri. K. Vishwanath will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Arts (Honoris Causa).

**IV. Award of degrees**

Dr. P.M.V. Rao, Dean AR&E presented the results of the passed out batches of B.Tech. (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013), M. Tech. (2013 to 2015), BBM (2013 and 2014), MBA (2014 to 2015) and Ph.D. and sought the approval of the members for award of degrees. The members gave approval for the same.

**V. Report of scholars who have completed their Ph. D viva-voce**

Dr. Vidhu, Dean-Research and Development submitted the details of five research scholars of VFSTR University who were eligible to receive their doctoral degree after successful viva-voce. Concerning the minimum period research mandated for the award of the doctoral degree, Prof. PVGD. Prasad Reddy advised that any scholar after complete and satisfactory research work should be permitted to submit their dissertations and receive their doctoral degree in three and half years. He also opined that scholars from industry, by the virtue of their expertise on the topic, complete their research in two or three years and should be permitted to submit their dissertations immediately on completion of their research. He also claimed that such Scholars - Professionals shall contribute to the excellence of mini-projects undertaken on the campus.

**VI. Inspection of PCI team for B.Pharmacy programme.**

The details of the inspection by two members from Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) were presented before the Board of Management.

**VII. Fee structure and fee waivers for B.Pharmacy program for the academic year 2017-18.**

Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dean, Admissions apprised the members on the plan of fee structure and fee waivers for the students of B.Pharmacy for the academic year 2017. Responding to

Dr. Rakesh Kumar's enquiry on the modus of cancellation of students' admission and the refund of fee, Dr. Ravi Kumar informed that the University shall follow all the procedures in accordance with the rules laid down by UGC in such instances. The point was approved by the members of the meeting.

#### **VIII. Commencement of Ph.D program in English Language**

The proposal to commence Ph.D program in English Language was submitted to the members by Dean, R&D, Dr. Vidhu. In this respect, Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR University reminded the members about his advice to also consider the introduction of PG courses in Social Work, Journalism, B.Tech. (LLB) and BBA (LLB). The advice to consider the launch of B. Arch course was made with an eye towards the extensive construction activity planned in the newly formed Capital region of Andhra Pradesh. Prof. PVGD. Reddy advised on the commencement of PG and UG courses in English and UG course in Psychology. Dr. Rakesh Kumar advised to consider the launch of courses in Mass Communications.

#### **IX. Revision of M.Tech, BBA and MBA programs**

##### **A. Revised M.Tech R17 curriculum**

Dean, Academics gave a brief overview on the framing of R-17 regulations. He mentioned that the salient features of R17 regulations are integration of theory with lab for majority of the courses. Courses such as Employability orientation program (EOP) and research methodology were made mandatory for all M.Tech specializations. Dean, Academics mentioned that for the revision of M.Tech curriculum of all programmes, feedback from various stakeholders was taken into consideration after discussions in BoS. The stakeholder's feedback analysis and action taken report is approved.

##### **B. Revised BBA and MBA curriculum**

The revised BBA and MBA curriculum comprises of courses wherein case studies have become integral part of the programme. The revised BBA curriculum offers soft skill based courses for enhancing employment opportunities and lab sessions for communication improvement.

For the revision of BBA and MBA programmes, feedback from various stakeholders was considered after thorough discussions in various academic bodies. The stakeholders feedback analysis and action taken report is approved.

#### **X. Part time Ph.D for personnel from industry - Provisions and Exemptions**

To customize the Ph.D course work that attracts the professionals from industry towards research, the proposal to have exemptions and modifications from the existing rules, which was earlier discussed and passed in the Academic Council, was presented to the

members of the Board of Management seeking their consensus to the proposal. Discussion was sought on the same to facilitate the draft of policy in detail.

The Registrar, Cmde Dr. M.S. Raghunathan presented the essential feature of the proposal i.e. offering relief to the Scholars - Professionals from the regular one-month course work by recognizing the Scholars - Professionals' claims for credits after their relevant pursuits in online courses like NPTEL, Coursera, EDX and MIT Courseware as equivalent to claims for credits permissible through course work pursued in the regular mode.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar welcomed the flexible plan in principle after subordinating the proposed plan to the research guidelines of UGC. The opinion of Dr. Rakesh Kumar was seconded by Prof. PVGD. Prasad Reddy who quoted the plan's precedence in reputed institutions offering research programs.

#### **4. Agenda items for Ratification**

The following agenda items were submitted before the members by Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR University for ratification

##### **I) Appointment of Dr. MYS Prasad as the Vice-Chancellor**

The appointment of distinguished scientist (APEX), ISRO and Director (Retd.), SDSC SHAR Dr.M.Y.S.Prasad as the Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR University, Vadlamudi, Guntur district with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 was submitted before the members of the Board of Management.

##### **II) Increase of intake capacity of MBA from 120 to 180 seats for the academic year was submitted before the Board of Management.**

Details of increase of intake capacity of MBA from 120 to 180 seats for the academic year were submitted before the Board of Management.

##### **III) Commencement of the B.Sc. (Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science) programme from the academic year 2017-18 was submitted before the Board of Management.**

The details of commencement of the B.Sc. (Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science) programme from the academic year 2017-18 was submitted before the Board of Management.

##### **IV) Eligibility, intake capacity and fee structure for B.Sc (Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science) course for the academic year 2017-18.**

The details of eligibility, intake capacity and fee structure for B.Sc. (Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science) course for the academic year 2017-18 was submitted before the Board of Management.

**V) Eligibility and fee waivers for B.Tech. Lateral Entry for the academic year 2017-18.**

Eligibility and fee waivers for B.Tech. Lateral Entry for the academic year 2017-18 were submitted before the Board of Management.

**VI) List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved during the period from 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 to till date.**

The list of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved during the period from 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 to till date was submitted before the Board of Management.

**VII) Promotions - Teaching Faculty**

The details of the teaching faculty who were eligible for appointment to higher posts and thus promoted as per the recommendations of the University Selection Committee under Career Advancement Scheme were submitted before the Board of Management.

**VIII) Teaching faculty deputed on Study Leave to IIT-BHU on QIP**

The details of the teaching faculty deputed by grant of Study Leave to IIT-BHU on QIP were presented before the Board of Management.

The members of the Board of Management ratified all the above agenda points after thorough discussions.

**5. Agenda items for information**

The following agenda items were submitted before the Board of Management for information:

**I) Admissions 2017-18**

The elaborate statement of admissions into UG, PG and Ph.D. courses of Vignan's University was explained by Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions.

**II) Establishment of Vignan - KEYSIGHT Centre of Excellence in Communication**

The details pertaining to Vignan-KEYSIGHT Centre of Excellence in Communication were submitted before the Board of Management.

**III) Establishment of 3D Printing Laboratory**

The details of establishment and 3D Printing Laboratory and the departments which relate to this facility as beneficiaries were submitted before the Board of Management.

**IV) MoUs signed with institutes and industry**

The details of MoUs signed since the last BoM were submitted before the Board of Management.

## Discussion on agenda points which were not in the original agenda

### Resolutions and Action Plans

The following resolutions were passed and action plans were finalized in the 22nd Board of Management Meeting.

#### 1. World-Class University - Vision

Dr. Prahlada envisaged the VFSTR University to step up to the status of world-class university and advised on the efforts to attract foreign students; MoUs with world-class universities and employment of foreign professors to contribute to the cosmopolitan façade of the University. He advised for a horizontal stretch in academic programs like dual degree, joint degree and courses in social sciences. Supportive courses and dedicated research centers with faculty oriented towards research were needed. He advised to emphasize on research areas in Bio-Technology, Food Production, Energy, Water Resources Management and Agriculture.

Dr. Prahlada advised for a precise quantification of output generated in research and education. He also advised emphasis on cultural activities.

Dr. Y. Sarat advised the members to inculcate the culture of research and enhance the quality of guidance offered in research. Experts should be employed for more qualitative output in the laboratories.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar advised that by the virtue of autonomy enjoyed in respect of academics and finance, the University can be highly contributive to the Government with research in policy formulation by being the part of virtual centers.

The Chair, Dr. MYS. Prasad welcoming the advises of the members, wished that notwithstanding the finance, a pragmatic assessment of the resources at the disposal of the University to realize immediate short term goals earns VFSTR University, a berth in the country's top ten deemed universities. He prospected that this fulfillment, shall consequently lay inroads to successfully maneuver the University onto a greater plane.

#### 2. The decisions / actions from the Board of Management meeting are as below:-

1. University Research Board (URB) to be constituted as a multi disciplinary forum with eminent people and industry experts.

No sub-committees are required.

[Action: Dean R&D]

2. The course content of B.Pharmacy should be unique compared to others being offered, and the uniqueness should be publicized adequately.

[Action: Dean, Academics & Dean Admissions]

3. The possibility and viability of introducing the following new programmes should be examined, and feedback to be provided in the next Board of Management

Meeting - M.A English, MA Journalism, MA Mass communication, MA Social work, B.Architecture, Law-LLM, B.Tech LLB and BBA LLB

[Action: Dean Academics & Dean, PMB]

4. Ph.D for industrial experts - The Dean Research & Development to peruse the guidelines stipulated by UGC in respect of fulfillment of minimum requirements for the award of Ph.D and be prepared to advise on the proposed plan to customize

[Action: Dean R&D]

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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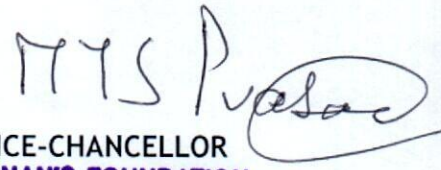
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Date: 30.12.2017

**MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
HELD ON 27.12.2017**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of VFSTRU was held on 27.12.2017 (Wednesday) at 10:00 AM in the Board Room (V Floor) of A-Block. Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, VFSTRU Chaired the meeting.

**The following members were present:-**

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| 1. Dr. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTRU   | Spl. Invitee      |
| 2. Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari, Sr. Executive Director, NTU, Singapore                                       | External Member   |
| 3. Dr. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC, New Delhi  | 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. Mr. L. Srikrishna Devarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group   | External Member   |
| 8. Dr. K. V. Krishna Kishore, Dean, IT and Library Services  | Internal Member   |
| 9. Dr. M. Rama Krishna, Dean, IQAC   | Internal Member   |
| 10. Dr. K.V.Madhuri, Associate Professor, Dept. of S&H   | Internal Member   |
| 11. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Controller of Exams  | Permanent Invitee |
| 12. Dr. V. Madhusudhan Rao, Dean - E&M   | Spl. Invitee      |
| 13. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions   | Spl. Invitee      |
| 14. Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Etika, Dean - Academics  | Spl. Invitee      |
| 15. Dr. M.S.S.Rukmini, Dean - Student Affairs  | Spl. Invitee      |
| 16. Dr. M. Ramesh Naidu, Dean - T&P  | Spl. Invitee      |
| 17. Dr. D. Vijaya Ramu, I/c Dean - Foreign Collaborations  | Spl. Invitee      |
| 18. Dr.P.M.V. Rao, Registrar and Dean - Academic Registration and Evaluation, VFSTR (Acting Registrar) | Member-Secretary  |

**Leave of Absence**

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

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| 1. Dr. S. Krupanidhi, Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology<br>Member         | Internal     |
| 2. Dr. K. P. Vidhu, Dean - R&D  | Spl. Invitee |
| 3. Mr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Assistant Professor, Dept. of IT<br>Member | Internal     |

### **Students Participants (Observers):-**

1. Mr. P. Murali Krishna, Reg. No. 151FA06035
2. Ms. K.Deepika, Reg. No. 151FA04094
3. Mr. K.V.Seshadri, Reg. No. 151FA04097
4. Mr. Jonahwatts, Reg. No. 151FA16014
5. Mr. K. Eswar Sai, Reg. No. 151FA05087
6. Ms. T. Mounika, Reg. No. 151FA05053
7. Ms. Durray Nayab, Reg. No. 151FA15045
8. Ms. G. Lakshmi Bhavani, Reg. No. 151FA15017
9. Mr. R.C.Subbaraya Siddharth, Reg. No. 151FA17018
10. Ms. J. Jahnvi, Reg. No. 151FA01016
11. Mr. V. D. Rajasekhar, Reg. No. 151LA10005
12. Ms. K. Naga Tejomai, Reg. No. 151FA07016
13. Ms. K. Swarna Ranjitha, Reg. No. 151FA07015
14. Mr. Y. Gowtham, Reg. No. 151FA08087
15. Mr. V. Vamsi Krishna, Reg. No. 151FA08086
16. Ms. B. Vyshnavi, Reg. No. 151FA03001
17. Ms. M. Sai Vaishnavi, Reg. No. 161FC01097

### **Proceedings**

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

Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu introduced the External Members, to the other members of the meeting. Hon. Chancellor stated that Board of Management is the highest body for decision making and monitoring their implementation and hence, the progress of the University invariably depends on the effectiveness of the proceedings of BoM.

Acting Registrar, Dr. P.M.V. Rao took over and briefed the Members on the following aspects:

1. Visit of the combined team of UGC and AICTE.
2. Visit of Counsel General of South Korea to VFSTR.
3. Strengthening the lab activity and evaluation of Minor projects.

After this submission, the Acting Registrar presented the agenda of discussion of Board of Members.

#### **I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting**

The Chair invited the comments from the members on the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Management held on 28.07.2017. With no comments, the members confirmed the minutes.

## II. Actions taken on the decisions of the 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting

### 1. Constitution of the University Research Board (URB)

Dr. P.M.V. Rao submitted on the constitution of the University Research Board (URB) and its membership. The proceedings and the decisions of the first meeting of the URB were presented to the members of the meeting.

### 2. Commencement of the B. Pharmacy programme

Dean, Academics, Dr. Krishna C. Etika submitted that the BoS and AC approved the curriculum and regulations of B. Pharmacy programme which is in accordance with the recommendations of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). He asserted that all the academic plans in this respect strictly adheres to B. Pharmacy programme regulations of PCI.

### 3. Revision of Ph.D programmes

Dean, Academics, Dr. Krishna C. Etika presented the revised curriculum and regulations of Ph.D programmes of all departments to the members. The revised curriculum provides more choice in the courses for pre-phd course work to the scholars. The new courses added covers all thrust areas of research in all specializations.

### 4. Ph.D for industry experts

Dr. K.V. Madhuri, Assoc. Dean, R&D submitted the proposals for modifying the VFSTR's existing rules to facilitate the doctoral program for industry experts. Dr. H. Devaraj, External Member stated that all modifications should be in accordance with the guidelines for research programs issued by UGC.

## III. 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> Academic Council Meeting held on 21-12-2017.

### Salient features :-

- i) B.Pharmacy Curriculum
  - ii) Comprehensive viva and Examination for M.Tech. Courses) Evaluation Pattern of Minor Projects
  - iii) Modifications incorporated in the course syllabus
2. Out of turn promotion policy for faculty.
  3. Finalization of intake capacity for UG and PG programs for the academic year 2018-19.
  4. Eligibility for UG, PG and Ph.D programs for the academic year 2018-19.
  5. Fee structure of UG, PG and Ph.D programs for the academic year 2018-19.
  6. Scholarship of UG, PG and Ph.D programs for the academic year 2018-19. All the agenda items were thoroughly discussed by the members, are approved.

#### **IV. Agenda items for ratification**

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

1. Appointment of Dr.J. Prakasa Rao as Adjunct Professor in the Dept. of ECE.
2. Appointment of Dr.A.Sharada, Professor of English, Head Division of English, Dept. of S&H as Dean, Academic Faculty Development.
3. List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since last BoM meeting.
4. Faculty Promotions under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

All the agenda items were thoroughly discussed by the members, are ratified.

#### **V. Agenda items for information**

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

1. Faculty deputed on Study Leave.
2. UGC visit during 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017.
3. South Korean delegates visit on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
4. Establishment of Health Center.
5. Placements -2017
6. Fifth Convocation -2017 held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.
7. MoUs signed with institutes / industry since the last BoM meeting.
8. Conduct of Vignan Mahotsav - 2018.

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

#### **VI. Any other points with the permission of the Chair**

##### **1. Residential Campus at VFSTR**

The discussion on staff quarters in VFSTR campus was mooted by Dr. Y. Sarat, to encourage solidarity among faculty and students of VFSTR and the promotion of research culture as well. Sri.L.SriKrishnadevarayulu, Vice- Chairman, Vignan Group responded that such developments shall be realized in future.

##### **2. Sponsorship for students**

Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari, External Member shared the positive feedback obtained about two VFSTR's students who were earlier sponsored to NTU, Singapore. He stated that he shall personally support the students' attachment program to his University, at the rate of one student from each branch. The members of the Board highly appreciated the Initiative of Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari

The decisions I actions from the 26th Board of Management Meeting are as below:

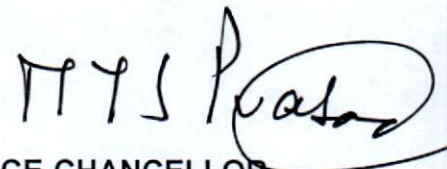
1. The programme content of B. Pharmacy which is approved by the BoS should be sent for the opinion of the external experts in academic Institutions.
2. Plan to launch a centre with elite courses emulating finishing schools In Bio• Technology for B. Tech. and M.Tech. students launched in Bangalore by Kiran Mujumdar Shaw.
3. For out of tum promotion, faculty's consistent contributions in teaching, research and service to the University should be considered for the faculty's appraisal.
4. Any flexibility planned for coursework for Ph.D.scholars is to be in line with UGC norms.
5. When New Programmes are introduced the details are to be informed to UGC.

The 26th Board of Management Meeting concluded as the Acting Registrar rendered the Vote of Thanks to the members for their fruitful participation.

The External Members were felicitated by the Chairman, Sri. Dr.L.Rathaiah and Chair, Vice- Chancellor, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad. Member - Secretary of the meeting proposed a vote of thanks to all the members.

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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