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**MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**  
**HELD ON 15.06.2019**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of VFSTR was held on 15 June 2019 i.e. 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. Ramamuthy Naidu, Chancellor, VFSTR                       | Special Invitee  |
| 2. Dr. M. Malakondaiah, Former DGP, Andhra Pradesh                 | Special Invitee  |
| 3. Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari, Senior Executive Director NTU, Singapore | External Member  |
| 4. Dr. T.S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, DBT, New Delhi                       | External Member  |
| 5. Prof. P.V. G.D. Prasad Reddy, Prof. Dept of CSE, AU, Vizag      | External Member  |
| 6. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems, HYD              | External Member  |
| 7. Dr. PMV Rao, Dean-Academic Registration and Evaluation:         | Internal Member  |
| 8. Dr. Ravi Kumar V, Dean Admissions                               | Internal Member  |
| 9. Dr. M.S.S. Rukumni, Dean SA                                     | Internal Member  |
| 10. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Assoc. Prof., Dept of MBA                | Internal Member  |
| 11. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean-IQAC                                  | Special Invitee  |
| 12. Dr. D. Vijaya Ramu, Dean-Academics and Foreign Collaborations  | Special Invitee  |
| 13. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean R&D and HoD-Dept of EEE             | Special Invitee  |
| 14. Dr. S. Krupanidhi, Dean P&M, and HoD-Dept. of BT               | Special Invitee  |
| 15. Dr. B. Seetharamanjaneyulu, Prof., Dept. of ECE                | Special Invitee  |
| 16. Dr. Shaik Jakeer Hussain, Professor, Dept. of ECE              | Special Invitee  |
| 17. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD-Dept. of S&H                             | Special Invitee  |
| 18. Dr. Venkatesulu, HoD, Dept. of CSE                             | Special Invitee  |
| 19. Dr. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept of ECE                             | Special Invitee  |
| 20. Dr. Ramesh Naidu, HoD-Dept. of Chemical Engg.                  | Special Invitee  |
| 21. Dr. N. Ruben, HoD-Dept of Civil Engg.                          | Special Invitee  |
| 22. Dr. K. Kalpana, HoD-Dept of MBA                                | Special Invitee  |
| 23. Mr. N. Narayana Rao, HoD, Dept of Applied Engg                 | Special Invitee  |
| 24. Dr. N. Veerananjaneyulu, I/C HoD, Dept of IT                   | Special Invitee  |
| 25. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR                   | Member Secretary |

**The following members have taken leave of absence:**

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| 1. Dr. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC            | External Member |
| 2. Sri. L. Sri Krishna Devarayalu, Vice-Chairman, VFSTR | External Member |
| 3. Dr. Satya Prasad, Rector, VFSTR                      | Internal Member |
| 4. Dr. V. Madhusudhan Rao, Dean-E&M                     | Special Invitee |

5. Dr. K.V. Krishna Kishore, Dean-Lib & IT Services and HoD, Dept of IT Special Invitee  
**Proceedings**

The Chair, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad welcomed all the members to the meeting and sought opening remarks from the members of the BoM.

The Chancellor invited all the external members and expressed his pleasure for attending the meeting. He stated that there is tremendous competition among the universities of the country. He sought constructive suggestions from the members to improve research in VFSTR. Prof. BVR Chowdari stressed on the international recognition for the university and many Indian universities are concerned about entering into MoUs with international universities. As Dr. M. Malakondiah drew the attention of the members towards the changes in higher education, Dr. T. S. Rao advised that NIRF ranking should improve. He further stated that Niti Ayog had announced new policy which everyone should refer. He pointed at the difference between an engineering college and a deemed university. He wanted the university to attract talents. He advised for a more coordination between the members of Planning and Monitoring Board and seriously work towards to frame a road map for the forthcoming five years to 10 years. He advised that all faculty members should teach and do research well.

The Chair congratulated for the victory of Sri. Sri Krishna Devarayulu, the Vice-Chairman of VFSTR as Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) in the general elections that took place recently.

**1. Agenda Items for the Meeting**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> BoM meeting held on 28.03.2019

Comde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan presented the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> BoM meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. He raised the point of action taken on the decisions of the previous BoM and requested Dr. Vijaya Krishna to give the details of internship process. Mr. Vijay Krishna highlighted the process of internship where he mentioned that students with 2 backlogs were also allowed for internships. He mentioned that there is a proper process in selecting companies where students would undergo internship. Further, he highlighted the process of evaluation of students' progression which is based on two reviews and preparing a report. He also mentioned that in the year 2017-18, 221 companies have offered internship to the students of VFSTR while in the year 2018-19, 350 companies have offered internships.

Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy enquired about the evaluation process while Dr.T.S Rao asked for a confidential report on the internships. Answering this Dr. PMV Rao mentioned of the reviews for evaluation. He also mentioned of the Project Report that is linked to these internships.

Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy commented that good companies contact the worthy students irrespective of their marks and branch and mentioned the example of two students who were placed in Google and TCS. He mentioned that skill is mandatory for receiving such offers. He mentioned that internship is mandatory in 4<sup>th</sup> year. He also advised to avoid giving marks for internship and make certificates mandatory from the company. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna mentioned that they have made the certificate from the company as mandatory. Dr. PMV Rao mentioned that in the proposed R19 regulations, the credits are reduced to 12 credits for internship. The Chair here mentioned that there is a lot to work on internships and the university shall evolve a policy to improve the evaluation of internships.

After this discussion the Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> BoM meeting held on 28.03. 2019 were approved.

## **2. Agenda Items for Approval**

### **A. Revision of B.Tech Regulations 2019 (R19)**

Registrar gave a brief overview on the framing of R19 regulations stating that rigorous efforts and six months of hard work were put in for the framing of R19 regulations. He mentioned that two committees were created one being the R19 committee and the other being the Online courses committee. Various academic regulations of other institutions like BITS Pilani were researched. He mentioned that as per these regulations, department electives would start from 3-1 onwards and Python course is introduced in all branches. There were Boards of studies constituting of both internal and external members. He stated that during finalization of the revised B.Tech curriculum of all programmes, feedback from various stakeholders was carefully considered after thorough discussions in various academic bodies. Inputs regarding technical matters were taken from the BoS and were presented before the Academic Council for approval.

Prof. Vijaya Ramu, Dean Academics mentioned that the fundamentals of every course are retained. He further mentioned that credits were proposed to be reduced to 170 from 190. The regulations have made project-based learning as its highlight and have credits for online courses. He further said that judicious credit distribution; number of credits matching with AICTE guidance number and year-wise course work; inclusion of branch-specific Chemistry in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year and strengthening of Mathematics and Physics across branches by offering branch-specific components are some of the major highlights of R19. Branch specific Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry across branches; technical seminars; interdepartmental projects; societal centric projects; introduction of MOOCS via SWAYAM; credit system as per AICTE guidelines; credits for physical fitness and sports and games; Honours program; recommendation of BoS membership drawn from industry and academia have increased the credibility of R19 regulations.

Dr. T.S. Rao advised to introduce the Game Editing in the R19 regulations. Prof. BVR Chowdari appreciated the interdisciplinary project system. Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy advised that if a student develops an idea in the incubation centre, he should be allowed to go into the market by introducing the system of 'break year concept' and if a student wants to go abroad for higher studies, he should be allowed a window to facilitate the same. Prof. BVR Chowdari mentioned that there should be good balance between science, technology and humanities. Dr. Malakondiah advised that along with societal related projects there should be emphasis on core competence and knowledge so as to help the employment of students, and industry related problems should also be included.

The Chair mentioned that the problems of the society can be solved by applying the knowledge of science and technology and asked to bring Engineers into day to day life. Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy mentioned that the problems identified by AICTE sponsored Hackathon should be placed in the website of the university and encourage the students to find solution for such problems. The Chancellor Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu enquired about the number of industrial persons included in the framing of R19 syllabus and advised to check with other deemed universities. Prof. Vijaya Ramu mentioned that he compared the R19 syllabus with that of IIT Chennai. Dr. Y. Sarat appreciated the effort of R19 as commendable.

Dr. PMV Rao explained the evaluation scheme of R19 as the one with comprehensive evaluation. He mentioned that theory occupies 40% of the evaluation while attendance, periodic tests, mid exams, lab experiments occupy 50% of evaluation. He presented the scheme of marks allotted and also presented on mid examination model paper; end exam model paper; lab evaluation blue print; blue print for evaluation of inter disciplinary and societal centric projects; blue print for evaluation of internships; blue print for evaluation of semester long project; evaluation of life skills and employability skills and qualifying marks and award of class. As the Chair advised for the perfect evaluation of the lab by external members, Dean Evaluation mentioned that they involve 350 external members as lab exam evaluators every semester.

Dr. Y. Sarat mentioned that internal members should replace external lab examiners for which Dr. Malakondiah mentioned that the students may not take the lab exams seriously if there is no external member. The Chancellor Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Dr. T. S. Rao and the Vice-Chancellor appreciated the involvement of external member for the lab exams and advised that the system has to be tightened.

## **B. Revision of MBA Regulations (R19)**

HoD, Dept. of Management Studies presented the main features of revised MBA curriculum and regulations. She stated that the revised MBA curriculum was finalized after obtaining feedback from various stakeholders further followed by thorough discussions in various academic bodies. The members approved the revised regulations, stakeholders feedback analysis and corresponding action taken reports of all B.Tech programmes and MBA programme.

## **C. Revision of PhD programmes in English and Agriculture Engineering**

The revised PhD programmes in English and Agriculture Engineering was brought to the members for approval. New courses were added in both the programmes to provide more choice to the scholars in the course work. The members have unanimously approved the revision.

## **3. Confirmation of the Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 29.04.2019**

The Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 29.04.2019 were placed before the members of the Board for approval. Before the members of the BoM confirmed the Minutes, the action taken report related to Academic Council Meeting was presented before the Board by the Registrar, Cmde. Dr. MS. Raghunathan.

After this the Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 29.04.2019 were confirmed by the members of BoM.

## **4. Seventh Convocation scheduled on 27.07.2019 (Saturday)**

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. MS. Raghunathan informed the members of BoM that seventh Convocation was scheduled on 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. He informed that Dr. PMV Rao is the chief Coordinator for the Convocation. Dr. PMV Rao stated that 1500 graduates will be awarded degrees in this Convocation. A committee consisting of Vice-Chairman, Sri. Sri Krishna Devarayulu, Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, and Dr. PMV Rao will form as a subcommittee to work on the award of Honorary Doctorates.

## **III. Agenda Items for Ratification**

### **1. Promotions of Faculty under Career Advancement Scheme**

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. MS. Raghunathan presented the list of faculty who were given promotions under the Career Advancement Scheme. He mentioned that 21 faculty applied for promotions out of whom 04 faculty members were promoted. Three Assistant Professors were promoted as Associate Professors and one Associate Professor was promoted as Professor. The agenda item was ratified by the members of BoM.

## **2. Recruitment of faculty since the last BoM held on 28.03.2019**

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. MS. Raghunathan presented the list of faculty recruited since the last BoM held on 28.03.2019. The agenda item was ratified by the members of BoM.

## **3. List of Teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 28.03.2019**

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. MS. Raghunathan presented the list of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the last BoM held on 28.03.2019. The agenda item was ratified by the members of BoM.

## **IV. List of Agenda Items for Information:**

1. AICTE approval for the Academic Year 2019-20
2. Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) approval for the academic year 2019-20
3. Admissions 2019-20
4. Second semester results of academic year 2018-19
5. Commencement of Bridge course for the first year UG students
6. National Institutional Ranking Framework Ranking
7. Details of Placement 2018.

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan informed the members about the approval accorded by AICTE and PCI for the academic year 2019-20.

Registrar, Cmde. Dr. MS. Raghunathan mentioned that the VFSTR did not compromise on the standards of students while giving admissions. In spite of high cut-off mark for admission, the number of admissions reached 1187 by 14 June 2019.

Dr. PMV Rao presented the second semester results

First year - 83.15%

Second Year - 83.46%

Third Year - 88.65%

Fourth year - 98.0%

He mentioned that 85% of students are going to obtain their degree.

HoD, S&H Dr. N. Srinivas mentioned that Bridge Course for the newly admitted students of I B. Tech. commenced from 12.06.2019.

Dr. Rama Krishna, Dean, IQAC informed about the National Institutional Ranking Framework and on the process VFSTR applied for NIRF. In the discussion that ensued on this, it was advised by the members of the Board that VFSTR should emulate the techniques followed by the universities which scored good ranking in the evaluation by the NIRF.

Speaking on placements, Mr. D. Vijay Krishna informed that in the academic year 2018-19, the placements have crossed 1100. He also informed of the campus recruitment training programs going on in the University for placing the students in the next year.

**Action to be taken as per the directions of external members:**

Action point	Action to be taken by
Marks for internship to be studied further.	Dean, Evaluation
Introduction of Break Year Concept to facilitate the innovative students in future.	Dean, Academics
Problems identified by AICTE sponsored Hackathon should be placed in the website of the university	Dean Library and IT services
a) Publications or papers published by faculty and Research Scholars b) Status of on-going Projects c) Seminars conducted by VFSTR d) Seminar attended by VFSTR Faculty e) Conferences conducted by VFSTR f) Conferences attended by VFSTR Faculty	Dean – R&D

As all the agenda points were discussed, the meeting concluded with the Vote of Thanks by the Registrar followed by the felicitation of external members by the Vice-Chancellor.

**There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 30.11.2019**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of VFSTR was held on 30.11.2019 (Saturday) at 10:30 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. G. Subrahmanyam, Former Vice-Chancellor, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam     | Special Invitee |
| 3. Prof. Y. Satyanarayana, Former Vice-Chancellor, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam               | Special Invitee |
| 4. Prof. H. Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC  | External Member |
| 5. Prof. B.V. R. Chowdari, Sr. Executive Director, President's Office, NTU, Singapore | External Member |
| 6. Dr. T. S. Rao, Sr. Advisor, Dept. of Biotech., Govt. of India                      | External Member |
| 7. Dr. Y. Sarat, Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad                 | External Member |
| 8. Prof. P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, AU, Visakhapatnam                 | External Member |
| 9. Sri. L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman, Vignan Group, Guntur                  | External Member |
| 10. Dr. K. Satya Prasad, Rector, VFSTR  | Internal Member |
| 11. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Dean - AR & E, VFSTR  | Internal Member |
| 12. Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean - Admissions, VFSTR                                       | Internal Member |
| 13. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Professor, Dept. of ECE, VFSTR                                | Internal Member |
| 14. Mr. D. Vijay Krishna, Assoc. Prof., Dept of MBA, VFSTR                            | Internal Member |
| 15. Dr. V.M. Rao, Dean, Engineering and Management                                    | Special Invitee |
| 16. Dr. D. Vijay Ramu, Dean, Academics & I/c Foreign Collaboration, VFSTR             | Special Invitee |
| 17. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean - R&D, VFSTR   | Special Invitee |
| 18. Dr. N. Srinivasu, HoD, Dept. of S&H, VFSTR  | Special Invitee |
| 19. Dr. A. Sharada, Prof. and Division Head of English, Dept. of S&H                  | Special Invitee |
| 20. Dr. Koya Prabhakar Rao, Prof. and Division Head of Chemistry, Dept. of S&H        | Special Invitee |
| 21. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Prof. and Division Head of Physics, Dept. of S&H             | Special Invitee |
| 22. Dr. P.L.N.Varma, Prof. and Division Head of Mathematics, Dept. of S&H             | Special Invitee |
| 23. Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Registrar, VFSTR                                      | Secretary       |

**Note :** Prof. Y. Satyanarayana, Former Vice-Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam is a Special Invitee of the Board of Management Meeting.



## Proceedings

The Chair Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad welcomed all the members to the meeting. After pleasantries, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad thanked all the external members for accepting the invitation.

Hon. Chancellor, Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu greeted all the members of the meeting and commented that recent publications from VFSTR were very good and there is a need for more project proposals. He also mentioned that international collaboration is very important and need to know from the experts how to develop international collaborations.

Vice- Chancellor Dr. MYS. Prasad informed the members present about the various major events that happened since the last BOM held on 26.07.2019. He also thanked Prof. BVR. Chowdari for supporting the visit of VFSTR's faculty to NTU, Singapore.

Before Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan commenced the proceedings of the meeting of BoM, initial remarks were sought from the External members.

**Comments of Prof. H. Devaraj:** Prof. H. Devaraj appreciated that starting a course in Law is a very good initiative and advised to adopt the model and practices of OP Jindal University. Prof. H. Devaraj seconded Prof. BVR. Chowdari's advice about MoUs. He also advised that faculty should be proactive in developing the University.

**Comments of Dr. TS. Rao:** Dr. TS. Rao appreciated the commencement of Law course in the University and remarked that if technical graduates have legal knowledge, then they can resolve the IPR issues very easily.

**Comments of Dr. Y. Sarat:** Dr. Y. Sarat expressed his happiness that VFSTR is about to attain the status of 12B. He mentioned that as a deemed to be University, VFSTR is free to commence new courses like Law. He also expected the University to commence new courses in technology. He advised to evolve good plan to get good placements for the law graduates. He also advised to find good resource persons to guide the University's Law course. He stated that resource persons can be extremely helpful for research in VFSTR. He also advised that accreditation work should be part of regular work and also mentioned to project all the important activities and programs of the University.

**Comments of Prof. BVR. Chowdari:** Prof. BVR. Chowdari thanked Dr. Vijaya Ramu and his team for visiting NTU, Singapore. He also mentioned that the response of the faculty of NTU was also very good. He advised that senior administrators should encourage the team which visited NTU.

**Comments of Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy:** Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy remarked that placements are very important for any institution and asked VFSTR to compare with other institutions in the matter of placements. He mentioned that there should be increase in the strength of graduates and also mentioned that PG programs are equally important. He also advised to increase the number of Ph.D scholars for encouraging and increasing research in VFSTR.

**Comments of Prof. G. Subramanyam:** Prof. G. Subramanyam mentioned that University should develop a brand value in research. He stated that every faculty researcher, department and the University on the whole should have thrust areas in research. He also mentioned that identifying staff for Law course is very important. He also advised to involve local talent by developing professional liaison with senior Judges and senior law practitioners. He emphasized on the importance of Moot Court in law education.

**Comments of Prof. Satyanaryana:** Prof. Satyanarayana appreciated the commencement of Law programme in VFSTR. He promised to support VFSTR in the case of Law course and also promised to support the commencement of legal consultancy services in VFSTR.

**1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Board of Management meeting**

The Chair invited the comments from the members on the minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> Board of Management held on **26.07.2019**. With no comments, the members confirmed the minutes.

**2. Actions taken on the decisions of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Board of Management meeting**

The response to action points of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Board of Management meeting (i.e. to review all the major components of research for quality and to go through the research publications with the help of a committee) was given by Dean R&D in his presentation.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on 09-11-2019.**

The Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on 09-11-19 was placed before the BoM for approval. On this point, Prof. H. Devaraj enquired about the allocation made to research from the budget of VFSTR. In response the Chair mentioned that 10% of the entire budget amounting to Rs. 8-10 crores is allocated to research every year to support activities like publications, Research Scholars, conferences, project proposals etc.

**I. Agenda items for approval:**

**1. Commencement of new programs for the next academic year 2020-21.**

**(a) M.A English (b) M.Sc. Chemistry**

Prof. A. Sharada presented on the need for commencing M.A. English as there is an enormous need for teachers, translators, trainers and language consultants. She presented the

syllabus and structure of the course. The members approved the proposal to commence PG course in English.

Prof. Koya Prabhakar, Head, Division of Chemistry has presented the significance of M.Sc Chemistry programme. He mentioned that the curriculum is oriented to enable students work in Pharmacy industry.

The proposal to commence PG courses in Mathematics and Physics was not accepted.

Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy proposed to commence a PG course in Psychology. Vice-Chairman Sri. Sri Krishna Devarayulu responded to the Heads of Physics and Mathematics departments by directing them to know the needs of industry and to tie up with the industry for sponsoring students.

## 2. Commencement of Law programmes from the next academic year 2020-21

After intense discussions and deliberations, all the members supported the commencement of this program by mentioning the various advantages of courses in Law. Three resolutions were presented by the Registrar for approval of the BoM.

**Resolution No:01:** To start Vignan Institute of Law at its campus to offer programs in (i) 5 years integrated B.A., L.L.B (Hons) (ii) 5 years integrated B.B.A., L.L.B (Hons) with effect from the next academic year 2020-21.

**Resolution No:02:** To allocate the required funds to develop the necessary infrastructure and meet the recurring expenditure to organize the academic programmes in the proposed Vignan Institute of Law under the ambit of VFSTR.

**Resolution No:03:** (i) To earmark two acres of land in survey no. 284/1,2,3 and 285/2, Vadlamudi, Chebrolu Mandal, Guntur Dist., Andra Pradesh for development of necessary infrastructure facilities for the Vignan Institute of Law.

(ii) To build a separate three storied building with a plinth area of 24,300 sq.ft. to house the proposed Vignan Institute of Law.

The Board unanimously approved the commencement of Law courses i.e. 5 years integrated B.A., L.L.B (Hons) and 5 years integrated B.B.A., L.L.B (Hons) with effect from the next Academic Year 2020-21 and all the three resolutions were passed by the members of BoM.

## 3. Revision of B.Sc and B.Pharmacy programmes

HoD S&H presented the salient features of revised BSc curriculum and regulations. He mentioned that the curriculum had undergone major revision by obtaining feedback from various stakeholders and was considered after thorough discussions in various academic bodies.

The B.Pharmacy programme was revised by inclusion of new elective courses meant to enhance skill and employability in pharmaceutical and allied fields.

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

4. **Finalization of intake capacity for UG and PG programmes for the academic year 2020-21:**

The agenda point was presented by the Dean, Admissions and was approved by the members

5. **Eligibility for UG, PG and Ph.D programmes for the academic year 2020-21:**

The agenda point was presented before the members of BoM by Dean Admissions and was approved by the members.

6. **Fee structure and scholarships of UG, PG and Ph.D programmes for the academic year 2020-21:**

The point was presented by Dean, Admissions and was approved by the members of the BoM.

II. **Agenda items for ratification**

1. Results of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) held during 31-10-19 to 02-11-19.
2. List of teaching and non-teaching staff joined and relieved since the last BoM meeting held on 26-07-19.

All the items were ratified after discussions.

III. **Agenda items for information**

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

1. Revised Examination Manual
2. Status of research activities

Dean R&D presented on the status of research in VFSTR and informed the members that 638 papers were published of which 131 were indexed in SCI and 387 in Scopus indexed journals. Regarding this point, Prof. H. Devaraj advised to improve the H-Index. Department wise publications were reviewed and Dr. T.S. Rao advised for a more critical thinking in publication and publication of such good papers in journals with good credentials. The Dean also presented on the projects sanctioned and patents filed by VFSTR

3. Status of NBA accreditation
4. Visit of senior faculty to NTU Singapore during 06-10-2019 to 10-10-2019
5. Application for the grant under UGC 12 (B) and subsequent inspection by UGC Expert Committee during 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2019.

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

The decisions / actions from the 34<sup>th</sup> Board of Management Meeting are as below: -

1. Thorough research on the employability of PG courses in Physics, and Mathematics should be undertaken by consulting the industry experts.

[Action: Dean, Academics and Division Heads of Mathematics and Physics]

2. All the members of BoM should suggest the names of some experts to review the project proposals in VFSTR.

[Action: All the members]

There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.



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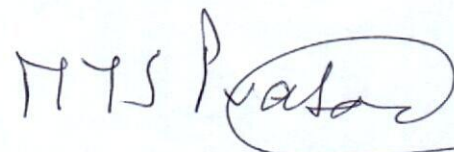
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