Minutes of Meeting of 5th Academic Council

Meeting held on 23rd July 2021

Under the chairmanship

of

Dr. B. Arundhati

Principal, VIIT

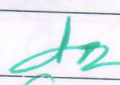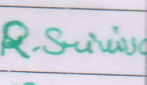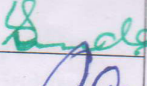Venue: Board Room, VIIT   Time: 10-30AM
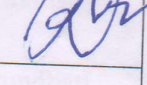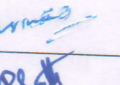
Minutes of the Virtual Academic Council Meeting conducted on 23 July 2021 at Board Room

Agenda:

1. Highlights of VR 19 & VR 20 Curriculum
2. To approve the following:
   2.1 Proposed Academic regulations and special courses in VR 20 Curriculum
   2.2 Proposed Program structures and ratify the syllabi (VR19 & 20) Curriculum
   2.3 Academic calendars of all UG & PG Programs
3. To Ratify the results of A.Y. 2020-21 for UG & PG programs

Members Attended:

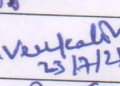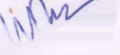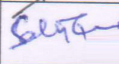| S No	Name of the Person	Category	Designation, Department	Status	Affiliation	Sign
1	Dr.B.Arundhati	Chair Person	Principal	Chair Person	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
2	Dr.V. Madhusudhan Rao	Management	Rector	Rector	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
3	Mr. N. Srikant	Management	Executive Director	Executive Director	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
4	Dr.R. Srinivasa Rao	Member	Professor	University Nominee	Director, Academic Planning, JNTUK	
5	Dr.L. Sumalatha	Member	Professor	University Nominee	Director of Evaluation, JNTUK	
6	Dr. V. Ravindranath	Member	Director	University Nominee	OSD to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and PRO, JNTUK	
7	Dr.K.Babu Rao	Member	Director (Technical)	Industry Expert	Navayuga Infotech Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad	
8	Dr.Subrahmanyam Boyapati	Member	Analog Design Engineer	Industry Expert	Intel-Bangalore	
9	Dr.T.V.RajaSekhar	Member	General Manager	Industry Expert	NTPC Visakhapatnam	
10	Prof. M.M Naidu	Member	Former professor	Academician	SV University, Tirupati	
11	Dr.K.Madhusudhana Rao	Member	Vice Principal &Dean	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
12	Dr. B. Sateesh	Member	Dean Evaluation	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
13	Dr. E. Laxmi Lydia	Member	Dean, R&D	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
14	Dr.K.Venkata Rao	Member	Dean, Infrastructure	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
15	Mr.K.R. Satyanarayana	Member	Dean, Placements	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	

16	Dr.Ch.HariGovir da Rao	Member	Dean-IQAC	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
17	Dr.P.Sekhar	Member	HoD – EEE	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
18	Dr. K. Murali Krishna	Member	HoD – ECE	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
19	Dr. B.Prasad	Member	HoD- IT&MCA	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
20	Dr .S. Rambabu	Member	HoD- ME	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
21	Mr. M. Padmakar	Member	HoD- CE	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
22	Dr. R. Uma Maheswari	Member	HoD- ECM	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
23	Dr.T.Satyaguru	Member	HoD- BS&H	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
25	Mr.K.Ramu	Member	Head, CEER	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
26	Dr. A.Naga Jyothi	Secretary	Dean Academics	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	
27	Dr.R.Hanumanth a Rao	Member	Associate Dean-Academics	Internal Member	VIIT(A) Visakhapatnam	

Points Discussed:

- Dr.V.Madhusudhan Rao, Hon'ble Rector cordially welcomed all the members to the Academic Council Meeting and after welcoming the guests, he requested Dr. B. Arundhati, Principal to highlight the credentials of the Institute.
- Dr.B.Arundhati, Principal, VIIT(A) presented the Institute affiliations, recognitions, projects, placements, academic achievements to the JNTUK nominees, industry experts, special guests and other members of the Academic Council.
- Dr.Nagajyothi took over the session after the presentation of Dr.B.Arundhati, Principal. She presented the following points to the JNTUK nominees, industry experts, special guests and other members of the Academic Council.

Points Discussed:

Point 1: Highlights of VR 19 & VR 20 Curriculum

Discussion:

Credits and Marks distribution: Dr.Nagajyothi, Dean Academics presented the credits and marks weightage and breakup of the credits in VR19 and VR20.She compared the courses in VR19 and VR20.

Suggestions: Prof M.M.Naidu, special invitee suggested to allot 100 marks for all the courses with different credits.

Prof.R.Srinivasa Rao, Director Academic Planning, JNTUK suggested to follow the regulations of JNTUK for marks and credits.

Prof.B.Arundhati, Principal explained that the VR20 regulation is framed based on the guidelines given by AICTE, JNTUK and APSCHE

Resolution: It is recommended to follow the guidelines by JNTUK regarding the marks and credit weightage.

Point 2: To approve the following:

Point 2.1: To approve the Proposed Academic Regulations and Special Courses in VR20 Curriculum.

<u>**2.1.1 For UG Programs :**</u>

Discussion:

1. **MOOCs:**

   Proposed: It is proposed to have Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for a minimum of 12 weeks duration for a 3 credit course. This can be done through any recognized external agencies like SWAYAM / NPTEL/ Coursera and so on.

   Resolution: After the deliberations, it is decided that the student can do the course through any recognized external online platforms. If proctored examination is not conducted by the external agency, then evaluation has to be done by the Institution. The JNTUK nominees accepted the proposal.

2. **Promotion Rules and Academic Requirements:**
   Proposed: a) A student can be promoted to V semester if he/she is having40 % of the credits up to IV Semester and can promote to VII semester if he/she having 40% credits till VI semester.

   b) A student is deemed to have satisfied the minimum academic requirements, if he/she has earned the credits allotted to each theory/practical/design/drawing/project/etc by securing not less than 40%of marks in the end semester examination and minimum 50% of marks in the sum total of the internal and end semester marks together.
   Suggestion: Prof. R.Srinivasa Rao, Director Academic Planning, JNTUK suggested to follow the promotion rules as per JNTUK norms.
   Resolution: After the consensus, the JNTUK nominees approved the promotion rules and academic requirements proposed by the institute.

3. **Honors and Minors Program**:
   Proposed: Honors and Minors Programs are proposed to initiate in the institute as per the guidelines of APSCHE & JNTUK for VR20 regulation.
   Suggestions:

- Prof.R.Srinivasa Rao, Director Academic Planning, JNTUK suggested to follow the guidelines of Honors and Minors programs as per the guidelines released by JNTUK.
- Dr. M. M Naidu, Special Invitee suggested to rename "Honors" as "Majors"

Resolution: After the deliberations, JNTUK nominees accepted to start Honors and Minors Programmes in the institute by following JNTUK guidelines.

4. Gap year:

Proposed: This concept is introduced after the completion of the I/II/III year to give the opportunity to explore entrepreneurship full time. This period shall be counted for the maximum time for graduation. An evaluation committee at institute level shall be constituted to evaluate the proposal submitted by the student and the committee shall decide on permitting the student for availing the gap year.

Resolution: The JNTUK nominees approved the above Gap year concept from VR 20 regulation.

5. Special Courses for UG:

Proposed: It is proposed to approve the Audit Courses, Summer Internships & Skill Oriented Courses (UG)

The following special courses are presented for approval to Academic Council:
a) Game, Sports and Yoga b)Engineering Exploration c) Constitution of India d)Mini Project(EPICS) e)Employability Readiness Program-I f) Employability Readiness Program-II g)Gender Sensitization for Women Empowerment

- To clear the course 'Game, Sports and Yoga', it is required to satisfy minimum attendance criteria.

Resolution: The JNTUK nominees approved the Audit Courses, Summer Internships & Skill oriented Courses (UG) as per the institutional design.

2.1.2. For PG Programs :

Proposed: Evaluation for PG courses - MCA (VR20) and MBA(VR21)

Discussion: Dr. A.Naga Jyothi, Dean Academics, presented the evaluation for PG courses to the academic council members.

Resolution: The JNTUK nominees approved the evaluation parameters for PG Courses.

Point 2.2: To approve proposed Program Structures and Ratify the Syllabi (VR19 & VR20 Curriculum)

Discussion: Dr.A.Nagajyothi, Dean-Academics presented all the Program Structures and Syllabi of UG (B.Tech) from I year to IV year VR20 and III year to IV year VR19 & PG-(MCA-VR20 and MBA-VR21) from I year to II year

Resolution: The JNTUK nominees approved the proposed Program Structures and ratified the syllabi approved by the respective course BoS.

Point 2.3: To approve the Academic Calendars of all UG & PG Programs

Discussion: Dr.A.Nagajyothi, Dean-Academics displayed Academic Calendars of all the years by following JNTUK guidelines.

Resolution: The JNTUK nominees approved the Academic Calendars of all the Programmes.

Point 3: To ratify the results of A.Y. 2020-21 for UG & PG programs

Discussion: Dr.A.Nagajyothi, Dean-Academics, displayed the results of VR17 and VR19 regulations (UG and PG).She has presented overall result analysis for 2017,2018,2019, admitted batches.

Resolution: The JNTUK nominees ratified the VR17 and VR19 Regulation examination results of UG(B.Tech) and PG Courses(M.Tech, MBA&MCA).

Any other points with the permission of the Chair:

1. College level research highlights are presented to the JNTUK nominees and special invitees. They appreciated the institute for encouraging the staff members towards research arena.

2. Prof. Ravindranadh, OSD to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and PRO, suggested to introduce scholarships to PGCET and GATE qualified students, which in turn enhances the admissions in M.Tech. In this context, Prof.V.Madhusudhan Rao, Hon'ble Rector informed the JNTUK nominees that the process of encouraging merit students is there in Vignan from the day of its inception. He promised the members that he would communicate the suggestion given by Prof. Ravindranadh with Dr.L.Rathaiah, Chairman and assured that the scholarships for PG students will be introduced.

3. Prof.M.M.Naidu,special invitee suggested to introduce various advanced courses like AI, Machine Learning, Data Science, JAVA, Web Technologies, and C++, etc. under Skill Development Courses, inorder to update the students with latest technology. He stressed that the faculty members need to be trained in the emerging courses especially for the programmes like Artificial Intelligence and Data Science & Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

Conclusion: Dr.B.Arundhati, Principal officially proposed vote of thanks and formally concluded the virtual Academic Council Meeting.

Principal and Chairperson-Academic Council

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