

**VELAGAPUDI RAMAKRISHNA  
SIDDHARTHA ENGINEERING COLLEGE**  
(AUTONOMOUS)  
VIJAYAWADA – 520 007

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 25-03-2017**

**Minutes** of the meeting of the **Governing Body of Velagapudi Ramakrishna Siddhartha Engineering College, Autonomous, Vijayawada held at 10.30 A.M on 25-03-2017 i.e. Saturday** in the Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Velagapudi Ramakrishna Siddhartha Engineering College, Vijayawada – 520 007.

**Members Present:**

Sri M.Rajayya, Vice-President, Siddhartha Academy of General & Technical Education, chaired the meeting in the absence of Sri.N.Venkateswarlu, Chairman, Governing Body and President, Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education, and extended a warm welcome to the members present.

1.	Sri M. Rajayya Vice - President, SAGTE	Acting Chair for the current meeting
2.	Dr.D.R.Prasada Raju Scientist 'G' , DST (Retd.)	UGC Nominee
3.	Sri M. Seshagiri Rao Principal, Government Polytechnic, Vijayawada	Govt. Nominee
4.	Dr. G.V.R.Prasada Raju Prof. of Civil Engg. & Principal, JNTUK	University Nominee
5.	Dr. A.V. Ratna Prasad, Principal, VRSEC.	Member Ex. Officio
6.	Dr.V.Srinivasa Rao, Prof. & HOD of CSE	Member
7.	Dr.Chava Srinivas, Prof. & HOD of CE	Member

**Special Invitees Present:**

1.	Sri MBM Raju Global Head – Operations And TBU, TCS, Hyd.	Special Invitee
2.	Dr. B. Panduranga Rao, Prof – CE & Dean, Student affairs, VRSEC	Special Invitee
3.	Dr. M. Suneetha, Prof & HOD IT, VRSEC.	Special Invitee
4.	Dr. P.V. Subbaiah, Prof of ECE & Coordinator TEQIP – II, VRSEC.	Special Invitee

**Members Absent:**

1.	Sri.N.Venateswarlu President, SAGTE	Chairman
2.	Sri P.Lakshmana Rao Secretary, SAGTE	Member
3.	Dr.C.Nageswara Rao Vice-President, SAGTE	Member
4.	Sri N.Lalitha Prasad Joint Secretary, SAGTE	Member
5.	Sri. D.Rama Krishna, MD, Efftronics Pvt. Ltd.	Industrialist

**Special Invitee Absent:**

1.	Dr.N.N.Sastry, Dean R & D	Special Invitee
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Sri M.Rajayya, Vice-President, SAGTE, introduced Sri M.B.M.Raju, Global Head – Operations & TBU, TCS, Hyderabad, to the members of the Governing Body.

Dr.A.V.Ratna Prasad, Principal, VRSEC, presented a brief profile of Sri. M.B.M.Raju and brought the wide exposure & deep industrial insight of Sri.M.B.M.Raju to the notice of the house. Principal expressed that vast experience of Sri.M.B.M.Raju will be of immense benefit for the institution in general and students in particular, and requested Sri.M.B.M.Raju to offer valuable suggestions as a Special Invitee.

**The following agenda items were discussed and deliberated upon:**

**1. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 17-12-2016.**

Governing Body confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17-12-2016.

**2. To report the action taken on the Minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 17-12-2016**

The Governing Body approved the action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 17-12-2016.

**3. To review the activities of TEQIP – II S.C.1.2 programme**

Principal presented the report of TEQIP activities since the last meeting and Governing Body approved the same.

Further, Principal presented a report on expenditure for additional sessions, additional procurement Re-allocation of TEQIP funds during March, 2017, Statement of expenditure, Funds & Status, TEQIP outcomes (2011-2016) & Action plan for utilization of four funds (Corpus, Faculty development, Equipment replacement & Maintenance) and Governing Body approved the same.

**4. To present the information w.r.t. NBA Accreditation status.**

Principal informed the Governing Body regarding the extension of Accreditation for the following three UG programmes by one more year i.e. 30-06-2018.

- Computer Science & Engineering
- Electronics and Communication Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

**5. To present the information regarding R & D Projects.**

Principal presented information regarding R & D Projects viz., on going grants, applied and received during the year 2016-17.

On going Projects : DST- 1, AICTE- 2, DRDO- 3, UGC- 2, Department of Space - 1 DRDL - 1 & SERB -1 – put together worth Rs.141.88 lakhs

Details of projects applied : AICTE-25, DST-9, DBT-1, CSIR- 2 & DRDO-1- put together worth Rs.1429.15 lakhs

Details of Projects received : DST -1, Department of Space – 2, UGC – 1 & DRDO – 1- put together worth Rs.81.10 lakhs

**6. To present the information regarding placements as on date.**

Principal presented placement records as on date for year 2016-17. It is submitted that 568 students have been selected in placements drives held so far while some more are in pipeline. Principal made a special mention of the major recruiter TCS which selected 204 students and prestigious recruiters like Microsoft, Yodlee, Ashok Leyland, Jaro Education, IBM etc.

**7. To present the information regarding status of training programmes organized in Siemens Centre of Excellence.**

Dr.A.V.Ratna Prasad, Principal informed that the college created a dedicated facility in the form of a Building worth of Rs.3.75 Crores and undertook new construction and a hostel worth Rs.0.75 Crore for Siemens Centre of Excellence. Another 1.0 Crore was spent on establishment of 15 new labs making the total expenditure of **Rs.5.5 Crores**.

The whole centre is operational and initiated training activity since 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016. **1064** students of VRSEC & PVPSIT belonging to ME,EEE, EIE & ECE have been trained.

**8. To present the information regarding training programmes organized in IBM Lab.**

Principal informed that **IBM industry collaborative laboratory** which is established in the Department of Information Technology has successfully been running. 60 Faculty underwent training in the areas of Blue MIX, Big Data and Content Management, and training for 70 students of CSE & IT is going on.

**9. To consider for approval of authorizing the Head of the Institution to receive any financial assistance from SERB.**

Dr.A.V.Ratna Prasad, Principal, informed the Members that a resolution is to be passed by the Governing Body authorizing the Head of the Institution to receive financial assistance for seminar/symposia as per the guidelines of Scientific and Engineering Research Board (SERB). A copy of the said resolution has to be submitted as one of the additional enclosures.

After discussions, the Governing Body authorized the Head of the Institution to receive the financial assistance from SERB. The college Governing Body advised the Principal to obtain approval of the management for the said resolution passed. Pending this approval, Principal is authorized to exercise the option to record the same while forwarding the proposals to DST, SERB and other funding agencies wherein due date for submission of proposals is fast approaching.

**10. To present the information regarding staff appointments and relieving during 2016-17.**

Principal presented the information regarding staff appointments and relieving during 2016-17 and the Governing Body approved the same.

**11. To present the information regarding attendance particulars of the students for the odd semester of 2016-17.**

Principal presented the information regarding attendance particulars of the students for the odd semester of 2016-17 and the Governing Body approved the same.

**12. To consider and ratify the minutes of the meetings of Academic Council & Finance Committee in the year 2016-17.**

Principal presented the minutes of the meetings of Academic Council & Finance Committee held during the year 2016-17 and Governing Body ratified the same.

**13. Any other point with the permission of the Chairman.**

a) Dr.DR Prasada Raju suggested that VR Siddartha Engg College may obtain recognition Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India for recognizing the college as Scientific Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) for deriving benefits in terms of customs duty, excise duty, income tax exemption, etc on expenditure incurred on research and development activities.

Dr.A.V.Ratna Prasad, Principal informed that the college planned to submit an application to Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India for recognizing the college as Scientific Industrial Research Organization (SIRO). In this connection, Dr.K.Srinivas, Professor, CSE met Sri K.V.S.P.Rao, Retd., Head RDI, DSIR on 08-03-2017 for suggestions to improve the contents in the application before submission to DSIR. He has suggested that the following objective may

be incorporated in the Memorandum of Association of the Siddhartha Academy of General & Technical Education.

**Research and Development :**

"To undertake Research and Development in Emerging areas and Innovative domains of Engineering and Technology with an aim to develop technology relevant to the Industrial and Societal needs".

The Governing Body resolved to accord its approval for incorporating the above objective in the Memorandum of Association of Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education (sponsors of the college) in order to enable the institution to apply to DSIR for recognition as SIRO.

In view of the above, Principal is advised to request Siddhartha Academy of General & Technical Education to initiate relevant measures to incorporate the provision in its Memorandum of Association. Mean time to meet the deadline, the Principal is authorized to incorporate necessary resolution in case of VR Siddhartha Engineering College for applying to concerned authorities where such resolution is to be recorded.

**b) Suggestion by Experts :**

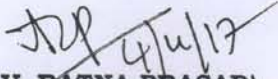
Dr.Prasada Raju also suggested that sustained financial strategies for up gradation of laboratory infrastructure may be undertaken such that research and development activity can be taken up in greater measure.

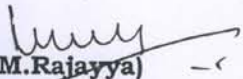
Dr G.V.R.Prasada Raju, University Nominee, suggested that more no.of MOOCs based on line courses may be introduced and he expressed satisfaction over MOOCs based learning mechanism existing in the institution.

Sri M.B.M.Raju, Special Invitee, suggested that technical projects with a very practical orientation including remote internships can be encouraged in a great measure in order to create avenues for the students and faculty to gain huge practical knowledge and deeper understanding.

He advised that more number of faculty with industrial experience may be recruited such that the students can come to know about latest technologies in industry in a better manner.

Sri M.Rajayya, Vice-President, SAGTE, thanked all the members for their active participation.

  
**(Dr. A.V. RATNA PRASAD)**  
Member-Ex-Officio & Principal  
Velagapudi Ramakrishna  
Siddhartha Engineering College

  
**(M. Rajayya)**  
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Siddhartha Academy of  
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