

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ADVANCED STUDIES (VISTAS)
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management held on 04-11-2022 at 2.30 pm through Hybrid mode.

Members present:

1. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan – Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
2. Dr. W. Selvamurthy - Member
3. Dr. H. Devaraj - Member
4. Dr. R. Srinivasan - Member
5. Dr. R. Jayavel - Member
6. Dr. Parasuraman Selvam - Member
7. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran - Member
8. Dr. A. Balasubramanian - Member
9. Dr. S. Preetha - Member
10. Dr. T. Kamalakannan - Member
11. Dr. P. Saravanan - Registrar - Member Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 2.30 p.m. by the Chair.

Dr. S.P Thiyagarajan, Chancellor, Sri Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore and Dr. M.S. Narasimahn, Professor of Finance and Accounting, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore, have expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their preoccupation.

Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor has welcomed all the distinguished members of the Board of Management for the Zoom Meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor has thanked the members Dr. H. Devaraj, Dr. R. Jayavel and Dr. Parasuraman Selvam for having accepted to continue to be the member of the Board of Management for another term of three years. Also on behalf of the Management of VISTAS, he has thanked the members for offering their valuable suggestions during the meeting and requested them to extend their support in the upcoming meetings of the BOM.

Dr. H. Devaraj, Dr. R. Jayavel and Dr. Parasuraman Selvam have thanked the Management of VISTAS for re-nominating them to the Board of Management for one more term.

Then the Vice-Chancellor has informed the members about the appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellor to VISTAS. He has introduced Dr. M. Bharskaran who has assumed the office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor on 7-10-2022.

The members of the Board of Management have congratulated Dr. M. Bharskaran, Pro Vice-Chancellor of VISTAS for his new assignment and wish him success to achieve the goal of mission and vision of the VISTAS during his tenure, with his rich academic and administrative experience.

Before taking up agenda items for discussion, the Vice-Chancellor has briefed the activities carried out since from the last meeting. (July to September 2022)

- Approval by the AICTE to increase in intake for the MCA Porgramme from the academic year 2022-2023.

- Approval by the AICTE to offer the following 2 new courses under School of Management Studies and Commerce and one each under the Department of Mechanical Engineering and ECE from the academic year 2022-2023.

- The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has extended approval to conduct the Pharmaceutical courses in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences upto 2024-2025.

- The Bar Council of India (BCI) has extended the approval to conduct four existing courses in the School of Law up to the academic year 2023-2024.

- The VISTAS has conducted Twelfth Convocation on 05.08.2022. The Honourable Governor of Tamilnadu Thiru. R.N. RAVI was the Chief Guest and he delivered the Convocation address and also distributed the Medals and Certificates to the Rank holders at the University level. On this occasion, four eminent Personalities were conferred with Degree of Honoris Causa.

- The VISTAS has carried out various activities from 10th August 2022 to 15th August 2022 under Azaadi of Amrit Mahotsav programme to commemorate the 75th Independence Day.

- Vels Nakshatra 2022, a National Level Mega Cultural event was held at the University Campus on 5th and 6th September 2022. More than 1500 students have participated in this event.

- The performance in the academic activities of our Faculty Members has been assessed by a committee and the best performers have been awarded with the "Academic Excellence Award" and a detailed report has been placed as an agenda item in this meeting.
- 36 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by various departments of VISTAS.
- 189 research articles were published in international and national journals and 38 books were published.
- Our faculty members have attended totally 522 seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 76 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.
- 28 Faculty members have received various awards.
- 46 nos. of projects have been submitted to the various funding agencies.
- 32 Patents were published / filed by VISTAS and One Patent Awarded.

After his brief introductory speech, the Vice-Chancellor has invited comments / remarks from the members of the Board of Management.

Dr. H. Devaraj while congratulating the faculty members for their active participation in all the academic activities has sought clarification on the outcome in conducting seminars and webinars.

The Vice Chancellor has replied that attending the seminars enables the faculty members to have wide range of knowledge about the Research projects from various Institutions and this will enable them to pursue further in their Research. Attending seminars also motivate them to publish quality papers in the Scopus Indexed Journals.

Also, attending National and International conference gives synergy to the faulty members and enables them to collaborate with various agencies nationally and internationally.

With regard to patents commercialization, the Vice-Chancellor has replied that VISTAS has filed 146 patents so far, but now only VISTAS has got the First Examination Report for answering and process for getting grants for the patents filed is going on.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy has congratulated the Chancellor, Pro Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Registrar and the other faculty members for their involvement in the growth of VISTAS. He has also suggested to put a target to raise the level of H Index from the existing 48 to 60, since it is one of the indicators to show as how the research work are being carried out in an Institution. Also set a target to the faculty members to publish at least three papers in the Scopus Indexed Journals so that productivity can be achieved.

He has also suggested to make the students to involve themselves in the Research as a learning outcome to promote creativity, problems solving etc, besides the academic. As the University, we must encourage the students to have more involvement in these activities. Also set a target for the students to participate in the patent oriented projects.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy also suggested for the improvisation of the Innovation centre. He has opined that there must be some sustainable outcomes from the Instrumentation Centre of VISTAS, since huge investment has been made in that, it has to be utilized for Marketing and the same be monitored by appointing a MBA person.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that, as suggested in previous meeting, a target has been set for all the faculty members to publish two papers in first semester and two papers in the subsequent semester altogether four papers in a year.

With regard to the Instrumentation Centre, the Vice-Chancellor has replied that this is being utilized very much and also being used by others. The VISTAS is also providing service to the outside Institutions and Industries and generating revenue from that source.

The VISTAS has conducted a programme viz. Avishkar where 64 students have participated and showed their design and all the 64 are going to be patented in the name of students (all in the name of students) and thereby Students participation are also encouraged in patent oriented activities.

Dr. W. Selvamurty has also opined that since the VISTAS is conducting International Seminars and webinars inviting people from outside, besides faculty of VISTAS going out for attending seminars, there must be a visibility.

The VISTAS is inviting most eminent people and educationalists for various functions of VISTAS. Their expertise shall not only be utilized merely for delivering the special address but also to utilize their expertise in academic activities and the VISTAS has to evolve a mechanism as to how their expertise and experience can be utilized for the joint publication and joint research work.

On another query raised, the Vice-Chancellor replied that four start-up have come up and their products are yet to be commercialized.

Dr. R. Jayavel, congratulated and recorded his appreciation to the Management, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar for their phenomenal and sincere efforts in bringing the VISTAS to the present level of excellence in its endeavors within a short span of time since the last meeting.

Dr. R. Jayavel has also remarked that the under graduate students are enthusiastic and with great potentiality. This is the high time that we should have a lot of club activities within their department so that they can come out with good ideas and creativity since their contribution will

be very useful. There is no time constrain for them and hence we can utilize their services and intelligence almost 24x7.

He has also opined that this will be the high time to focus on Interdisciplinary and Inter- Institutional collaboration within the Institution. This will help to connect people of Engineering areas and other areas. Since we are in the move of Seamless Science and barless technology, whatever sensors the electronic students develop will be ultimately useful for agriculture area and the investment we do will be more productive.

He has further opined that the ATAL is sanctioning the grants up to Rs.9.00 to 15.00 lakhs for startup and MSME will also be helpful and the VISTAS can utilize this funding facility to carryout various Research projects.

After the remarks / comments of the members, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the honourable members for their greetings and then the Items of Agenda were taken for discussion.

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MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management conducted through hybrid mode on 03-06-2022.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management held on 03-06-2022 through hybrid mode **is noted**.

Item No.: II

Considered the minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council conducted on 29-09-2022 for approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council conducted on 29-09-2022 is approved.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy has suggested that starting of programme related to Quantum Technology may be considered at the appropriate time.

Item No.: III

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the appointment of Dr. M. Bhaskaran, former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai as Pro-Vice-Chancellor in VISTAS to look after the Academic/Administrative matters.

RESOLVED that the appointment and joining of Dr. M. Bhaskaran, as Pro Vice-Chancellor in VISTAS **is approved and ratified**.

Item No. IV

Considered the panel of names of Question Paper Setters (External) for the different UG/PG/Professional Courses of VISTAS for the End Semester Examinations to be conducted in November 2022 and May 2023.

RESOLVED that the panel of names of Question Paper Setters (External) for the different UG/PG/Professional Courses of VISTAS for the End Semester Examinations to be conducted in November 2022 and May 2023 **is approved.**

Item No. V

Considered the panel of names of Examiners (Internal and External) for valuing answer scripts of the End Semester Examinations to be held in November 2022 and May 2023.

RESOLVED that the panel of names of Examiners (Internal and External) for valuing answer scripts of the End Semester Examinations to be held in November 2022 and May 2023 **is approved.**

Item No. VI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the 'Faculty Excellence Award' awarded to the faculty members who have been selected for the academic year 2021-2022.

RESOLVED that Faculty Excellence Award' awarded to the faculty members who have been selected for the academic year 2021-2022 **is noted and appreciated.**

Dr. W. Selvamurthy congratulated all the faculty award winners and has suggested to look out the faculty members who are rated under D & E and help them to come up.

Item No. VII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the permission accorded by the AICTE for an additional intake of 60 students from the existing of 120 to 180 to the MCA Porgramme being offered in the Department of MCA under the School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS, from the academic year 2022-2023.

RESOLVED that the permission accorded by the AICTE for an additional intake of 60 students from the existing of 120 to 180 to the MCA Porgramme being offered in the Department of MCA under the School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS, from the academic year 2022-2023 **is noted**.

Item No. VIII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the approval accorded by the AICTE for the following new Programmes to be offered in the School of Management Studies and Commerce and School of Engineering from the academic year 2022-2023 with an intake as noted against them**:**

1. School of Management Studies and Commerce

   a. MBA Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development – 30
   b. MBA – Sports Management – 60

2. School of Engineering

   (i) Department of Mechanical Engineering B.Tech.–Automation and Robotics-60
   (ii) Department of ECE - B.E. Electronics and Computer Engineering - 60

RESOLVED that approval accorded by the AICTE for the following new programmes to be offered in the School of Management Studies and Commerce and School of Engineering from the academic year 2022-2023 with an intake as noted against them **is noted**

1. MBA Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development – 30
2. MBA – Sports Management – 60
3. B.Tech. – Automation and Robotics - 60
4. B.E. Electronics and Computer Engineering - 60

Dr. W. Selvamurthy has suggested that a review can be made for closing the courses where there are strength of the students are few against the sanctioned strength considering the revenue expenditure involved in these programmes, keeping in mind that this is small private Institution.

Item No. IX

Considered the Registrar's reports that the ODD Semester Examinations May 2022 was conducted through offline and online modes and the consequent action taken thereon as mentioned below:

a. Publication of results of Semester End Examinations of all UG/PG Programmes (except Final Semester)
b. Publication of results of all UG / PG Programmes – First Semester
c. Punishment awarded to the students indulged in malpractice in the May 2022 Examinations
d. Publication of results after revaluation of answer scripts related to May 2022 Examination.
e. M.Phil. and Ph.D. Course work papers Examination – May 2022

RESOLVED that consequent action taken after the conduct of ODD Semester Examinations May 2022 **is noted and ratified.**

Dr. Selvamurthy has suggested that the Low pass percentage of 66.71% be analysed and have to take suitable steps for improving the pass percentage.

Item No. X

Considered the names of Internal and External Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses submitted by 123 candidates in various disciplines as on 31-10--2022, for approval.

RESOLVED that the names of Internal and External Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses submitted by 123 candidates in various disciplines as on 31-10--2022 **is approved.**

Dr. H. Devaraj has suggested that as for as possible Internal candidates be restricted so as to maintain the quality and also as per the UGC revised norms, there is no need to publish any papers by the Research Scholars during their research period.

Item No: XI

Considered the list of names of 100 candidates who were awarded the Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 28-06-2022 to 28-10-2022 for approval.

RESOLVED that the list of names of 100 candidates who were awarded the Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 28-06-2022 to 28-10-2022 **is approved.**

Dr. Parasuram Selvam has suggested that though there is no necessity to publish the papers by the research scholars as per the UGC norms, the VISTAS may have its own policy of insisting for publishing two papers or at least one paper by a Research Scholar, since the Ph.D., seems to be a highest qualification.

Dr. R. Srinivasan has also opined that if one or two papers are published by the Research Scholar, it can be considered for filing of patent purpose also.

Item No: XII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the amendments made in the existing procedures for Revaluation Process and Results Passing Board process, proposed by the Controller of Examinations and approved by the Vice-Chancellor for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED that the amendments made in the existing procedures for Revaluation Process and Results Passing Board process, proposed by the Controller of Examinations **is approved and ratified**.

Item No.: XIII

Considered the proposal of staring the new Course of B.Tech. CSE in Artificial Intelligence under the School of Engineering, VISTAS with intake of 60 students, from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval.:-

RESOLVED that staring the new Course of B.Tech. CSE in Artificial Intelligence under the School of Engineering, VISTAS with intake of 60 students, from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval **is approved.**

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Management of VISTAS has no objection to start the above new course in VISTAS (Deemed to be University) from the academic year 2023-2024.

Item No.: XIV

Considered the proposal to increase the intake of students for the following programmes being offered in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering under the School of Engineering, VISTAS, from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval:-

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Existing Intake	Proposed increase in Intake
1.	B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile Based Application Development)	30	60
2.	B.Tech. CSE in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	60	120
3.	B.Tech., CSE in Data Science	60	120

RESOLVED to approve the increase in intake of students for the following programmes being offered in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering under the School of Engineering, VISTAS, from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval:

Sl.No.	Name of the Programme	Existing Intake	Proposed increase in Intake
1.	B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile Based Application Development)	30	60
2.	B.Tech. CSE in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	60	120
3.	B.Tech., CSE in Data Science	60	120

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Management of VISTAS has no objection to the increase of intake of students for the above programmes from the academic year 2023-2024.

Item No.: XV

Considered the proposal to change the nomenclature in respect of the B.Tech. CSE in Data Science, being offered under School of Engineering, VISTAS as detailed below from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard**:**

Existing nomenclature	Nomenclature Proposed	PID
B.Tech., CSE in Data Science	B.Tech. - CSE in Artificia Intelligence & Data Science	1-3628130411

RESOLVED to approve the change the nomenclature in respect of the B.Tech. CSE in Data Science, being offered under School of Engineering, VISTAS as detailed below from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard

Existing nomenclature	Nomenclature Proposed	PID

B.Tech., CSE in Data Science	B.Tech.- CSE in Artificia Intelligence & Data Science	1-3628130411

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Management of VISTAS has no objection to change the nomenclature of the above existing course to that of proposed nomenclature from the academic year 2023-2024.

Item No.: XVI

Considered the proposal to reduce the intake of students in respect of the B.Tech. Biotechnology programmes being offered in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering under the School of Engineering, VISTAS, from 60 students to that of 30 students from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval:-

RESOLVED to approve for reducing the intake of students in respect of the B.Tech. Biotechnology programmes being offered in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering under the School of Engineering, VISTAS, from 60 students to that of 30 students from the academic year 2023-2024 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Management of VISTAS has no objection to the reduction of intake of students for the above programme from the academic year 2023-2024.

Item No.: XVII

Considered the proposal of closure the UG programmes of. B.Tech Petroleum engineering being offered under the School of Engineering, VISTAS from the academic year 2023-2024, due to poor response in the previous academic year and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard.

RESOLVED to approve the closure the UG programmes of. B.Tech Petroleum Engineering being offered under the School of Engineering, VISTAS from the academic year 2023-2024, due to poor response in the previous academic year and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Management of VISTAS has no objection for closure of the above programme from the academic year 2023-2024.

Item No: XVIII

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01-08-2022 and 31-10-2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01-08-2022 and 31-10-2022 are approved.

Item No: XIX

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the establishment of the Infrastructure for the School of Agricultural Science (IOAS) as per ICAR norms, at Avanipur, Thindivanam Campus for approval.

RESOLVED that the establishment of the Infrastructure for the School of Agricultural Science (IOAS) as per ICAR norms, at Avanipur, Thindivanam Campus **is approved**.

Item No: XX

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the Research Projects sanctioned to the various faculty members of the VISTAS.

RESOLVED that the Research Projects sanctioned to the various faculty members of the VISTAS is **noted and appreciated.**

Item No. XXI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to 15 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed by various faculty members of the various Department of VISTAS with the collaborative organisations.

RESOLVED that 15 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed by various faculty members of the various Department of VISTAS with the collaborative organisations **is noted**.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy opined that MOU initiator be nominated as champion to monitor the MOU.

Item No. XXII

Considered the minutes of the 35th meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 02-09-2022 at 11.00 a.m. in the office of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 02-09-2022 is approved.

Item No. XXIII

Considered the minutes of the 36th meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 03-11-2022 at 11.00 a.m. in the office of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 03-11-2022 is approved.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members for their active participation and having offered their valuable suggestions and assured that all the suggestions given by the honourable members will be carefully implemented wherever applicable.

With this, the Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting and thanked the members.

REGISTRAR VICE CHANCELLOR

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management held on 27-04-2023 at 3.00 pm through Hybrid mode.

Members present:

1. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan – Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
2. Dr. M. Bhaskaran - Pro Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. H. Devaraj - Member
4. Dr. R. Srinivasan - Member
5. Dr. R. Jayavel - Member
6. Dr. Raveendran Muthurajan - Member
7. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran - Member
8. Dr. A. Balasubramanian - Member
9. Dr. S. Preetha - Member
10. Dr. T. Kamalakannan - Member
11. Dr. P. Saravanan - Registrar - Member Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 3.00 p.m. by the Chair.

Dr. S.P Thiyagarajan, Chancellor, Sri Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore, Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor Amity University, Noida, UP, and Dr. Parasuraman Selvam, Professor and Head, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai-600 025 have expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their urgent commitments.

Dr. H. Devaraj, former Vice-Chairman, UGC has attended the meeting physically and other three external members viz. Dr. R. Srinivasan, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Dr. R. Jayavel, Professor, Crystal Growth Centre, Coordinator, Centre for Nano Science and Technology, Anna University and Dr. Raveendran Muthurajan Professor and Head-Plant Biotechnology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore have attended the meeting through online.

Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson has welcomed all the distinguished members for the Meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor has introduced Dr. Raveendran Muthurajan, Professor and Head-Plant Biotechnology, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore who has been nominated as new member to the Board of Management and extended a warm welcome for the meeting.

The Management of VISTAS recorded its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Dr. M.S. Narasimahn, Dean, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore, for his fullest cooperation by giving his valuable suggestions in the meetings of Board of Management for betterment of the Institution.

After this the Vice chancellor has briefed the academic activities carried out since from the last meeting (November 2022 to March 2023).

- A five-day nationwide workshop on "Instigating Innovation and Technology in Teaching Practices through IQAC" was organised from 30-1-2023 to 3-02-2023 by IQAC VISTAS, which was sponsored by NAAC at VISTAS Pallavaram campus in physical mode. The participants were from academic background, representing different Colleges and Universities across the country. One faculty was from Oman.

- The VISTAS has organized a programme on 04-02-2023 in which a Talk on "The Era of Amrutha Kaalam New India of Opportunities" has been delivered. Thiru. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and after a talk he has interacted with faculty and students which was not only informative but also useful to the Faculty and Students.

- The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organised a one Day International Webinar on "Therapeutic Drug Monitoring & Analytical techniques" on 19.02.2023.

- The Department of Bioinformatics has organized a National Conference on "Bioinformatics Approaches to Infectious Diseases" on 14-2-23 & 15-2-2023.

- School of Management Studies has organized a Self Help Group - University Bazaar 2023 on 08.02.2023.

- The International Women's Day was celebrated in VISTAS campus on 7th March 2023. The following personalities have been conferred with "Vels Women Achiever Award" on that occasion:

    1) Ms.Priya Rajan
       Mayor of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
    2) Ms.Ramya Bharathi
       Indian Police Service Officer, Joint Commissioner – Chennai North Zone.

3) Dr.Saveetha Rajesh
   Director, Saveetha Medical College and the Pupil Saveetha Eco School.

4) Ms.Sudha Kongara Prasad
   Indian Film Director and Screen Writer.

5) Ms.Indumathi.K
   Indian Woman Football Player.

- The Department of Bioengineering has organized a two days National Level Skill Development Hands-On Workshop titled "Service & Maintenance of Critical Care Equipment's in Hospitals" in Collaboration with Deepam Hospitals, Tambaram & Career Domino Solutions by on 13.03.2023 and 14.03.2023.

- Department of Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering has organized Two days National conference on Applied Science for Medical Device Technology on 23rd and 24th March 2023.

- VISTAS has conducted the Annual Sports Meet 2023 on 30th March 2023 at Pallavaram Campus. Thiru M.Rathinasamy, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Chennai hoisted the flag and declared open the Sports Meet. Ms.C.A.Bhavani Devi (Fencing athletes), Olympian & Arjuna Awardee was the Guest of Honour and she distributed the prizes and medals.

The details of participation by the faculty members of VISTAS in various academic activities such as Seminar / Workshop / Conferences and also publication of papers are given below:

- 78 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various departments of VISTAS.
- 267 research articles were published in international and national journals and 106 books were published.
- Our faculty members have attended totally 2195 seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 411 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.
- 175 Faculty members have received various awards.
- 41 nos. of projects have been submitted to the various funding agencies.
- 48 Patents were published / filed by VISTAS and 26 Patents Awarded.

The Project titled "Science Technology and Innovation Hub for Technology enabled Production and Marketing of Value added Agricultural products to enhance the Livelihood of

SC community in Thellar block, Vandavasi Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamilnadu State" has been sanctioned with a total grant of Rs. 2,66,13,618/- by the DST-SEED Scheme.

The above research project would be carried out jointly by the following faculty members of VISTAS:

1. Dr.M.Chandrasekaran, Dean, Academic Courses,
2. Dr.S.Arun, Director, IQAC,
3. Dr.S.Vasantha, Professor, MBA

M/s. Innovscape Technology Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru has sanctioned a consultancy project to Dr.R.A.Kalaivani, Dean, School of Basic Sciences titled "Investigation on electrochemical properties of LFP based coin cells" worth of Rs.75,000/-

The faculty members of the following Department of VISTAS have been sanctioned with the Research projects by the MSME - EDI for a total amount of Rs. 32,20,000/-

S.No.	Name of the Department	Amount Sanctioned (in Rupees)
1	Department of Chemistry	15,00,000-00
2	Department of Biotechnology	5,00,000-00
3	Department of Microbiology	2,00,000-00
4	Department of MCA	2,20,000-00
5	Department of Agriculture	6,00,000-00
6	Department of Biomedical Engineering	2,00,000-00
	Total	32,20,000-00

Totally 35 Memorandum of Understanding have been signed by the following Departments:-

1. School of Management Studies and Commerce – 7
2. School of Pharmaceutical Science – 7
3. Dept. of Civil Engineering – 4
4. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering – 1
5. Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering – 2
6. School of Computing Sciences – 2
7. Department of Computer Science Engineering– 2
8. Department of Commerce – 2
9. Department of MCA -1
10. Department of Physics -2
11. VISTAS – 3
12. B.Tech. Bio Technology – 2
13. HCM -1

The concerned Departments have carried out the following activities, as contemplated in the MOU signed by them:

1. Organised Guest Lecture
2. Internship Training were given
3. Carried out Research Work, Clinical Training Soft Skill Training Program
4. Conducted Value added Course in the current semesters and also proposed to conduct the same in the forthcoming semester.
5. Made Industrial visit.
6. A proposal for Battery Operated Vehicle was submitted
7. The student training program will be conducted on E-Vehicle Technology in the forthcoming Semester
8. Developed a customized Learning Management System for VISTAS
9. Technical Expertise and Discussion on final year projects with the possibility of converting them to patents were arranged.

After his brief introductory speech, the Vice-Chancellor has invited comments / remarks from the members of the Board of Management.

Dr. H. Devaraj while congratulating the faculty members for their active participation in all the academic activities has sought clarification on the outcome in conducting seminars and projects that are received through the conduct of such conferences.

The Vice Chancellor has replied that by conducting and attending the seminars / conferences, the faculty members are having an opportunity to enhance their skills. The Pro Vice-Chancellor, with the permission of the Chair, has also remarked that the International Conference offer collaborations to do research projects for faculty and students.

With regard to the publications, Dr. R. Jayavel has opined that the quality is important in terms of paper. He added that in Anna University, Alumina are contacted for signing overseas MOU which enable them to get many collaborative research project.

Dr. R. Srinivasan appreciated the faculty members for having conducted seminars and conferences which would helpful to the faculty and students.

After the remarks / comments of the members, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the honourable members for their suggestions and then the Items of Agenda were taken for discussion.

MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management conducted on 04-11-2022 through hybrid mode and also minutes on the Agenda items circulated to the members of BOM on 08-12-2022 and 21-03-2023.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management conducted on 04-11-2022 through hybrid mode and also minutes on the

Agenda items circulated to the members of BOM on 08-12-2022 and 21-03-2023, **are noted**.

Item No.: II

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 28-02-2023, for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 28-02-2023.

Dr. H. Devaraj has suggested to maintain the quality while offering Open and Distance Learning and Online Programme.

Item No.: III

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies held on 28-03-2023 for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies held on 28-03-2023.

Dr. H. Devaraj has suggested that a Core Area of Research be identified over a period of time.

Item No. IV

Considered the proposal of the Registrar for recruitment of Teaching Staff, based on the increased work load in departments and also due to resignation submitted by some of the faculty members in order to maintain the Faculty – Student ratio for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the Recruitment of Teaching Staff, based on the increased work load in departments and also due to resignation submitted by some of the faculty members.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to proceed further in the recruitment of Teaching staff such as shortlisting the applications, conduct of interviews, selection of suitable candidates and issuing appointment orders etc. and to report to the Board of Management for its approval and ratification.

Item No. V

Considered the proposal for submission of application to the UGC for grant of approval to start the following new courses in Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and Diploma Programmes submitted by the Dean, Academic Courses in VISTAS from the academic year 2023-2024, for approval:

I - School of Applied Sciences - Under-Graduate Programmes

1. B.Sc. Food Service Management and Applied Nutrition – 3 years – 60 intake
2. B.Sc.(Hons.) Climate Change and Environmental Science – 4 years – 60 intake
3. B.Sc. Psychology - 3 Years – 60 intake
4. B.Voc. Aviation - 3 Years – 60 intake
5. Diploma in Culinary Arts - 3 Years – 60 intake

II - School of Management Studies and Commerce - Under Graduate and Post- Graduate Programmes

1. BBA Business Analytics (Certified Business Analyst-KPNG-CBA) - 3 Years - 60 intake
2. BBA Tourism and Hospitality Management - 3 Years - 60 intake
3. B.Com. Hons. (Integrated CA Programme) - 3 Years - 60 intake
4. B.A. Politics, Philosophy and Economics - 3 Years - 60 intake
5. M.A. Political Leadership and Government - 2 Years - 30 intake

The Members, in order to have a broad field of study, decided to change the nomenclature of B.Sc.(Hons) Climate Change & Environmental Science with 4 years into that of B.Sc. Environmental Science with 3 years duration **and**

RESOLVED to approve the submission of application to the UGC for grant of approval to start the following new courses in Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and Diploma from the academic year 2023-2024.

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Item No. VI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to extension of services of Dr. A. Udhayakumar, Controller of Examinations, VISTAS for a further period of two years from 06-03-2023 since his tenure of appointment ended on 05-03-2023, for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the action taken in extending the services of Dr. A. Udhayakumar, Controller of Examinations, VISTAS for a further period of two years from 06-03-2023.

Item No. VII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the appointment of Dr. P. Mahesh Kumar, MCA, Ph.D., as Director for School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the action taken in appointing Dr. P. Mahesh Kumar, MCA, Ph.D., as Director for School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS.

Item No. VIII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the appointment of Dr. P. Thyagarajan, Former Professor and Director, School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, as Director for CDOE-VISTAS and also transferring one Professor, one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor from the respective departments and also transferring some of the non-teaching staff members to the CDOE for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the action taken in appointing Dr. P. Thyagarajan, Former Professor and Director, School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open

University, Chennai, as Director for CDOE-VISTAS and also transferring one Professor, one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor from the respective departments and also transferring some of the non-teaching staff members to the CDOE

Item No. IX

Considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the panel of names to consider for appointment of Question Paper Setters and Examiners for the B.Sc. Hons. (Agriculture) Programmes for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED to approve the panel of names to consider for appointment of Question Paper Setters and Examiners for the B.Sc. Hons. (Agriculture) Programmes**.**

Item No. X

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to End Semester Examinations held in November 2022 and consequent action taken thereon as mentioned below:

f. Publication of results of all UG / PG Programmes
g. Punishment awarded to the students indulged in malpractice in the November 2022 Examinations
h. Publication of results after revaluation of answer scripts related to November 2022 Examination.
i. M.Phil. and Ph.D. Course work papers Examination –November 2022
j. Publication of results of B.Sc. (Hons.) (Agriculture) First Semester Examination.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the action taken in Publication of End Semester Examinations held in November 2022 and consequent action taken thereon**.**

Item No: XI

Considered the names of Internal and External Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses submitted by 108 candidates in various disciplines as on 13-04-2023, for approval.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the Internal and External Examiners from among the panel of examiners by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses submitted by 108 candidates in various disciplines.

Considered the list of names of 83 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 01-11-2022 to 13-04-2023, for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the list of names of 83 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 01-11-2022 to 13- 04-2023.

Item No: XIII

Considered the report of the Registrar about the event viz. "V FUND WOMEN 2023 – A start-up pitch competition for women entrepreneurs" - organised by VISTAS for aspiring women entrepreneurs with a burning passion to create their own identity in the start-up ecosystem and also to present their best business ideas on a common platform and to meet investors, receive support, advice to reach their business goals.

The report of the Registrar about the event viz. "V FUND WOMEN 2023 – A start-up pitch competition for women entrepreneurs" - organised by VISTAS for aspiring women entrepreneurs with a burning passion to create their own identity in the start-up ecosystem and also to present their best business ideas on a common platform and to meet investors, receive support, advice to reach their business goals **is noted**.

Item No: XIV

Considered the report of the Registrar about to the conduct of AVISHKAR 2.0, an Intra Institutional Technical Project Expo programme organized on 16-03-2023 at VISTAS.

The report of the Registrar about to the conduct of AVISHKAR 2.0, an Intra Institutional Technical Project Expo programme organized on 16-03-2023 at VISTAS is **noted.**

Item No. XV

Considered the report of the Registrar about the conduct of International Conference on Advanced Innovation and Research Challenges in Science & Technology (ICAIRST 2023) for three days from 01-03-2023 to 03-03-2023 at VISTAS.

The report of the Registrar about the conduct of International Conference on Advanced Innovation and Research Challenges in Science & Technology (ICAIRST 2023) for three days from 01-03-2023 to 03-03-2023 at VISTAS is **noted**.

Item No. XVI

Considered the report of the Registrar about the grant of accreditation for further period of three years for the following three UG Engineering Programmes by the National Board of Accreditation:

1. Marine Engineering
2. Mechanical Engineering
3. Computer Science and Engineering

The report of the Registrar about the grant of accreditation for further period of three years for the following three UG Engineering Programmes by the National Board of Accreditation **is noted and appreciated**:

1. Marine Engineering
2. Mechanical Engineering
3. Computer Science and Engineering

Item No. XVII

Considered the request received from the student Thiru Bior Abuoi Arok, from South Sudan, who has undergone the B.E.(EEE) programmes in VISTAS in 2014 (2013-14 batch) and discontinued the course after underwent Four semesters due to medical grounds, to rejoin the course from Fifth semester from the academic year 2023-2024.

RESOLVED that the student Thiru Bior Abuoi Arok from South Sudan is permitted to rejoin the in the BE (EEE) Degree Programme from Fifth semester from the academic year 2023-2024 as a special case, subject to the condition that he shall redo the said programme in the existing syllabus, since the transitory provision for redoing the course has already completed.

Item No. XVIII

Considered the consolidated report prepared by the IQAC on the feedback to revise the Curriculum received from various stakeholders such as Academic peers, Industrial experts, Alumni, Parents, Employers and Students through the ERP Portal and Google forms to revise the curriculum and to take necessary action for the academic year 2023-2024 for placing before the Academic Council.

RESOLVED that the consolidated report prepared by the IQAC on the feedback to revise the Curriculum received from various stakeholders such as Academic peers, Industrial experts, Alumni, Parents, Employers and Students through the ERP Portal and Google forms to revise the curriculum and to take necessary action for the academic year 2023-2024 for placing before the Academic Council.

Item No. XIX

Considered the minutes of the 37th Meeting of Board of Research Studies (BoRS) on 03/02/2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the IQAC to consider the proposal for sanction of incentives to the faculty members (Annexure I) for the academic year 2022-2023 who have received awards from National and International bodies for their academic excellence.

Resolved that the minutes of the 37th Meeting of Board of Research Studies (BoRS) on 03/02/2023 **is approved**.

Item No. XX

Considered the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) meeting held on 28/03/2023 at 2.00 P.M. in the CARD Room, VOC Block to consider the following agenda items:

1. The applications received for guideship of Ph.D. in VISTAS by the office of Dean-Academic Research till 15.03.2023. (Annexure: I)
2. The implementations of revised minimum standard procedures to be followed for award of Ph.D. as per the UGC regulations, 2022 (Annexure- II)
3. The approval for enhancement of VRF for Full-Time' research Scholars, who are SET/SLET/NET /GPAT qualified. (Annexure -III)
4. The appointment of Co-guides for Inter-Disciplinary Research
5. Extension of Ph.D. Period from a maximum of 8 years to 10 years for the following scholars, who are recommended by their respective guides. (ANNEXURE: VI)

    1. Mr.D.Praveen Kumar/UP14G9590001/ Part time/ Dept. of ECE
    2. Mr.Suki Ramasamy/UP15G9560005/Part time/School of Management Studies/
    3. Mr.Saravanan Rajendran/UP15G9560003/Part-time/School of Management Studies
    4. Mr.H.Abdul Haseeb/UP15G9630001/Part-Time/ Dept. of Civil Engineering

Resolved that the minutes of the 37th Meeting of Board of Research Studies (BoRS) on 03/02/2023 **is approved**.

The Vice-Chancellor, after the discussion of the agenda items, has invited the members for their concluding remarks.

Dr. R. Jeyavel has opined that the Institutional perception will increase when the International Conferences are conducted and such conferences could submit its recommendations to the State and Central Government for the action to be taken in the respective field.

Dr. R. Srinivasan has opined that steps be taken to improve overall pass percentage.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members for their active participation and having offered their valuable suggestions and assured that the suggestions given by the honourable members will be carefully implemented wherever applicable.

With this, the Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting and thanked the members.

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