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INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ADVANCED STUDIES (VISTAS)
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Mode: Hybrid Mode **Date and Time: 11-10-2023 at 2.00 pm.**

Minutes

Members present:

1. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan – Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
2. Dr. M. Bhaskaran - Pro Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. W. Selvamurthy - Member
4. Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan - Member
5. Dr. H. Devaraj - Member
6. Dr. R. Srinivasan - Member
7. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran - Member
8. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani - Member
9. Dr. S. Arun - Member
10. Dr. S. Sivaganesan - Member
11. Dr. M. Monisha - Member
12. Dr. P. Saravanan - Registrar - Member Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 2.00 p.m. by the Chair.

Dr. H. Devaraj, former Vice-Chairman, UGC has attended the meeting physically and other three external members Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor, Amity University, Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Distinguished Professor and Advisor to Chancellor, VIT and Dr. R. Srinivasan, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology have attended through online.

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

The Vice-Chancellor then briefed the constitution of Executive Council as per the UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023, superseding the earlier body of Board of Management and read out the members of the newly constituted Executive Council:

1. Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor, Amity University, Noida
2. Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Distinguished Professor & Advisor to Chancellor, VIT, Chennai.
3. Dr. H.Devaraj, Former Vice-Chairman, UGC, Chennai
4. Dr. R. Srinivasan, Member-Secretary, TNSCST
5. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, Dean, Academic Courses, VISTAS
6. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani, Dean, School of Basic Sciences, VISTAS
7. Dr. S. Arun, Professor, Department of CSE and Director-IQAC, VISTAS
8. Dr. S. Sivaganesan, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, VISTAS
9. Dr. M. Monisha, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, VISTAS

The Vice-Chancellor extended warm welcome to the members for the meeting:

The Management of VISTAS recorded its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the following members for their fullest cooperation by giving their valuable suggestions in the meetings of the Board of Management held during their tenure as members for betterment of the Institution:

1. Dr. Parasuraman Selvam, Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT-Madras, Chennai.
2. Dr. R. Jayavel, Dean, Alagappa College of Technology, Anna University, Chennai.
3. Dr. Raveendran Muthurajan, Professor and Head-Plant Biotechnology,
   Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology,
   Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore – 641003.
4. Dr. A. Balasubramanian, Dean, Academic Research, VISTAS
5. Dr. S. Preetha, Professor, Department of Management Studies, VISTAS
6. Dr. T. Kamalakannan, Associate Professor, Department of BCA & IT, VISTAS

After this, the Vice chancellor has informed the members about the approval granted by UGC-DEB, extension of accreditation granted by NBA, NIRF ranking for 2023 and QS I Gauge award, as detailed below:

- The Distance Education Bureau (DEB), UGC has accorded approval to offer the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes in B.Com. BBA and MBA at VISTAS from the academic year 2023-2024.
- The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has extended the Accreditation for Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Marine Engineering and Pharmacy Programmes.
- The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education was released NIRF Ranking 2023 on 05.06.2023.

S.No.	Discipline	Ranking awarded
1	University	Under the rank band of 101 – 150
2	Overall	Under the rank band of 151 – 200
3	Innovation category	Positioned in the band of 51-100
4	Pharmacy	Ranked 47th in Pharmacy Category
5	Engineering	Under the rank band of 101 – 150

- QS I Gauge award certificate was issued to VISTAS, based on the performance metrics as set out by them. (VISTAS has secured an overall rating of DIAMOND**)**

He also presented before the august body the following various activities carried out by faculty members of VISTAS since the last meeting i.e. from May 2023 to Sept 2023:

- The VISTAS has observed 21-06-2023 as "Yoga Day 2023". Mr Balamurugan, Volunteer of Isha Foundation, Coimbatore has organized a Workshop on "Yoga for Physical Health, Mental Health and Success" on this day.

- The School of Maritime Studies had conducted Annual Passing out Ceremony of the Cadets of School of Maritime Studies at Thalambur campus on 29.05.2023.

  Capt. Ganesh Srinivasan, Director-Densay Marine Pvt. Ltd., was the Chief Guest and delivered the Chief Guest address and distributed the Medals and Certificates.

  Capt. Praveen Bansal, CEO & Managing Director, K-Line Ship Management (I) Ltd., Mumbai and Capt. V.PARDHASARADHI, Nautical Surveyor-Cum-DDG (Tech.), Director General (Technical) participated as Guests of Honour.

- The VISTAS has conducted its 13th Convocation on 30-06-2023. Smt.Nirmala Sitharaman, Honourable Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and she delivered the Convocation address and distributed the Medals and Certificates to the Rank holders at the University level.

- On this occasion the following Eminent Personalities in the field of Educationalist, Industrialist / Entrepreneur, Scientist / Academician, Sports were honored with Honoris Causa degrees:

  1) Thiru.R.S.Munirathinam, Ex.M.L.A., Founder - Chairman, RMK Group of Institutions (Educationalist)
  2) Thiru. Girish Mathrubootham, Founder & CEO, Freshworks. (Industrialist / Entrepreneur)
  3) Thiru.Dr.M.Ramalingam, Professor of Urology, Hindusthan Hospital, Coimbatore. (Scientist / Academician)
  4) Padma Shri. Anju Bobby George, Indian Athlete, Vice- President of the Athletics, Federation of India, (Sports)

- The Dept. of Information Technology, VISTAS on 07-07-2023, has organized an International Webinar on Big Data Analytic Technology with an Open Source

Platform by Dr.Balaganesh Duraiswamy, Professor, Berlin School of Business and Innovation, from Germany.

- Recently we have been rated as "AAAA" (Very Good) among India's Best Engineering Institutions 2023 by CAREERS 360 - A monthly magazine published by Pathfinder Publishing Pvt. Ltd.

- The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized an Online FDP on "Fostering the Drug Design via Artificial Intelligence and Sanctifying Molecular Docking Studies on 24.7.2023.

- First Year Inaugural function was held on 31st July, 2023. Mr.Sujith Kumar, AVP & HR Business Leader, Infosys Ltd., Founder & Managing Trustee, Maatram Foundation was the Chief Guest and delivered the Special Address. Dr.Saranya Jaikumar, Educational Psychologist participated as Guest of Honour.

- The Dept. of ECE has organized a Seminar on Design & Development of Automated Diagnosis based on Artificial Intelligence Methods" on 30-08-2023.

- VISTAS has celebrated the Onam Festival 2023 on 31.08.2023 and on this occasion various competitions were conducted for the students.

- VISTAS celebrated the Teachers Day Celebration on September 5, 2023 and various competitions were organised by faculty members. The Certificates and Cash Prizes were given to faculty members for their academic achievements.

- VISTAS organized "Vels Stars Intra University Cultural Fest 2023" on 22.09.2023 and on this occasion various events were conducted by the students.

- VISTAS organized "Vels Success Day 2023" on 4th October 2023.

  On this occasion Merit Scholarship worth of Rs.25 lakhs were given to 279 students who secured I, II and III rank in the end semester examination in various Programmes, One student who emerged as NPTEL Discipline Star, 7 Toppers and 120 students who completed the SWAYAM / NPTEL Courses during the academic year 2022-23.

- On 7th October 2023, "Vels Family Day" was celebrated in VISTAS Campus. On this occasion, 22 staff members of VISTAS (Both Teaching and Non-Teaching) have been awarded with an appreciation Certificate for having completed 20 years of service and the each staff member were awarded with prize amount of Rs.50,000/- and the amount was deposited in Fixed Deposit in their name and FD certificate was issued to them.

- Around 1500 (the students and staff members of the Vels Group of Institution) persons have also donated blood on this day.

- 68 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various Departments of VISTAS.

- 530 research articles (Scopus – 335; UGC – 50; Books publications – 145) were published in international and national journals.

- Our faculty members have attended totally 1337 Seminars / Webinars and Conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 177 papers were presented in Workshop and Conferences.

- 139 Faculty members have received various awards.

- 36 Patents were published and filed by VISTAS.

- 42 Design Patents granted.
- 78 projects have been submitted to the various funding agencies.

- Dr. R. Anandan, Professor, CSE has been sanctioned with a Research project titled "Design and Development of Presaged Internet of things (PIoT) for effective prediction of gas leakage monitoring system in TTD Kitchen" for a period of one year by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati.

- Since last meeting 11 new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were signed by the various departments and the details were presented to the members as an agenda item for this meeting.

After concluding his introductory remarks, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the members and invited to offer their comments / remarks.

Dr. H. Devaraj while congratulating the faculty members for having organised the seminars and also for the participation of more number of faculties in it, he has sought clarification on the outcome in conducting seminars.

The Vice Chancellor has replied that by conducting and attending the seminars / conferences, the faculty members are having an opportunity to interact with many resource personalities which will help them to get new projects and to do collaborative research projects.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has informed that this kind of contribution made by the VISTAS and the Vice-Chancellor is strictly adhere to the quality bench mark that required for the University and with this, the VISTAS is able to take it forward in much more progressive manner both in way of Quality and in quantity. It should be in tune with whatever the proposed vision for the Higher Education of the country. Recently the Sticky Vision has also come up with Higher Education Vision Document 2047 that gives as to how exactly a University, in coming era, has to go ahead in Teaching Learning, Evaluation related things, Digitalization in all areas of University both in Academic and Administrative side. It is also to be seen how the VISTAS can generate resources from various private sources instead of depending on the Government sources alone. He has also suggested Internationalization can be brought into, to bring out the Global image of the University. He has also opined that this report may be looked

into and the VISTAS can evolve its futuristic plans accordingly which will help the University to move forward in the decided direction.

He congratulated the entire University, Management and the Vice-Chancellor for their sincere effort.

Dr. R. Srinivasan conveyed that lot of improvement is seen and excellent work was done. He has suggested to organize number of sensitized programmes. Inclusive Technology business incubation is coming up very largely in our country. Lot of areas are also evaluated and VISTAS can also take this programme. The final year students' projects be converted into product development and to concentrate that these projects shall be used for technology transfer. Also appreciated the faculty members for having conducted seminars and conferences which would be helpful to the faculty and students.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the members and taken the Items of Agenda 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 on 27-04-2023 through hybrid mode.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management conducted on 27-04-2023 through hybrid mode **is noted**.

Item No.: II

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the circulated items on 27-06-2023, 14-07-2023 and 19-09-2023.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the circulated items on 27-06-2023, 14-07-2023 and 19-09-2023 **is noted**.

Item No.: III

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-05-2023.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-05-2023.

Item No. IV

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-08-2023.

Dr. .S. P. Thyagarajan, has remarked and sought clarification whether any attempt has been made for the multidisciplinary curriculum frame work? Any attempts for introduction of 4 year programme or any attempt for introduction of online Programme were made.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that choice is given to students for choosing from different discipline and with regard to the online / ODL programme, now only the VISTAS has started the ODL programme and for other courses the same will be introduced in future.

With regard to the Health Sciences, Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has stated that the National Medical Council (NMC) brought in the Competency based curriculum frame work and the skill based curriculum frame work as a part of curriculum and sought clarification that whether VISTAS has made any attempt to introduce the competency based curriculum frame work. For that the Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS has

Health Sciences and Medical Sciences courses and hope that the competency curriculum frame work is introduced.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has suggested that for the introduction of competency curriculum frame work, the Faculty Development need to start from Day 1 itself.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy, has stated that competency based curriculum means, a Mechanical Engineering student will study Automobile Engineering and a CSE student will study Artificial Intelligence.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has stated that in AICTE approved Programmes 80% of the syllabus prescribed by the AICTE has to be followed and 20% syllabus has to be innovated by the VISTAS faculty members. The Vice- Chancellor has replied that this system is followed in VISTAS

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-08-2023.

Item No. V

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the extension of the tenure of appointment of Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor for a further period of one year from 01-09-2023 for information.

RESOLVED that the extension of tenure of appointment of Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor for a further period of one year from 01-09-2023 **is noted.**

All the members have congratulated the Vice-Chancellor.

Item No: VI

Considered the minutes of the Board of Studies in Economics and in English held on 18-08-2023 and 22-08-2023 respectively recommending the

I – (a) Change of nomenclature in the following UG Programmes

S.No.	ODL Programmes		OL Programmes	
	Already approved	To be changed	Already approved	To be changed
1	B.A. Economics	B.A.(Hons.) Economics	*****	*****
2	B.A. English	B.A. (Hons.) English	B.A. English	B.A. (Hons.) English

(b) Updated Programme Project Report (PPR) and Self-Learning Material (SLM) for Economics

(c) Updated Programme Project Report (PPR), Self-Learning Material (SLM) and E-Learning Material for English

II - Submission of application to the Distance Education Bureau-UGC for grant of approval to start the following programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning (OL) programmes through the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of VISTAS from the academic session 2024:

S.No.	ODL Programmes	OL Programmes
1	B.A. (Hons.) English	B.A. (Hons.) English
2	B.A. (Hons.) Economics	*****

Resolved to approve the

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S.No.	ODL Programmes		OL Programmes	
	Already approved	To be changed	Already approved	To be changed
1	B.A. Economics	B.A. (Hons.) Economics	*****	*****
2	B.A. English	B.A. (Hons.) English	B.A. English	B.A. (Hons.) English

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S.No.	ODL Programmes	OL Programmes
1	B.A. (Hons.) English	B.A. (Hons.) English
2	B.A. (Hons.) Economics	*****

Item No. VII

Considered the mail received from the Nodal Officer AISHE with regard to providing information about the Independent audit of AISHE data of the year 2020-2021 to take an appropriate decision.

RESOLVED that information about the Independent audit of AISHE data of the year 2020-2021 be provided to the Nodal Officer, AISHE.

Item No. VIII

Considered the proposal of revised guidelines submitted by the Director, IQAC for the appointment of adjunct faculty, Honorary Professor, Emeritus Professor and Distinguished Professor etc. in VISTAS

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has suggested that it should not be courtesy position that is being offered by the University and the quality people should be brought in and it has to be based upon real expertise of individual. The UGC has also introduced the post of Professor of Practice. Hard core Industry experts can be brought in and the purpose must be well defined and deliverable must be demarcated. Try to strengthen and build up with well qualified and experienced faculty set up.

RESOLVED to approve the revised guidelines submitted by the Director, IQAC for the appointment of adjunct faculty, Honorary Professor, Emeritus Professor and Distinguished Professor etc. in VISTAS.

Item No. IX

Considered the revision of publication incentives to faculty members and implementation of strategies to enhance the h-index.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has opined that previously incentives were given to promote publications. But now it has to be matched with ranking and accreditation requirement. The NIRF also not considering the publications other than Scopus and SCI Web of Science indexed papers for ranking.

The faculty may be encouraged to publish in the Scopus and Web of science journals and they be paid publication charges. The proposal be reworked.

Dr. R. Srinivasan has opined that we may give a run for 6 months and review the proposal later.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that the proposal will be reworked and bring to the Executive Council for consideration and till the rework is done, the suggested proposal will be followed.

RESOLVED to rework the proposal and resubmit for consideration of members and till such time the proposal placed in this meeting be followed.

Item No. X

Considered the action taken in filling up of vacant Teaching post due to resignation rendered by some of the faculty members and also for the recruitment of additional Teaching faculty (Professors / Associate Professors / Assistant Professors) due to increase of work load in various Departments for the year 2023-2024.

RESOLVED that the action taken in filling up of vacant Teaching post due to resignation rendered by some of the faculty members and also for the recruitment of additional Teaching faculty (Professors / Associate Professors / Assistant Professors) due to increase of work load in various Departments for the year 2023-2024 **is approved and ratified.**

Item No. XI

Considered the list of names of 133 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 20-04-2023 to 15-09-2023.

RESOLVED to approve the list of names of 133 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 20-04-2023 to 15-09-2023**.**

Item No: XII

Considered the list of 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. thesis submitted by 183 candidates in various disciplines as on 15-09-2023.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in Internal and External Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. thesis submitted by 183 candidates in various disciplines as on 15-09-2023.

Item No: XIII

Considered the approval and ratification of the names of examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners submitted by the Professor and Head, School of Agriculture, VISTAS for conducting B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture II Semester Practical Examinations from 29-08-2023 to 12-09-2023.

RESOLVED to approve and ratify the names of examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners submitted by the Professor and Head, School of Agriculture, VISTAS for conducting B.Sc.(Hons) Agriculture II Semester Practical Examinations from 29-08-2023 to 12-09-2023.

Item No: XIV

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the End Semester of UG/PG and Professional Examinations held in May 2023 and consequent action taken thereon for information.

The report of the Registrar with regard to the End Semester of UG/PG and Professional Examinations held in May 2023 and consequent action taken thereon **is noted**.

Item No: XV

Considered the report of the Registrar about the grant of accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for the UG Pharmacy programme, for information of the members.

The report of the Registrar about the grant of accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for the UG Pharmacy programme, for information of the members **is noted.**

Item No. XVI

Considered the report of the Registrar about the granting of approval by the UGC-DEB to the VISTAS to offer the following programmes in Centre for Distance and Online Education, VISTAS through Open and Distance Learning mode from the academic year 2023-2024:

1. B.Com. 2. B.B.A. and 3. M.B.A.

The report of the Registrar about the granting of approval by the UGC-DEB to the VISTAS to offer the following programmes in Centre for Distance and Online Education, VISTAS through Open and Distance Learning mode from the academic year 2023-2024 **is noted**:

1. B.Com. 2. B.B.A. and 3. M.B.A.

Item No. XVII

Considered the report of the Registrar about the grant of Extension of Approval by the AICTE for conducting following courses for the academic session 2023-2024, for information:

1. Engineering 2. Management 3. MCA 4. Marine Course and
5. Open and Distance Learning Courses:
    a. MCA with intake of 500
    b. MBA with intake of 1000

The report of the Registrar about the grant of Extension of Approval by the AICTE for conducting following courses for the academic session 2023-2024, **is noted:**

1. Engineering 2. Management 3. MCA 4. Marine Course and
5. Open and Distance Learning Courses:
    a. MCA with intake of 500
    b. MBA with intake of 1000

Item No. XVIII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the Rank Certificate issued by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) to the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) based on the parameters and the position at which our Institution stands on the different categories mentioned hereunder for 2023.

S.No.	Discipline	Ranking awarded
1	University	Under the rank band of 101 – 150
2	Overall	Under the rank band of 151 – 200
3	Innovation category	Positioned in the band of 51-100
4	Pharmacy	Ranked 47th in Pharmacy Category
5	Engineering	Under the rank band of 101 – 150

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1	University	Under the rank band of 101 – 150
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Item No. XIX

Considered the report of the Registrar about the 11 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed by various Departments of VISTAS with collaborative organisations.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, sought clarification regarding the percentage of active MoUs among the total number of MoUs are signed. Nodal persons shall be appointed in both sides and the activities of MoU has to be monitored every year. We should develop for the collaborative researches, joint funding and multi institutional projects.

The report of the Registrar about the 11 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed by various Departments of VISTAS with collaborative organisations, **is noted and approved.**

Item No. XX

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the QS I Gauge award certificate issued to the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), based on the performance metrics as set out by them.

The report of the Registrar with regard to the QS I Gauge award certificate issued to the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), based on the performance metrics as set out by them is **noted.**

Item No. XXI

Considered the report of the Registrar about the submission of Draft Memorandum of Association (MoA) / Rules of Vels Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University) as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023, for information and approval

The report of the Registrar about the submission of Draft Memorandum of Association (MoA) / Rules of Vels Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University) as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023 **is noted and approved.**

Item No. XXII

Considered the report of the Registrar about the submission of application to the UGC for grant of approval for starting of Off Campus Centre of VISTAS at No.12/123, Periapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjankaranai Village, Uthukottai Taluk, Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu.

The report of the Registrar about the submission of application to the UGC for grant of approval for starting of Off Campus Centre of VISTAS at No.12/123, Periapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjankaranai Village, Uthukottai Taluk, Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu **is noted and approved.**

Item No. XXIII

Considered the report of the Registrar about the grants sanctioned from the Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology and DBT funding agencies by Dr. B. Prakash, Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, VISTAS to the tune of Rs. 1,20,000/- for carrying out the International Symposium and Science Exhibition for information.

The report of the Registrar about the grants sanctioned from the Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology and DBT funding agencies by Dr. B. Prakash, Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, VISTAS to the tune of Rs. 1,20,000/- for carrying out the International Symposium and Science Exhibition, **is noted.**

Item No: XXIV

Considered the proposal submitted by the Registrar, for starting an Off Campus Centre of VISTAS at Avanipoor Village, Avanipoor (PO) Tindivanam (Tk), Villupuram (Dt.), Tamil Nadu from the academic year 2024-2025.

Resolved to approve for the starting an Off Campus Centre of VISTAS at Avanipoor Village, Avanipoor (PO) Tindivanam (Tk), Villupuram (Dt.), Tamil Nadu from the academic year 2024-2025.

Item No: XXV

Considered the proposal of submitting application in UGC – DTBU portal for starting an Off-Campus Centre of VISTAS at Avanipoor Village, Avanipoor (PO) Tindivanam (Tk), Villupuram (Dt.), Tamil Nadu and to offer the following programmes (with the intake noted against each) from the academic Year 2024-2025:

S.No.	Programme	Intake	S.No.	Programme	Intake
U.G. programmes			9	B.Com.(Corporate Secretaryship)	60
1	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture	120	10	B.A. (English)	40
2	B.Sc. Computer Science	120	11	B.A. (Sociology)	40
3	B.Sc. Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)	60			
4	B.Sc. Mathematics	60	P.G. programmes		
5	B.Sc. – Visual Communication	60	12	M.Sc. Computer Science	60
6	B.Com.(General)	120	13	M.Sc. Information Technology	60
7	B.Com.(Accounts & Finance)	60	14	M.A. English	40
8	B.Com.(Computer Applications)	60	15	M.Com	60

Resolved to approve the submission of application in UGC – DTBU portal for starting an Off-Campus Centre of VISTAS at Avanipoor Village, Avanipoor (PO) Tindivanam (Tk), Villupuram (Dt.), Tamil Nadu and to offer the following programmes (with the intake noted against each) from the academic Year 2024-2025 :

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3	B.Sc. Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)	60			

4	B.Sc. Mathematics	60	P.G. programmes		
5	B.Sc. – Visual Communication	60	12	M.Sc. Computer Science	60
6	B.Com.(General)	120	13	M.Sc. Information Technology	60
7	B.Com.(Accounts & Finance)	60	14	M.A. English	40
8	B.Com.(Computer Applications)	60	15	M.Com	60

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29-09-2023.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 29-09-2023.

Item No. XXVI

Considered the proposal submitted by the Registrar with regard to the Recruitment of Teaching faculty in the cadres of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in the following Departments due to the establishment Off Campus Centre of VISTAS at Avanipoor Village, Avanipoor (PO) Tindivanam (Tk), Villupuram (Dt.), Tamil Nadu from the academic Year 2024-2025:

1. English
2. Sociology
3. Mathematics
4. Commerce (UG and PG)
5. Computer Science (UG and PG)
6. Visual Communication

RESOLVED that the Recruitment of Teaching faculty in the cadres of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in the following Departments due to the establishment Off Campus Centre of VISTAS at Avanipoor Village, Avanipoor (PO) Tindivanam (Tk), Villupuram (Dt.), Tamil Nadu from the academic Year 2024-2025 **is approved**:

1. English
2. Sociology
3. Mathematics
4. Commerce (UG and PG)
5. Computer Science (UG and PG)
6. Visual Communication

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take follow-up action for the recruitment of teaching faculties including issue of appointment orders to the selected candidates, and report the matter to the Executive Council for ratification.

Item No. XXVII

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29-09-2023.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 29-09-2023.

Item No. XXVIII

Considered the proposal of Starting Vel Pharmacy College at VISTAS Off Campus Centre at Periyapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjankaranai Village, under the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies and to submit an application to the PCI for grant of approval to conduct the B.Pharmacy from the Academic Year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED to start the Vel Pharmacy College at VISTAS Off Campus Centre at Periyapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjankaranai Village, under the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies is approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that submission of application to the PCI for grant of approval to conduct the B.Pharmacy from the Academic Year 2024-2025 **is approved.**

Item No. XXIX

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23-06-2023 for approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23-06-2023 **is approved.**

Item No. XXX

Considered the matter of issuing No Objection Certificate to the AICTE for the Increase in intake, Change of Course name, Starting of new Courses, Closure of a course, for reduction of intake and change of name of the Institution the academic year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that issue of No Objection Certificate to the AICTE for the Increase in intake, Change of Course name, Starting of new Courses, Closure of a course, for reduction of intake and change of name of the Institution the academic year 2024-2025 **is approved.**

Item No. XXXI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the grouping of some of the Departments to the relevant Schools in view of offering the Nursing and Medical Programmes in VISTAS, for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED that the grouping of some of the Departments to the relevant Schools in view of offering the Nursing and Medical Programmes in VISTAS **is approved**.

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

The Members of the Executive Council places on record the contribution of VISTAS in the past 5 months.

The Members also wished the Chancellor of VISTAS for his Birthday which was celebrated on 7th October 2023 as "Vels Family day" at VISTAS.

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.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Mode: Hybrid Mode **Date and Time: 12-01-2024 at 3.00 pm.**

Minutes

Members present:

13. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan – Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
14. Dr. M. Bhaskaran - Pro Vice-Chancellor
15. Dr. W. Selvamurthy - Member
16. Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan - Member
17. Dr. H. Devaraj - Member
18. Dr. R. Srinivasan - Member
19. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran - Member
20. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani - Member
21. Dr. S. Arun - Member
22. Dr. S. Sivaganesan - Member
23. Dr. M. Monisha - Member
24. Dr. P. Saravanan - Registrar - Member Secretary

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

Dr. H. Devaraj, former Vice-Chairman, UGC has attended the meeting physically and other three external members Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor, Amity University, Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Distinguished Professor and Advisor to Chancellor, VIT and Dr. R. Srinivasan, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology have attended through online.

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

He also presented before the august body about the seminars/workshop etc. organized by the faculty members of VISTAS since the last meeting i.e. from October 2023 to December 2023.

After concluding his introductory remarks, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the members and invited to offer their comments / remarks.

Dr. H. Devaraj while congratulating the faculty members for having organised the seminars and also for the participation of more number of faculties in it, he has sought clarification on the outcome in conducting seminars.

The Vice Chancellor has replied that by conducting and attending the seminars / conferences, the faculty members are having an opportunity to interact with many resource personalities which will help them to get new projects and to do collaborative research projects.

He congratulated the entire University, Management and the Vice-Chancellor for their sincere effort.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the members and taken the Items of Agenda for discussion.

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MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council conducted on 11-10-2023 through hybrid mode.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council conducted on 11-10-2023 through hybrid mode **is noted**.

Item No.: II

Considered the action taken report on minutes of the circulated items on 15-12-2023.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the circulated items on 15-12-2023 **is noted**.

Item No.: III

Considered the proposal to submit application to the AICTE for grant of Extension of approval for Engineering, Management, Computer Application, Marine Engineering and ODL & OL (MCA & MBA) Programmes for the academic year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of Extension of approval for Engineering, Management, Computer Application, Marine Engineering and ODL & OL (MCA & MBA) Programmes for the academic year 2024-2025.

Item No. IV

Considered the proposal to get approval from the AICTE for conducting the courses of BBA and BCA programmes being offered by the VISTAS, from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit an application in this regard to the AICTE for grant of approval.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval for conducting the courses of BBA and BCA programmes being offered by the VISTAS, from the academic year 2024-2025

Item No. V

Considered the proposal to get approval from the AICTE for conducting the courses of BBA programmes being offered by the VISTAS through Open Distance Learning and Online mode from the academic year 2023-2024, as approved by the UGC DEB and to submit an application in this regard to the AICTE for grant of approval.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval for conducting the courses of BBA programmes being offered by the VISTAS through Open Distance Learning and Online mode from the academic year 2023-2024, as approved by the UGC DEB.

Item No.: VI

Considered the proposal of increasing the existing students intake of 120 to that of 180 for the following programmes from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit application to the AICTE in this regard:

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Existing	Proposed increase
1.	B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering	120	180
2.	B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile Based Application Development)	60	120
3.	B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering	60	120
4.	MBA Business Analytics	30	60
5.	MCA	180	300

RESOLVED TO APPROVE for submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval to increase the students intake for the following programmes from the academic year 2024-2025:

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Existing	Proposed increase
1.	B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering	120	180
2.	B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile Based Application Development)	60	120
3.	B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering	60	120
4.	MBA Business Analytics	30	60
5.	MCA	180	300

Item No. VII

Considered the proposal of closure the UG programme of B.Tech Automation and Robotics being offered under the School of Engineering, VISTAS from the academic year 2024-2025, due to poor response in the previous academic year and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval to close the UG programme of B.Tech Automation and Robotics being offered under the School of Engineering, VISTAS from the academic year 2024-2025

Item No. VIII

Considered the proposal of changing the tile “MBA Sports Management” being offered under School of Management Studies, VISTAS into “MBA” from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit an application in this regard to the AICTE for grant of approval.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval for changing the tile “MBA Sports Management” being offered under School of Management Studies, VISTAS into “MBA” from the academic year 2024-2025

Item No. IX

Considered the proposal of staring the additional programme of MBA Aviation and Airport Management under the School of Management Studies, VISTAS with intake of 30 students, from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval for staring the additional programme of MBA Aviation and Airport Management under the School of Management Studies, VISTAS with intake of 30 students, from the academic year 2024-2025.

Item No. X

Considered the proposal to reduce the intake of students from 60 students to that of 30 students in respect of the B.Tech. Civil Engineering programme being offered in the Department of Civil Engineering under the School of Engineering, VISTAS, from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval to reduce the intake of students from 60 students to that of 30 students in respect of the B.Tech. Civil Engineering programme being offered in the Department of Civil Engineering under the School of Engineering, VISTAS, from the academic year 2024-2025.

Item No. XI

Considered the proposal to change the existing name of the Institution viz. School of Computing Sciences, Vels University into that of Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit an application in this regard to the AICTE for grant of approval.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval to change the existing name of the Institution viz. School of Computing Sciences, Vels University into that of Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) from the academic year 2024-2025.

Item No: XII

Considered the proposal of Admitting the working Professionals for the following UG and PG Professional Programmes by the VISTAS from the academic year 2024-2025 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval:

UG - (1) B.Tech.. Mechanical Engineering (2) B.Tech. Civil Engineering
(3) B.Tech. Electrical and Electronics Engineering
P.G. - 1. M.B.A. and 2. M.C.A.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the submission of application to the AICTE for grant of approval for admitting the working Professionals for the following UG and PG Professional Programmes by the VISTAS from the academic year 2024-2025:

UG - (1) B.Tech.. Mechanical Engineering (2) B.Tech. Civil Engineering
(3) B.Tech. Electrical and Electronics Engineering
P.G. - 1. M.B.A. and 2. M.C.A.

Item No: XIII

Considered the matter of issuing No Objection Certificate to the AICTE for the Increase in intake, Change of Course name, Starting of new Courses, Closure of a course, for reduction of intake and change of name of the Institution the academic year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE the issue of No Objection Certificate to the AICTE for following:

1. Increase the intake for B.Tech. CSE, B.Tech. IT., B.Tech.-.ECE, MBA Business Analytics and MCA Programme.
2. Change of name from MBA Sports Management to that of MBA
3. Start the additional programmes of MBA Aviation and Airport Management
4. For conducting the BBA and BCA Programme
5. Close the B.Tech. Automation and Robotics programme
6. Reduce the intake for B.Tech. Civil Engineering.
7. Change the name of the Institution **from** School of Computing Sciences, Vels University **to that of** Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS)
8. Admitting the working Professionals for the following UG and PG Professional Programme:

UG - (1) B.Tech.. Mechanical Engineering (2) B.Tech. Civil Engineering
(3) B.Tech. Electrical and Electronics Engineering
P.G. - 1. M.B.A. and 2. M.C.A.

Item No: XIV

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the review of the Strategic Plan of VISTAS already framed for five years from 2020-2024 and accordingly the modified plan for the period of further five years from 2024-2029 for approval.

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RESOLVED that the review of the Strategic Plan of VISTAS already framed for five years from 2020-2024 and modification made accordingly for the period of five years from 2024-2029 **is approved**.

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.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Mode: Hybrid Mode **Date and Time: 28-05-2024 at 2.30 pm.**

Minutes

Members present:

25. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan – Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
26. Dr. M. Bhaskaran - Pro Vice-Chancellor
27. Dr. W. Selvamurthy - Member
28. Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan - Member
29. Dr. H. Devaraj - Member
30. Dr. R. Srinivasan - Member
31. Dr. Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna - Member (UGC Nominee)
32. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran - Member
33. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani - Member
34. Dr. S. Arun - Member
35. Dr. S. Sivaganesan - Member
36. Dr. P. Saravanan - Registrar - Member Secretary

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

All the external members have attended the meeting through online.

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

On behalf of the Management and on his own, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed Dr. Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna (CASEST), School of Physics, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad-500 046, Telengana, for his first meeting of the Executive Council as a representative of UGC.

The Vice-Chancellor then briefed the constitution of Executive Council as per the UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023 for information of Dr. Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna, (UGC Nominee) and introduced the members of the Executive Council and conveyed that his presence and suggestions in the meeting to uplift the academic activities would be an encouragement to the VISTAS to proceed further in its endeavors.

After introduction, he has briefed the members about the following happenings in VISTAS:

- The Distance Education Bureau, UGC accorded approval for offering following Open and Distance Education (ODL) Programmes in VISTAS from the academic year 2023-2024:
    1) B.A. (Hons.) English
    2) B.A., (Hons.) Economics

- The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has extended its Accreditation for B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering, B.Tech. Electrical and Electronics Engineering and B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile Based Application and Development) Programmes and also the NBA has granted Accreditation for the following Programmes:

1)	B.Tech. Civil Engineering	- 2023-2024 to 2025-2026
2)	B.Tech. Automobile Engineering	- 2023-2024 to 2025-2026
3)	M.B.A	- 2023-2024 to 2025-2026

- The AICTE has accorded permission for increase the intake from 180 to 240 in respect of the MCA Porgramme being offered by the VISTAS, from the academic year 2024-2025

- The AICTE has accorded approval to conduct MCA for working professional for the academic year 2024-25, with intake of 60.

- The AICTE has also accorded approval for offering the new course of M.B.A. Aviation and Airport Management in VISTAS with intake of 30, from the academic year 2024-2025:

He has also presented the following various activities carried out by faculty members of VISTAS since from the last meeting i.e. from October 2023 to April 2024 and he has congratulated the faculty members of VISTAS for their sincere efforts in carrying out these academic activities, successfully:

- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized Alumni Webinar Series on Current Trends and Challenges in Pharmacy Profession from 26.10.2023 to 31.10.2023.

- School of Computing Sciences has organised a National Webinar on “Roles of AI and ML in Chandrayan 1 to Chandrayan 3” on 21.10.2023.

- Department of Mathematics, School of Basic Sciences has organised Seminar/ workshop and conferences as detailed below:

1. Seminar on 21.12.2023, titled “How to write proposal Research, Funding and Consultancy projects for Academicians”.

2. Webinar on 21.12.2023 titled “Ramanujan’s Contribution in Mathematics”.

3. Brain Storming Workshop on 28.12.2023 titled “Applications of MAT LAB”.

4) Seminar on Applications of Graphs & Networks in various fields of Engineering on 22.02.2024.

- School of Management Studies has organized the following events:

    - An International Conference on “Application of Artificial Intelligence in Engineering, Business, Law, Teaching-Learning, Commence and Industry’ in collaboration with Dhaka International University (DIU), Dhaka, Bangladesh in Hybrid mode on 4th and 5th November, 2023.

    - A National Conference on “Artificial Intelligence Driven Business: Navigating Business and Challenges” on 7th and 8th December 2023.

- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has celebrated 7th National Siddha Day in the theme of “Ancient Wisdom and Modern solution” on 30.12.2023.

- The Distance and Online Education, VISTAS has conducted an Induction meeting on 14.12.2023 for ODL students.

- The VISTAS has organized Three Days Face to Face FDP on Universal Human Values on 3rd to 5th January 2024 in collaboration with AICTE.

- VISTAS has celebrated the “Vels Thiruvizha 2024” in its Campus on 10.01.2024. Thiru.Santhosh Narayanan, Indian Composer and Musician in the Tamil Film Industry was the Chief Guest and gave Live Performance.

- Thirumala Thirupathi **Thirukalyana Utsavam was** held on 12th January 2024 at Velan Arangam, VISTAS Pallavaram Campus.

- The VISTAS has organized “Vels Salute – Alumni Meet 2024” on 4th February 2024.

- Higher Education Counselling Cell, VISTAS has organised an International Seminar on "A New ERA of Learning Integrating AI, Data Science and Biotechnology into Global Higher Education” on 2nd February 2024.

- Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering has organised a Seminar on "Recent Trends in Lean Manufacturing**"** on 23.02.2024.

- School of Basic Sciences and School of Agriculture have jointly organised an International Conference on "Emerging Nanomaterial in Biological, Chemical and Engineering Applications" (ENBCEA 2024) on 28th and 29th February 2024.

- School of Basic Sciences & School of Life Sciences have jointly organised a Science Expo "Eureka 2024" on 27.02.2024.

- Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering has organised an Online Faculty Development Program titled "Frontiers of Additive Manufacturing: Exploring Advanced 3D Printing Technologies and Applications" from 4th March to 8th March 2024.

- The International Women's Day was celebrated in VISTAS campus on 7th March 2024. On this occasion, the following personalities have been conferred with "**Vels Women Achiever Award"**:

  - Prof. Dr. Gowri Ramesh, Registrar,
    The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
  - Ms. Vandhana Ramanathan, Women Entrepreneur-Co-Founder WSQUARE
  - Ms. Santhi Soundarajan, Indian Track & Field Athlete, Tamil Nadu,
    NIS, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bangalore
  - Ms. Shiny Surendran, Holistic Nutritionist, Author, Entrepreneur
    and an Unshakable Optimist, Chennai
  - Ms. Archana Ravichandran, Actress
  - Ms. Priyanka NK Singer

- Department of Computer Applications and School of Computing Sciences have jointly organised Technical Hackathon Event-Cybertronz-2024 on 12th March 2024

- The School of Law has organized the 6th Thiru.Isari Velan Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2024 from 14th to 16th March 2024.

- The Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences has organized

  1. One-Day National workshop on March 28, 2024 in Association with R&D Marina Labs.
  2. The ALUMNI LECTURES ON 'CLONING & BIOMEDICAL GENETICS' on 04.04.2024.

- The VISTAS has conducted “Annual Sports Meet of 2023-2024” on 3rd April 2024 at Pallavaram Campus. Thiru.V.Nandhakumar, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India hoisted the flag and declared open the Sports Meet. Ms..K.Indumathi, Indian Football Team Captain, was the Guest of Honour and she distributed the prizes and medals.

- The Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences has organised an TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON 'DNA FINGERPRINTING' on 04.04.2024.

- The Department of Bio-Engineering, School of Engineering has organised an Webinar on "PRINCIPLES OF EARLY DRUG DISCOVERY" on 05th April 2024.

- The VISTAS has organized an Intra University Technical Project Expo “**AVISHKAR 3.O**” on 5th April, 2024.

- The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized a Collaborative Workshop on **“Nanoformulation and its evaluation on In-Vitro Cell Lines on 05.04.2024** in association with Avigen Biotech Private Limited, Chennai.

- Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) VISTAS and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) jointly organized a training program on **“Work Capacity Enrichment & Well-being”** for the Non–Teaching staff members of VISTAS on 06/04/2024.

- The Department of Commerce, School of Management Studies has organised Online International Lecture on the **Modern Strategies in the Global Digital Market space"** on 08.04.2024

- The Department of Mathematics, School of Basic Sciences has organised an Online Faculty Development Program titled “Exploring Real-world Applications in Mathematics” from 22nd April to 26th April 2024.

- The Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering has organised National Conference on “Recent Trends In Mechanical Engineering (NCRTME 2024) on 22.04.2024.

- The Annual Passing out Ceremony of the Cadets of School of Maritime Studies was held at the Thalambur campus on 23.05.2024. Capt.TPV Sathyan, General Manager, Dynacom Tankers Pvt Limited was the Chief Guest. He delivered the Chief Guest address and distributed the Medals and Certificates. Mr.Kalisaran, Branch Manager, Columbia Aurus Ship Management (India) Pvt.Ltd, Capt.Hemant Jarwal, DG shipping Nautical Surveyor, MMD Chennai and Consul General of Japan, Chennai, His Excellency Mr.Muneo Takahashi have participated as Guests of Honour.

The Vice-Chancellor has also briefed the seminars/webinars/workshops conducted by the faculty members, Publishing of Research articles, Participation in seminars etc. as detailed below (October 2023 to April 2024):

- 96 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various departments of VISTAS.
- 269 research articles were published in international and national journals and 1957 books were published.
- Attended totally 1685 Seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 436 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.
- 62 Faculty members of VISTAS have received various awards.
- Submitted 62 nos. of projects to the various funding agencies.
- 46 Patents were published and filed by VISTAS.
- 43 Design Patents granted.
- Since last meeting 44 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) were signed by the following Departments:

S.No.	Department / School	No. of MOU signed
1	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	15
2	Department of Mechanical Engineering	3
3	Department of Management Studies	6
4	Department of Chemistry	2
5	Computer Science Engineering	3
6	Computer Science – School of Computing Science (Computer Science and Department of MCA)	2
7	Department of Civil Engineering	2
8	Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering	1
9	Department of Commerce (Computer Applications)	2
10	Department of Commerce (General)	2
11	Department of Bio-Technology	1
12	Department of English – School of Languages	1
13	Department of Aviation	1
14	Department of Visual Communication	1
15	Department of Mathematics	1
16	Placement and Training	1
	Total	44

The Vice-Chancellor after concluding his introductory remarks has invited the members to offer their views on the activities of the VISTAS.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy has enquired about the alumni activities in VISTAS. The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the Alumni Association of VISTAS used to conduct meeting every year and the members of the Alumni Association are contributing their mite to the VISTAS for the benefit of the students.

Dr. Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna, the UGC Nominee has opined that the Indian semiconductor mission aims to build a vibrant semiconductor and display ecosystem to enable India's emergence as a global hub for electronics manufacturing and design and suggested to start B.Tech. Course in Semi-Conductor Engineering. He has also enquired about the outcome of signing the MOU and suggested that the details of MOUs signed and its outcome be presented in the next meeting.

For the query raised by Dr. Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna with regard to placement situation in VISTAS, the Vice-Chancellor has replied that about 90%-92% students are being placed in various reputed companies.

Dr. R. Srinivasan has opined that the quality placement should be taken care of, while giving placement and suggested to start technology development centre i.e. Centre of Excellence on Emerging Technology and Digital transformation.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan, has remarked that the Notes on the Agenda for the meeting should be sent l5 days in advance. The Vice-Chancellor has replied that due to pressure of work in connection with the preparation work for NAAC Accreditation purpose, sending the notes on the agenda was delayed. In future, Time factor will be followed.

After the remarks of the members, the agenda items were taken for discussion and resolutions were passed on each items as detailed below:

MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council held on 11-10-2023, through hybrid mode.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 11-10-2023, through hybrid mode **is noted**.

Item No.: II

Considered the action taken report on the minutes on the circulated Agenda item on 15-12-2023 and 12-03-2024.

RESOLVED that the action taken report on the minutes on the Agenda item circulated to the members of Executive Council on 15-12-2023 and 12-03-2024 **is noted**.

Item No.: III

Considered the minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 14-03-2024 for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 14-03-2024.

Item No. IV

Considered the minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 22-05-2024 for approval.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan, suggested that the norms for COs & POs have to be followed in the framing of the Curriculum and Syllabus.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 22-05-2024.

Item No. V

Considered the proposal of starting following Post-Graduate courses under Allied Health Sciences at VISTAS – Periyapalyam, Thiruvallur from the academic year 2024-2025:

M.Sc. Degree	Duration of the course	No. of seats
M.Sc. Radiology and Imaging Technology	2 years	5
M.Sc. Echocardiography and Cardiovascular Imaging Technology	2 years	5
M.Sc. Optometry	2 years	5
M.Sc. Degree Integrated course		
M.Sc. Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology	5 years	5
M.Sc. Cardiac Technology	5 years	5

Resolved that the starting following Post-Graduate courses under Allied Health Sciences at VISTAS – Periyapalyam, Thiruvallur from the academic year 2024-2025, **is approved**:

M.Sc. Degree	Duration of the course	No. of seats
M.Sc. Radiology and Imaging Technology	2 years	5
M.Sc. Echocardiography and Cardiovascular Imaging Technology	2 years	5
M.Sc. Optometry	2 years	5

M.Sc. Degree Integrated course		
M.Sc. Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology	5 years	5
M.Sc. Cardiac Technology	5 years	5

Item No: VI

Considered the approval and ratification of submission of application for NIRF Ranking 2024 for the Engineering, Management, Law, Pharmacy, Innovation and Overall on 13-01-2024 and 05-02-2024.

RESOLVED that the submission of application for NIRF Ranking 2024 for the Engineering, Management, Law, Pharmacy, Innovation and Overall on 13-01-2024 and 05-02-2024 **is approved and ratified.**

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Item No. VII

Considered the visit of UGC expert team (interface meeting) through virtual mode and presentation of PPT by the VISTAS on 15-01-2024 and Virtual tour for visit of two campuses on 27-02-2024 in connection with the grant of approval for the VISTAS off Campus Centre at Manjankaranai, Periyapalayam and Avanipoor, Tindivanam.

RESOLVED that visit of UGC expert team (interface meeting) through virtual mode and presentation of PPT by the VISTAS on 15-01-2024 and Virtual tour for visit of two campuses on 27-02-2024 in connection with the grant of approval for the VISTAS off Campus Centre at Manjankaranai, Periyapalayam and Avanipoor, Tindivanam **is noted.**

Item No. VIII

Considered the approval and ratification of submission of Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) for NAAC Accreditation (2nd Cycle) in the NAAC portal on 25-01-2024.

RESOLVED that the submission of Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) for NAAC Accreditation (2nd Cycle) in the NAAC portal on 25-01-2024 **is approved and ratified.**

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has conveyed his wishes.

Item No. IX

Considered the approval and ratification for having issued the consent of affiliation to Vel Nursing College for conducting the B.Sc. (Nursing) programme with an annual intake of 100 students on permanent basis since the TNNMC and INC have granted approval to Vel Nursing College.

RESOLVED that the issue of consent of affiliation to Vel Nursing College for conducting the B.Sc. (Nursing) programme with an annual intake of 100 students on permanent basis **is approved and ratified.**

Item No. X

Considered the approval and ratification for the conduct of interviews for the vacant Teaching posts arose due to resignation of some of the faculty members and also for the recruitment of additional faculty (Professors / Associate Professors / Assistant Professors) for various departments in view of increase in work load, for the year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that the conduct of interviews for the vacant Teaching posts arose due to resignation of some of the faculty members and also for the recruitment of additional faculty (Professors / Associate Professors / Assistant Professors) for various departments in view of increase in work load, for the year 2024-2025, **is approved and ratified.**

Item No. XI

Considered the adoption of Multiple Entry and Exit option and new Curriculum and Credit Frame Work in all UG and PG programmes offered by the VISTAS as per the UGC guidelines, based on the NEP 2020 for implementation

RESOLVED that the adoption of Multiple Entry and Exit option and new Curriculum and Credit Frame Work in all UG and PG programmes offered by the VISTAS as per the UGC guidelines, based on the NEP 2020 **is approved**.

Item No. XII

Considered the approval and ratification of constitution of Finance Committee as per the UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023.

RESOLVED that the constitution of Finance Committee as per the UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023 **is approved and ratified**.

Item No: XIII

Considered the minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24-05-2024 for approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24-05-2024 **is approved**.

Item No: XIV

Considered the conduct of End Semester UG/PG and Professional Examinations in November 2023 and consequent action taken thereon for approval and ratification.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has pointed out that change in the number of passing of students after revaluation is high and opined that variations should not be more than 5%.

RESOLVED that the conduct of End Semester UG/PG and Professional Examinations in November 2023 and consequent action taken thereon **is approved and ratified.**

Item No: XV

Considered the list of names of 279 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of viva-voce examinations held in different dates during the period from 10-09-2023 to 23-05-2024 for approval and ratification.

RESOLVED that the list of names of 279 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of viva-voce examinations during the period from 10-09-2023 to 23-05-2024 **is approved and ratified**.

Item No: XVI

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. thesis submitted by 111 candidates in different disciplines as on 23-05-2024 for approval.

RESOLVED that the list of 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. thesis submitted by 111 candidates in various disciplines as on 23-05-2024 **is approved**.

Item No. XVII

Considered the report about the Fourteenth Annual Convocation conducted by the VISTAS on 13-04-2024.

RESOLVED that the conduct of Fourteenth Annual Convocation conducted by the VISTAS on 13-04-2024 **is noted.**

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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 for placing before the Academic Council.

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

The Members of the Executive Council places on record the contribution of VISTAS in the past six months.

Dr. W. Selvamurthy has suggested that the VISTAS should have a connection with Industry and should invite Industry people to the Campus to deliver lectures etc. He has also suggested that the VISTAS has to start an e-journal and project the various activities of VISTAS in it.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan insisted on the implementation of NEP for getting the NAAC accreditation.

Dr. Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna has suggested to formulate a five year plan for VISTAS and be presented in the next meeting. He has also opined that instead of Astrology programme the VISTAS can start the Indian Knowledge System. He has also suggested to have more number of Professor of Practice to bring the Industry and other Professional expertise to VISTAS. The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS is already having a Professor of Practice.

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 members will be carefully implemented wherever applicable.

With this, the Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting.

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