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Minutes of Meeting of the 3rd Executive Council held on 11th April, 2025 in Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Deemed to be University, Vijayawada.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice Chancellor, welcomed the members to the **3**rd **Executive Council** meeting and presented an overview of the University's recent developments. He highlighted key initiatives including faculty recruitment, the ongoing construction of a new girls' hostel, and the establishment of advanced lab facilities such as the Cyber Security Lab (CSE), Intel Centre of Excellence (IT), and the Metal 3D Printing Lab (ME) across various departments.

Vice Chancellor thanked the outgoing President of Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education (SAGTE), Dr. C. Nageswara Rao for his contributions and welcomed the current President Sri. M. Rajayya to the Executive Council. He also shared updates on the inauguration of Y.V. Rao Siddhartha Indoor Sports Complex and gym facilities aimed at promoting students' physical well-being, as well as the laying of the foundation stone for the new Academic and Administrative Blocks, by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, the Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). Furthermore, he outlined the University's ongoing research projects and its growing collaborations with premier institutions and industries, including IIT Tirupati, Google Workspace, Avantel Pvt. Ltd., among others.

The following members were present:

S. No.	Designation	Name of the Member	Position in Executive Council	
1.	Vice - Chancellor	Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao	Chairperson	
2.	Pro Vice-Chancellor	Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad	Member	
3.	Dean – V. R. Siddhartha School of Engineering	1. Dr. D. Venkata Rao	Member	
4.	Dean – School of Management	2. Dr. A. Vittaleswar	Member	
5.	Professor and Director – Infrastructure & Consultancy	Dr. B. Panduranga Rao Department of Civil Engineering	Member	
6.	Associate Professor	Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar Department of CSE	Member	
7.	Assistant Professor	Dr. V. Esther Jyothi Department of MCA	Member	
8.	UGC Nominee	Dr. P. Udaya Bhaskar Former Chairman, APPSC	Member	
9.	Nominee of Sponsoring Body	Sri. M. Rajayya President, SAGTE	Member	
10.	Nominee of Sponsoring Body	Sri. P. Lakshmana Rao Secretary, SAGTE	Member	
11.	Nominee of Sponsoring Body	Sri. S. Venkateswara Rao Treasurer, SAGTE	Member	
12.	Registrar	Dr. M. Ravichand	Ex-officio	

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice-Chancellor requested Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice-Chancellor, to present the agenda items for the discussion. After due deliberations, the following resolutions have been adopted.

Agenda item: 3.1

- To confirm the minutes and report the action taken on the minutes of the previous Executive Council meeting held on 11-11-2024.
 - **Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice-Chancellor,** presented the following minutes and action taken report of the previous meeting along with the items approved and ratified in the previous Executive Council Meeting held on 11.11.2024.

Minutes and Action Taken Report:

- ✓ Increase and Reduction in Intake for Undergraduate Engineering Courses Starting from the Academic Year 2025-26.
- ✓ In addition to the increase and reduction in intake, the introduction of a new postgraduate (PG) Engineering course was approved in the Academic Council meeting held on 10-12-2024.
- ✓ The Scrutiny Committee of AICTE has recommended the variation in intake and the introduction of a new course.

S. No.	Level	Name of the Course	Intake 2024-25	Approved for 2025-26	Increase / Reduction
1	UG	Computer Science and	300	420	120 (+)
		Engineering			
2	UG	Computer Science and	60	120	60 (+)
		Engineering			
		(Artificial Intelligence and			
		Machine Learning)			
3	UG	Information Technology	180	120	60 (-)
4	UG	Mechanical Engineering	120	60	60 (-)
5	UG	Civil Engineering	120	60	60 (-)
6	UG	Artificial Intelligence (AI) and	120	120	No Change
		Data Science			
		Nomenclature has been proposed			
		to change as			
		Computer Science and			
		Engineering			
		(Artificial Intelligence (AI)			
		and Data Science)			
7	PG	Signal Processing and Communications	-	12	New Course

Approved / Ratified:

- **Appointment of** Registrar & Newly designated Pro Vice Chancellor, Director, Deans, COE.
- **Appointments and Relieving of** faculty & staff including adjunct faculty between 06-07-2024 & 10-11-2024.
- Change of two members in the existing Finance Committee w.e.f. 2nd Finance Committee Meeting.
- **Readmitted candidates** for the odd semester of 2024-25.
- **Minutes** of Academic Council and Finance Committee held on 27-07-2024 & 10-09-2024 respectively.
- Students admissions made in UG, PG and Ph. D. courses for the year 2024-25.

Resolution:

The Executive Council confirmed the above minutes and the report of the action taken of the previous Executive Council Meeting held on 11.11.2024.

2. Agenda item: 3.2

To consider and approve the proposed University Manual to be implemented, effective from May 2025.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the salient features of the University Manual and tabled the printed Manual before the Executive Council for approval.

Further, he explained that manual integrates essential governance guidelines from UGC and AICTE with comprehensive chapters such as

- 1. Governance
- 2. Finance Operations
- 3. Human Resources
- 4. Research, Development & Consultancy
- 5. Admissions
- 6. Examination & Evaluation
- 7. Student Services.

Resolution:

After discussions, it is resolved to approve the proposed University Manual to be implemented, effective from May 2025.

(The printed Manual is enclosed as Annexure – I)

Agenda item: 3.3

3. To present the academic and significant activities from November 2024 to date.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the following academic and significant activities of the University from November 2024 to date and Executive Council approved the same.

> R & D Projects (2024):

No. of Sanctioned Projects:16No. of Ongoing Projects: 24No. of Projects Applied: 57

Sanctioned amount : Rs.1,44,84,085/-

(CE-5, CSE-4, ECE-3, EIE-2, IT-1, English-1)

 ➤ Total No. of Patents (2024):
 : 424

 Filed
 : 26

 Published
 : 332

 Granted
 : 66

> Total No. of Start-ups : 06

> R & D publications (SCOPUS/SCI Journals) in A.Y. 2024:

Journals: 263Conferences: 567Scopus/ SCI: 830

> Starting of Industry Collaborative PG program i.e. Signal Processing and Communications in ECE Dept. from 2025-26.

> Faculty participation in continuing education programmes: 592 (outside)

(FDP - 318, Workshops - 64, Seminars - 31, Conference - 134, Guest lectures - 45)

Few Major Events organized from November 2024 to date:

- **❖ Laid Foundation Stone for New Academic and Administrative Building & Inauguration of Y. V. Rao Siddhartha Indoor Sports Complex** on 07.03.2025 by Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC).
- ❖ AI Autonomous Hackathon 2025 on 6th and 7th February, 2025 (a National level Industry driven 48 hour- Hackathon)
- **❖ Drone Fusion** A workshop on Aerial Drone Technology on 3rd and 4th April, 2025. (National level 24 hours Drone Fusion Hackathon)
- **❖** Alumni Reunion 2024
- ➤ **Silver Jubilee Celebrations of 1999** Graduated batch & Felicitation to Prominent Alumni on 20th & 21st December 2024.
- > Alumni Support:
 - Sajja Kishore Babu
 Chairman and Managing Director,
 Power Mech Projects Ltd. Hyderabad.
- **₹1.0 crore** allocated for setting up an Advanced 3D Printing Lab in the Mechanical Department.
- Bhaskara Moorthy Potluri
 Managing Director,
 Sonovision Electronics Private Ltd.
- ₹20 Lakhs allocated for setting up an Antenna Lab in the ECE Department.

❖ Research Conclave

- > The Department of **Information Technology** organized a **Research Conclave** on **24**th **and 25**th **January**, **2025**.
- > No. of Continuing Education Programmes :
 - ✓ Organized by various departments: 98 (FDP - 08, International Conferences -1, Workshops - 30, Seminars - 13, Guest lectures - 46)
- **❖** Placements for the Academic Year 2024-25
 - Number of students registered for placements : 1204
 - Total Job offers : 1466 (till date)
 - Highest number in selections:
 - o TCS 343
 - o Accenture 256
 - o L&T Mindtree 102
- ❖ Students Internships: 263 Students got paid Internships in various Multi-National Companies.
- **Students Competitions:** 13 students secured awards in State/National level competitions.
- * Rewards and Recognitions of faculty: 16 members of faculty got recognition at national/ state/university level.

Resolution:

It is resolved to take note of the academic and significant activities from November 2024 to date as presented by Pro Vice Chancellor.

Agenda item: 3.4

To consider and approve the introduction of new cadres at the level of Assistant 4. Professor under the 7th CPC.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice-Chancellor, presented the following details regarding the introduction of new cadres at the level of Assistant Professor under the 7th CPC as it is a necessary step towards career advancement of the faculty and **Executive Council approved the same.**

S. No.	Stage	Designation	Entry Pay	Level	Mode of Appointment
1	Stage-II	Assistant Professor (Senior Scale)	68900	11	Promotion
2	Stage-III	Assistant Professor (Selection Grade)	79800	12	Promotion

- ➤ As per the guidelines of AICTE notification 1st March 2019, point 2.9
- ➤ Eligibility will be as per the norms given in 7th CPC.

5. Agenda item: 3.5

To consider and approve the proposed quality policy of the University.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the proposed Quality Policy of the University.

** The University is committed to pursuing excellence in academics, innovation, research, and entrepreneurial development in an ethical, sustainable, and inclusive manner, while creating a meaningful societal impact. **

Resolution:

After discussion, the Executive Council approved the Quality Policy of the University proposed by Pro Vice Chancellor.

6. Agenda item: 3.6

To consider and ratify the appointments and relieving of faculty and staff, including Adjunct Faculty, between 11.11.2024 and 31.03.2025.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice-Chancellor, presented the information regarding the appointments and relieving of faculty and staff, including Adjunct Faculty, between 11.11.2024 and 31.03.2025.

Resolution:

Resolved to approve the appointments and relieving of faculty and staff, including Adjunct Faculty, between 11.11.2024 and 31.03.2025.

(Details are enclosed as Annexure –II)

7. **Agenda item: 3.7**

To present information regarding the number of student admissions made in the LL.M. (Corporate & Security Laws) course for the academic year 2024-25.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the following number of student admissions made in the LL.M. (Corporate & Security Laws) course for the Academic Year 2024-25.

21 Students joined in the LL.M. (Corporate & Security Laws) PG course for the academic year 2024-25.

Resolution:

Resolved to approve the number of student admissions made in the LL.M. (Corporate & Security Laws) course for the academic year 2024-25.

8. Agenda item: 3.8

To present the list of re-admitted candidates for the academic year 2024-25, Even Semester.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the following list of re-admitted candidates for the academic year 2024-25, (Even Semester) and **Executive Council approved the same.**

Re-admitted candidates for the Even Semester

S. No.	Roll No.	Class	Branch	Name of the Candidate	Category	Gender	Sem
1	238W1A0594	1/4 B.Tech	CSE	Manikonda Sri Naga Yasaswini	OC	F	II
2	238W1A0147	1/4 B.Tech	CE	Toleti Nagendra Bhaskara Naidu	ОС	М	II
3	238W1A0285	1/4 B.Tech	EEE	Lukka Yagnesh	BC_B	М	II
4	238W1A0569	1/4 B.Tech	CSE	Badri Amulya	SC	F	II

Agenda item: 3.9

9. To consider and ratify the minutes of the 3rd Finance Committee and 3rd Academic Council meetings.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice-Chancellor presented the following minutes of the 3rd Finance Committee and 3rd Academic Council meetings and **Executive Council approved the same.**

- **❖** Minutes of 3rd Finance Committee meeting held on 28-03-2025.
 - The Finance Committee ratified **the increments sanctioned, released to faculty** in the months of January and February 2025 w.e.f. September 2024.
 - The Finance Committee approved the **Income & Expenditure statement** from 01-04-2024 to 28-02-2025 of the University.
 - The Finance Committee approved the **Finance Operations** as a part of University Manual.
 - The Finance Committee considered and ratified the Gratuity paid and to be paid to some of the faculty retired from the service of the institution, from University funds.

❖ Minutes of 3rd Academic Council meeting held on 04-04-2025:

- The second year **B. Tech. SU-24** Engineering curriculum i.e., Course Structure, Courses and Syllabus are approved.
- The course structure and courses along with syllabus for the new PG program **M. Tech.** in Signal Processing and Communications is approved and the program starts in AY 2025-26.
- The proposed methods for transitory courses for re-joined students from VRSEC-Autonomous to SU-24 are approved.
- The second year course structure and courses with syllabus for both **B. Sc.** (Computer Science) and **B. Com.** (Computer Applications) are approved.
- The detailed academic regulations of Master of laws (LL.M.) program are approved.
- The second year course structure and courses with syllabus for both M.C.A and **M.B.A**. are approved.
- Quality Policy of the University
- The B. Tech. Academic calendar for the AY 2025-2026 is approved.

Resolution:

Resolved to approve the above minutes of the 3rd Finance Committee and 3rd Academic Council meetings.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice-Chancellor, expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone for attending the 3rd Executive Council Meeting and concluded the meeting.

(Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao)

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