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Minutes of the Meeting of the 4th Academic Council held on 10th June, 2025 in Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Deemed to be University, Vijayawada.

The 4th Academic Council Meeting of Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, (Deemed to be University), Vijayawada held on **10th June, 2025 i.e. Tuesday, 10.30 A.M**. in Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Vijayawada.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice – Chancellor, chaired the meeting and extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council.

Members Attended:

S. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Act as a
(i)	Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao	Vice - Chancellor	Chairperson
(ii)	Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad	Pro Vice-Chancellor	Member
(iii)	1. Dr. D. Venkata Rao	Dean - (VRSSE)	Member
	2. Dr. A. Vittaleswar	Dean – (MLSAC)	Member
	1) Dr. D. Rajeswara Rao	HOD - CSE (VRSSE)	Member (Online)
	2) Dr. N. Ravi Kumar	HOD - ME (VRSSE)	Member
	3) Dr. P. V. R. L. Narasimham	HOD - EEE (VRSSE)	Member
	4) Dr. G.N. Swamy	HOD - EIE (VRSSE)	Member
	5) Dr. M. Suneetha	HOD - IT (VRSSE)	Member
	6) Dr. V. Mallikarjuna	HOD – CE (VRSSE)	Member
	7) Dr. S. Srinivasa Rao	HOD - Chemistry (VRSSE)	Member
	8) Dr. Ch. Baby Rani	HOD - Maths (VRSSE)	Member
	9) Dr. K. Narendra	In-charge S&H and Associate Prof. of Physics (VRSSE)	Member
	10) Dr. K. Purnachandra Rao	HOD, MCA Department	Member
(iv)	1. Dr. S. Vasavi	Professor - CSE (VRSSE)	Member
	2. Dr. K. Suvarna Vani	Professor - CSE (VRSSE)	Member
	3. Dr. K. Srinivas	Professor - CSE (VRSSE)	Member
	4. Dr.Ch. Rupa	Professor - CSE (VRSSE)	Member
	5. Dr. M. Padmaja	Professor - ECE (VRSSE)	Member
	6. Dr. G. Lakshmi Madhumathi	Professor - ECE (VRSSE)	Member
	7. Dr. A. Rama Devi	Professor - EEE (VRSSE)	Member
(v)	1. Dr. K. Raghuveer	Associate Professor - MBA	Member
	2. Dr. B. Venkateswara Rao	Associate Dean – Academics, Associate Professor - EEE	Member

S. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Act as a
(vi)	1. Dr. P. Durga Prasada Rao	Asst. Professor - EIE	Member
	2. Mr. P. Sateesh Kumar Reddy	Asst. Professor - ME	Member
	3. Dr. K.P. Venkata Kumar	Asst. Professor, MCA	Member
	4. Dr. V. E. Jyothi	Asst. Professor, MCA	Member
	5. Dr. D. Madhulatha	Asst. Professor – School of Arts & Commerce	Member
	1. Dr. L. Prakash Sai	Professor, Dept. of Management of Studies, IITM, Chennai	Member (Online)
	2. Dr. Ch. Divakar Babu	Principal of SVD Law College, Vijayawada	Member
	3. Prof. NVR Jyothi Kumar	School of Economics, Management & Information Sciences, Mizoram Central University, Aizawl	Member (Online)
	4. Sri D. Rama Krishna	Managing Director of Efftronics, Vijayawada.	Member (Online)
(viii)	Dr. M. Ravichand	Registrar - Ex- officio	Secretary
(ix)	Dr. T. Anuradha	Controller of Examinations	Permanent Invitee
	Dr. T. S. Ramaiah Chowdary	Deputy Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee (if any)

Members not present:

S. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Position in Academic Council
1.	Dr. G. Sridevi	HOD - Physics (VRSSE)	Member
2.	Dr. A. Sree Ram	HOD, MBA Department	Member
3.	Dr. S. Srinivasa Prasad	Professor - ME (VRSSE)	Member
4.	Dr. Shaik Fayaz Ahmed	Associate Professor - ECE	Member
5.	Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao	Associate Professor - EEE	Member
6.	Dr. K. Hemalatha	Associate Professor-Maths	Member
7.	Prof. D. V. L. N. Somayajulu	Director, NIT Manipur	Member
8.	Dr. Abburi Vidya Sagar	Chairman & MD, Avantel Ltd.	Member

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice-Chancellor, welcomed the members to the 4th Academic Council meeting and informed about the Induction Program for 1st year B. Tech. students to be held on 16th June, 2025. The classwork will be commenced after the completion of Induction Program i.e. from 30th June, 2025 onwards.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, was requested to conduct the Proceedings of the 4th Academic Council meeting as per the agenda.

1.	**Agenda item: 4.1**
	
	To confirm the minutes and the action taken report of the previous Academic Council meeting held on 04-04-2025.
	
	Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the following minutes and action taken report of the 3rd Academic Council Meeting.
	
	Approved
	   ➤ B. Tech- 2nd year Scheme and 3rd Semester Syllabus to be implemented w.e.f. 2025-26.
	   ➤ M. Tech. – 1st and 2nd Semesters Scheme and Syllabus for Signal Processing and Communications, to be implemented w.e.f 2025–26.
	   ➤ B.Com, B.Sc 2nd year Scheme and 3rd Semester Syllabus to be implemented w.e.f. 2025-26.
	   ➤ MCA and MBA 2nd year Scheme and 3rd Semester Syllabus to be implemented w.e.f. 2025-26.
	   ➤ Detailed LLM Academic Regulations regarding Legal Education, Research Methodology-II and Dissertation /Thesis requirements.
	   ➤ B. Tech Academic Calendar for the year 2025-26.
	
	Action taken Report :
	   ✓ All the above approved items will be implemented w.e.f. 2025-26
	
	Ratified :
	   ➤ BoS minutes of B.Tech, B.Com, B.Sc, MBA and MCA
	
	Resolution:
	
	Academic Council confirmed the minutes and action taken report of the 3rd Academic council Meeting held on 04.04.2025.

2.	**Agenda item: 4.2** **To consider and approve the interchange of courses between semesters in the first-year B. Tech. programs, along with related matters, with effect from the academic year 2025–26.** Pro Vice Chancellor presented the details of interchange of courses between semesters in the first-year B. Tech. programs, along with related matters, with effect from the Academic Year 2025-26. **Proposed interchange of courses with slight Modifications:** • The course **"Problem Solving with Python"** in the **first semester** has been replaced with **"Programming using C"** and **"Programming using C Lab"** for all branches of Engineering. • Similarly, the course **"Programming using C"** in the **second semester** has been replaced with **"Problem Solving with Python"** for all branches of Engineering. • These modifications have been incorporated **without altering the overall credit distribution** for the first year. • The proposal was discussed in the **Deans & HoDs meeting** and approved in the **CSE Board of Studies** held on 02-06-2025.

Sri D. Ramakrishna, MD of Efftronics, Pvt. Ltd., suggested to consider including "System Engineering" in the first year B. Tech., if possible.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice Chancellor, told that it will be considered if there is any feasibility.

Resolution:

It is resolved to approve the interchange of courses between semesters in the first-year B. Tech. programs, along with related matters, with effect from the academic year 2025–26 as presented by Pro Vice Chancellor.

(Details of the interchange of courses between semester 1 & 2 are enclosed as Annexure – I.)

3.

Agenda item: 4.3

To consider and approve the proposed revised pass criteria for the integrated courses, with effect from the academic year 2025–26 for all programs under SU-24 regulations.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following revised pass criteria for the integrated courses, with effect from the academic year 2025-26 for all programs under SU-24 regulations.

The following modifications are proposed for evaluation of integrated courses and pass criteria, effective from the A.Y 2025-2026 for all programs under SU-24 regulations.

Distribution of marks for theory component

Class Test –I	10 Marks based on the Unit wise theory syllabus	45 Minutes
Class Test –II	10 Marks based on the Unit wise theory syllabus	45 Minutes
Sessional –I	20 Marks based on the Unit wise theory syllabus	75 Minutes
Sessional –II	20 Marks based on the Unit wise theory syllabus	75 Minutes
Home assignment	10 Marks (assignments / Quizzes / presentations etc.)	-
Total		**40 Marks**
Class test marks and Sessional marks awarded with 2/3 weightage for the higher scoring tests and 1/3 weightage for lower scoring tests		

Distribution of marks for lab component

Continuous evaluation of experiments	10 Marks
Continuous Assessment of lab by other faculty member of the department / University.	30 Marks
Total	**40 Marks**

Final Continuous Assessment Marks (for Integrated Courses)

If a course carries **4 credits** with **L:T:P = 3-0-2**, then:
   ➢ **Theory component Marks** = Obtained Theory Marks × 3/4
   ➢ **Lab component Marks** = Obtained Lab Marks × 1/4
   ➢ **Total Continuous Assessment Marks for Integrated Course** = 30 (Theory) + 10 (Lab) = **40 Marks**
   ✓ **Weightage** is given proportionally based on the credit allocation between **Theory and Lab** components of the integrated course.
   ✓ **Summative Assessment** will be conducted **for the theory part only.**

Pass Criteria: A Student shall be declared to have passed in integrated course if he / she secure a minimum of 40% aggregate marks (Continuous Assessment & Summative Assessment marks put together) subjected to a minimum of 35% marks in Summative Assessment.

Resolution:

It is resolved to approve the above evaluation method and pass criteria for the integrated courses, with effect from the academic year 2025–26 for all programs under SU-24 regulations.

4.

Agenda item: 4.4

To consider and approve to start Honours Program in CSE and allied branches with a specialization in Cloud Engineering, in collaboration with Google and Scheme of the course to be implemented w.e.f the academic year 2025–26.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the details of Honours Program in CSE, CSE allied branches i.e. CSE (AI&DS), CSE (AI&ML) and IT with a specialization in Cloud Engineering, in collaboration with Google along with Scheme of the course to be implemented w.e.f. the A.Y. 2025-26.

➢ The Google Cloud Engineering program aims to provide B.Tech students with industry-ready skills in cloud computing through globally recognized certifications such as Associate Cloud Engineer (ACE) and Cloud Digital Leader (CDL).

➢ The program includes bootcamps, webinars, hackathons, and exclusive placement drives for certified students.

➢ This initiative enhances technical and problem-solving skills, improves employability, and bridges the academia-industry gap through official collaboration with Google.

➢ It is proposed to start the said program w.e.f. 2025-26

Scheme of the B. Tech. Honor Degree Program (CSE, CSE (AI & DS), CSE (AI & ML), and IT)				
				Total Credits:20
Year	**Semester**	**Course Name**	**L-T-P**	**Credits**
I-B. Tech.	I	Cloud Digital Leader	1-0-0	1
	II	Cloud Computing Foundation	3-0-2	4
II-B. Tech.	III	Cloud Engineering -I	2-0-1	2.5
	IV	Cloud Engineering -II	2-0-1	2.5
III-B. Tech.	V	Cloud Data Analytics-I	2-0-2	3
	VI	Cloud Data Analytics-II	2-0-2	3
		OR		
	V	Cloud Cyber security-I	2-0-2	3
	VI	Cloud Cyber security-II	2-0-2	3
IV-B. Tech.	VII	Generative AI	3-0-2	4
			Total Credits	**20**

✓ Students have to complete the above mentioned **20 credits** to obtain the **Honors degree in Cloud Engineering.**

It was discussed that the objective of this program was to provide enhanced employment in terms of quality and quantity.

Resolution:
It is resolved to approve to start Honours Program in CSE and allied branches with a specialization in Cloud Engineering, in collaboration with Google and Scheme of the course to be implemented w.e.f. the academic year 2025-26.

5.

Agenda item: 4.5
To consider and approve the Scheme & syllabus of the M. Tech. programs in Cyber Security and VLSI Design and Embedded Systems for 3rd and 4th semesters.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the Scheme & syllabus of the M. Tech. programs in Cyber Security and VLSI Design and Embedded Systems for 3rd and 4th semesters and **Academic Council approved the same.**

Resolution:
It is resolved to approve the Scheme & Syllabus of the M. Tech. programs in Cyber Security and VLSI Design and Embedded Systems for 3rd and 4th Semesters.

(Details are enclosed as Annexure-II)

6.

Agenda item: 4.6
To consider and approve the intake of Ph. D. program for the academic year 2025-26.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following proposed intake of Ph. D. program for the academic year 2025-26 for approval and **Academic Council approved the same.**

S. No.	Name of the School	Proposed Intake
1	V R Siddhartha School of Engineering (Engineering, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and English)	46
2	School of Management	02
3	School of Sciences	02
	Total	**50**

7.

Agenda item: 4.7
To consider and ratify the results of first semester for the year 2024-25.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following results of first semester for the year 2024-25.

B. Tech., Semester-I

Results Analysis of B. Tech., I-Semester (SU24) Regular Exams, December-2024				
S. No.	Program	Appeared	Passed	%
1.	AI&DS	130	117	90.00
2.	AI&ML	66	62	93.94
3.	CE	89	25	28.09
4.	CSE	330	320	96.97
5.	ECE	261	172	65.90
6.	EEE	131	64	48.85
7.	EIE	125	48	38.40
8.	IT	198	134	67.68
9.	ME	87	29	33.33
10.	Over all			**68.53**

M. Tech.

Result Analysis of M. Tech., I-Semester (SU-24) Regular Exams, December 2024				
S. No.	Program	Appeared	Passed	%
1.	CE-SE	6	4	66.67
2.	IT-DS	12	10	83.33
3.	ECE-VLSI	5	4	80.00
4.	CS-CS	12	9	75.00
5.	Over all	35	27	77.14

MBA & MCA

Result Analysis of MBA & MCA, I-Semester (SU-24) Regular Exams, December 2024				
S. No.	Program	Appeared	Passed	%
1.	MBA	67	57	85.07
2.	MCA	66	63	95.45

B. Com. & B. Sc.

Result Analysis of B. Com. & B. Sc., I-Semester (SU-24) Regular Exams, Jan 2025				
S. No.	Program	Appeared	Passed	%
1.	B.Com	17	4	23.53
2.	B. Sc.	20	6	30.00

Sri D. Ramakrishna, MD of Efftronics, Pvt. Ltd, suggested to verify the valuation process of semester-end examinations of ECE, CSE and allied branches.

Prof. N.V.R. Jyothi Kumar, Mizoram Central University, Aizawl, said that the results of B. Com. first semester were very low and told that there is need to take corrective action.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice Chancellor, told that the valuation of end-semester examination will be verified through academic audit or other procedures.

Resolution:
It is resolved to ratify the results of first semester of the above mentioned programmes for the year 2024-25.

8.

Agenda item: 4.8
To consider and approve the academic calendars for M. Tech., MBA, MCA, B.Com, B. Sc., LL. M. programs (first & second years) and B. Tech (first year) for the Academic Year 2025–26.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the academic calendars for M. Tech., MBA, MCA, B. Com, B. Sc., LLM programs (first & second years) and B. Tech (first year) for the Academic Year 2025-26

Resolution:
It is resolved to approve the academic calendars for M. Tech., MBA, MCA, B. Com., B. Sc. and LL. M. programs (first & second years) and B. Tech (first year) for the academic year - 2025-26.

(Details are enclosed as Annexure-III)

9.	**Agenda item: 4.9**
	To consider and approve the Document Retention Policy of the University, to be implemented with effect from the academic year 2025–26.
	
	Pro Vice Chancellor presented the Document Retention Policy of the University, to be implemented w.e.f. the academic year 2025-26 after obtaining approval.
	
	■ As per AICTE norms, every institution must have an approved document retention policy to ensure systematic maintenance of records and to authorize the dispose of files that are no longer relevant.
	
	■ In line with, the university proposed a draft document retention policy for consideration & approval.
	
	■ The registers, files, the records and related documents of the following different activities are given with period of retention in policy document.
	    1. Affiliations, Approvals and Admissions
	    2. Accounts
	    3. Establishment
	    4. Scholarship Section
	    5. Examination Section
	    6. University Confidential Wing
	    7. Departments
	    8. Dean Academics
	    9. Dean Admissions & Student Affairs
	    10. Library
	
	Applicability of Retention Policy:
	
	➤ The Retention Policy applies to all registers, records, files, and related documents maintained at **Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education,** an institution deemed to be a university, with effect from the **academic year 2024–25.**
	
	➤ It also covers the registers, records, files, and related documents maintained at **Velagapudi Ramakrishna Siddhartha Engineering College** under the affiliation of **ANU and JNTUK,** prior to the institution being declared a deemed to be university by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
	
	Resolution:
	It is resolved to approve the Document Retention Policy of the University, to be implemented with effect from the academic year 2025–26.
	
	(Details are enclosed as Annexure-IV)

10.	**Agenda item: 4.10** **To present information regarding AICTE - EOA for the year 2025-26 and approval for variation of intake in UG and Starting new course in PG (M. Tech.) w.e.f. 2025-26.** **Pro Vice Chancellor** presented the following information regarding AICTE – EOA for the year 2025-26 and approval for variation of intake in UG and Starting new course in PG (M. Tech.) w.e.f. 2025-26.

S. No.	Level	Name of the Course	Intake 2024-25	Approved Intake for 2025-26
1	UG	Civil Engineering	120	60
2	UG	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Data Science)	120	120
3	UG	Computer Science and Engineering	300	420
4	UG	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)	60	120
5	UG	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	120	120
6	UG	Electronics & Communication Engineering	240	240
7	UG	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	120	120
8	UG	Information Technology	180	120
9	UG	Mechanical Engineering	120	60
		Total UG Intake	1380	1380
10	PG	Structural Engineering	18	18
11	PG	Cyber Security	12	12
12	PG	VLSI Design and Embedded Systems	12	12
13	PG	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	12	12
14	PG	Automated Manufacturing Systems	12	12
15	PG	Signal Processing and Communications	-	12
16	PG	MBA	60	60
17	PG	Masters in Computer Applications	60	60
		Total	1566	1578

11.

Agenda item: 4.11
To consider and ratify the minutes of the Board of Studies (BoS) meetings held after the 3rd Academic Council meeting.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the minutes of BoS meetings held after the 3rd Academic Council meeting and **Academic Council ratified the same.**

12.

Agenda item: 4.12
Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

To consider and approve the revision in academic regulation regarding Award of first class with distinction on valid medical grounds.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following revision in academic regulation regarding Award of first class with distinction on valid medical grounds for all UG/ PG programs for approval.

Award of Division:

Existing Regulation:

➤ As per the existing regulation, the students who are absent for the summative assessment only once in his/her duration of the UG/PG programs on valid medical grounds will be considered for the award of First Class with Distinction, subject to the recommendations of the committee constituted **by the Dean - Schools.**

Proposed Revision for Approval:

➢ The committee shall be constituted **by the Vice-Chancellor** in place of the Dean of Schools, and the student shall appear and pass the immediate subsequent examination.

➢ He / She must complete the subjects in which he/she was absent in a single attempt during a single session conducted at the end of the subsequent semester.

Resolution:
It is resolved to approve the revision in academic regulation regarding award of first class with distinction on valid medical grounds for all UG/ PG programs offered by university as presented by Pro Vice Chancellor.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice-Chancellor, thanked all the members for their presence & their contributions during the 4th Academic Council Meeting and concluded the meeting.

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