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Minutes of the Meeting

The 9th Executive Council Meeting of Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, (Deemed to be University), Vijayawada held on **28th September, 2026 i.e. Monday,** at **10.30 A.M.** in the Conference Hall, Administrative Block, Vijayawada.

Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice Chancellor, chaired the **9th Executive Council** meeting and extended his warm welcome to all the members. He informed that Bar Council of India (BCI) granted recognition to Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of conferring the Degrees in Law and fresh approval to start new programs in School of Law. He stated that this would further strengthen the School of Law through the introduction of new programmes. He informed that Dr. Ch. Divakar Babu was overseeing the admissions of Law programs and taking active efforts in this regard.

He further shared updates on the ongoing construction of the Administrative, Academic Blocks, and New Girls Hostel. He informed that the 5th Floor of the Dr. V. L. Dutt Block was nearing completion and classes for most of the programmes had already commenced.

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 & Schools of MSAC	Dr. D. Venkata Rao	Member
4.	Dean – School of Law	Dr. Ch. Divakar Babu	Member
5.	Professor	Dr. T. Anuradha Department of AI	Member
6.	Associate Professor	Dr. V. Ramesh Department of CE	Member
7.	Senior Assistant Professor	Dr. P. Durga Prasada Rao Department of EIE	Member
8.	UGC Nominee	Dr. P. Udaya Bhaskar Former Chairman, APPSC	Member (Online)
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. N. Lalitha Prasad Joint Secretary, SAGTE	Member
12.	Registrar	Dr. M. Ravichand	Ex-officio Secretary

Members not present:

S. No.	Designation	Name of the Member	Position in Executive Council
1.	Nominee of Sponsoring Body	Sri. S. Venkateswara Rao Treasurer, SAGTE	Member

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.

1.	**Agenda item: 9.1** **To confirm the minutes of the previous Executive Council meeting held on 29.06.2026** The minutes of the previous Executive Council meeting held on 29.06.2026 were circulated to the members. No comments were received and **Executive Council confirmed the same.**
2.	**Agenda item: 9.2** **To confirm the action taken report on the minutes of the previous Executive Council Meeting held on 29.06.2026** **Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad,** Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the following action taken report on the minutes of the previous Executive Council meeting held on 29.06.2026. ➢ **Prof. P. Udaya Bhaskar, UGC Nominee, suggested that the details of the expenditure of the budget for the Academic Year 2025-26 be presented, and the Council agreed to present these details in the next Executive Council meeting** Details of the expenditure under the budget for the Year 2025-26 mentioning particulars, Actual Spent expenditure of 2025-26, proposed budget for 2026-27 were presented. Further, details of receipts under the budget for the year 2025-26 were presented. ➢ **Prof. P. Udaya Bhaskar, UGC Nominee, suggested to conduct a survey among stakeholders to assess the current demand for courses, with the aim of proposing the introduction of new programs in the university for the Academic Year 2027-28.** A survey was conducted among the various employers and outgoing B. Tech. final year students to assess the current demand for various courses and identify potential programmes for proposing the introduction of **new academic programmes** in the University for the Academic Year **2027-28.** The survey findings were compiled and reported accordingly. The suggestions received from the students and industry professionals as follows: **Students:** The major areas suggested by the student survey were **Cyber Security, Quantum Computing, Blockchain and AIML/Machine Learning.** **Employer/Industry:** The four recommended areas identified through the employer survey were 1. **Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (92.3%)** 2. **Data Science & Data Engineering (88.5%)** 3. **Cyber Security / Information Security (84.6%)** 4. **Semiconductor/ VLSI/ Chip Design (80.8%)** A Committee was also constituted to examine and propose new academic programs to be offered by the university from the A.Y. 2027-28.

- **UGC Nominee, suggested to review the UGC regulations regarding Ph.D. eligibility criteria for Research Supervisors and Co-Supervisors, particularly in cases where faculty members are superannuated or nearing superannuation, for scholars' allocation.**

  The existing Ph.D. Regulations of Siddhartha University are aligned with the applicable UGC Regulations. Accordingly, a Research Supervisor who attains **superannuation is appointed as a Co-Supervisor** of the research scholar and **faculty in service is appointed as Supervisor.**
  The list of such cases reported below:

S. No.	Roll Number	Name of the Scholar	Name of the Supervisor	Name of the Co-supervisor continuing after superannuation
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION				
1.	24MDP11004	Someswararao Putturu	Dr. B. Hari Babu	Dr. A. Sree Ram
2.	105762 (2026 Admitted)	Bhanu Pratap D	Dr. Swarnima Tiwari	Dr. A. Sree Ram
ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING (EIE)				
3.	24EDP13002	Boyapati Satish Kumar	Dr. S. Srinivasulu Raju	Dr. G. N. Swamy
CIVIL ENGINEERING				
4.	24EDP11003	Narasimha Rao Veeravelli	Dr. Hanuma Kasagani	Dr. B. Panduranga Rao
MATHEMATICS				
5.	25SDP12001	S N Lakshmi Sankarasetti	Dr. J. Siva Ram Prasad	Dr. K. Purna Chandra Rao

It was decided that, with effect from now onwards, faculty members having less than three years of service before superannuation shall be excluded from allocating scholars as sole Supervisors. However, they may be appointed as Co-Supervisors along with an eligible full-time faculty member as the Supervisor.

- **Prof. P. Udaya Bhaskar, UGC Nominee, advised to provide the information w.r.t. both the number of students who received job offers and the number who received onboarding call (Date of Joining) during the Academic Year 2024–25.**
  The information w.r.t. both the number of students who received job offers and the number who received onboarding call (Date of Joining) during the Academic Year 2024–25 as follows:

  - Total No. of single Offers (head count): **1019**
  - Total No. of students Responded for Joining Confirmation: **841**
  - No. of students not responded: **178**

- **Prof. P. Udaya Bhaskar, UGC Nominee, suggested to place the scholarship criteria for ratification before the Academic Council.**

  The information regarding the scholarship criteria to the students is placed in the **9th Academic Council** held on 11.09.2026 and the Council ratified the same.

Resolution:

The Executive Council confirmed the above action taken report on the minutes of the previous Executive Council Meeting held on 29.06.2026

3. **Agenda item: 9.3**

To present the academic and significant activities from 01.07.2026 to till date.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad presented the following academic and significant activities from 01.07.2026 to till date.

- ✓ **NBA Accreditation Status based on the NBA Team Visit to the Department of EEE from 7 – 9 August 2026:**
  NBA accredited **EEE Program** from 1st July 2025 to 31st December 2025 and from 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2028.
  Accreditation Status of other UG – Engineering Programs: CE, CSE, ECE, EIE and ME Programs are accredited and valid up to 31-12-2028.
  IT Program: Accredited and valid up to 30-06-2028.

- ✓ **R & D Projects:**

No. of Sanctioned Projects	: 03
No. of Ongoing Projects	: 28
No. of Projects Applied	: 15
Sanctioned amount (ECE - 3)	: Rs.8,61,000/-
MOUs (ECE-3, ME-2, EIE-1,MBA-1)	: 07
Total Active MoUs	: 143
Total No. of Patents	: 560
Filed	: 560
Published	: 498
Granted	: 80

(Utility Patents: 31, Design Patents: 49)

- ✓ **R & D publications (SCOPUS/SCI Journals):**

Total Publications	: 5561
H Index	: 62

Details	2025 (Calendar Year)	2026 (till date)
No. of Journal Papers	322	228
No. of Conference Papers	681	454
Total (Scopus/ SCI)	1003	682

- ✓ Faculty participation in continuing **education programmes** : **144** (outside)
  (FDP - 85, Workshops - 28, Seminars - 08, Conference - 12, Guest lectures - 11)

Few Major Events organized from 01.07.2026 to 26.09.2026:

- ❖ **Teacher's Day Celebrations – 5th September 2026**
  - Chief Guest was Dr. Murthy V. R. K, Former Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai.
  - 18 Ph. D. awardees were felicitated on the occasion of Teacher's Day in recognition of their academic achievements for the academic year 2025-26

❖ **Engineer's Day Celebrations – 15th September 2026**

- Chief Guest was Mr. Aravapalli Srinivas, CEO, Bluebinaries Engineering, Former Head, R&D, M&M.
  (Alumnus 1880-84 Batch, Mechanical Engineering)

International Visit of Faculty			
S. No.	**Name of the faculty**	**Designation & Dept.**	**Details**
1	**Dr. N. Malathi**	Sr. Asst. Professor, Department of **Civil Engineering**	Presented a **paper and served as a session chair** at the 17th world conference on Transport Research held from July 6th - 10th at **Toulouse school of Economics, Toulouse, France**.
The Expenditure of ₹1,35,000/- was supported by the University			

✓ **No. of Continuing Education Programmes** :

- Organized by various departments: **59**
  (FDP – 03, Workshops - 20, Seminars - 06, Guest lectures - 30)

✓ **Students Competitions: 4** students secured awards in National & State level competitions.

✓ **Placements for the Academic Year 2026-27**

- Number of students registered for placements : 1450
- Total Job offers (till date) : 311
- Number of Students placed (Head Count) : 272
- Number of Placements more than 10 LPA : 25
- Number of Placements above 5 LPA & below 10 LPA : 233

✓ **Students Internships: 105** Students secured internships with stipend in various Multi-National Companies ranging from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.1,10,000/- per month.

✓ **Rewards and Recognitions:**

- **Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad** – Pro Vice Chancellor, **Dr. Subhojit Dawn** – Associate Professor, EEE, received award for achieving Highest Scopus H-Index (22)
- **Secured five awards** from JNTUK on the occasion of University formation day JNTUK - XIX celebrations and Teacher's Day celebrations w.r.t. Highest Placement Package, Highest Number of Doctorates, Highest number of patents granted, Highest number of capacity building projects granted and Highest Scopus H-Index.

✓ **Rewards and Recognitions of faculty:** 07 members of faculty got recognition at national/ state/university level.

✓ Details of Infrastructural facilities, work was presented.

NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATIONS

Course Run period	Certified	Gold (>= 90%)	Silver (75%- 89%)	Elite (60%-74%)	Successful (40%-59%)	Toppers
JAN-APR 2026	**1064**	**16**	**287**	**412**	**349**	**29**
Toppers:	**Top 1% : 05**	**Top 2% : 05**	**Top 5% : 19**			
JUL-DEC 2026	**3150 Members** have registered for the NPTEL exams scheduled on ✓ 19th and 20th September 2026 ✓ 16th to 18th October 2026 ✓ 23rd to 25th October 2026					

✓ Number of faculty certified: Jan-Apr 2026: 82

	Resolution: **It is resolved to take note of the presented academic and significant activities from 01.07.2026 to till date.**
4.	**Agenda item: 9.4** **To consider and ratify the appointments and relieving of faculty and staff, between 28.06.2026 and 23.09.2026.** Pro Vice Chancellor presented the information of the appointments, relieving of faculty and staff between 28.06.2026 and 23.09.2026 for consideration and ratification. Dr. P. Udaya Bhaskar, UGC Nominee, suggested to include information on the required number, existing number, vacancies, and number recruited, etc., while presenting the faculty and staff appointments from the next meeting onwards. **Resolution:** **It is resolved to ratify the appointments, relieving of faculty and staff, between 28.06.2026 and 23.09.2026.** **(Details are enclosed as Annexure-1)**
5.	**Agenda item: 9.5** **To present the information regarding the grant of recognition by the BCI to Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University) and to start Law courses.** Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following information regarding the grant of recognition by BCI to Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University) and to start Law Courses. **Grant of BCI Recognition and Introduction of Law Programmes w.e.f A.Y 2026-27** ➢ Bar Council of India (BCI) granted recognition to Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University), as per Section 7 (1) (i) of the Advocates Act, 1961 for the purpose of conferring the Degrees in Law and fresh approval to its School of Law, Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Deemed to be University, Vijayawada, vide their orders dated 03-07-2026. **Approved in BoS and Academic Council:** ✓ 5-Year Integrated B.A. LL.B. - 120 (Intake) ✓ 5-Year Integrated B.B.A. LL.B. - 60 (Intake) ✓ 3-Year LL.B. - 180 (Intake) ✓ LL.M (Constitutional Law and Administrative law) – 20 (Intake) ✓ LL.M (Corporate Law and Intellectual property Rights) – 20 (Intake) **Resolution:** **It is resolved to ratify the introduction of UG & PG Law Programmes i.e. B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., LL.B., LL. M. (Constitutional Law and Administrative Law) & LL. M. (Corporate Law and Intellectual Property Rights) w.e.f. A.Y. 2026-27.**

6. **Agenda item: 9.6**

To present information regarding the number of students admissions made in UG, PG and PhD programs for the academic year 2026-27.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following information regarding the number of student admissions made in UG, PG and Ph. D. programs for the Academic Year 2026-27.

B. Tech.					
S No	**Branch**	**Intake**	**10% EWS**	**Total Intake (Including EWS)**	**Total Admitted**
1	Civil Engineering	60	06	66	66
2	Computer Science and Engineering	420	42	462	462
3	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Data Science)	180	18	198	198
4	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)	180	18	198	197
5	Electronics & Communication Engineering	240	24	264	264
6	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	120	12	132	132
7	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	120	12	132	111
8	Mechanical Engineering	60	06	66	66
TOTAL		**1380**	**138**	**1518**	**1496**

Second B. Tech. (LE)					
S. No	**Branch**	**Intake**	**Leftover Seats of First Year 2025-26**	**Total Intake (Including Leftover Seats)**	**Total Admitted**
1	CE	06	03	09	03
2	CSE	42	-	42	18
3	CSE (AI&ML)	12	-	12	03
4	CSE (AI&ML)	12	-	12	11
5	ECE	24	-	24	17
6	EEE	12	17	29	21
7	EIE	12	16	28	--
8	IT	12	-	12	--
9	ME	06	06	12	09
Total		**138**	**42**	**180**	**82**

BBA, B.Com & B.Sc					
S. No	**Branch**	**Intake**	**10% EWS**	**Total Intake (Including EWS)**	**Total Admitted**
1	BBA	60	06	66	66
2	B.Com Honors (Computer Applications) – AEDP	20	02	22	19
3	B.Com Honors (Computer Applications)	20	02	22	18
4	B.Sc (Computer Science)	60	06	66	66
TOTAL		**160**	**16**	**176**	**169**

MBA & MCA					
S. No	**Branch**	**Intake**	**10% EWS**	**Total Intake (Including EWS)**	**Total Admitted**
1	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	60	06	66	66
2	Master of Computer Applications (MCA)	60	06	66	62
TOTAL		**120**	**12**	**132**	**128**

M. Tech.					
S No	**Branch**	**Intake**	**10% EWS**	**Total Intake (Including EWS)**	**Total Admitted**
1	Structural Engineering	12	1	13	04
2	Cyber Security	12	1	13	13
3	Signal Processing & Communication	12	1	13	03
4	VLSI Design	12	1	13	09
5	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	12	1	13	13
6	Automated Manufacturing Systems	12	1	13	0
TOTAL		**72**	**6**	**78**	**42**

LAW (UG & PG)					
S No	**Branch**	**Intake**	**10% EWS**	**Total Intake (Including EWS)**	**Total Admitted**
1	LL.B	180	18	198	198
2	B.A.LL.B	120	12	132	125
3	B.B.A.LL.B	60	06	66	64
4	LL.M Constitutional Law and Administrative Law	20	02	22	17
5	LL.M Corporate Law and Intellectual Property Rights	20	02	22	18
TOTAL		**400**	**40**	**440**	**422**

Ph.D				
S. No.	Name of the Course	Admitted		
		Full Time	Part Time	Total
1	CSE & Allied Engineering	-	15	15
2	ECE / EIE	-	07	07
3	EEE	-	02	02
4	ME	-	02	02
5	CE	-	05	05
6	MBA	-	03	03
7	Chemistry	-	02	02
8	English	-	02	02
9	Maths	-	06	06
10	Physics	-	02	02
Total		**0**	**46**	**46**

Resolution:

It is resolved to approve the student admissions made in UG, PG and Ph.D. programs for the Academic Year 2026-27.

7. **Agenda item: 9.7**

To consider and approve the change in name of School of Law as Velagapudi Durgamba Siddhartha School of Law.

Proposal for Change of Name of School of Law

- Proposed to change the existing name of **School of Law** under Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Deemed to be University as **Velagapudi Durgamba Siddhartha School of Law**.
- The proposal is placed before the **Executive Council for consideration and approval.**

Resolution:

It is resolved to approve the change in name of School of Law as Velagapudi Durgamba Siddhartha School of Law.

8. **Agenda item: 9.8**

To consider and ratify the nomination & continuation of Deans, Associate Dean, Director and Pro Vice Chancellor of the University.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following details of the nominated & continued Deans, Associate Dean, Director and Pro Vice Chancellor of the University for ratification.

S. No	Branch	Name	Designation
1	ME	Prof. A. V. Ratna Prasad	Pro Vice-Chancellor
2	CE	Prof. B. Panduranga Rao	Director - Infrastructure & Consultancy
3	ECE	Prof. D. Venkata Rao	Dean - Velagapudi Ramakrishna Siddhartha School of Engineering & School of Management
4	Law	Prof Ch. Divakar Babu	Dean - School of Law
5	CSE	Prof. K Srinivas	Dean - School of Sciences & School of Arts & Commerce
6	CSE	Prof. D. Rajeswara Rao	Dean - Industry Relations, Training & Placements
7	EEE	Prof.P.V.R.L. Narasimham	Dean - Examinations & Evaluation
8	EIE	Prof. G.N. Swamy	Dean - Student Affairs & Admissions
9	AI	Prof. M. Suneetha	Dean - Research, Technology Development
10	CSE	Prof. B.Mohammed Ismail	Dean – Academics
11	EEE	Dr B.Venkateswara Rao	Associate Dean - Academics

Resolution:

Resolved to ratify the nomination & continuation of Deans, Associate Dean, Director and Pro Vice Chancellor of the University.

9. **Agenda item: 9.9**

To present the information regarding conduct of the Convocation of our university.

Dr. A. V. Ratna Prasad, Pro Vice Chancellor, presented the following information regarding the conduct of Convocation and **Executive Council approved the same.**

- As per the decision taken by the Convocation Committee at its 5th meeting held on 25-07-2026, considering the limited number of eligible degree holders (179) for the Academic Year 2026–27, it was decided to organize the First Convocation during the Academic Year 2027–28, for both batches together.

10. **Agenda item: 9.10**

To present the list of readmitted candidates for the academic year 2026-27 odd semester for ratification.

Pro Vice Chancellor presented the following list of re-admitted candidates for the Academic Year 2026-27, Odd Semester for ratification

S. No.	Branch	Year	Roll No.	Name of the Student	Semester
1	CSE	B. Tech 1st year	25EU04140	BALAGA VEDHIK KAMAL	1st sem
2	CSE (AI&DS)	B. Tech 1st year	24EU01044	NARAHARISETTI SOMAN RAM	1st sem
3	ECE	B. Tech 1st year	25EU05086	EEDE SANTOSH PHANI RAM	1st sem
4	EIE	B. Tech 1st year	25EU07015	GUNDAPU KARTHIKEYA	1st sem
5	EEE	B. Tech 2nd year	24EU06127	VALLABHANENI SAILAS PAUL	3rd sem
6	EEE	B. Tech 2nd year	24EU06086	JUTTIKA MUNI VENKATA SATYA SAI MANIDEEPU	3rd sem
7	IT	B. Tech 2nd year	24EU08142	BITRA SRI VYSHNAVI	3rd sem
8	ME	B. Tech 2nd year	238W1A03B2	SHAIK IBRAHEEM	3rd sem

	Minutes of 9th Finance Committee meeting held on 18.09.2026: **Approved:** ➢ Income & expenditure statement from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026 of the University. ➢ Sanction of Scholarships for Merit Students admitted under scholarship criteria & Academic Performance Scholarships for the academic year 2026-2027. ➢ Payment of gratuity from university funds to faculty and staff members who retired or were relieved from the Institute. ➢ Changes in the guidelines of Central Expenditure Advisory Committee with regard to the sanctioning authority. **Ratified:** Tuition and other fee fixed for UG & PG Programmes of the School of Law for the academic year 2026-27.
	Prof. P. Venkateswara Rao, Vice-Chancellor, expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone for attending the **9th Executive Council Meeting** and concluded the meeting.

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