Members present:

1. Dr. D. Subhakar, Vice-Chancellor, VIT-AP
2. Dr. C L V Siva Kumar, Registrar
3. Dr. Jagadish Kumar V, IIT Madras, Chennai
4. Mr. Purushothman, NASSCOM, Chennai
5. Mr. Vasudevan, TCS Pvt. Ltd., Chennai
6. Dr. Anil Kumar Ramsesh, Dover India Pvt. Ltd., B'lore
7. Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mudiganti, Head, Academics, VIT-AP
8. Dr. S. Srinivas, Head, Research, VIT-AP
9. Dr. Hari Seetha, HoD CSE, VIT-AP
10. Dr. D John Pradeep, HoD ECE, VIT-AP
11. Dr. Pankaj Balakrishna Tambe, HoD MEC, VIT-AP
12. Dr. Santanu Mandal, HoD Mathematics, VIT-AP
13. Dr. Thahiya Afzal, HoD English, VIT-AP
14. Dr. M Madhusudhana Rao, HoD Physics, VIT-AP
15. Mr. Samarth Kodesai, Student Member

The meeting started at 03:00 pm.

I. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. He briefly appraised the members about the formation of the University under AP Private Universities Act 2016 and informed the members about the campus development and initiation of academic activities from July 2017. He presented the details about the current strength of students, faculty and staff, the laboratories available to handle various courses and facilities such as library, student clubs, and hostels. Further, he explained about the Fully Flexible Credit System (FFCS®) which VIT-AP is adopting for B. Tech. and integrated M. Tech. programmes.

Vice Chancellor informed the members about new academic initiatives such as multi-disciplinary group projects in every semester called 'Engineering Clinics' and compulsory Co-op programme under which every student is mandated to do final year project. He emphasized that all programme curricula have been designed to give students more 'hands-on' experience.

Vice Chancellor also explained the campus digitization started with paper-free examinations which are being conducted on digital exam pads. He narrated about the holistic development of students by participating in co- and extra-curricular activities and how the pedagogy is developed keeping these points in mind.

Vice Chancellor informed about the starting of a new 'V School of Business (VSB) from the Academic Year 2018-19 and introduced its Dean Dr. Jeyavelu to the members.

1.1 Dr. D. Subhakar, Vice Chancellor proposed the starting of a new Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) programme under V-Business School from AY 2018-19 and requested for the approval of council members.

Decision: Approved.

1.2 Dr. M. Jagadish Chandra, HoD, Academics, moved the following for approval:
   a) Academic Rules and Regulations
   b) University Core and University Elective courses
   c) New academic initiatives such as Engineering Clinics, Compulsory Co-op programme and International Transfer Programme (ITP)

Decision: Approved.

1.3 Dr. S. Srinivas, HoD, Research, presented about Research programmes, the selection procedure and current strength of research scholars. He moved the following for approval:
   a) Syllabus of the course Research Methodology

Decision: Approved.

1.4 Dr. Hari Seetha, HOD Computer Science and Engineering, moved the following for approval:
   a) Syllabi and Curriculum of B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering programme
   b) Syllabi and Curriculum of B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering with Specialization in Network and Security
   c) B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering with Specialization in Data Analytics
   d) M.Tech. (Software Engineering), a five year Integrated programme.

Decision: Approved

1.5 Prof. D. John Pradeep, HoD, Electronics and Communication Engineering, moved the following for approval:
   a) Syllabi and Curriculum of B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering programme
   b) B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering with Specialization in Embedded Systems programme
   c) B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering with Specialization in VLSI Design programme

Decision: Approved.

1.6 Dr. Pankaj Balakrishna Tambe, HoD Mechanical Engineering, moved the following for approval:
   a) Syllabi and Curriculum of B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering programme

Decision: Approved.

1.7 Dr. Santanu Mandal, HoD, Mathematics, moved the following for approval:
   a) Syllabi of courses offered by Department of Mathematics.

Decision: Approved.

1.8 Dr. Thahiya Afzal, HoD, English, moved the following for approval:
   a) Syllabi of courses offered by the Department of English
   b) Syllabus of the course Ethics and Values
   c) Syllabus of Soft skill courses

Decision: Approved.

1.9 Dr. N. Madhusudhana Rao, HoD, Physics, moved the following for approval:

    a) Syllabi of courses offered by Department of Physics

    b) Syllabus of the course Environmental Studies

Decision: Approved.

II. Dr. Jagadeesh Kumar, IITM, suggested reducing the number of credits for the B.Tech. programmes according to the new AICTE regulations 2018 and more choices in the credits under the broad framework of the programme curriculum. He suggested to split the syllabus of the mandatory 'Research Methodology' course offered to the Research Scholars based on their specialization to make it more effective. Mr. Vasudevan suggested to conduct workshops and industry visits as part of curriculum. Dr. Anil Kumar Ramsesh suggested choosing research topics based on social problems.

The meeting ended at 5:00 pm.

Dr. D. Subhakar

Chairman, Academic Council & Vice Chancellor VIT-AP