



**VIDYASHILP
UNIVERSITY**

1ST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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SATURDAY, 16TH JULY 2022

VENUE: VIDYASHILP UNIVERSITY FOUNDING CAMPUS

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HELD ON SATURDAY, 16TH JULY 2022 AT 10.00 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Member(s)	Position
1.	Prof. Vijayan Immanuel, Vice Chancellor Vidyashilp University, Bangalore.	Chairperson
2.	Ms. Apala Lahiri*, Co-Founder and CEO, Human Factors International, Chair, National Design and Innovation Committee, IAMAI.	Member
3.	Dr. Ashish Pandey*, Assistant Professor, IIM Lucknow Former CEO, Front Yard Residential.	Member
4.	Prof. Lolita Dutta*, Former Associate Director & HoD, Unitedworld Institute of Design, Karnavati University	Member
5.	Mr. Amit Pande*, EVP of Strategy & Growth and the CMO at Aviso Inc.	Invitee
6.	Mr. Shardendu Malpani, Former Director, Anklesaria Group Inc., U.S.A. / India.	Invitee
7.	Mr. Sanjay Mohe, Co-founder and Principal Architect, Mindspace Architects.	Invitee
8.	Ms. Shruti Choudhari, Director - Projects & Strategy, B L Kashyap & Sons Ltd. Founder & Principal Architect, Chrysalis Design Studio.	Invitee
9.	Prof. Umesh S. Mahtani, Professor, School of Business Studies, Vidyashilp University, Bangalore.	Member
10.	Prof. Arvind Lodaya*, Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Design Studies. Vidyashilp University, Bangalore.	Member
11.	Dr. Smitha Rao, Professor, School of Computational and Data Sciences, Vidyashilp University, Bangalore.	Member

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12.	Prof. Radhika Lobo, Professor, School of Business Studies, Vidyashilp University, Bangalore.	Member
13.	Dr. Kiran D. C., Registrar (i/c), Vidyashilp University, Bangalore.	Secretary

* Attended Online.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Member(s)	Position
1.	Prof. Mukta Kulkarni, Member of Board of Governors and Chair of the Internal Committee, IIM Bangalore.	Member
2.	Dr. Venkatesh Panchapagesan, Head of Real Estate Research Initiative and Associate Professor of Finance, IIM Bangalore.	Member
3.	Mr. Dhruv Sehra Founder, 256 Network President, Kairos.	Invitee
4.	Mr. Suhas Gopinath Founder & CEO, Globals Inc Co-Founder & CEO, HappyEMI Advisor on Innovation, Govt. of India.	Invitee
5.	Mr. Aditya Kumar Co-founder & CEO, Niro (formerly Qbera) Fintech Angel Operator.	Invitee
6.	Mr. Dhiraj Rajaram Founder, Mu Sigma, Inc. Former Principal, PwC.	Invitee
7.	Mr. Manav Garg Founder & CEO, Eka Software Co-founder, SaasBoomi.	Invitee
8.	Ms. Nandita Lakshmanan Founder & Chairperson, The Practice.	Invitee
9.	Ms. Neha Bagaria Founder & CEO, JobsForHer.	Invitee
10.	Mr. Rohan Shravan Founder, Inkers Technology Pvt. Ltd. Founder & CEO, Notion Ink.	Invitee
11.	Ms. Tania Singh Khosla Founder and Creative Director, Tsk Design.	Invitee

Agenda Item	Particulars
Agenda 1.1	<p>Welcome Address by the Chairperson.</p> <p>Prof. Vijayan Immanuel, the Chairperson of the Academic Council presided over the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairperson welcomed all the members present. There was a brief Introduction of the members.</p> <p>The Chairperson confirmed the presence of quorum of the meeting and called the meeting to order.</p>
Agenda 1.2	<p>Brief presentation about Vidyashilp University by the Chairperson</p> <p>The Chairperson briefed the members on the Schools and Programs of the University.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is placed in Annexure 1.2.</p>
Agenda 1.3	<p>Ratification of the Minutes of the Proceedings – 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - Bachelor of Design program - School of Liberal Arts and Design Studies held on 4th June 2022.</p> <p>Prof Arvind Lodaya briefed the Council on the proceedings of the BOS Meeting and highlighted the distinctive features of the Bachelor of Design (Communication Design) Program. A copy of the presentation is placed in Annexure 1.3(a).</p> <p>The Council was pleased with the focus and orientation of the Program. The Council suggested that developments in Creative AI and associated tools should be included in the higher semesters.</p> <p>The specialization track in UX (and the Minor in Data Science) will address these aspects when offered. The offer of Design Research as a specialization track was commended by the Council.</p> <p>Also, inclusion of Psychology was recommended by the Council, and it was pleased to note that this is on offer as one of the Minors. Additional aspects to consider were areas such as Ethnography, Sociology and Media Visualization.</p> <p>Prof. Arvind assured the Council that these aspects will be included in the Curriculum as required in the higher semesters.</p>

	<p>He also placed on record appreciation and gratitude to the Council Member Ms. Apala Lahiri, for her immense contribution in recommending and structuring the specialization tracks of UX and Design Research.</p> <p>A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings is placed in Annexure 1.3.</p>
Resolution 1.3	<p>Resolved that the Minutes of the Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - Bachelor of Design program - School of Liberal Arts and Design Studies held on 4th June 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.3 is hereby approved.</p>
Agenda 1.4	<p>Ratification of the Minutes of the Proceedings – 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) program - School of Liberal Arts and Design Studies held on 4th June 2022.</p> <p>Prof. Radhika Lobo briefed the Council on the proceedings of the BOS Meeting and highlighted the distinctive features of the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons) with Research Programs, with Majors in Economics and Psychology. A copy of the presentation is placed in Annexure 1.4(a)</p> <p>The Specialization Tracks – three each in Economics and Psychology was noted and the offer of focused specialization tracks as an alternative to the general electives approach was commended by the Council. Also, the offer of the BA(Hons) with Research was well received by the Council.</p> <p>A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings is placed in Annexure 1.4.</p>
Resolution 1.4	<p>Resolved that the Minutes of the Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) program - School of Liberal Arts and Design Studies held on 4th June 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.4 is hereby approved.</p>
Agenda 1.5	<p>Ratification of the Minutes of the Proceedings – 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - School of Business Studies held on 4th June 2022.</p> <p>Prof. Umesh Mahtani briefed the Council on the proceedings of the BOS Meeting and highlighted the distinctive features of the Bachelor of Management Studies (Hons) and Bachelor of Management Studies (Hons) with Research Programs, and the Startup Management Program offered as</p>

	<p>a Postgraduate Diploma. A copy of the presentation is placed in Annexure 1.5(a).</p> <p>The focus on Digital Business in the BMS Program was commended by the Council. It also advised that the Program be well grounded traditional foundations of Business and Management along with the new and emerging dimensions of digital business/economy.</p> <p>The structure and focus of the Startup Program were well received by the Council. The Council recommended that (for both BMS and Startup Management Program) due focus be given on B2B models (in addition to the more common B2C approach) and emerging trends such as D2C.</p> <p>The inclusion of Leadership and Interpersonal Skills in the StartUp Program was commended.</p> <p>Prof. Umesh assured the Council that the recommendations will be adequately addressed in the Curriculum as required in the higher semesters.</p> <p>He also placed on record appreciation and gratitude to the Council Member Mr. Shardendu Malpani for his immense contribution in structuring the StartUp Management Program</p> <p>A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings is placed in Annexure 1.5.</p>
Resolution 1.5	Resolved that the Minutes of the Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - School of Business Studies held on 4th June 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.5 is hereby approved.
Agenda 1.6	<p>Ratification of the Minutes of the Proceedings – 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - School of Computational and Data Sciences held on 4th June 2022.</p> <p>Prof. Smitha Rao briefed the Council on the proceedings of the BOS Meeting and highlighted the distinctive features of the Bachelor of Technology (Hons) Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science) and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Decision Sciences. A copy of the presentation is placed in Annexure 1.6(a).</p>


	<p>The Council advised that the question of how different and distinct is the B.Tech. Program as compared to many other Computer Science Programs be carefully addressed in order to better place this Program as a unique offering.</p> <p>The Council was briefed that the University has a specific focus on the domain of Data Science. The Program name was in accordance with the Statutory prescription. However, the design and focus of the Curriculum was quite distinct with foundations in Data Science and specialization tracks in Applied AI & ML and Full Stack Development.</p> <p>The Council was pleased to note this and suggested that there be sufficient focus and competence in Applied AI and track the industry trends. Another recommendation was to factor the emergence of Human-Centered AI.</p> <p>The Council also suggested that there is a big need to develop competence in Blockchain Technology.</p> <p>Prof. Smitha assured the Council that the specialization track of Applied AI will address many recommendations and applied in the BTech Curriculum in the higher semesters.</p> <p>It was noted that developing capability in Blockchain Technology will be addressed in due course.</p> <p>The Council commended the collaboration with Mu Sigma to offer the B.Sc. (Hons) Decision Science Program.</p> <p>A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings is placed in Annexure 1.6.</p>
Resolution 1.6	Resolved that the Minutes of the Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Board of Studies - School of Computational and Data Sciences held on 4th June 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.6 is hereby approved.
Agenda 1.7	<p>a) Ratification of the Minutes of the Proceedings – 1st meeting of the Research and Innovation Council held on 1st July 2022.</p> <p>b) Approval of Vidyashilp University Ph.D. Regulations</p> <p>Prof. Umesh Mahtani briefed the Council on the proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the Research and Innovation Council. A copy of the presentation is placed in Annexure 1.7(a).</p>

	<p>The proposal to launch the Ph.D. Program was commended by the Council.</p> <p>A copy of the Vidyashilp University Ph.D. Regulations is placed in Annexure 1.7.</p>
Resolution 1.7	Resolved that the Minutes of the Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Research and Innovation Council held on 1 st July 2022 and Vidyashilp University Ph.D. Regulations as placed in Annexure 1.7 is hereby approved.
Agenda 1.8	<p>Review and approval of the Academic Regulations (Draft).</p> <p>The Chairperson briefed the Council on the development of the Academic Regulations as the overarching regulations to cover the common and crucial aspects for all Academic Programs of the University, and the need for a specific set of Program Regulations to address the specific and unique requirements of a given Program of Study.</p> <p>The Academic Regulations was well received by all the members.</p> <p>The Council recommended that as the University establishes itself over the next few years, it may be necessary to address the issue of attendance requirements in a different, innovative way to differentiate the University and follow the norms in Universities of high repute.</p> <p>The Chairperson assured the Council that this aspect will be deliberated, and timely revisions will be effected in due course.</p> <p>A copy of the Academic Regulations (Draft) is placed in Annexure 1.8.</p>
Resolution 1.8	Resolved that the Academic Regulations (Draft) as placed in Annexure 1.8 is hereby approved.
Agenda 1.9	<p>Review and approval of the Program Regulations (Draft).</p> <p>The Chairperson briefed the Council on the need and development of the Program Regulations.</p> <p>The copies of the Program Regulations (Draft) are placed in Annexure 1.9.</p>
Resolution 1.9	Resolved that the Program Regulations (Draft) as placed in Annexure 1.9 are hereby approved.

Agenda 1.10	<p>Review and approval of the Academic Calendar (Draft) for the Academic Year 2022 -23.</p> <p>The Chairperson briefed the Council on important aspects considered in formulation of the Academic Calendar. Being the “1st Academic Year” of the University, the Calendar covered the crucial requirements on necessary instruction days and the compliance on the University working days for each Semester and the Academic Year.</p> <p>The tentative Academic Calendar and its format was well received by the Council.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested authorization of the Council to plan the other activities and events into the Academic Calendar after notifications of the UGC/Government of Karnataka pertaining the days of Admissions.</p> <p>A copy of the Academic Calendar (Draft) is placed in Annexure 1.10.</p>
Resolution 1.10	<p>Resolved that the Academic Calendar (Draft) for the Academic Year 2022 - 23 as placed in Annexure 1.10 and the format thereof is hereby approved.</p> <p>Also, resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to revise, edit and finalize the Academic Calendar on receiving the relevant notification from the UGC/Government of Karnataka, as applicable. The Vice Chancellor shall notify the revisions in the Academic Calendar as effected from time to time.</p>
Agenda 1.11	<p>Notifying the members regarding Resolution of Agenda Item No: 1.6 of the 1st Board of Governors meeting held on 27th May 2021.</p> <p>The Council noted the Resolution of Agenda Item No: 1.6 of the 1st Board of Governors meeting held on 27th May 2021 as placed in Annexure 1.11.</p>
Agenda 1.12	<p>Notifying the members regarding collaboration with Mu Sigma Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru as an Industry Experience Partner for “Bachelor of Science (Hons.) – Decision Sciences” Program. The curriculum was designed in a collaborative manner and students will have progressive apprenticeships culminating in a Semester long immersion in the 8th Semester.</p> <p>The Council was pleased to note the collaboration with Mu Sigma Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru.</p>

Agenda 1.13	<p>Notifying the members regarding the Inspection by Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka held on 18th April 2022 and the Notification (No: ED/121/U1RC/2021) from Government of Karnataka dated 20th June 2022.</p> <p>The Council was briefed about the Inspection by Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka held on 18th April 2022 and also noted the contents of the Notification (No: ED/121/U1RC/2021) from Government of Karnataka dated 20th June 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.13.</p>
Agenda 1.14	<p>Notifying the members regarding the letter received from University Grants Commission (UGC) F.No.8-13/2021 (CPP-I/PU) dated 24th June 2022.</p> <p>The Council noted the contents of the letter received from University Grants Commission (UGC) F.No.8-13/2021 (CPP-I/PU) dated 24th June 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.14.</p>
Agenda 1.15	<p>Notifying the members regarding the Faculty Development Program on "Integrative Pedagogy to Teach Statistics and Data Science for Undergraduate" by the School of Computational and Data Sciences from 27th to 29th July 2022.</p> <p>The Council noted the details of the Faculty Development Program on "Integrative Pedagogy to Teach Statistics and Data Science for Undergraduate" by the School of Computational and Data Sciences from 27th to 29th July 2022 as placed in Annexure 1.15.</p>
Agenda 1.16	<p>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>There were no other matters for discussion.</p>

The meeting was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Chairperson.



22/7/2022

Dr. Kiran D. C.
Member Secretary




July 22, 2022

Prof. Vijayan Immanuel
Chairperson