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Date and Time : 27.10.2025 / 02.30 P.M – 04.00 P.M
Location of Meeting : Senate Hall
Mode : Hybrid Conferencing

Members Present

S. No.	Name of the Experts	Designation / Organization	Research Board Member
1	Prof. Dr. Rajat Gupta	Vice Chancellor, Vel Tech	Chairman
2	Prof. Dr. E. Kannan	Registrar, Vel Tech	Member
3	Prof. Dr. Raju Shanmugam	Dean, Academics, Vel Tech	Member
4	Prof. Dr. P. Chandrakumar	Dean, R&D, Vel Tech	Member
5	Prof. Dr. Valarmathi R S	Dean, SoEC, Vel Tech	Member
6	Prof. Dr. N. Kumarappan	Professor, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar	Expert Member
7	Prof. Dr. S. Rajaram	Professor, Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai	Expert Member
8	Prof. Dr. Santanu Paria	Professor National Institute of Technology, Rourkela	Expert Member
9	Prof. Dr. Satyasai Jagannath Nanda	Professor, Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur	Expert Member
10	Mr. Hari Kumar K,	Managing Director, JH BIO Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru	Expert Member (Industry)
11	Prof. Dr. S. Ramesh	Professor – CSE & Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee
12	Prof. Dr. K. Jagajjanani Rao	Dean (Research Studies), Vel Tech	Secretary
13	Other Invited Members	All Deans, Vel Tech	Invitees

Agenda Items

A. Opening

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Chairman of the Research Board, welcomed all members to the 28th meeting. The session began with a presentation by the Dean (Research Studies) highlighting major research developments, followed by agenda discussions.

Item No. 28.1: To inform the Board about the leave of absence of members.

Action: All members are present in the meeting.

Item No. 28.2: To confirm and record the action taken report on the minutes of the 27th Research Board meeting held on 08.03.2025.

Action: The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. All major actions including Ph.D. scholar intake limits, online credit limits, recognition of new supervisors, and implementation of revised regulations have been successfully executed.

Item No. 28.3: To review the current statistics of research scholars' progression.

Action: The Dean (Research Studies) presented data indicating 1,064 scholars (30% full-time and 70% part-time). Most scholars completed coursework within one year, with minor delays noted in publication requirements. The Board approved quarterly progress reviews and Article Processing Charge (APC) support to expedite publications.

The Dean of Research Studies presented the following agenda for discussion to the board members.

B. Items for Discussion and Approval

Item No. 28.4: To approve the amendment of Clause 12.7 of the VTU Doctoral Regulations (DR) 2025.

Action: Approved. Clause 12.7 will be as “.....In any case, fellowship support for full-time scholars will be provided for a maximum of **30** months or until the date of thesis submission, whichever occurs earlier.

Item No. 28.5: To promote multidisciplinary Ph.D. programmes through domain-specific faculty groupings.

Action: The Board appreciated the initiative to form five multidisciplinary research groups:

- (1) Artificial Intelligence and Data-Driven Technologies
- (2) Smart and Sustainable Materials & Manufacturing
- (3) Renewable Energy and Environmental Technologies
- (4). Nano-Bio-Integrative Sciences and Engineering
- (5) Cyber-Physical Systems and Smart Infrastructure

It was advised to constitute a committee to finalize the structure of these groups and develop guidelines for admissions.

Item No. 28.6: To deliberate on the consideration of credits attained by discontinued and re-admitted scholars.

Action: The Board discussed the readmission cases and the feasibility of considering previously earned credits. It was recommended not to encourage such cases, as the duration of discontinuation exceeded the minimum period prescribed for the program.

The Dean of Research Studies presented the following agenda for Ratification to the board members.

C. Items for Ratification

Item No. 28.7: To ratify the provisional admission of Ph.D. candidates for the Summer Session 2025–26.

Action: Ratified the admission of 199 candidates (61 full-time and 138 part-time) across 18 departments.

The Dean of Research Studies presented the following agenda for Recording and Reporting to the board members.

D. Items for Recording and Reporting

Item No. 28.8: To record the vacant Research Supervisor positions for the Winter Session 2025–26.

Action: Recorded a total of 1,844 supervisor vacancies across departments, with the majority in CSE and ECE.

Item No. 28.9: To record the recognition and approval of new Research Supervisors since the last meeting.

Action: Recognized 224 faculty members as eligible Research Supervisors across various disciplines.

Item No. 28.10: To record the requirement of at least one Q1 journal publication for all research scholars enrolled on or after 01.01.2025.

Action: The Board noted that while publishing in Q1 journals is not a compulsory requirement, scholars should be encouraged to pursue such high-quality publications as they significantly enhance the research visibility and academic reputation of the Institute. The Board also appreciated the Institute's initiative in providing Article Processing Charge (APC) support to scholars aiming for Q1 publications, recognizing it as a commendable step toward promoting research excellence.

E. Closing

Item No. 28.11: Any other item with the permission of the Chairperson.

Action: The Chairperson commended the data-driven initiatives and urged the members to maintain continued focus on research quality. No additional items were discussed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson and members for their active participation and valuable contributions, proposed by the Secretary.


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