

# 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management VSSUT BURLA



## MINUTES

**Date:** 23.12.2025

**Time:** 11.00 AM

**Venue:** Board Room, VSSUT, Burla.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

- 1 Prof. Dipak Kumar Sahoo, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT, Burla, Chairman
- 2 Shri Pradeep Dang, OAS (SAG), Registrar, VSSUT Burla
- 3 Prof. Sarat Kumar Swain, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT: Nominee 1
- 4 Prof. Siddharth Panda, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT: Nominee 2
- 5 Prof. Rabindra Kumar Sahu, Academic Council Nominee 1
- 6 Prof. Sanjay Agrawal, Academic Council Nominee 2
- 7 Er. Brahmananda Mishra, Alumni Representative 1
- 8 Prof. Manoranjan Parida, Alumni Representative 2 (Online)
- 9 Prof. Sukumar Mishra, AICTE Nominee (Online)

### MEMBERS ABSENT

- 10 Secretary to the Govt., SD&TE Dept. Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
- 11 Additional Secretary to the Govt. (ES-II), Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 12 Director, Technical Education & Training, Odisha, Killa Maidan, Buxibazar, Cuttack – 1.
- 13 Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Vice-Chancellor, BPUT, Odisha
- 14 Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Director, NIT, Rourkela
- 15 UGC Nominee
- 16 Shri Irasis Acharya, Representative of the Government. : MLA -1
- 17 Shri Prakash Chandra Sethi, Representative of the Government. : MLA - 2

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# VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY BURLA

## Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 23.12.2025, Time: 11.00 AM (Hybrid Mode) Venue: Board Room

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

<b>BOM:49-01</b>	<p><i>To confirm the Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.08.2025 in the Board Room at VSSUT, Burla.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure-1, pp. 7-24</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved.</p>
<b>BOM:49-02</b>	<p><i>The Action Taken Report on the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.08.2025 in the Board Room at VSSUT, Burla, is placed for the kind information and approval of the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure-2, pp. 25-44</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved.</p>
<b>BOM:49-03</b>	<p><i>Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 15.11.2025 are placed for information and approval of the items recommended to the Board of Management.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure-3, pp. 45-54</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved with the following modifications:</p> <p>a) Refer item No. AC-2025-37.10 &amp; 11. The proposals were deferred for reconsideration of the Academic Council with the following observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The opinions of the donors regarding the cash prize will be solicited with reference to the two new proposed gold medals.</li><li>ii. The Academic Council may consider streamlining the current medals for simplicity and ease of awarding in view of the increasing prices of gold and silver.</li><li>iii. The donors of the current gold medals may be requested to increase their corpus fund to sustain the awards.</li><li>iv. The recommendation of the council in para No. 2 of the resolution AC-2025-37 was accepted, authorizing the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee for the purpose.</li></ol> <p>b) Refer item No. AC-2025-37.33. Clause 1(c) financial support- The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to form a Committee to formulate a policy on participation of faculty members in conferences within the financial limitations of the University. During the discussion following suggestions were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The M.Tech programmes with poor intakes may be discontinued after due assessment to improve the NIRF ranking.</li><li>2. To provide financial support for filing patents.</li><li>3. To solicit financial support from alumni for various causes.</li></ol>

Items For Approval/Recommendations/Ratification of the Board of Management	
<b>BOM:49-04</b>	<p><i>To ratify the approval accorded by the Vice-Chancellor under Section 12(5) of the VSSUT Act for the extension of the lien period by one year for Dr. Biswa Binayak Mangaraj, who is serving as the Director of Examinations at BPUT, with effect from 03.12.2025 to 02.12.2026.</i></p> <p>Dr. Biswa Binayak Mangaraj, Associate Professor in the Department of Electronics &amp; Telecommunication Engineering, was granted lien for a period of two years w.e.f. 03.12.2022 to 02.12.2024 in order to enable him to serve as the Director of Examinations at BPUT, Rourkela. His request for extension of lien has been made vide office order No.VSSUT/Estt/2551 dated 21.11.2024 for a period of one year w.e.f 03.12.2024 to 02.12.2025, subject to approval of the BOM and SD&amp;TE Department, Government of Odisha. A letter vide No. VSSUT/Estt./1093 dated 05.07.2025, his request for extension of lien had been recommended up to 02.12.2025 to SDTE Department for kind consideration and approval.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Dr. Mangaraj has applied for further extension of lien for another two years, i.e., from 03.12.2025 to 02.12.2027. Considering the emergency, the Vice-Chancellor in exercise of the power conferred under section 12(5) of the VSSUT Act 2008, approved the extension of lien of Dr. Biswa Binayak Mangaraj by <b>one more year, from 03.12.2025 to 02.12.2026</b>, subject to ratification by the Board.</p> <p>The SD&amp;TE Department vide letter No. SDTE-HTE-HTE-II-0119-2022/8184/SDTE, Bhubaneswar, dated 17.12.2025, has approved the extension of lien in favour of Dr. Biswa Binayak Mangaraj, Associate Professor for the period from 03.12.2024 to 02.12.2025 and a further period of one year from 03.12.2025 to 02.12.2026.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure-4, pp. 55-56</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor. The SD&amp;TE Department, Govt. of Odisha to be intimated accordingly.</p>
<b>BOM:49-05</b>	<p><i>To consider approving the guidelines for the Implementation of the previous practice of the concept of Departments and Schools as approved in BOM:48-20.</i></p> <p>Further to the decision of the BOM vide item No. BOM:48-20, concerning the upcoming appointments of HoD's, the following guidelines for the appointment of HOD's are placed for discussion and approval</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) While counting the three-year tenure of headship under Statute 41(2) of the First Statutes of VSSUT, Burla 2010, the period served as Head (HoD or HoP) in own School or Department or Programme, whether or not in combination with another School or Department or Programme, will be taken into account.</li> <li>(2) However, if the headship pertains to purely another School or Department or Programme, the period of such headship will not be taken into account.</li> </ol> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved as proposed.</p>
<b>BOM:49-06</b>	<p><i>To consider and approve the nomination of external members to the Academic Council of the University.</i></p> <p>Prof. A.K. Turuk, Department of Science and Engineering, NIT, Rourkela and Prof. P.K. Sahu, Department of Electrical Sciences at IIT, Bhubaneswar have completed their terms</p>

	<p>as members of the Academic Council in May 2025.</p> <p>As per the provisions mentioned in VSSUT Act 2008, Section 21.2(b)(i) &amp;(ii), one Professor from IIT, Bhubaneswar and one Professor from NIT, Rourkela are to be nominated by the Board to act as the External members of the Academic Council of VSSUT, Burla, for a period of two years.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved the names of the following two faculty members, subject to their willingness.</p> <p>1) Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Professor, School of Infrastructure, IIT Bhubaneswar.</p> <p>2) Prof. Anup Kumar Panda, Professor of Electrical Engineering, NIT, Rourkela.</p>																																
<b>BOM:49-07</b>	<p><b><i>To consider approving the change of nomenclature of the department and new courses as per AICTE norms.</i></b></p> <p>In pursuance of the approval of the SD&amp;TE Department, Govt. of Odisha, vide Letter No. SDTE-HTE-HTE-II-0038-2025/4214/SDTE, dated 08<sup>th</sup> July 2025, and office order No. VSSUT/OOR/668/2025, dated 09.07.2025, the following UG and PG courses were offered by the University from the academic session 2025-26. However, the following UG and PG courses will be offered by the University from the academic session 2026-27 as per the nomenclature of departments and courses mentioned in the AICTE Approval Process Handbook. The existing name of the Production Engineering Course running under the Production Engineering Department shall be changed to “Mechanical and Smart Manufacturing” with an intake capacity of 60 from the academic session 2026-27. Accordingly, an office order has been issued vide No. VSSUT/OOR/1322/2025 dated 10.12.2025.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B.Tech. (UG) Courses from Academic Session 2026-27</b></p> <table><tr><th>Department Name</th><th>Course Name</th><th>Intake</th><th>Duration</th></tr><tr><th>(1)</th><th>(2)</th><th>(3)</th><th>(4)</th></tr><tr><td>Safety and Fire Engineering</td><td>Safety and Fire Engineering</td><td>30</td><td>04 years</td></tr><tr><td>Biomedical Engineering</td><td>Biomedical Engineering</td><td>30</td><td>04 years</td></tr><tr><td>Production Engineering</td><td>Mechanical and Smart Manufacturing</td><td>60</td><td>04 years</td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>M.Tech. (PG) Courses from Academic Session 2026-27</b></p> <table><tr><th>Department</th><th>Courses</th><th>Intake</th><th>Duration</th></tr><tr><th>(1)</th><th>(2)</th><th>(3)</th><th>(4)</th></tr><tr><td>Safety and Fire Engineering</td><td>Industrial Safety</td><td>18</td><td>02 years</td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure-5, pp.57</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved. Accordingly, the courses mentioned in the table in column No. 2 will be offered under the concerned department in column No. 1 with the intakes mentioned in column No.3. The Skill Development &amp; Technical Education Department’s approval will be sought accordingly.</p>	Department Name	Course Name	Intake	Duration	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Safety and Fire Engineering	Safety and Fire Engineering	30	04 years	Biomedical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering	30	04 years	Production Engineering	Mechanical and Smart Manufacturing	60	04 years	Department	Courses	Intake	Duration	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Safety and Fire Engineering	Industrial Safety	18	02 years
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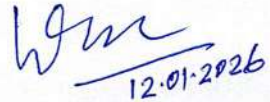
<b>BOM:49-08</b>	<p><i>To consider approving the 4th phase of write-off of obsolete items of various departments and sections.</i></p> <p>The write off of obsolete and unused items of the University has been done in recent past in three phases. Now, on verification, it is found that more obsolete or unused items are lying scattered and occupying valuable space in the departments and halls of residence. Hence, it is proposed to carry out the write-off process through a committee.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> The Committee will prepare the list of obsolete / unused items properly and go for tender process.</p>
<b>BOM:49-09</b>	<p><i>Finalisation of disciplinary action initiated against one faculty member of the Production Engineering Department vide the resolution BOM:48-17</i></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Recorded separately, considering the confidentiality of the matter.</p>
<b>BOM:49-10</b>	<p><i>Finalisation of Chief Guest for the 17<sup>th</sup> Convocation.</i></p> <p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the University will be held shortly. Hence, the Chief Guest for the occasion may be finalized.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> The Board approved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, will be the Chief Guest.</li> <li>Since the convocation date was preponed at short notice due to unavoidable circumstances from 27<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025, permission will be sought from the Hon'ble Chancellor for conducting the convocation on 26<sup>th</sup> and to distribute the certificates regardless of the date, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2025 inscribed in the certificates.</li> <li>In lieu of the gold medals which are not ready, only gold medal certificates will be awarded to the gold medalists and the medals will be distributed later.</li> <li>In view of the steep rise in gold and silver prices, the University will suitably decide to redesign the gold medals to keep the cost within the available amount for the 17<sup>th</sup> Convocation and the future convocations..</li> </ol>
<b>BOM:49-11</b>	<p><i>To ratify the promotion of Sri Mahendra Kumar Meher to the post of Laboratory Attendant.</i></p> <p>Shri Mahendra Kumar Meher, Attendant, had been promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant. But, Shri Meher had submitted a representation to forego the promotion to the post of Laboratory Attendant. Subsequently, Shri Meher again submitted a representation to consider him for promotion. As per the office order No. VSSUT/Estt/2127 dated 06.11.2025, Shri Meher was promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure-6, pp. 58-60</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Ratified.</p>
<b>BOM:49-12</b>	<p><i>To consider approving engagement of manpower on outsourcing basis.</i></p> <p>As per the Govt. of Odisha, Finance Department resolution No. FIN-COD-RULE-001-2018/21719/F dated 24.07.2025 the concurrence of the Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha is required for any engagement of new manpower on outsourcing basis. At</p>



	<p>present, 93 nos. of man power under different categories have been engaged on an outsourcing basis. The budgetary provision has been made in the Annual budget for payment of their remuneration. Due to increase in intake of the students and retirement of regular class IV employees, further 31 nos. of new manpower are required for the University.</p> <p>The requirements of manpower for the various departments/sections are placed for approval of the Board. Altogether 124 persons are required to be engaged on an outsourcing basis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure -7 pp. 60-62</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> In the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting, 88 nos. of manpower under outsourcing were approved by the Board. 5 more were engaged thereafter due to exigency. 31 nos. more are now required. Therefore, the Board hereby approved 36 nos. of manpower on outsourcing, making the total number to 124. Approval will be sought from the SD&amp;TE Department accordingly.</p>															
<b>BOM:49-13</b>	<p><i>To consider approving the reimbursement of mobile charges to the officials.</i></p> <p>The 29<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee has approved for payment of fixed mobile charges of Rs.300/- per month to Registrar, Comptroller of Finance, Professor, Training &amp; Placement, Controller of Examinations and PA to Vice-Chancellor. This may be implemented with retrospective effect from July 2022.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Approved.</p>															
<b>BOM:49-14</b>	<p><i>Ratification of the MoU signed with different institutions.</i></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Ratified the following MoU's.</p> <p><b>1. Joint MoU with six other cluster institutions.</b> A cluster by the name, SAMBALPUR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CLUSTER HARBOR(SEARCH) was formed among all higher learning institutions (GMU, IIM,OSOU, OUAT, SU, VIMSAR and VSSUT) in and around Sambalpur.</p> <p><b>2. MoU with Paytm Foundation</b> The Paytm Foundation, Devika Tower, New Delhi has given a proposal to launch “Wisdom on Wheels” – a mobile learning lab program aimed at delivering digital and financial literacy training to students in government schools, colleges, and rural communities across Sambalpur district by launching a vehicle in favour of VSSUT</p>															
<b>BOM:49 Table Agenda-1</b>	<p><i>Mahendra Jena’s reinstatement / withdrawing suspension pending a final decision on the punishment to be imposed.</i></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Recorded separately, considering the confidentiality of the matter.</p>															
<b>BOM:49 Table Agenda-2</b>	<p><i>To approve the filling up of vacant teaching and non-teaching posts for recruitment.</i></p> <p>A. Teaching Post</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Designation</th><th>No. of Vacancy</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Professor (Chemistry)</td><td>01</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total</td><td>01</td></tr></table> <p>B. Non-Teaching Post</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Designation</th><th>No. of Vacancy</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Junior Instructor (Mechanical Engineering)</td><td>01</td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Vacancy	1	Professor (Chemistry)	01	Total		01	Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Vacancy	1	Junior Instructor (Mechanical Engineering)	01
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	2	Junior Instructor (Workshop)	01
	<b>Total</b>		<b>02</b>
	<b>Resolution:</b> Approved. The Vice-Chancellor will initiate the recruitment process after receiving approval from the SD&TE Department.		
<b>BOM:49</b> <b>Table</b> <b>Agenda-3</b>	<b>Construction of open classrooms.</b>  During the last convocation held on 13.09.2025, foundation stones for the construction of open classrooms have been laid by the Hon'ble Governor and other dignitaries. Requesting the Board to initially approve the construction of 3 open classrooms costing approximately Rs. 20.00 lakhs each, from the University Fund.  <b>Resolution:</b> Approved.		

  
**REGISTRAR**  
Convenor-cum-Secretary,  
Board of Management, VSSUT, Burla

  
**VICE-CHANCELLOR**  
Chairman,  
Board of Management, VSSUT, Burla