



School of Planning and Architecture Vijayawada

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Vijayawada – 520008, Andhra Pradesh, India

**Minutes of 42nd Meeting of the
Board of Governors**

**Held on 21.05.2025 at 12:00 Hrs.
at Board Room, SPA Vijayawada
(dual mode)**



SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, VIJAYAWADA
Survey No.4/4, ITI Road, Vijayawada-520008, AP

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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| 1. Dr. Amogh Kumar Gupta | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. S. Ramesh, Director, SPAV | Member |
| 3. Ms. Saumya Gupta, Joint Secretary, MoE | Member |
| 4. Sh. Sanjog Kapoor, JS&FA, IFD, MoE | Member |
| 5. Sh. Manish Thakur, Joint Secretary, MoUD | Member |
| 6. Principal Secretary, Technical/Higher Education, GoAP | Member |
| 7. Sh. Pradeep Kapoor, Nominee of ITPI | Member |
| 8. Dr. M. Ramulu, Nominee of AICTE | Member |
| 9. Prof. Virendra Kumar Paul, Nominee of UGC | Member |
| 10. Ar. Abhijit Shirodkar, Nominee of CoA | Member |
| 11. Dr. S.V. Krishna Kumar, Nominee of Senate, SPAV | Member |
| 12. Prof. Ayon Kumar Tarafdar, Nominee of Senate, SPAV | Member |
| 13. Sh. K.V.Uma Maheswara Rao, Registrar, SPAV | Secretary |

MEMBERS PRESENT (Physical Mode):

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| 3. Sh. Pradeep Kapoor, Nominee of ITPI | Member |
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MEMBERS PRESENT (Online Mode):

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| 7. Ar. Abhijit Shirodkar, Nominee of CoA | Member |
| 8. Dr. M. Ramulu, Nominee of AICTE | Member |
| 9. Sh. Uday Kiran, Under Secretary, MoE (Rep of FA&JS) | Member |

The other members of the Board could not present due to pre-occupations. They were granted leave of absence by the Chair. As the quorum was complete, the meeting commenced.

The Technical Bureau and Internal Finance Division of MoE sent their comments vide letter dt.20.05.2025 and 21.05.2025 respectively.

The Director welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors for the meeting.

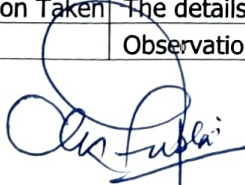
The Chairperson advised the Registrar to present the agenda items.

ITEM FOR CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 41st Board of Governors meeting held on 06.02.2025 at Board Room, SPA Vijayawada.

The Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 06.02.2025 stands approved.

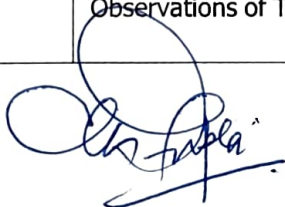
| Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of the 41st Board of Governors Meeting held on 06.02.2025. | |
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| 41.01 | Recommendations of the Committee to look into the Speaking Orders issued by the MoE on Accelerated Promotion Benefit of Faculty |
| Action Taken | A Committee was constituted vide Office Order dt.20.03.2025 to suggest the procedure to be adopted and derive weightage method for consideration of Accelerated Promotion Benefit to the Faculty of SPAV. The recommendations of the Committee were circulated among the Members of the Board for views, as per the approval of the Chairperson BoG. The item is being taken as agenda at 42.02. |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE |
| | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be discussed and comments received from members be incorporated in the minutes and confirmed |
| | May be noted, if ATR is as per recommendations. |
| Decision | The item deferred till next meeting of the Board. |
| 41.02 | Recognition of SPA Vijayawada Employees Welfare Association |
| Action Taken | As the item deferred, no Action Required |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE |
| | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be discussed and comments received from members be incorporated in the minutes and confirmed |
| | May be noted, if ATR is as per recommendations. |
| Decision | Noted |
| 41.03 | Filling of Vacant Faculty Positions. |
| Action Taken | As per the approval Offer of Appointments were issued to the selected candidates for the post of Professors and the incumbent candidates reported for duties w.e.f.20.03.2025. The post of Professor in Planning is being advertised shortly. |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE |
| | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | The agenda should contain details of recommendations made by Selection Committee along with the details of selected candidates to various posts. |
| | May be noted, if ATR is as per recommendations. |
| Decision | With regard to the above comments, it was explained in the meeting that the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the post of Professors were placed before the Board in a sealed envelope and the same was opened during the meeting. Hence the details of selected candidates couldn't be projected. As per the recommendations of the Board, the selected candidates were issued Offer of appointment. The selected candidates have reported for duties for the post of Professors in Architecture w.e.f.18.03.2025. |
| Decision | Noted |
| | ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR |
| Item 01 | SPAV Project Closure Report |
| Action Taken | The details of the Project Closure Report are being submitted to the MoE. |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE |
| | Observations of IFD, MoE |



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| | May be discussed and comments received from members be incorporated in the minutes and confirmed. | May be noted, if ATR is as per recommendations. |
| Decision | The above comments noted for discussion at Agenda No.42.09 | |
| Item 02 | Posting of an Officer / Staff of SPAV in the MoE. | |
| Action Taken | Ms.Neelam Bhatt, Section Officer has been posted to MoE w.e.f. 17.02.2025. | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be discussed and comments received from members be incorporated in the minutes and confirmed | May be noted, if ATR is as per recommendations. |
| Decision | Noted | |

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

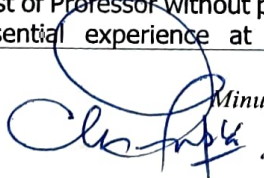
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| 42.01 | Accelerated Promotion Benefits to Faculty | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | This Ministry is currently examining the applicability of the Accelerated Promotion Benefits to the faculties of SPAs. Moreover, the Ministry is also in the process of finalization of Recruitment Rules for faculties of SPAs which would include the credit point system for performance-based appraisal and promotion of faculties. Accordingly, the agenda item may be deferred. | May be considered as per Recruitment and other relevant rules |
| Decision | Deferred till next Meeting of the Board. | |
| 42.02 | Honorarium to Associate Deans/ CoE / Dy.CoE | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be discussed | May be considered as per rules |
| Discussion | While discussion the agenda for payment of Honorarium to the CoE, Dy.CoE and Dy.Dean at par with Chief Warden and Wardens, it was observed by the Board that it is not in accordance with MoE Letter dt.23.09.2010. Hence a proposal needs to be submitted to the MoE for consideration based on the criteria adopted in other SPAs/ CFTIs. | |
| Decision | Payment of Honorarium to the Chief Warden, Wardens @ Rs.2,500/-pm. and Rs.2,000/-pm. respectively to be continued. Deans to be paid Honorarium @ Rs.3,500/-pm in accordance with MoE Letter dt.23.09.2021. | |
| 42.03 | Minutes of the 25th Finance Committee held on 06.02.2025 | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |



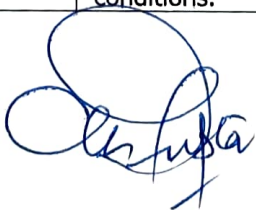
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| | May be considered. | May be confirmed as per the discussion in the meeting. However, no intimation about the said meeting was received in Finance Division, M/o Education |
| Discussion | It was brought to the notice of the Board that the agenda for the 25 th meeting of the FC was circulated among the Members vide mail dt.24.01.2025 and the minutes were circulated vide mail dt.07.03.2025. | |
| Decision | The Board approved the Minutes of the 25 th FC. | |
| 42.04 | Minutes of 21st Senate held on 19.03.2025 | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be discussed and considered | May be considered as per recommendations |
| Discussion | It was brought to the notice of the Board that the meeting of the 18 th , 19 th and 20 th Senate were held through circulation on 19.09.2024, 31.01.2025 and 21.02.2025 respectively. Copies of the same are attached as Annexure-V along with the Minutes of the 21 st Senate held on 19.03.2025. | |
| Decision | The Board approved the Minutes of the 18 th , 19 th and 20 th Senate held by circulation and the Minutes of the 21 st Senate held on 19.03.2025. The proposal for awarding Scholarship to the Top Ten Meritorious students in each Post Graduate Program is to be placed as agenda in the next FC Meeting for consideration and recommendations. | |

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

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| 42.05 | Technical Resignation of Dr. D. Srinivas and Dr. Ch. Anil Kumar to the post of Associate Professor and Assistant Professor. | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | <p>This Ministry has received representations citing irregularities in the appointment of Dr. D. Srinivas, Associate Professor and Dr. Ch. Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor to the post of Professor in the Department of Architecture against faculty recruitment advertisement no. 01/2024. A WP no. 13135 of 2025 has also been filed in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh pursuant to the above faculty recruitment which is to be heard on 30.06.2025.</p> <p>On perusal of the said representations and the current agenda item, it is observed that Dr. Ch. Anil Kumar has been appointed directly to the post of Professor from the post of Assistant Professor. Moreover, it has also been stated in the representations that Dr. D Srinivas has also been promoted from the post of Associate Professor to the post of Professor without possessing the essential experience at the level of</p> | May be ratified as per rules |



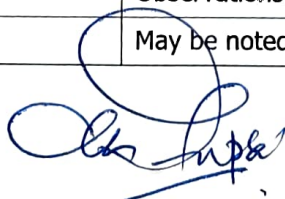
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| | <p>Associate Professor. Prima facie, this does not seem to be in line with the provisions of the faculty recruitment advertisement and this Ministry's letter no. 23-1/2008-TS.III dated 18.08.2009 (Kindly refer Para 2).</p> <p>Accordingly, the representations mentioned above have been sent to the Institute for comments vide this Ministry's letters dated 19.05.2025 for further deliberation in the matter.</p> <p>In view of the above, the agenda item may be deferred</p> | |
| Discussion | <p>It was brought to the notice of the Board that two candidates, Dr. D. Srinivas and Dr. Ch. Anil Kumar are working as regular Faculty in SPAV prior to their selection for the post of Professors. In the recruitment process and interview held on 28.01.2025, they are selected for the posts of Professor in Architecture and were issued Offer of appointments. They have submitted their Technical Resignation for the posts they are holding prior to selection.</p> <p>In order to facilitate their joining as Professors in SPAV, their technical resignation was provisionally accepted by the Director, SPAV. As the Board being the appointing authority for the faculty positions, technical resignation submitted by them for their previous positions is to be accepted by the Board.</p> | |
| Decision | After detailed discussion and deliberation, the item is deferred. | |
| 42.06 | Extension of tenure of engagement of Dr.Mujibur Rehman Shaik, Visiting Doctor | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be considered | May be considered, with the existing terms and conditions & relevant rules |
| Decision | The Board ratified the extension of tenure of visiting doctor Dr.Mujibur Rehman Shaik,MD w.e.f 07.05.2025 for a period of 6 months on the existing terms and conditions. | |
| 42.07 | Extension of tenure of engagement of Mr.Mohammed Sharieff, Internal Auditor | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be considered | May be considered, with the existing terms and conditions & relevant rules |
| Decision | The Board ratified the extension of tenure of Sh.Mohammed Sherieff as Internal Auditor w.e.f.19.06.2025 for a period of 6 months on the existing terms and conditions. | |
| 42.08 | Extension of tenure of engagement of Sh.K.Harish Kumar, Hindi Consultant | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be considered | May be considered, with the existing terms and conditions & relevant rules |
| Decision | The Board ratified the extension of tenure of Sh.K.Harish Kumar as Hindi Consultant w.e.f.05.03.2025 for a period of 6 months on the existing terms and conditions. | |



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| 42.09 | Revised Project Closure Expenditure of SPAV | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | <p>The agenda was circulated among the members. While examining the matter, the Joint Secretary (TE) noted the following:</p> <p><i>"Circulation agenda should include the tendered cost and the cost overrun as a percentage of the tendered cost itself, for the perusal of all the board members, it is requested that agenda be recirculated with these details"</i></p> <p>May be discussed.</p> | Matter may be discussed and refer to TE Bureau for further examination |
| Discussion | As per the above observations, the cost escalation i.e. Revised Project Closure Expenditure is to be calculated based on the Tender Cost and circulated to all BoG Members once again. | |
| Decision | The Board accorded approval for preparation of the Revised Project Closure Expenditure of SPAV based on Tender Cost and circulate the same to all BoG Members for consideration and approval. | |

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

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| 42.10 | ICC report on complaint filed by Smt. Sk Munni regarding Sexual Harassment, Unlawful Dismissal and Corruption | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | <p>The Institute was requested vide this Ministry's letter dated 26.03.2025 to place the report of the Internal Complaints Committee before BoG (being the principal executive body of the School under Section 13(1) of The SPA Act, 2014) and that copy of findings be served to both the parties to the complaint and action be taken as per the procedure laid down in POSH Act and The UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015.</p> | May be reported |
| Discussion | The Board was intimated that the complaint lodged by Ms.Munni, a house keeping employee deputed by the outsourcing Manpower Agency has been inquired by the ICC. The Report submitted by the ICC along with the copy of the findings was served to both the parties on 13.05.2025. | |
| Decision | The Board noted the same. | |
| 42.11 | Status of Court Cases in the Hon'ble High Court of AP | |
| | Observations of Technical Bureau, MoE | Observations of IFD, MoE |
| | May be noted | May be noted |



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| Decision | The Board noted the same |
| 42.12 | Implementation of the Unified Post Graduate Admission Process for all the three SPAs – Joint Admission for Architecture and Planning Post Graduate JAAP PG 2025. |
| | <p>The 20th Senate held on 21.02.2025 and 21st Senate held on 19.03.2025 considered and recommended for implementation of the Unified Post Graduate Admission Process for all three SPAs through Joint Admission for Architecture and Planning – Post Graduate (JAAP-PG 2025 as per the approval of the MoE vide their letter dt.21.02.2025 (Annexure-V). To bring parity among all SPAs, the nomenclature, eligibility criteria and seat matrix for the Post Graduate Programmes offered at SPAV for the AY 2025-26 have been revised with minor changes. The Proposed changes are also in line with NEP-2020 encouraging multidisciplinary education system at SPAV.</p> <p>The expenditure incurred for the common admission will be borne equally by all SPAs. The application fee of Rs.3,000/- to be collected from the applicant may be utilized for conducting the common admission process.</p> <p>The above proposal was submitted to the Chairman BoG for approval, vide mail dt.04.04.2025 and the same was approved by the Chairman, BoG considering the importance and urgency of the issue, in accordance with the powers delegated as per Cl.14(1) of SPAV Statutes.</p> |
| Decision | Board noted the same |

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

