



Office of Research Studies

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MINUTES OF THE 29th RESEARCH BOARD MEETING

Date and Time : 21.04.2026 / 10.30 A.M – 12.30 P.M
Location of Meeting : Senate Hall, Vel Tech University
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, Chidambaram	Expert Member
7	Prof. Dr. S. Rajaram	Professor, Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai	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	Controller of Examinations, Vel Tech	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 29th meeting. The session began with a presentation by the Dean (Research Studies) highlighting major research developments, followed by agenda discussions.

Item No.	Agenda
29.1	<p>To inform the Board about the leave of absence of members</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>All members are present in the meeting.</p>
29.2	<p>To confirm and record the action taken report on the minutes of the 28th Research Board held on 27.10.2025.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. All major actions are summarized as follows:</p> <p><i>(i) Article Processing Charge (APC) support for Q1 Journals</i></p> <p>The institution initiated the process for providing APC support to research scholars publishing in Q1 journals. The guidelines and eligibility criteria for availing APC support were circulated to the departments for implementation.</p> <p><i>(ii) Initiation of Multidisciplinary Ph.D. Programmes</i></p> <p>Preliminary discussions were conducted with various departments to identify potential multidisciplinary research areas and faculty expertise. A framework for the initiation of multidisciplinary Ph.D. programmes is under preparation for further approval and implementation.</p>
29.3	<p>To detail current statistics of research scholar's progression.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Dean (Research Studies) presented the statistics of research scholars, highlighting that the institution currently has 1102 scholars, comprising 30% (314) full-time and 70% (788) part-time scholars. It was noted that most scholars completed their coursework within one year; however, minor delays were observed in meeting the publication requirements. The Board appreciated the current progress and overall statistics related to the research scholars' progression.</p>
29.4	<p>To detail events and sessions conducted through Research Studies Office.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Board appreciated the events and sessions organized through the Office of Research Studies. The Board also recommended conducting more research-oriented events and technical sessions in the future to further strengthen the research ecosystem.</p>

B. Items for Discussion and Approval

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

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29.5	<p>To discuss and approve the proposal for establishing Multidisciplinary Ph.D. Research Clusters.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Board appreciated the initiative to form the following five multidisciplinary research clusters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Artificial Intelligence and Data-Driven Technologies2) Smart and Sustainable Materials & Manufacturing3) Renewable Energy and Environmental Technologies4) Nano-Bio-Integrative Sciences and Engineering5) Cyber-Physical Systems and Smart Infrastructure <p>The Board also recommended the inclusion of Quantum Computing in the proposed multidisciplinary research clusters. Further, it was advised to constitute a committee to finalize the structure of these research groups and to develop appropriate guidelines for admissions. The Board recommended to include the benefits for choosing the Multidisciplinary Ph.D. Research.</p>
29.6	<p>To discuss and approve the proposal for establishment of Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) for academic, social and non-clinical research.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Board recommended to initiate the process for the establishment of the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) for academic, social, and non-clinical research by constituting a core committee to draft the framework, operational guidelines, and committee structure for approval.</p>
29.7	<p>To deliberate and approve requests for enrolment in the Direct Ph.D. programme (Part-Time mode) from industry and research institute professionals holding B.E./B.Tech. qualifications.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Board suggested constituting an internal committee to deliberate on the admission process for the Direct Ph.D. Programme (Part-Time mode) and to present the detailed enrolment procedure in the next Research Board Meeting for further discussion and approval.</p>

C. Items for Ratification and Reporting

The Dean (Research Studies) presented the following agenda for Ratification and Reporting to the board members.

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29.8	<p>To ratify the summarized guidelines for Ph.D. publications, authorship, IPR and ethical compliance.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The board resolved to ratify the summarized guidelines on Ph.D. publications, authorship, IPR, and ethical compliance.</p>
29.9	<p>To record newly approved Research Supervisors since the last Research Board meeting and the vacant supervisor positions for SS2627.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Board resolved to record the list of newly approved Research Supervisors since the last Research Board Meeting and to finalize the vacant supervisor positions for the Summer Session 2026–27 admission process.</p>
29.10	<p>To record the outcomes from SRASS 2026 event held on 20th February 2026.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Board recorded and appreciated the outcomes of the SRASS 2026 event held on 20th February 2026, and recommended conducting similar research-oriented events.</p>

D. Closing

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29.11	<p>Any other item with the permission of the Chairperson.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>The Chairperson appreciated the research initiatives supported by data analysis and encouraged the members to continue emphasizing the enhancement of research quality. No additional items were discussed.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson and members for their active participation and valuable contributions, proposed by the Secretary.</p>


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