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SHRI VISHNU COLLEGE OF PHARMACY (AUTONOMOUS)
BHIMAVARAM, ANDHRA PRADESH

BOARD OF STUDIES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING, Date: 07th September 2026

Date	07 September 2026
Time	[11.00 am]
Venue	[Online & offline (Board room)]
Meeting	Board of Studies – Academic and Curriculum Review

1. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES

Category	Name / Details
Chairperson	Dr. M. Mohan Varma, Senior Professor, SVCP
Principal	Dr. K. S. Nataraj, Principal, SVCP
Faculty Members	Dr. A. Srinivasa Rao; Dr. S. Pavan Kumar; Dr. N. Lakshmi Prashanti; Dr. K. T. Sunil Kumar; Dr. S. Anil Kumar; Dr. MSR Bapi Raju; Dr. P. Lavudu; Mr. A. Anand
University Nominee	Prof. Dr. M. Murali Krishna, AUCOPS
Education Experts	Dr. Prameela Rani, ANU; Dr. Ch. Gopinath, JNTU-A
Industry Expert	Dr. K. Ramalinga Prasad, Former Vice President, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
Industry/Placement Representative	Sri Satish Chandra, Director, Training & Placements, SVES
Alumni	Mr. Mahesh, TCS; Mr. Ramesh Naidu, Capgemini
Member Secretary	Mr. A. Anand

2. AGENDA

1. Academic and curriculum enhancements for B.Pharm, Pharm.D and M.Pharm programmes.
2. Revision of syllabus for B.Pharm, Pharm.D and M.Pharm programmes.
3. Examination reforms and assessment methodology.
4. Review of academic activities and academic calendars.
5. Innovative teaching and evaluation methodologies.
6. Recommendation of panel of examiners to the Academic Council.
7. Coordination of research, teaching, extension and other academic activities.

3. PROCEEDINGS, DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTIONS

1. B.Pharm Academic Calendar

Discussion: The Board reviewed the academic calendars for the B.Pharm batches for 2025–26 and 2026–27, including commencement of class work, Mid-I and Mid-II examinations, closure of instruction and semester-end theory and practical examinations. The Board also reviewed the academic lag in relation to the Andhra University calendar for certain batches.

Resolution: The Board recommended close academic monitoring and suitable planning to ensure timely completion of the academic schedule.

2. AR/VR-Based Learning

Discussion: The Board discussed the use of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), particularly for Pharmacology experiments, to strengthen experiential and technology-enabled learning.

Resolution: The Board recommended phased implementation of AR/VR-based learning activities wherever feasible.

3. AI and Emerging Technology Initiatives

Discussion: The Board reviewed the add-on initiative 'Mission GENAI Ascend – AI Applications in Pharmaceutical Sciences', proposed as a 6-day/40-hour programme, and discussed the integration of emerging AI applications in pharmaceutical education.

Resolution: The Board appreciated the initiative and recommended strengthening AI-oriented learning opportunities for students.

4. B.Pharm R26 Regulation and CBCS

Discussion: The Board discussed implementation of B.Pharm **R26** Regulation from the 2026–27 academic year for the 2026–30 admitted batch and the Choice Based Credit System in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and PCI framework.

Resolution: The Board recommended implementation of the applicable regulations and credit structure for the respective admitted batches.

5. Attendance and Examination Eligibility

Discussion: The Board reviewed that a candidate must maintain a minimum of 75% attendance in overall of the respective semester. In case of failure to meet 75% attendance

in a given mid examination, the candidate need to produce **Letter of Undertaking** from notary stating to attain the attendance as per institute norms.

In special cases where genuine causes were shown, Principal may condone the deficiency in the average attendance to an extent of 10% for reasons such as ill health on recommendation of the Principal if the application for condonation is submitted at the time of actual illness and is supported by the certificate of authrized Medical Officer approved by the Principal. Lessthan 65% are not eligible for examination.

Resolution: The Board recommended strict monitoring of attendance and implementation of the approved institutional norms.

6. Minimum Credit Requirement

Discussion: The Board reviewed the minimum credit points required for award of the B.Pharm degree is **193**. These credits are distributed across Theory courses, Practical courses, Internship and Project over the duration of eight semesters as per PCI, NEP-2020.

Resolution: The Board recommended that applicable credit requirements be maintained batch-wise as per the approved regulations.

7. Additional Courses for Lateral Entry Students

Discussion: The Board reviewed additional courses for lateral-entry students, namely Healthcare Psychology and Communication Skills, Basics of Python Programming for Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Applied Biostatistics and Data Analytics for Pharmaceutical Sciences, together with the associated credits.

Resolution: The Board recommended implementation of the additional courses and credits as specified in the applicable regulations.

8. Bridge Courses

Discussion: The Board considered implementation of **Remedial Mathematics** as bridge course in Semester I. Syllabus for **Remedial Mathematics** are shown (**Annex. I**) as **Non-University Examination and Non-credit course.**

Resolution: The Board recommended appropriate bridge-course support for students requiring additional academic assistance.

9. B. Pharm Course Structure and Credit Distribution

Discussion: The Board reviewed the revised semester-wise course structure, weekly workload, credits and assessment scheme for B.Pharm core pharmaceutical subjects, practical courses and AEC/SEC/VAC courses.

Resolution: The Board recommended the proposed course structure for consideration and approval by the competent academic authority.

10. Internal Assessment – Theory

Discussion: The Board reviewed the credit-wise internal assessment pattern comprising attendance and interaction, academic activities and sessional examinations, along with the corresponding internal and external assessment marks. (**Annex. II**)

Resolution: The Board recommended continuation of the approved credit-based internal assessment scheme.

11. Internal Assessment – Practical

Discussion: The Board reviewed the practical internal assessment pattern comprising synopsis, major experiment, minor experiment and viva voce, together with provisions for practical records and attendance.

Conducting one practical internal examination in a semester for 30M instead of 10M in two internals.

(**Annex. III**)

Resolution: The Board recommended competency-oriented practical assessment with emphasis on practical skills.

12. Internal Examination Question Paper Pattern

Discussion: The Board reviewed the PCI-based and SVCP internal theory examination patterns, including MCQs/objective questions, short-answer questions, internal choice and the averaging/conversion of two sessional examinations. (**Annex. IV**)

Resolution: The Board recommended continuation of the approved internal examination pattern with alignment to PCI requirements.

13. End-Semester Examination Pattern

Discussion: The Board reviewed end-semester theory and practical examination patterns, including objective questions, short/long answers with internal choice (model template), marks distribution and examination duration according to course credits. (**Annex. V**)

Resolution: The Board recommended adoption of the prescribed examination pattern for the respective courses.

14. Promotion, Re-Mid and Supplementary Examinations

Discussion: The Board reviewed provisions relating to minimum passing marks, carry-forward of internal assessment, improvement through Re-Mid examination and supplementary examinations.

Resolution: The Board recommended continuation of these provisions as per the approved regulations.

15. Grading System & Academic progression

Discussion: The Board reviewed the grading system and grade-point allocation based on percentage of marks obtained, including O, A, B, C, D and F grades. To appear for the Semester VIII end semester examination, a student must have successfully completed all courses up to Semester VII.

Resolution: The Board recommended continuation of the prescribed grading system, suggested that conducting of Special Supplementary Examination in VII Sem will be useful to the student(s) to entering into his/her VIII Sem.

16. M. Pharm Specializations and Academic Calendar

Discussion: The Board reviewed the M. Pharm specializations and the 2026–27 academic calendar, including Mid-I, Mid-II, closing of instruction and semester-end examinations.

Resolution: The Board recommended systematic monitoring of the postgraduate academic schedule.

17. M. Pharm Examination Reform – Bloom's Taxonomy

Discussion: The Board discussed modification of Mid Examination and Semester-End Examination question paper patterns based on Bloom's Taxonomy for the applicable admitted batches.

Resolution: The Board recommended inclusion of appropriate Bloom's Taxonomy levels to promote higher-order thinking and outcome-based assessment.

18. M. Pharm Certificate / Value-Added Courses

Discussion: The Board discussed the Certificate Programme on Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs and Computers and Communication Skills as a value-added course for M.Pharm students.

Resolution: The Board recommended continuation/introduction of skill-oriented certificate and value-added programmes.

19. Pharm. D Academic Calendar

Discussion: The Board reviewed the Pharm.D academic calendar for 2026–27 for I to V Pharm.D and the associated examination schedules.

Resolution: The Board recommended close monitoring of the academic progress and timely completion of teaching and examinations.

20. Pharm. D Add-on Courses and Initiatives

Discussion: The Board discussed the proposed add-on and skill-development initiatives: Pharmacovigilance for III Pharm.D, Research Methodology for IV Pharm.D, AI and Python for V Pharm.D, DataCamp courses open to all programmes, Pharmacy Practice Skill Lab, Clinical Services Training and CPR Training, AR/VR training, and paper publications for V and VI Pharm.D as part of internal assessment.

Resolution: The Board recommended implementation of relevant skill-based, technology-oriented, clinical and research-oriented initiatives to strengthen professional competency.

4. ACTION PLAN

Area	Action Proposed	Responsibility
Curriculum / Regulations	Review and implement approved B.Pharm R26, M.Pharm and Pharm.D curriculum/regulatory changes.	Programme Committee, Internal Examination Committee, Heads of Departments, and other Academic Committees
Examination Reforms	Implement approved internal and end-semester assessment patterns and Bloom's Taxonomy-based question paper setting wherever applicable.	Controller of Examinations, Heads of Departments

Remedial Education	Implement bridge/remedial support, particularly Remedial Mathematics and Remedial Biology, and monitor student progress.	Academic Committee / Concerned Departments
Skill Development	Plan and conduct AI, Python, AR/VR, clinical skills, CPR and other add-on/value-added programmes.	Academic Committee / Heads of Departments
Industry & Professional Readiness	Strengthen skill-based and industry-oriented academic initiatives and professional training.	Heads of Departments, Training & Placement Cell
Research & Publications	Encourage research methodology, paper publications and related academic activities among eligible students.	Heads of Departments, Programme Co-ordinators

5. OVERALL RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD

After detailed deliberation, the Board of Studies recommended strengthening curriculum quality, student skills, industry readiness, innovative teaching, technology-enabled learning, research, clinical training and outcome-based assessment across the B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Pharm.D programmes. The recommendations shall be forwarded to the Academic Council / competent authority for consideration and approval wherever required.

The Principal thanked all the members and expert nominees for their valuable suggestions and active participation. The meeting concluded with a commitment to continuously improve academic quality and student outcomes.

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The following BOS members were attended through Google meet.

Dr. A. Prameela Rani, Principal, ANUCOPS

Dr. Ch. Gopinath, Professor, JNTUA

Dr K Ramalinga Prasad, Former Vice President

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