

Minutes of the Meeting of IQAC meeting held on
Thursday, 24th Dec at 2.30PM to 4PM.

Members Present:

Prof P J Narayanan (Director)

Prof Ramacharla Pradeep Kumar (Registrar)

Shri J Ramachandran (Industry Rep.)

Shri Kasturi Krishna Kiran (Alumni Rep.)

Prof P Krishna Reddy (DSAC)

Dr Marimuthu Krishnan (CCNSB)

Shri N N Appaji (Dy. Academic Officer)

Shri PVS Rambabu (R&D Manager)

Dr K S Vijaya Sekhar (Statistical Cell)

Absent: Dr Priyanka Srivastava (Cognitive Science) and Shri Srinu Raju informed their unavailability in advance.

Agenda:

1. COVID disruptions and the challenges. How IIIT-H overcome the emergence?
2. Academic plans for the next semester
3. Updates on Research and Industry projects and, other collaborations
4. Surveys & Rankings - Updates on IIIT H participation
5. Review on IQAC proactiveness on addressing it's functions
6. Any other item

Discussion Points:

The meeting started with the introductory remarks delivered by Prof P J Narayanan, Director. He has apprised the members on the ongoing academic and research activities including the status on conduct of the classes, semester examinations and, UG/PG admissions etc. He has explained the COVID challenges that have disrupted the activities yet the remedies the University has adapted timely were praiseworthy. The members have enquired about the plans for conduct of the next semester and the decision is to continue with the virtual mode with a minimal allowing of research students on to the campus.

Shri J Ramachandran has elucidated the importance of introducing innovative curriculum, industry-centric courses to the student's viz., developing the systems design, prototypes and architecture where many industries are looking into these fields. He opined that IIIT-H students are good at coding however if they want to excel with the Industry, looking at these fields are also equally important and requested to focus on such disciplines. He gave an example on one of the IIIT H's students, who excelled in a leadership position at Amazon within in a short span in the systems development field. He also felt that the confluence between research and academics gap can also be filled to meet with the industry demands.

Prof Krishna Reddy emphasized on the minor challenges faced during the conduct of virtual mode of classes during the lockdown period. Though, initially there were a few problems but gradually both students and faculty were adapted to the online mode. He has requested IQAC to organize a focused workshop / seminar related to quality enhancements during this calendar year and enquired about the available budget for conduct of this activity.

Prof Ramacharla has assured adequate budgets will be allotted for promoting such activities. He also opined though the COVID has disrupted many activities yet, the students have shown

interest on continuous learning which has balanced the academic calendar without difficulties. He also expressed that both, teachers and students are adjusted to the new virtual environment and able to adhere with the academic timelines in a very less time.

Dr Marimuthu Krishnan has updated that, IQAC internal members have met twice during the calendar year (16.6.2020 & 3.8.2020) for promoting the quality culture on the campus. The activities performed in the calendar year are satisfactory. However, he gave a roadmap to IQAC through a powerpoint slide to perform more significant activities in future viz., plan of action to be chalked out well in advance to enhance the quality and outcomes in the academic year.

Shri Kasturi Krishna Kiran has conveyed that the alumni representation in promoting innovation and entrepreneur activities are satisfactory. The existing programmes and academic courses focused on employability and, entrepreneurship for the academic year have significantly earmarked the student's performance in the relevant fields.

Shri Appaji, Dy. Academic Officer has given an overview on the ongoing academic activities and the use of ICTs while delivering the online classes. He explained the challenges that are faced by IT team in setting up infrastructure during the lockdown period for conduct of online classes.

Shri Rambabu, R&D Manager has updated the members about ongoing research projects, industry collaborations and consultancy projects including the design and development of implementing executive education programs.

Dr Vijaya Sekhar, Head (Stats Cell) has updated the members on University participation in various rankings, surveys for the year 2020. He informed the members that the tasks pertaining to NIRF and ARIIA 2021 rankings are under progress viz., data capturing on best practices from the departments, internally. He shared that the internal departments are fully aware of the importance of documenting the information. He also shared that IIIT H was ranked No.11 in Atal Rankings of Institutions on Innovations and Achievements (ARIIA) and No.2 in Dataquest's Digital Index Infrastructure Survey which shows the readiness of the Institute on using ICT Infrastructure, eLearning technologies and social media effectively during the pandemic period. He shared that there are plans to participate in world rankings in near future.

Future plans for the next academic year

Prof P J Narayanan has requested IQAC to adhere to the NAAC timelines for submitting the AQAR forms and requested to bring any templates / forms that require Institute attention into the faculty meetings. He also assured, during the summer, one of the faculty meetings can be made as an IQAC-centric meeting for orient the essence of promoting quality aspects on the campus and extended his full support for this step.

The online meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

The Minutes were approved by all the members over ONLINE.
