

IQAC Minutes of the Meeting
held on Tuesday, 15th June from 2.30PM to 4PM

Members Present: Prof P J Narayanan, Prof Ramancharla Pradeep Kumar, Shri J Ramachandran (Industry Rep.)
Dr Marimuthu Krishnan, Dr Priyanka Srivastava, Shri N N Appaji, Shri PVS Rambabu and Dr Kasturi S Vijaya Sekhar

Absent: Shri Srini Raju; Shri Kasturi Krishna Kiran (Alumni Rep.) and Prof P Krishna Reddy (DSAC)

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 online classes, end-semester examinations, evaluations and flexible grades etc.

This meeting was confined to deliberate on the improvements / action taken in various aspects, which are illustrated in detail - below.

(i) Agenda: Academic activities

Action

- a. Shri Appaji, Dy. Academic Officer has given an overview on the ongoing academic activities. He emphasized on the necessity of introducing CodeTantra platform for proctoring the online exams to overcome from the pandemic syndrome which resulted to announce the grades well in-time. The need for categorizing one semester into three terms has made a significant impact among the students, which helped them to perform well in their end semester examinations.
- b. He has also shared that, to encourage student's diversity, a special channel for students of Jawahar Nehru Vidyalaya [Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti] was opened for admission into UG programmes from next academic year. On other note, it was noted that there is a significant amount of increase in opting for audit courses by the existing students; and, the students opting for higher education is being captured by the alumni portal. The lab-specific exams were conducted using simulation software for select courses.
- c. To scale up Ph.D. admissions and output two exclusive channels viz., Winter Research Admissions and, a special scheme for Applicants with PhD Offers. The COVID-19 crisis has put the future of many students with PhD admissions in reputed universities abroad in a state of limbo. IIITH has introduced a novel scheme to enable such affected students to pursue their research aspirations.

Suggestions: Shri J Ramachandran has suggested that the industry has identified several business problems and IIIT Hyderabad can take the maximum mileage out of it in the form of promoting consultancy culture among the faculty members. Such industry-centric problems can also be used to promote more number of Ph.D. admissions in the coming years.

(ii) Agenda: Library facilities and augmentation

Action

- a. IQAC, in consultation with the Library team has organized a training program 'Understanding the Research Landscape on Scopus' for the faculty and students. Both, the faculty and students were immensely benefited from this orientation program.
- b. Director has requested IQAC to organize similar program on Intellectual Property, technology licensing and Patenting etc., for the benefit of students and faculty.
- c. He has also requested the Library team to use the features of Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS) initiated by INFLIBNET for updating faculty and student publications at one place.

(iii) Outreach and Extension activities

The COVID pandemic has made a significant impact on conduct of Outreach activities yet, the faculty and students have taken maximum benefit by taking part in such online programmes. Also, setting up the infrastructure (in labs, class rooms, buildings) – the activities were also hit comparing to the normal days.

(iv) Agenda: Conduct of academic audit

Dr Marimuthu Krishnan has updated that, IQAC has started creating awareness on scopus and google scholar citations and publications. He also apprised the members that conduct of academic audit (both, Internal and

External) for the academic year 2020-21 is going to start very soon on the campus. Director has requested IQAC to conduct the necessary audits on warfoot basis with the help of faculty members.

(v) Agenda: Analyzing the feedback collected from Students & Counselling, mentor-mentee practice

a. Dr Priyanka has suggested that student's counselling, mentor-mentee practice can be channelized using Student Life Office.

b. She has also highlighted the flexibility that was given to the students during the end semester exams for all the students. In terms of healthcare facilities, she has opined that our current Aarogya centre has regular medical doctor visits even during the pandemic situation.

c. She has voluntarily offered her services to analyse the previous student satisfaction surveys.

d. Student Support Services: It was also discussed, to create awareness on societal conditions - field based projects / courses are integrated into select programmes such as disaster management, computational natural sciences and building science programmes.

(vi) Agenda: Research facilities

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

(vii) Agenda: Empowering the IQAC activities

Dr Vijaya Sekhar, Head (Stats Cell) has presented the overall status on Annual Quality Assurance Reports, which are to be submitted to the NAAC. Prof Ramancharla has praised the IQAC activities and recommended the team to act more pro-actively in all aspects for improving the quality in all aspects on the campus.

Vote of Thanks

Prof P J Narayanan has thanked all the members present and requested IQAC to adhere to the NAAC timelines for submitting the AQAR forms and requested to bring any templates / forms that requires Institute attention into the faculty meetings or academic council meetings or requested to organize one-on-one meetings with the concerned Heads.

The online meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

The Minutes were approved by all the members over ONLINE.
