Minutes of the IQAC Meeting held on 17.1.2024 from 10 AM to 12 PM

The director welcomed the members and congratulated them on clinching the NAAC A++ Grade recently. He also applauded the members for their untiring efforts made during the Peer Team Visit (PTV) held in May 2023. He requested the team to keep striving to bring more laurels to the Institute.

Members Present: Prof P J Narayanan, Prof K S Rajan, Dr Marimuthu Krishnan, Dr Priyanka Srivastava, Prof P Krishna Reddy, Shri N N Appaji, Shri P V S Rambabu and, Dr Kasturi SVS

Absent: Shri Srinri Raju, J Ramachandran, K Krishna Kishore

Agenda Points including action items:

1. IQAC has recommended introducing a good number of value-added courses for imparting transferable and life skills in the next academic year 2023-24.
   Action taken: The academic office has introduced about 16 value-added courses in this academic year.

2. IQAC is encouraging the faculty to focus on clinching interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research projects from industry and government to enable the students to take part in those projects.
   Action taken: IQAC has entrusted the responsibility of circulating various Call for Research Proposals to the R&D Office. The recent announcements are from CSIR-Swiss National Science Foundation; India-Singapore Collaborative Industrial Research & Development Programme; India-Spain Joint Call For R&D&I; ICMR; MoES, DBT and DST etc.,

3. A separate Accommodation for married Ph.D. scholars. The committee has deliberated on accommodating marked Ph.D. scholars in an exclusive block.
   Action taken: This proposal was ratified unanimously and IQAC has requested the Engineering Office to speed up the process of providing necessary infrastructure in the specified Quarters allotted for married Ph.D. Scholars.

4. It is also proposed to proceed with the formalities for constructing a New Academic Block (NAB) and Student Recreation & Introspection Centre (SRIC) on campus to augment the current academic space requirement and to provide enough place for student activities.
   Action taken: The committee has appreciated the plans for expanding the infrastructure and requested the members to identify an experienced architect and requested the faculty members and Students Life Office to provide necessary inputs before awarding and commencement of the works.

5. Outreach / Extension Programmes:
   A proposal from the Chair, Outreach was received on introducing an ONLINE eMasters Program – ‘a two-year non-degree program’.
   Action taken: The members appreciated the efforts made towards implementing extension programs and requested the proposal to be routed through the academic council for taking their views well in advance.

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