

IQAC Minutes of the Meeting
held on Monday, 18th July 2022 from 2.30 PM to 4.30 PM

The meeting started with the introductory remarks delivered by Prof P J Narayanan, Director. He has apprised the members of the ongoing academic and research activities including the status of the conduct of the offline classes, timely closure of mid & end-semester examinations, evaluations, etc.

Prof P Krishna Reddy has enlightened the member's status showing the quality improvements in line with the Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs) that are being submitted to the NAAC. He has made a presentation highlighting the enhancements from the years 2017-18 to 2020-21 and how the Questions are being increased to the existing templates.

Later, Dr. Priyanka gave a presentation on the analysis of the Student Satisfaction Survey results conducted by the graduating students every year. The overall impression from the students is impressive on the quality improvements in terms of both, the academic and non-academic environment on the campus. Director has requested Priyanka to further analyze the results and see which are more relevant to the student support systems and categorize them into two separate sections – one, which is very relevant to the academic environment and another set is on the non-academic environment.

Then, Dr. M Krishnan gave a presentation on how the improvements can significantly change the existing environment. By giving a few suggestions viz., setting up an exclusive International Affairs Cell (IAC) which can look after the exchange programs for both, faculty and students and promote the institution's brand globally. The director appreciated the ideas and requested him to initiate the plan by preparing a concept note.

(i) Academic activities

- The Deputy Academic Officer has conveyed that the new curriculum for M.Tech programs was in place from the 2020-21 academic year. The plans for curriculum revision for Master of Science programs are ongoing by involving industry representatives.
- Director said that the special pool for Diversity – Girls' representation in the admission process was encouraging. Plans are going to continue the same for the academic year 2022-23.

Director has said that there are plans to deploy three dedicated research centers in near future.

- **Centre for Computational Social Science (C2S2)** to pursue interdisciplinary research at the intersection of Computer Science and Social Science.
- The **Centre for Quantum Science and Technology (CQST)** to give a big push to the emerging area of quantum computing.
- The **Raj Reddy Centre for Technology and Society (RCTs)** to apply AI technologies in public health and grassroots education.
- He has also apprised the members of upcoming Research collaborations and MoUs viz., conduira online, great learning, SAIL, NPCI, NALSAR, Apple, etc.,

(ii) Infrastructure facilities and augmentation

Director has informed us that the ongoing infrastructure facilities for students' workspaces, open-air gym, library space with reading room facilities, and new placements Office space are getting ready for the usage from this academic year.

(iii) Outreach and Extension activities

Prof Ramesh has shared that the Institute's *Education Outreach* has made efforts to deliver executive education programs and College research affiliate programs throughout the year. He has explained the members on the College Research affiliate program, which is a three-facet program that caters to the needs of students and faculties as well as creates value for the institutes. He said that so far, it has impacted *seven* participating colleges [KIET, HITAM, KGR CET, VCE, GNITS, SVP CET, and SCE], 535 students, and 25 faculties in *two* technology areas - IoT and speech processing. He has also said that the plans are undergoing for the next cohort, signing up the MoU with more colleges to amplify the research connections. The COVID pandemic has made a significant impact on the conduct of Outreach activities yet, the faculty and students have taken maximum benefit by taking part in such online programs.

(iv) 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 the 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 him to conduct the necessary audits on a war foot basis with the help of faculty members.

Vote of Thanks

Prof P J Narayanan has thanked all the members present, 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 or academic council meetings or requested to organize one-on-one meetings with the concerned Heads.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

Members Present:

Prof P J Narayanan

Prof K S Rajan

Prof P Krishna Reddy

Dr. Marimuthu Krishnan

Dr. Priyanka Srivastava

Shri N N Appaji

Shri PVS Rambabu

Dr. Kasturi S. Vijaya Sekhar

Invitee(s):

Prof Ramesh Loganathan (Outreach)

Dr. Radhika Mamidi (Student's Life Office)

Special Invitee:

Prof B V Apparao (Via ONLINE)

Absent: Due to other commitments

Shri Srini Raju, Shri Kasturi Krishna Kiran (Alumni Rep.) and Shri J Ramachandran