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UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD

Minutes of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Committee held at 11:00 a.m. on July 16, 2021, in the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Hall, Administration Building on the University of Hyderabad Campus.

Members Present:

1.	Prof. Arun Agarwal	Vice-Chancellor & Chairman
2.	Prof. B. Raja Shekhar	Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3.	Prof. Harish Padh	External Member, Former Vice-Chancellor Sardar Patel University, Gujarat - #
4.	Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar	External Member, Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru - #
5.	Dr. Shailja Singh	External Member, JNU, New Delhi - #
6.	Prof. Ashish Ghosh	External Member Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata - #
7.	Dr. K. Rajender Reddy	Alumni Nominee, CSIR – Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) - #
8.	Dr. M. Sairam	Industry Nominee, Vice-President Biological E Limited, Hyderabad - #
9.	Prof. Ashok Chatterjee	Member, School of Physics - #
10.	Prof. C. Raghavendra Rao	Member, School of Computer & Information Sciences
11.	Prof. Vinod Pavarala	Member, Department of Communication Sarojini Naidu School of Arts and Communication
12.	Prof. Krishnaveni Mishra	Member, Department of Biochemistry School of Life Sciences - #

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13.	Prof. K. Chinnaya Suri	Member - Department of Political Science School of Social Sciences - #
14.	Prof. Vasanthi Srinivasan	Member, Department of Political Science School of Social Sciences - #
15.	Prof. Amba P. Kulkarni	Member, Department of Sanskrit Studies School of Humanities
16.	Prof. Pramod K Nayar	Additional Member Director, Institute of Eminence (IoE)
17.	Dr. Devesh Nigam	Ex-Officio Member, Controller of Examinations
18.	Dr. N. Varatharajan	Ex-Officio Member, Librarian, IGML
19.	Dr. Debashis Barik	Associate Professor, School of Chemistry - #
20.	Shri P. Thukaram	Nodal Officer, Deputy Registrar - #
21.	Dr. K. Venkata Nagaraju	Assistant Professor, School of Medical Sciences
22.	Mr. Gundoji Omkareshwar	Student Nominee, M. Tech.-IC Technologies, CASEST, School of Physics - #
23.	Prof. S. Raja Sethu Durai	Ex-Officio Member, Associate Director, IQAC
24.	Prof. Vijaya Bhaskar Marisetty	Ex-Officio Member, Associate Director, IQAC - #
25.	Prof. S. Srinath	Director & Member Secretary, IQAC

#: 'Hash' mark indicates the members who attended the meeting through virtual mode.

Prof. P.J. Narayanan, Director, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H), Hyderabad, could not join the meeting due to prior commitments.

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At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members for attending the meeting, particularly to the new members of the IQAC Committee. The Chairman placed a special thanks to the external members who joined the meeting through virtual mode.

The Chairman informed the Committee on how the University is utilizing the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status and making efforts towards growing internationally. The Chairman attributed the collective efforts in vaccinating the University community through onsite vaccination drives and encouraging them to use the paid vaccination drives conducted in the University. The University is also in touch with the state government for free vaccination for students etc, so that academic normalcy is restored in the campus.

The Chairman apprised the committee of the prestigious Visitor's Award 2020 received by Prof. Anunay Samanta of the School of Chemistry for his research in Physical Sciences in recognition of his outstanding work employing ultrafast and single-molecule spectroscopic techniques. The Award, which comes with a citation and cash prize, will be presented by the Hon'ble President of India as the Visitor of the Central Universities in the Rashtrapati Bhavan at a future date.

Globally, the University is visible for its research. Four of our disciplines figure in the 2021 QS subject rankings, English, Chemistry, Life Sciences and Physics. The University has retained its high position in the QS World University Rankings 2022, figuring in the 651-700 rank band.

The Chairman mentioned that the University aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in promoting inter/multi-disciplinary research and teaching approaches.

#### **Item No. 1**

**To confirm the minutes of the IQAC Committee meeting held on October 16, 2020**

The Committee resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the IQAC Committee.

#### **Item No. 2**

**To report the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2020**

The Committee approved the report on the action taken.

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**Item No. 3****Submission of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) to the NAAC – for the Academic Year 2018-19**

The Committee was informed of the submission of AQAR for 2018-19 to the NAAC. The submission enabled the process of the 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle of NAAC Accreditation of the University.

**Item No. 4****Academic Audit:**

**The Committee noted the academic audits conducted by the Schools / Departments / Centres.**

The members were informed about the Academic Audit planned and carried out in the University and that more than 40 percent of the academic units have completed the audit and the rest are completing it soon.

**Item No. 5****Major activities of the IQAC from October 2020:**

The Chairman presented the major activities of the IQAC during the period, and the Committee made the following deliberations:

- The Committee was briefed on the NIRF parameters used for ranking the Universities and the gaps to be addressed and sensitized to the University community compared to the top-rated Universities of the country. It was further mentioned that the parameters used for the NIRF & QS Rankings are similar, and the University needs to improve its position further in the NIRF rankings, which can enhance the QS Rankings of the University.
- The Committee was informed about the Outcome-Based Education Curriculum, describing its importance in defining the outcomes of the courses & programs in framing the syllabus for employability and research of the programs offered by the University and learning for the teachers and students.

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- A presentation was made of the criteria-wise parameters, the rank and score obtained by the University of Hyderabad in the QS World University Rankings 2022. Comparison of the score with the other top-rated Institutions in India were presented to the committee and in particular areas where the University needs to improve its Academic and Employer Reputation to increase overall rankings in the QS.
- The Committee discussed the internationalization of the University and ways to expand the participation of international students in this process.
- The Committee also deliberated on enhancing research and exchange collaboration with top-ranking International Universities to improve our University standing in the global arena.

#### Item No. 6

#### UGC-PARAMARSH Scheme Activities:

The Committee was briefed on the UGC-PARAMARSH Scheme activities and informed that one of the mentee institutions has obtained NAAC Accreditation. Two institutions having submitted the Self-Study Report (SSR) and waiting for a Peer-Team visit; and the remaining two institutions are in the process of submitting SSR. The committee noted the same.

#### Item No. 7

#### Implementing the UGC Circulars

The Committee noted the UGC Circulars and approved for implementing them in *toto*, the UGC Circulars will be incorporated in the Screening Committee guidelines for Faculty Recruitment and Career Advancement.

#### Item No. 8

#### Policy on Best Practices and Academic Integrity

The Committee noted the draft policy on the Best Practices and Academic Integrity. The Committee suggested to wait until the feedback from all the Academic Units are received to evolve a process for implementing the policy and its tabling in the Academic Council.

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**Item No. 9**

**Zero Tolerance Policy on Plagiarism**

The Committee discussed the various mechanisms in place for examining the plagiarism; and stressed the need on ensuring zero tolerance on plagiarism. The Committee also resolved that all the applicants should submit a Self-Declaration on plagiarism on their publication for all future Direct Recruitment and Career Advancement Scheme processes.

**Item No. 10**

**Guidelines for Constitution of Screening Committees and Screening of Applications for Faculty positions by the Screening Committees**

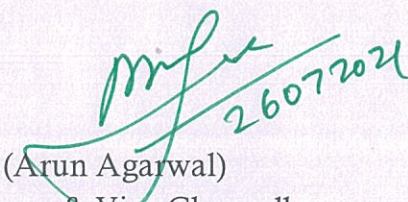
Based on the UGC Circulars and the discussions made thereon by the Committee, it is resolved to change the Screening Committee guidelines wherever applicable based on the UGC Circulars.

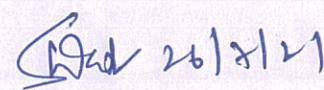
**Item No. 11**

**The IQAC plans:**

The Committee noted the proposed plans of the IQAC.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

  
(Arun Agarwal)  
Chairman & Vice-Chancellor

  
(S. Srinath)  
Director & Member Secretary, IQAC