Minutes of the IQAC committee meeting held at 16:00 hrs on 1st Nov 2024 in the Conference Room of the VC's Office

The following members were present:

1	Prof. B J Rao, Vice Chancellor, UoH	Chairperson	9	Prof. Kota Arun Kumar	Member
2	Dr. Devesh Nigam, Registrar, UoH	Registrar	10	Prof. Ramulu Pillalamarri	Member
3	Mr. Thukaram Porika, Controller of Exams	Member	11	Prof. G Sridevi	Member
4	Dr. N Varatharajan, Librarian, IGML-UoH	Ex-officio Member	12	Prof. Alok Singh	Member
5	Dr. Srinivas Orungati, Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences	External Member	13	Prof. R Chandrasekhar	Member
6	Dr. Ullas S Kolthur, TIFR, Hyderabad	External Member	14	Prof. KK Kailash, Associate Director-II, Ranking	Member
7	Prof. Ghanashyam Krishna, Director IoE	Additional Member	15	Prof. Thirumal, Associate Director-I	Member
8	Prof. V Subrahmanyam	Member	16	Prof. Anand K Kondapi, Director IQAC	Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1	Dr. C Nirmala Raju	External Member	3	Prof. Samrat L Sabat, Director RDC	Additional Member
2	Dr. B Jagadeesh, IICT, Hyderabad	Alumni Nominee	4	Prof. Manjari Katju	Member

The meeting began with the opening remarks from the Chair.

The Director, IQAC welcomed the members and thanked them for taking time to come at short notice.

The following matters were discussed and resolved

- 1. The Action taken report and Confirmation of minutes of the previous IQAC Committee meeting held on 12.03.2024 were discussed and approved.
- 2. Prof. Kailash, Associate Director-II and Ranking Coordinator made a brief presentation about the rankings of the University in both QS and NIRF. This was followed by a discussion. The members
 - a. Expressed concern about the steady slippage of the University rankings.
 - b. Noted that publications in the UGC-CARE list are only minimum requirements. They do help raise the profile of the University. Faculty and research scholars should be encouraged to publish in higher ranked journals in Scopus and WoS. Those fulfilling minimum requirements must aim for higher ranked journals. Those already publishing in higher ranked journals, must aim for Q1 and Q2 journals.
 - c. Suggested that faculty explore opportunities to increase international collaborations especially with higher ranked universities.

- d. Suggested that doctoral Candidates must be encouraged to submit their dissertations within stipulated time periods.
- e. Suggested that student intake should be rationalized in programmes where admissions have reduced over time.
- f. Suggested that the University must attempt to increase intake of candidates from other countries.
- g. Suggested a more detailed presentation on the rankings may be shared with the individual units of the University.
- 3. Prof Thirumal, Associate Director-I, presented a note on the steps taken by the IQAC to advance SDG. The Committee suggested that the University take those initiatives forward. Further, it is resolved that the PhD these of all students should include at least 500 words on the relevance of the work incorporated for Society and SDG. Further, the SDG Committee of the University should present SDG in Vernacular forms in Telugu, Hindi, and Urdu and provide awareness to students in various schools.
- 4. The proposal for verification publication by IQAC of direct recruitment and CAS applications based on https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/5283580 UGC-Cancelled-List.pdf for publications prior to June 2019 and based on UGC CARE https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/apps1/home/index for publications after June 2019 is approved
- 5. The DRAFT AQAR was presented. The Committee suggested that units be asked to send in the remaining data as soon as possible to enable the University to submit data on time to NAAC.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair and members.

(Prof. B.J. Rao)

Chairman & Vice-Chancellor

(Prof. Anand K. Kondapi)

Director & Member Secretary, IQAC

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