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UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD

Minutes of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Committee held at 03:00 p.m. on September 19, 2025, in the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Hall, Administration Building on the University Campus.

The following members were present:

1	Prof. B J Rao, Vice Chancellor, UoH	Chairperson	6	Prof. Alok Singh	Member
2	Dr. Devesh Nigam, Registrar, UoH	Registrar	7	Prof. R Chandrasekhar	Member
3	Prof. Ghanashyam Krishna, Director IoE	Additional Member	8	Prof. KK Kailash, Associate Director-II, Ranking	Member
4	Prof. V Subrahmanyam	Member	9	Prof. P Thirumal, Associate Director-I	Member
5	Prof. Kota Arun Kumar	Member	10	Prof. Anand K Kondapi, Director IQAC	Member Secretary

The following members attended the meeting online:

1	Dr. B Jagadeesh, GITAM	Alumni Nominee

The following members were invited for the meeting:

1	Lt. Col. CH Rao, University Engineer	Special Invitee	2	Dr. Sanjay Sharma Director CC & CNF	Special Invitee
3	Mr. Ashish Jacob Thomas Public Relations Officer	Special Invitee			

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1	Dr. O Sivasankar Prasad, Librarian In-charge, IGML-UoH	Ex-officio Member	2	Dr. Srinivas Orungati, Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences	External Member
3	Dr. Ullas S Kolthur, TIFR, Hyderabad	External Member	4	Dr. C Nirmala Raju	External Member
5	Prof. Samrat L Sabat, Director RDC	Additional Member	6	Prof. Manjari Katju	Member
7	Prof. Ramulu Pillalamarri	Member	8	Prof. G Sridevi	Member
9	Mr. Thukaram Porika, Controller of Examinations	Member			

1) The Director, IQAC, welcomed the members and requested the Vice Chancellor to address the Committee.

   In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor welcomed the members and highlighted the significance of the agenda items, stressing the need for thorough and thoughtful discussion. The Director informed the members of the various activities of the IQAC since the last meeting.

   The Committee then took up items on the agenda. The minutes of the previous IQAC Committee meeting and the Action Taken Report were discussed and confirmed.

   The Committee approved a correction in the IQAC minutes of 01-11-2024. In the paragraph beginning: Noted that publications in the UGC-CARE are only minimum requirements. The second line should read as: They do not help raise the profile of the University.

Rankings

2) The Associate Director (Rankings) presented an analysis of the University's performance in NIRF and QS rankings since 2018, comparing it with other public universities across various parameters used by ranking agencies. The Committee deliberated on the following issues
   a) Publications
      - The University of Hyderabad (UoH) has shown stagnation on several parameters, while other universities have made significant progress.
      - The Committee emphasized the importance of faculty publishing in top-tier journals. They noted that the University's decision to focus solely on publications recognized by ranking agencies is expected to yield improvements in the coming years.
      - The Committee recommended that the University promotes International Research Networks and foster sustained partnerships with global researchers to enhance cross-learning and network building.
   b) Research Funding
      - The Committee noted the change in funding practices and the need for faculty to actively identify and pursue funding opportunities for research projects.
      - The Committee noted that traditional funding sources are diminishing and recommended that the University explore alternative funding opportunities beyond state-supported research.
      - It proposed that faculty pursue multi-department, centre, and school funding for research projects.
   c) PhD Awards
      - The Committee noted with concern the widening gap between PhD admissions and completions.
      - Heads and Deans of various units/schools should promote higher PhD submission while ensuring quality standards are upheld.
      - The CoE should attempt to shorten the time between submissions and the viva-voce.
   d) Scholarships and fee waivers

- The Committee recommended that units/schools explore non-traditional funding sources, such as CSR funding and alumni endowments, to create fee-waiver funds for supporting economically weaker students.
  e) Gender equality
  - The Committee recommended creating opportunities and removing barriers to support more women faculty in taking on leadership roles, recognising the benefits of diverse leadership.

It was resolved that each academic unit must evaluate NIRF and QS ranking data for the past five years and develop an action plan to improve rankings. The IQAC SPOCs are requested to submit the unit's action plan and monitoring plan by January 2, 2026. Deans of the schools are directed to take necessary actions to facilitate this process. The Schools identify specific areas that are adversely impacting the NIRF ranking and suggest/monitor the action plan.

The Committee approved the quality parameters for assessing publications. These parameters will guide the screening committee in assessing publications and will be publicly available on the University website for potential applicants.

Sustainable Development Goals

3) The Committee commended the University's dedication to sustainable development goals, noting that its approved teaching and financial policies reflect a commitment to a sustainable future. A sub-committee, led by Associate Director-I, drafted an Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (DEI) policy. Following extensive discussion, the Committee recommended expanding Annexure II to encompass broader DEI aspects. The revised draft will be submitted to the Registrar for review by Statutory Committees, including the ICC, and legal vetting.

4) The University Engineer presented a comprehensive report on the Department's efforts to meet institutional and ranking requirements. This included updates on the groundwater study, energy audit, and the implementation of a new complaint redressal mechanism. The UE highlighted close collaboration with CEOAS and external agencies, including CSR-funded projects supporting these initiatives. The Committee commended the UE team's strategic planning for ensuring compliance and advancing the SDG agenda.

Perception

5) The Director (CC, CNF) presented a report on efforts to revamp the University website, recommending that all documents be submitted in text-only format for easier searches. A mail regarding this will be sent to all University sections. The Committee expressed concern over delays, emphasizing the website's critical role as the primary interface for students and the public, and urged expediting the task.
   a. The PRO reported that nearly all University units now have a social media presence. The Committee encouraged full participation from all units and suggested that, at a later stage, filtering should be implemented to avoid sharing trivial news.
   b. The Committee reviewed the Draft Brochure and suggested several changes. It has been resolved to form a team of students from different disciplines to revise the brochure. A revised brochure incorporating various suggestions may be submitted to the VC for dissemination.
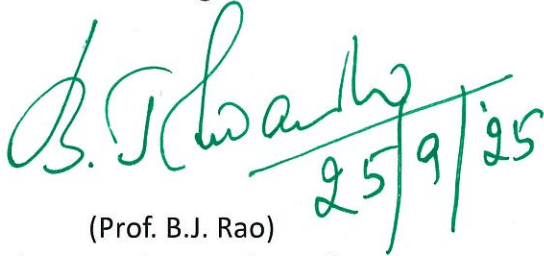
Compliance

6) The draft AQAR for 2024-25 was presented and approved. As NAAC is not currently accepting AQARs, the approved AQAR will be ready for upload when NAAC resumes

acceptance. The Committee approved its submission to the Academic Council and NAAC as required.

The Committee recorded appreciation for all IQAC external and internal members for their active participation in IQAC activities since 2023.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. B.J. Rao)
Chairman & Vice-Chancellor

(Prof. Anand K. Kondapi)
Director & Member Secretary, IQAC