

Minutes of the meeting of IQAC held on 24.09.2024

Venue : Syndicate Hall

Date : 24.09.2024

Time : 2.00 PM

Members Present :

1. Dr. K.K Geetha Kumari, Vice Chancellor :Sd/-
2. Dr. Lissy Mathew V, Prof in- charge of Examinations :Sd/-
3. Dr. Ajith Kumar K V, Director IQAC :Sd/-
4. Dr. P.H Ibrahimkutty, Professor, Department of Hindi :Sd/-
5. Dr. T Mini, Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya :Sd/-
6. Dr. Sreevidhya N T, Asst Professor, Department of Hindi :Sd/-
7. Dr. Yamuna K, Prof. & HoD, Dept. of Sanskrit Vyakarana :Sd/-
8. Dr.Sangamesan K M, Director, Planning & Development :Sd/-
9. Dr. Jose Antony, Prof. & HoD, Department of Social Work :Sd/-
10. Sri. Sukhesh K Divakar, Joint Registrar (Admn) :Sd/-
11. Sr. Srikant S, Finance Officer-in-Charge :Sd/-
12. Sri.Abhijith K,Member, Block Panchayath, Angamaly :Sd/-
13. Sri.Adarsh T, Research Scholar,Dept.of Geography :Sd/-

Members attended through online

1. Dr. Geetha Devi R, Asst Professor, Department of Malayalam
2. Dr. Faizal N M, Asst Professor, Department of Philosophy
3. Dr. Sreevidhya N T, Asst Professor, Department of Hindi

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Geethakumari K K, chaired the meeting and welcomed the attendees.The Director of IQAC provided an overview of the agenda, with a primary focus on the University's score in NIRF 2024.

Agenda I: NIRF 2024

An analysis of the parameter-wise scores was presented, highlighting the University's weakness in two critical areas:1)**Peer Perception** 2)**Research and Professional Practice**. After the detailed discussion, the committee observed that by attaining the goals noted below, University can excel in both the NIRF Ranking and Accreditation.

- Faculty should get National/International awards
- Should secure projects from National Research Institutes, Govts and reputed NGO's
- Publications of Research articles in Scopus and Web of Science indexed journals.
- Faculty should engage in intensive research activities both within and outside the University
- Faculty should become Domain Experts in their respective areas of study.
- Students should secure high positions both Academically and Professionally.

- Faculty and Researchers should strive to produce Research outputs which have a positive impact on the society.
- International Collaborations with Foreign Universities should be encouraged for joint research, faculty exchange, and student exchange programs.

To achieve these goals the Committee resolved to take decisions as noted below.

1. Resolved to take steps to encourage faculty to apply for prestigious National and International awards. Furthermore, those faculty who achieve significant National or International awards, shall be honored, creating a culture of recognition within the university.
2. Resolved to encourage faculty to apply for Government Research Grants like ICSSR, ICPR, ICHR, Grants by UGC, Grants by other agencies, partnerships with industries for joint research projects, consultancy, and knowledge exchange. The Committee remarked that there should be an effective support system to ensure Financial and Administrative matters and resolved to authorize the Director, IQAC and Director Pl&D to submit a proposal in this regard .
3. Resolved to foster collaborations with International Universities and Research Institutions to co-author papers, thereby increasing visibility and citation count that would in turn enhance the Perception of the University.
4. Resolved to provide hands-on-training to the Faculty as well as the Student community, equipping them with the necessary skills to publish their research papers in Scopus and Web of Science indexed journals.
5. Resolved to provide incentives for faculty to publish in Scopus/ Web of Science indexed journals and resolved to authorize the Director, IQAC to submit a proposal in this regard.
6. Resolved to promote collaboration of Faculty and students from different departments on interdisciplinary research projects that lead to innovative findings and can enhance the number of co-authored papers. Also to establish annual awards recognizing the best co-authored research papers between faculty and students, showcasing these achievements during university events.
7. Resolved to create research clusters where faculty from related disciplines work together on major projects.
8. Resolved to organize international and national conferences to bring experts from around the world and provide exposure to research in various fields of study. Also to enable the faculty to attend advanced workshops and training programs in their areas, equipping them in such a way so as to become Domain Experts in their concerned areas.
9. As peer perception plays a pivotal role in determining the overall ranking, the committee resolved to take immediate measures to initiate outreach programs to publicize University's reputation among the academic peers, thereby enhancing the University's public profile. The Faculty should be instructed to utilize the University's profile while engaging in Academic, Professional, Cultural, Consultancy or any such activities at State, National and International levels.

10. The members expressed their concern that the achievements of both faculty and students are neither properly recognized by the University nor adequately publicized in the media. The committee, therefore, resolved to entrust the Public Relations Officer with the responsibility of effectively utilizing print, visual, social media platforms and University Website to publish/announce and promote the major achievements of the faculty and students. The PRO shall also submit a quarterly report in this regard to the IQAC Director.
11. Committee observed that Digital presence plays a significant role in peer perception and this could only be ensured by having an updated website and social media platform. Also resolved to constitute a core team responsible for ensuring timely updates to the website.
12. Committee opined that the score obtained by the University in the parameter Graduation Outcome can be improved by increasing the pass percentage of the students. For this their concerned weaker areas may be addressed properly and resolved to entrust the Departments to conduct Remedial classes, especially the Department of English may take necessary steps in this regard.
13. The Committee resolved to reinstate the special incentive scheme for the Ph.D scholars for encouraging them to submit the Doctoral thesis in a time bound manner.
14. Resolved to strengthen Career Placement Cells and build strong Alumni networks to help students secure top positions after graduation.
15. Resolved to promote SWAYAM/MOOC courses as part of the Academic programmes and provide necessary training for the faculty in this regard.
16. Resolved to implement Internet Radio in the University as an innovative platform which could positively impact the Accreditation and NIRF ranking.

Agenda II:AQAR 2023-24

The committee resolved to strengthen the role of Department/Campus level NAAC Coordinators in AQAR preparation and Accreditation process. Considering the upcoming accreditation cycle, it was decided to instruct all Departments/Centres reaffirming the appointment of NAAC Coordinator, responsible for supervising the collection, verification, and uploading of data related to AQAR and Accreditation. Also resolved to issue a Circular instructing the Departments/Centres/Sections and the Teachers to upload all the data in the portal before October 2nd week.

The meeting came to an end at 4.15 pm.

Vice Chancellor

