Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

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Minutes of Meeting of 43rd IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting
Held "Online – WebEx" on 25.03.2023, from 3:00 pm

In Chair: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. G Pardha Saradhi Varma

The 43rd Advisory Committee Meeting by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KLEF was held on 25/03/2023, from 3 pm.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor (Dr.) G. Pardha Saradhi Varma, in his foreword, welcomed all attendees and appreciated rigorous efforts put in by IQAC for assuring and enhancing quality in KLEF.

After this, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor handed over the proceedings to Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean (Quality) to continue further and take up the agenda for the meeting. The Dean-Quality commenced the meeting by once again welcoming the members.

A. Reporting Items:

1. AQAR_2021-22 Submitted
2. Report on IQAC-International Conference (Two-day)
3. Report on Recent achievements of KLEF (Rankings)
4. Data Submission for private rankings

B. Agenda Items:

1. ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 31-12-2022
2. Revised NAAC Metrics released.
3. Applying for QS I-Gauge Ratings 2023.
4. KLEF Calendar of Events 2023-24.
5. Any other item, with the permission of the chair.

Reporting Item 1: AQAR_2021-22 Submitted

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean (Quality) reported that AQAR 2021-22 has been submitted well in time on 31st December 2022. He also mentioned that this time data is submitted targeting A++ with better score in the upcoming 3rd cycle of NAAC Accreditation.

Important points:

All metrics as per the recent disclosure by NAAC have been verified by IQAC and submitted within the timeline. Some of the critical metrics are as follows:

- No. of faculty and % of faculty with PhD Qualification.
- No. of PhDs produced per Research Supervisor per year.
- Average No. of citations per paper.
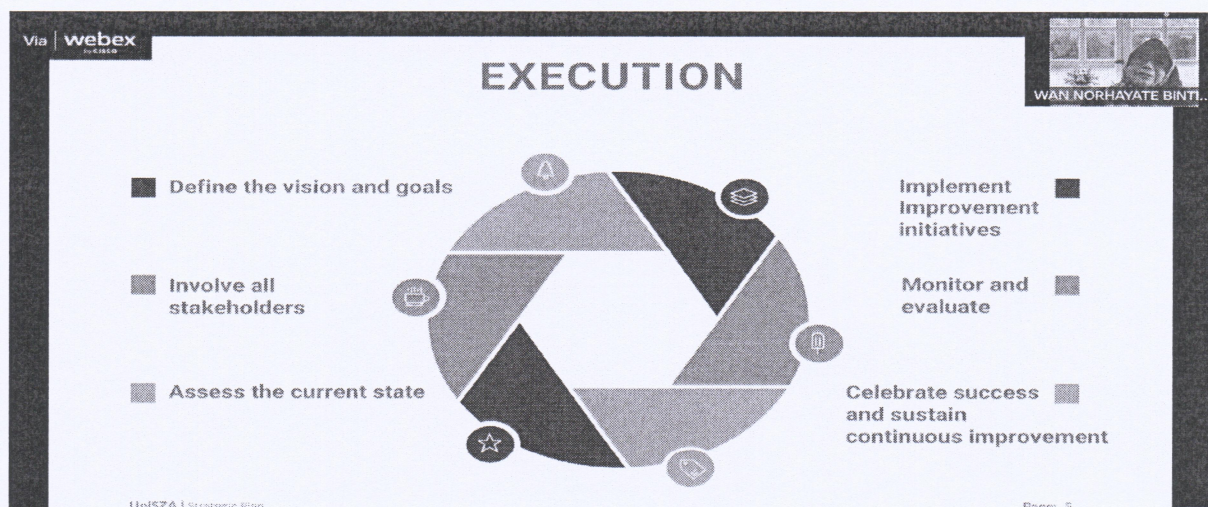- % Seats filled under SC/ST Category.

Reporting Item 2: Report on IQAC-International Conference (Two-day) on 10th & 11th February 2023

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with Academic Staff College (ASC) hosted 5th IAQHEI'2023 two days online conference (International) on 10th & 11th February 2023. This time the conference was sponsored by NAAC, AICTE, MHRD, India. Main theme of the conference was *'Innovative Mechanisms & Standards for Assuring Quality in Higher Education Institutions'*. The same themes have been continued since the previous four conferences. There were four sub-themes viz. *'Issues and challenges of developing Quality Assurance system, Standards & policies', 'Role of Quality assurance in Teaching & Research excellence framework', 'Quality in 3Ps (Programs, People and Process) in HEI's and Quality Assurance & Governance in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)' and 'Education 5.0: Opportunities and Challenges to match higher education quality with IR 5.0'.* Due to potential threat of 4th wave of Covid-19 Pandemic, the 5th IAQHEI-2023 was conducted online. No registration fee was charged, and all participants have been issued participation certificate subject to participation in 70% or more sessions. Including Chief Guest Dr. Abhirama Krishna Badruka Managing Director, Badruka Group of Institutions and Guest of Honor Dr K. Rama, Advisor, NAAC, 10 renowned speakers delivered keynote addresses. Five (5) Indian speakers from 'Delhi', 'Utter Pradesh', 'Karnataka', 'Tamil Nadu' and 'Telangana' and Five (5) international speakers from 'Kingdom of Bahrain', 'Malaysia', 'Nigeria', 'Sultanate of Oman' and 'United Kingdom'. Authors from four (4) countries submitted research papers: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Malaysia. Over 600 participants from eleven (11) Countries, i. e. Kingdom of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Canada, Malaysia, Nigeria, Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, UAE, UK, USA and host country, India. The Indian participants hail from 12 different states, i. e. Delhi, Uttaranchal, Himanchal Pradesh, Utter Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. Target audience were international academic and research community, Higher education administrators and policy makers, Employers and Industry executives and other stake holders from different countries.
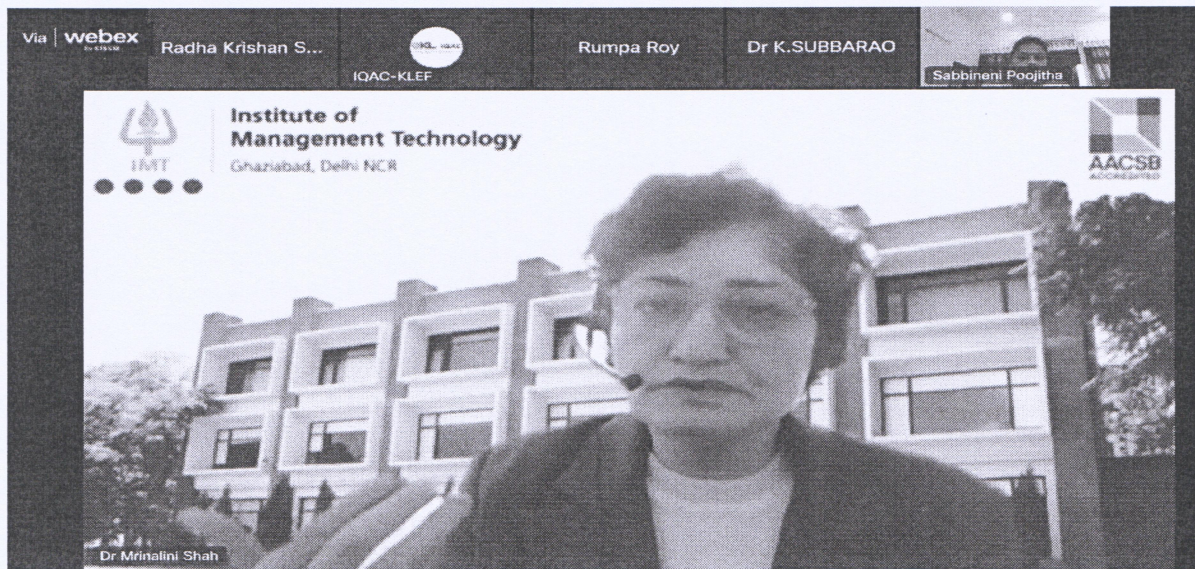
Day one: 10th February 2023: Dr. K. Subba Rao, Director-IQAC delivered welcome address followed by Dr Kolli Koteswara Rao, Advisor–IQAC, KLEF who delivered presidential address. **Dr. Abhirama Krishna Badruka**, Managing Director, Badruka Group of Institutions, Hyderabad, Telangana was the chief guest. **Dr. Abhirama Krishna Badruka** officially inaugurated the conference and delivered his address on *'Indian Higher Education-- Creating a Quality Mindset'.*

Day 1: Forenoon: Session – I: Theme I: Issues & challenges of developing Quality Assurance system, Standards & Policies

Resource Person, Prof. Anisur Rahman, Professor and Director UGC Human Resource Development Center, Jamia Millia Islamia, India, shared his expert views on 'Professional Development of Academic Staff in higher education: A Need of the Nation'. Followed by the next Resource Person, Dr Wan Norhayate Wan Daud, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), Malaysia, who spoke on "Challenges of Total Quality Management in Higher Education".

After lunch break A/N session of day one started on theme II: Role of Quality assurance in Teaching & Research excellence framework. The Resource Person, Prof. (Dr.) Mrinalini Shah, Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad, Founder of Management Veda, Enlighted audience on "Zero defect in Education: taking inspiration from Indian ethos".

The next keynote speaker Dr. John McAlaney, Professor in Psychology, Bournemouth University, UK, delivered a talk on 'Ensuring quality in interdisciplinary teaching'.

Day one concluded with closing remarks delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Radha Krishan Sharma.

Day 2: started with opening remarks for the second day of the conference by Prof. (Dr.) Radha Krishan Sharma. Prof Sharma welcomed the participants and very briefly reviewed the previous day's proceedings and the four themes which were chosen for this Conference.
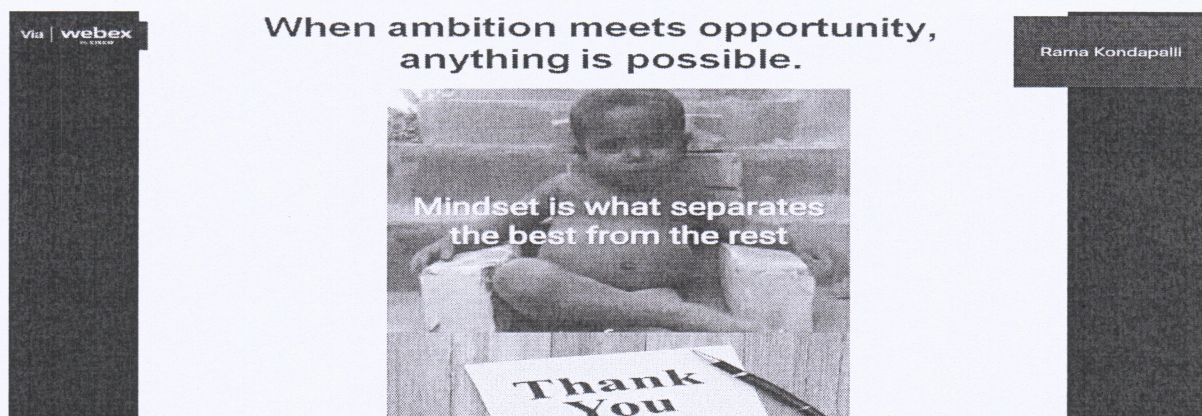
Forenoon: First Session started with address by Guest of Honor: Dr K. Rama, Advisor, NAAC, Bangalore.

Day 2: Forenoon Session – Theme III: Quality in 3Ps (Programs, People and Process) in HEI's and Quality Assurance & Governance in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

the Guest of Honor Dr K. Rama, Advisor-NAAC to the audience. Dr Rama happens to be one of the key persons in the preparation of revised (NAAC) Accreditation Framework and NEP. Dr Rama congratulated IQAC-KLEF for roping in several speakers from different countries and making the IAQHEI-2023 truly International.

Madam addressed the audience on 'Reforms in Higher Education: Revisiting the key elements in in Approaching quality'. In her address she highlighted the essential need of modern society as 'Reorganization of educational system through comprehensive view of education as a whole, Re-organize to suit the necessities of the life and train the students for life through four factors, i. e. training for living; cultivation of a social sense; equipping children with knowledge and practice of the rights and duties of the citizens and cultural view of life based on purity, devotion and character. While suggesting a Zero-Sum Game for education quality.
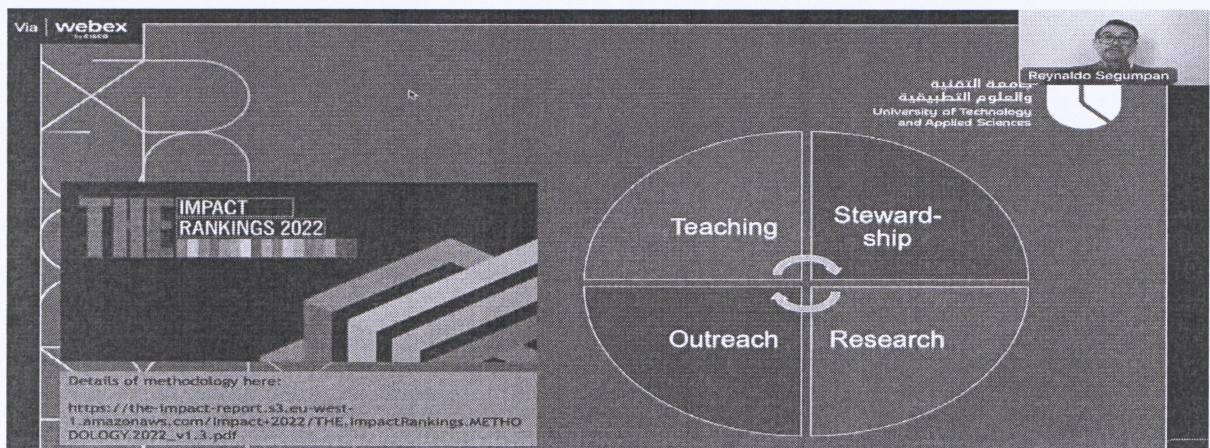

Madam expressed thanks to all participants and invited questions. Some of the audience including Dr. Rumpa Roy, Director internal Quality assurance, Gulf University, Kingdom

of Bahrain, and Dr. Reynaldo from UTAS-IBRI, Sultanate of Oman, raised doubts/questions, which were effectively addressed by madam.
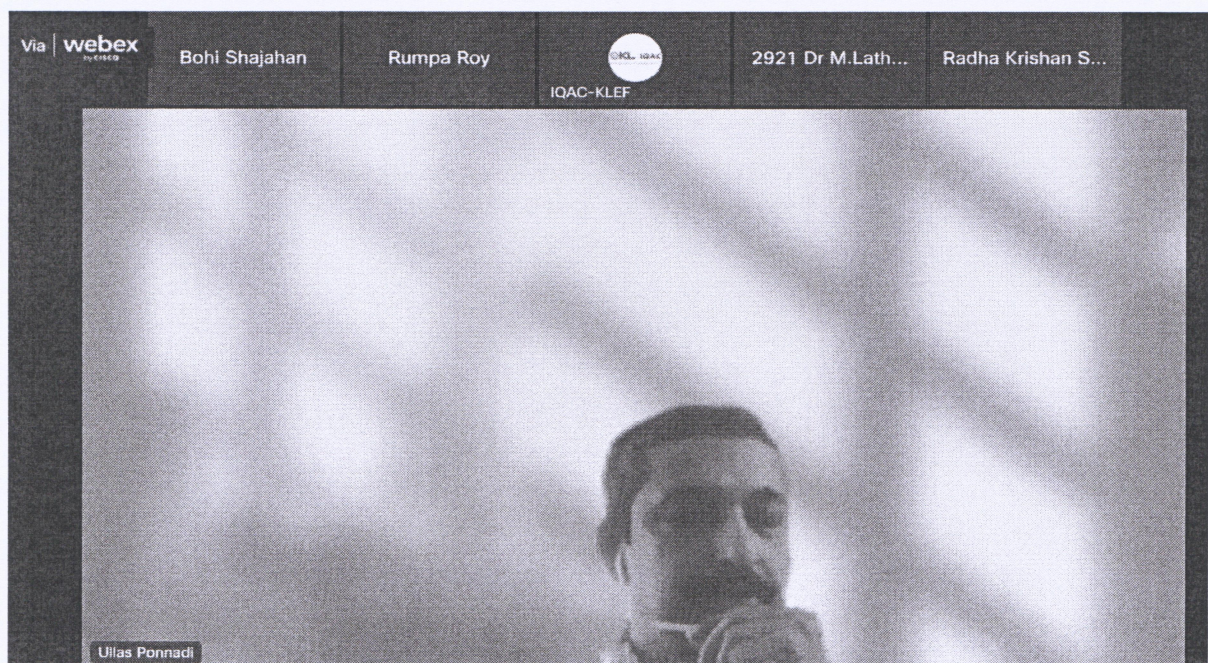
Day 2: Forenoon: Second Session

The next Speaker, Dr Reynaldo Gacho Segumpan, Former HOD, Business Administration, University of Technology & Applied Sciences, IBRI (UTAS), Sultanate of Oman spoke on "Quality Enhancement Through Manpower Development: Exploring Best Practices in Higher Education".

Day 2: Afternoon Session – Theme IV: Education 5.0: Opportunities and Challenges to match higher education quality with IR 5.0.

On 2nd Day Afternoon, First Session Keynote Speaker was Mr. Ullas Ponnadi, Founder Director, UB Ventura LLP, Cochin, India, who spoke on 'Education 5.0 and New Education Policy 2020 of India.

The next Resource Person of 2nd day afternoon Prof. Dileep Kumar, M., Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Nile University of Nigeria, shared his expert views on 'Education 5.0 and Way Forward...!!!'

Prof. Dr. Dileep Kumar M.

Valedictory function:

In the valedictory function, the Director-IQAC, Dr. K. Subba Rao announced the prize winners of the paper contest, which was conducted parallelly on the sidelines of the Conference. Among the papers received, 12 were shortlisted after scrutiny and were presented during the Conference. The best papers were given cash prizes of Rs. 5,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/-.

Panel of Judges are Prof. (Dr.) M Venu Gopala Rao (Convener), Dept. ECE, KLEF and Assoc Dean – IQAC KLEF; Prof. (Dr.) V. Chandra Prakash, Dept of CSE, KLEF; Prof. (Dr.) G. Divakar, Dept of Mechanical Engg, KLEF; Dr. P. V. Ravi Kumar, Assoc. Professor, Dept of English, KLEF and Dr. P Lakshmi Prassana, Assoc. Dean –IQAC, KLEF.

The winners are:

First prize: Mr. Abhishek Anand (IBM GLAU-India) and Dr. R. K Dwivedi (IBM GLAU-India for their paper '*A Comparative Study of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Educational Institutions of India and China'.*

Second Prize: Dr Ankita Raj (RUSA-India), Dr. Naresh Bhaskar Raj (USZA-Malaysia), Ms. Bohi Shajahan (AIU-Bangladesh), 'Ways to improve quality of teaching and learning in higher education: case study from Varanasi division'.

Third Prize: Anuradha Bandyopadhyay Shanker (KLEF-India), 'Fostering Excellence in Education: the case for TQM in implementing a course on Research Methods in higher education in India'.

Feedback was collected from all the participants at the end of each session and was shared among the speakers.

In the Valedictory function, Dr. Rumpa Roy, Director, Quality Assurance and Development Center, Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain delivered valedictory address and appreciated efforts place by IQAC-KLEF.

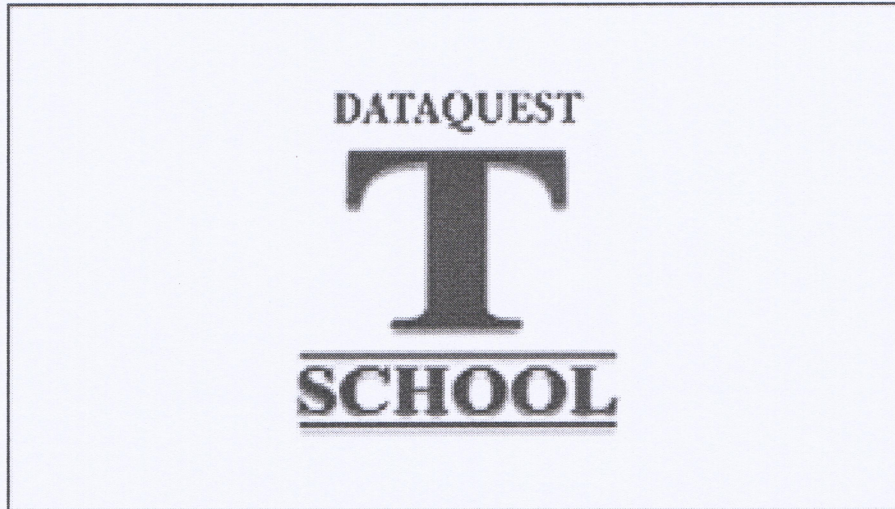Dr. Rumpa Roy   dqa@gulfuniversity.edu.bh

Takeaway Points:
- To create quality mindset in moving from inspection to trusted advisor and drive quality.
- Focus on the need for staff professional development and overcoming challenges.
- Significance of TQM approach for addressing challenges in implementation.
- Ensuring continuous quality enhancement with Zero Defect approach; Reorganization of higher education sector with value-based approach, entrepreneurship view, improving quality of teaching in higher education and so on.
- Fixing priorities of universities such as internationalization, partnership with industry, research collaboration, staff and student exchange, contribution towards SDGs, digital transformation etc.
- Focus to Education 5.0 towards integration of technology and human triggered inquisitiveness in terms of outward looking initiatives, developing learning communities, competency-based education with purposefulness and mindfulness.
- Emphasize on 'learn', 'unlearn', and 'relearn'.

Reporting Item 3: Report on Recent achievements of KLEF (Rankings)

Data Quest-Top T-Schools in India 2022-23

- 9th -Top 100 T-Schools (overall): Government and Private sector
- 4th -Top T-Schools in India 2023 (Private).
- 4th -Top South-Zone T-schools 2023

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Reporting Item 4: **Report on Data Submission for private rankings**

Data for following private rankings have been submitted:

- INDIA TODAY-MDRA BEST COLLEGES RANKING – 2023
- India Today- MDRA Best Universities Ranking 2023 (GENERAL)

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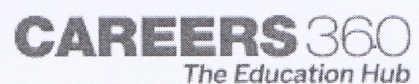
- The Week: Best College Survey 2023
- The Week: Best University Survey 2023

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- QS-World ranking 2024

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- Careers 360 Rating

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Discussion on Agenda Items:

Agenda Item 1: ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 31/12/2022.

A. Offering Basic Sanskrit Language as a 3-0-0-0 Elective course from the upcoming academic year, 2023-24.

An Office Note should be sent to concerned functionaries through the proper channel.

B. Establishment of Electoral Literacy Club (ELC):

The Electoral Literacy Club has been re-constituted under Student Activity Centre (SAC).

C. To explore the possibility of KLUBS going for AACSB & AMBA Accreditations:

In view of some technical issues concerning the eligibility criteria that are being followed for MBA Programs, this proposal is kept under abeyance for the time being.

D. Considering Mr. K. Sudheer Babu, Sr. Manager-Talent Acquisition, Stellantis, Hyderabad as Industry Nominee for the IQAC Advisory Committee.

This shall be taken up at the time of re-constituting the IQAC Advisory Committee with new External members.

Agenda Item 2: Revised NAAC Metrics released.

The Dean-Quality informed the members that NAAC has released new QnM benchmarks for Universities, Autonomous and Accredited colleges. Some of the significant changes are as follows:

1. Weightage of QIMs is increased from 264 to 339 (out of 1000 marks).
2. Financial support for conferences and professional membership of Rs. 5,000/- or more will only be considered, etc.
3. Seed money Rs. 1 Lakh and above provided by the university, only will be considered.
4. No. of JRF/SRFs will be considered as a percentage of No. of Ph.D. scholars of the university.
5. For some of the metrics, unique No. of faculty for five years will be considered as denominator.
6. Audited statements of accounts are mandatory as financial evidence, duly signed and certified by a Chartered Accountant.

Resolution: The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has directed Dean-Quality to share new NAAC Metrics to all functionaries (Deans, COE & the Office of the Registrar) and advocated the Deans to go through the new NAAC Metrics thoroughly and prepare themselves for the upcoming 3rd cycle of NAAC Accreditation scheduled towards the end of this year.

Responsible Persons: All Deans, COE & the Registrar.

Agenda Item 3: Applying for QS I-Gauge Ratings 2023

The Dean-Quality informed the members that IQAC has initiated the process of submitting data for the prestigious QS I-Gauge Ratings 2023 and the present status is as follows:

- This time QS I-GAUGE Rating will be only for two years (2023-2025).
- QS-I Gauge representative delivered an orientation session (online) about data submission and ranking process on 23rd March 2023.
- IQAC started collection of data from various functionaries.
- Data must be uploaded within eight (8) weeks from the date of orientation.

Resolution: It is resolved that all functionaries shall provide necessary inputs to IQAC so that KLEF would at least retain Diamond rating, as obtained in 2020, if not, the Platinum Rating.

Responsible Persons: Dean-Quality and all functionaries.

Agenda Item 4: KLEF Calendar of Events 2023-24

The Dean-Quality informed the members that with the approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KLEF, a committee shall be constituted to develop the KLEF Calendar of Events for the Academic Year, 2023-24. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KLEF has directed the Dean-Quality to initiate the process and take the lead in preparing the Draft University Calendar of Events, 2023-24.
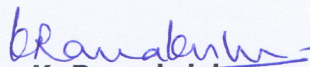
Resolution: It is resolved that the Dean-Quality shall initiate the process of developing the KLEF Calendar of Events 2023-24. All functionaries are requested to provide necessary inputs to Dean-Quality, who will prepare the Draft and submit it to the Registrar before 31st May 2023.

Responsible Persons: Dean-Quality and all functionaries.

Agenda Item 5: Any other item, with the permission of a chair.

No additional item was raised and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned with the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor thanking the members for their cooperation.

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