

“MINUTES” of 26th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

VENUE: F008 (Conference Room)

DATE: 12-11-2018

TIME: 03:30 P.M.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members to this eventful meeting and announced the unique grade (A++) achieved by the institution at the recent NAAC accreditation. He then requested Dean (Quality) to conduct the proceedings.

Agenda Item No.: (1) – REPORT ON NAAC RESULT AND ITS ANALYSIS

At the outset Dr. Rama Krishna thanked Dr. Trimoorthy for his invaluable advise, support and contribution in achieving this rare honor.

In response, Dr. Trimoorthy highlighted some of the unique qualities that K L University and the erstwhile K.L.C.E. possessed. He complimented the Management for continuously holding the faculty in good esteem and the teachers on their part, for adequately reciprocating with diligent efforts commensurate with the trust placed in them.

Dr. Rama Krishna presented the salient portions of the NAAC exit report and pointed out to the strengths and weakness of the institution as viewed from the NAAC perspective.

Dr. Trimoorthy suggested that KLU students who volunteer to participate in outreach programs should contribute more proactively and take the fruits of technology to the smart villages adopted, and this should be done in a manner that make the results obvious. In this respect, Dr. Trimoorthy reiterated that at every possible opportunity – what we do should be properly documented. He added that ‘content building’ is an important aspect of building quality.

Dr. L.S.S. Reddy has mentioned that the Central Government Sponsored Smart Village program taken up by the University and the startups exhibition have been widely appreciated.

Dr. Trimoorthy emphasized the need to identify the openings for similar “startups” which should be popularized through appropriate, flawless content development. The University has to enter into MOUs with various International Organizations which would greatly facilitate the launch of such innovative programs. KLU has now to concentrate on this second phase of the outreach program.

RESOLUTION: It was decided that each of the NAAC recommendations has to be directed to the functionary concerned so that due remedial measures can be expedited.

Agenda Item No.: (2) – REPORT ON WORKSHOPS HELD

Dean has briefed all the members the Workshops conducted / held during the last 3 months period as given below:

- (i) The 8th Induction program for newly joined faculty is organized from 03-07-2018 to 05-07-2018.
- (ii) Interactive Workshop with the Theme “Effective Time Management and Productivity” on 19th September, 2018.
- (iii) One-Day workshop on “Need for Quality and Context in Engineering and Sciences Research by IQAC and CAES in collaboration with IGCAR Kalpakkam on 29-09-2018.
- (iv) 3-Week Training Programme on “Certified Lab View Associate Developer” (CLAD) from 12-11-2018 to 03-12-2018 (3-Weeks).

Agenda Item No.: (3) – WORLD QUALITY DAY CELEBRATIONS-ORGANIZING

Dr. Rama Krishna announced that KLU would be celebrating World Quality Day on 19-11-2018 and that IQAC will organize the event on behalf of K L University.

Giving details of the program Dr. Shanmukh Prasad, Assoc. Dean (IQAC) said that Quality Awards will be given in various categories on this occasion.

Dr. V. Rajesh, Dean (Staff & Faculty Affairs) suggested that the criteria for selection should be made transparent.

Agenda Item No.: (4) – VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK-ORGANIZING

Continuing his presentation, Dr. Rama Krishna mentioned that Vigilance Awareness Week will be organized during last week of November-2018 and all members will take a Pledge on that occasion.

Agenda Item No.: (5) – DISCUSSION ON EXAM SECTION AUDIT AND QUALITY CIRCLES STUDENTS FEEDBACK

Dr. Trimoorthy suggested that Ph.D entrance exams should be conducted online to facilitate outstation candidates from all over India. In response Dr. Rama Krishna assured him that steps are afoot to conduct the Ph.D exam online from the current semester.

Dr. Trimoorthy suggested that the Vice-Chancellor’s Office should be provided a Dash Board to improve and command the overall communication network of the campus.

Dr. Trimoorthy also pointed out the need to arrange frequent visits of young school students (8th – 12th Class) to various departments and labs in the campus. A Dean and a program may be put in place for that purpose. That would act as an impetus for impacting the next generation. Various competitions can be held to connect institutions. This explores the underlying fact that 'society speaks for itself'.

Dr. Ram Kumar pointed out that examination audit experts should be from the same discipline. Dr. Rama Krishna opined that it is not feasible to appoint experts from the same department. Hence, Dr. Ram Kumar said that external auditors should be appointed. The viability of appointing external experts for 29 departments has to be examined.

Dr. Suman informed the house about the introduction of Help Desk as an entry point to visitors and how he/she will be immediately directed to the Department/ Head/ Dean/ Faculty with whom an appointment is sought.

Dr. Suman raised a point regarding the insufficient data related to systems specifications that was being recorded in the lab registers.

Any Other Item – INDUCTING ACADEMIC STAFF COLLEGE PRINCIPAL INTO THE IQAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Rama Krishna informed the members that somehow the ASC-Principal name is not reflected in the list of Advisory Committee as the IQAC is coordinating many activities with Academic Staff College (ASC). The Dean requested the Chair to permit the inclusive of ASC-Principal as a member.

RESOLUTION: The House permitted inclusion of ASC-Principal as a Member of IQAC Advisory Committee.

In his closing remarks Dr. L.S.S. Reddy, Vice-Chancellor expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the members of faculty and staff of the University for the services rendered towards the attainment of the long- cherished goal of A++ rank, a Tier-1 institution on the national map.

The meeting was adjourned at 04.45 p.m.

Dr. Rama Krishna

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