



Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
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Minutes of 35th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

Venue: Online

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Time: 2-3:15 PM

With the permission of the chair, Dr. L. S. S. Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, KLEF the Registrar, Dr. Y. V. S. S. V Prasada Rao, Registrar, commenced the 35th IQAC Advisory Committee meeting with heartily welcome to the members of the committee. Then he requested Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean IQAC & Secretary of the meeting committee to take on.

With a greet and welcome to all the members the meeting is started by the secretary. At first the agenda items are presented to the members by Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQACas follows.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Report on IAQHEI'2021**
- 2. Report on Academic Administrative Audit (AAA)**
- 3. Report on AQAR: 2019-20 Acceptance**
- 4. Finalization of Calendar of Events 2021 – 22**
- 5. Others**
 - **a. Suggestions by the External Expert Prof. P. Thrimurthy**
 - **b. THE Emerging Economies University Rankings 2021**
 - **c. Central Facilities Audit**

Agenda Point 1: Report on IAQHEI'2021

Dr. K Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that IQAHEI'2021(Innovative mechanisms & standards for Assuring Quality in HEIs) 2 Day National Level conference held on 29th & 30th January 2021 with 22 resource persons through online mode due to COVID-19 pandemic had a huge response from participants. He reported that 778 participants were registered for the conference and the certificates are issued to them. This number includes the participants from international countries – Australia & Oman, 22 states (AP, CG, DL, GJ, HR, JH, KA, KL, ML, MH, MP, MZ, NL, TN, OD, PJ, RJ, SK, TS, UP, UK, WB), 3 industries (TCS, Power Corporation & Prime Technologies) and others (All India Lawyers Association Rajasthan, High Court & RDG public school) of our country INDIA. On day1 of the conference the total attendees are 878 where as on day2 are 1451. The 22 resource persons includes **Dr. K. Hemachandra Reddy**, Chairman – APSCHE, **Dr. K. Jayarami Reddy**, CEO – AP Science City, **Dr. D.P. Agrawal**, Ex. Chairman

– UPSC, India, **Dr. N. Jayasankaran**, Ex. Vice Chancellor, Kanchi University, Director General, BIM Tiruchirapalli, **Dr. S. Satyanarayana**, Ex. Vice Chancellor – Osmania University, **Dr. G. Rajagopal**, Rtd. Professor – EFLU (CIEFL, Hyd), **Dr. V. Venkaiah**, Ex. Vice Chancellor – Krishna University, **Dr. B. Raja Shekhar**, Pro- Vice Chancellor 2, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, **Dr. Jawahar Suriseti**, Advisor – Government of INDIA, **Dr. Kiran Somvanshi**, Business Journalist, The Economic Times, **Dr. Ashwin Fernandez**, CEO – India QS iGauge rating, **Dr. M.R. Kurup**, Secretary – Kelkar Educational Society (Mumbai), **Dr. Rajesh Tandon**, Founder President - PRIA and UNESCO Co-Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, **Dr. Sandhya Chintala**, Executive Director, IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM, **Dr. Gouranga Lal Datta**, Former CHANCELLOR, Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation, **Sri. B. Lakshmi Kantham**, IAS, Former District Collector, Krishna District, **Dr. N. Haritha Kumari**, HOD (Anatomy), Bharati Vidyapeeth Dental College, Navi Mumbai, **Dr. Ashutosh Marathe**, DEAN (Academics), Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune, **Dr. Sangeetha Milind Joshi**, Director (IQAC), Vidyalkar Institute of Technology, Mumbai, **Dr. Satish Vasu Kailas**, Professor (Mechanical Engineering), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, **Dr. P.V. Chalapathi**, Professor (Mechanical Engineering), Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation.

The few takeaways of the conference from the 22 resource persons are brought to the notice of the members. The virtual mode conference conduction with well designed interfaces was very clearly explained by the secretary. Then the data of paper presentations took place in the conference in 4 different themes and the prize winners details are displayed to the members as follows.

Themes

1. Quality assurance in Indian HEIs
New frontiers, issues and challenges in context of Covid-19 pandemic
2. Quality assurance in Online Teaching-Learning Process (or Online education) in indian HEIs
3. Promoting Quality Culture in Indian HEIs
Need to ignite minds for innovative Teaching methods
4. Igniting minds for Innovation through Quality concepts applied to HEIs
Quality Circles, Kaizen, 5-s, Six Sigma, Poka-yoke , SMED, WCM/TPM circle

No of Papers received : 34

No of papers eligible for presentation : 24

No of prizes announced : 3 (1st prize – 0, 2nd prizes – 2, 3rd prize – 1)

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQACconveyed his special thanks to **Dr. V.Venkaiah**, Ex-Vice Chancellor, for helping in framing the above themes for the conference.

The feedback analysis taken on a 5 point scale from the participants of the conference shown a 73.5% against 5 points, 23.4% against 4 points, 1.0% against 3 points, 1.0% against 2 points, 1.0% against 1 point indicating that the conference was a great success.

All the advisory committee members appreciated the efforts of IQAC and the organizing committee members of the conference concerned for this Achievement. Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQAC expressed his thanks to the VC and the management for extending their cooperation in conducting such a successful conference.

Agenda Point 2: Report on Academic Administrative Audit (AAA)

The Dean (Quality) has informed the members that two external auditors **Dr. Meena Chintamaneni**, Registrar, NMIMS (Deemed to be University) – Mumbai and **Dr. Audipudi Amruthavalli**, Assoc Professor, Acharya Nagarjuna University – Guntur were invited to conduct the AAA on **1st – 2nd March, 2021** which was a mandatory requirement as per the NAAC and which is conducted once in every year for the benefit of the university in the following departments.

Dean (Academics), Dean (Research & Development), Dean (Faculty & Staff Affairs), Dean (Planning & Development), Dean (Placement & Progression), Dean (Skill Development), Office of Registrar.

The two auditors were conducted an extensive audit and submitted their audit report which was communicated to the respective departments. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor sir has given 15 days time for complying the remarks of auditors by the Deans/Heads of the concerned departments. For the information of the members Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQAC has presented a gist of the observations/suggestions/ of the audit.

Agenda Point 3: Report on AQAR: 2019-20 Acceptance

Yearly AQAR for 2019-2020 to NAAC, was submitted in time on 30-12-2020 against last date of 31-12-2020. It has undergone revisions by the expert committee and they sought some explanation from the university. The university also submitted the explanations satisfactorily and NAAC has accepted the explanations. The status of acceptance from NAAC portal was presented as a proof to the members by the secretary. Secretary explained the steps taken before submission of AQAR and validation of data i.e. 1 conducting external inspections by external members (1 external member from PUNE and 1 external member from ANU, GUNTUR) as well 2. Series of internal inspections and audits to the members.

With the permission of the chair, secretary moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Point 4: Finalization of Calendar of Events 2021 – 22

Dr. K Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality requested the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee for the preparation of the calendar of events for the academic year 2021-22 as a part of every year practice which will be followed by every functionary of the

University. At The same time Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQACinformed the efforts put in by the office of Registrar in the successful monitoring of 2020-21 calendar of events (approximately 1600 events).

Secretary thanked Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for the assurance given by him for the committee formation to finalize the calendar of events for next academic year i.e. 2021-22 .

With the permission of the chair Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQACmoved on to the other agenda items.

Agenda Point 5: Others

a. Suggestions by the External Expert Prof. P. Thrimurthy

The concerns/suggestions regarding syllabus updation, introducing new programs, innovative teaching learning practices, etc.. raised in the sight of the betterment of the university by Prof. P. Trimurthy are presented to the members by Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQACand an in detailed discussion has been taken place.

Prof. P. Trimurthy has suggest for building the record for point to point and every effort that the University has put in to overcome the barriers of COVID-19 pandemic situation in all aspects. This record should be like a BHAGAVDGEETA in future for KL University and outside observers.

A detailed point by point explanation with proofs is presented by the secretary, Dr. A. Srinath, Principal, ASC and Hon'ble VC sir for the suggestions/points given by Prof. P. Trimurthy with an assurance of maintaining the records in future if not done so far in any case.

After thorough explanation, Prof. Trimurthy appreciated the procedures with respective to record maintenance, audits, conduction of DAC, BOS, AC, etc.. which are in progress at KLEF University.

Prof. Venkaiah, explained the need of bringing delightedness rather taking care of satisfaction of the students by revisiting, reformulating, redesigning and repositioning our services towards stake holders. He said that **no policy/strategy is static**. It is always to be modified for creating optimal learning, joyful learning environment where students must be involved in active learning with quality dimension.

During the discussion, as an example for mentor mentee suggestion made by prof. Trimurthy the Dean (IQAC) explained the procedure designed emphasised by the President sir is **"to conduct a grievance redressal week in which all the grievances from students should be resolved"** which was well appreciated by all the members.

b. THE Emerging Economies University Rankings 2021

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQAC explained the procedure of extracting the data from the records placed in website is the key for THE world rankings.

In THE (Times Higher Education) world rankings, KLU is placed in the 401-500 band. This is the first time KLU have entered into world rankings with metrics specified .

From INDIA, in subject wise rankings, CSE branch of our University stood in the band of 601-800 in the word which is on par with other prominent universities, across India

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQAC also informed to the members about the rankings achieved by the University in the rankings announced by **OUTLOOK-ICARE INDIA UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2020**. KLU stood in 12th position among the 50 deemed to be universities and 32nd position among the top 75 Universities in INDIA in 2020.

c. Central Facilities Audit

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, IQAC informed to the members that a central level audit is in progress which was scheduled from 12th – 22nd March, 2021. 3/8 (Transport, Hostels (Boys), Hostels (Girls)) central facilities audits are completed and the remaining 5 (Health Centers & Sports, Canteens & Cafeterias, ET facility, Networking & Hardware, Central Instrumentation centre & Research Labs, Animal Houses) also will be completed as per the schedule.

d. Introduction of Mandatory Social Internship/Fieldwork at the end of first year. from the Academic year, 2021-22.

All the I Year students shall be benefited by this initiative as they come to understand the life in rural India themselves and provide their ideas/suggestions in resolving the problems.

e. Introduction of L-T-P-S structure in place of L-T-P structure.

IQAC proposes that to give more emphasis in skilling as per the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and AP skill development corporation, besides the feedback of Industrial peers, some of the courses shall be strengthened by adding skill component as mandatory in the course structure.

Registrar requested the VC sir to conclude the meeting with his concluding remarks.

VC sir appreciated the IQAC's efforts in achieving the first time world better rankings. VC sir concluded the meeting by summarizing the meeting with special thanks to Prof. P. Trimurthy for his valuable suggestions which will definitely help the University to grow and reach further heights.



Dr K. Ramakrishna
(Dean-Quality)

To: All the Advisory Committee Members

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