

GOA UNIVERSITY
Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Minutes of the IQAC Meeting

A meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held on 1 July 2016 at 16:00 pm at the Senate Hall with the following agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 28 January 2016
2. Review of 2015-16, Annual Report and AQAR 2015-16
3. Website initiatives and repository progress
4. Plans for 2016-17
5. Any other business with permission of Chair

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Dr. S.R Shetye—Chairperson
2. Shri Gaurish Bharne, Head, Persistent Systems Ltd., Verna – Member
3. Prof. Andre Rafael Fernandes, Dept. of English – Member
4. Prof. H.B. Menon, Dept. of Marine Science – Member
5. Prof. S. Nazareth, Dept. of Microbiology – Member
6. Dr. Jyoti Pawar, Dept. of Computer Science and Technology – Member
7. Prof. K.S.Priolkar, Dept. of Physics – Member
8. Prof. Y.V. Reddy, Registrar – Member
9. Prof. Koshy Tharakan, Dept. of Philosophy – Member
10. Prof. Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Dept. of Economics and Director, IQAC – Member
Secretary
11. Dr. M.P. Tapaswi, OSD, IQAC – Special Invitee

The following members were unable to attend.

Mr Dean Menezes and Mr Ralph De Souza

Prof. Mukhopadhyay, Director, IQAC and Member Secretary welcomed the members.

Dr. S.R. Shetye, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson was unable to attend the entire meeting as he was required to be at another meeting taking place simultaneously.

The members deliberated on the agenda as follows:

1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 28 Jan 2016 meeting that were circulated were confirmed.

2. Review of 2015-16, Annual Report and AQAR 2015-16

The members were informed about the work in progress on compilation of information for the AY 2015-16. This is being done based on information received in Google forms duly filled by the faculty members in the PBAS format. As of date 78 faculty members had provided the information and the follow up actions are being taken with others. The IQAC is coordinating

with the Annual Report Committee to bring out an early draft of the AQAR and the Annual Report

The members were also informed about the participation of Goa University in different ranking agencies from the NIRF, MHRD, The Week and India Today.

The members were also briefed about the findings by an Intern who did her summer internship with IQAC (Ms Kavya Sudersan from Mumbai University) on the various ranking methods and how Goa ranks under different categories. The study revealed that the ranking agencies other than NIRF give a high weight to the subjective criteria such as perception and that could be a constraint for Goa University to rank better while competing with older and well-established universities. The other factor that came up in the discussion is that all ranking agencies judge the University output without considering the inputs like manpower and infrastructure. The Goa University then has a disadvantage when it competes with other Universities where the faculty strength is much higher.

3. Website initiatives and repository progress

Since the University's website is the mirror of University's activities, members were informed that IQAC took up the task of homogeneous presentation of webpages while improvising the contents. The focus, to start with, is on the departmental and faculty pages. Following suggestions were put forward by the members during demonstration of these pages:

Departmental pages:

- Focus on the Area of research interest of the faculty be highlighted as the visitors aspiring to join for Doctoral programmes look for a matching research interest among faculty – under whose supervision they can study.
- The academic programmes that have been announced in the University Handbook be displayed on the departmental pages including M.Phil. Programmes.
- Reword the line “Dept is not working on projects” to “Currently no projects are handled by the Dept” resulting projects link to nil projects list.
- The idea of populating ‘About us’ by providing time-series graphics on as many aspects (to start with publications, graduated PhD students, masters programmes students) for all departments was well accepted. Graphics on placements would also provide important information to the visitors in the future.

Faculty pages:

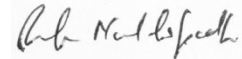
- Faculty may highlight the infrastructure/laboratories they have created in ‘Other information’ area in order to help better understanding of the visitors, especially aspiring doctoral students, for identification of right research guide/supervisor.
- The links provided to PhD Students list indicate NET/SET qualification. This needs to be periodically updated by acquiring a list of NET/SET qualified candidates from centralized agencies. This can be done by the university administration.
- Individual collaboration for writing papers should only find a place in ‘other information’ link of the faculty pages. Signed collaborations, MoUs may find a place on the Departmental pages on a link ‘About us’ or other information as appropriate.

- Awards link may only list the awards that are offered for life-time achievements and prestigious fellowships and not for single work (such as best paper at a conference). Individuals may write awards received for single work in 'other information'.

4. Plans for 2016-17

As indicated in agenda items 2 and 3. There were also plans to do more Open source software trainings. A proposal in this regard has been received from IIT Mumbai initiative on Spoken Tutorials which would be discussed further.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.



(Pranab Mukhopadhyay)
Director, IQAC