

GOA UNIVERSITY  
Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Minutes of the DIQA/IQAC Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2019 at 3:00 pm

A meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (DIQA/IQAC) committee was held on 9 July 2019 at 3:00 pm under the Chairmanship of Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor in his Chamber.

The members who attended the meeting were:

1. Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2. Prof. Y.V. Reddy	Registrar
3. Shri Anselmo Rosa	Representative HoCC
4. Prof. Anuradha Wagle	CoE
5. Dr. A.A.A. Viegas	Member
6. Shri Ramrao Wagh	Member
7. Prof. Kaustubh R.S. Priolkar	Member
8. Prof. Sanjeev C. Ghadi	Member
9. Prof. R.S. Gad	Member
10. Dr. Nandita de Souza	External Expert
11. Shri Kirit Maganlal	External Expert
12. Prof. Pranab Mukhopadhyay	Member Secretary; Director, IQAC/DIQA and Finance Officer
13. Prof. R.V. Pai, Coordinator, NAAC committee	Special invitee
14. Prof. M.K. Janarthanam,	Special invitee

Besides the DIQA staff Dr. M.P. Tapaswi and Shri Uday Warang also attended.

Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson, DIQA/IQAC Committee welcomed the members and requested the Member Secretary to begin with the agenda. The members deliberated on the agenda items as follows:

### **1. Confirmation of minutes of earlier meetings and action taken report**

The minutes of the earlier meetings (21 Feb and 26 Feb 2019) were shared with members over mail and the committee confirmed the same. The Member Secretary tabled the action items on the agenda. A brief record of the discussion/suggestions are as below:

#### **1.1. RIF scheme:**

(a) It was decided that faculty members could with due permission from Vice-Chancellor, transfer or exchange points if the need was justifiable.

(b) It was also proposed to examine the pros and cons of having a higher incentive for articles published in the 10% of the journals which is currently reserved for Q1 journals. The consensus feeling was that DRDM would deliberate on the matter and revert back to the DIQA with suggestions.

A comprehensive note would be prepared by DRDM in this matter and also incorporating the suggestion that Executive Council would from time to time on the recommendation of the DRDM/DIQA alter the points to credit system.

Action: Director, DRDM

## 1.2. Student Satisfaction Survey:

DIQA has completed the regular student feedback. However since NAAC conducts a Student Satisfaction Survey, DIQA would conduct a similar survey using the NAAC form for Part II students at the earliest and of Part I students sometime in September 2019.

Action: Director, DIQA

## 1.3. Green initiatives:

The Chairperson informed members that Solar power generation on the campus would soon be a reality as the DHE had already informed of the identification of the service provider.

The action taken report (Annexure) was also approved after discussion as above.

## **2. Proposal of Prof. J.A.E. Desa about funding for chapter in a book**

The proposal was discussed in detail and the members arrived at following decision:

- (a) The incentive scheme has been introduced post-superannuation of Prof. Desa thereby he does not have any points accrued at his credit.
- (b) However, DRDM may propose a policy on how individuals who superannuate but are continuing to guide PhDs or taking classes can use accumulated points for their PhD students.

Action: DRDM

## **3. Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) on campus**

President of the GUTA, Prof. Gad made a presentation on a proposal received from a service provider called Yulu Bikes. The members welcomed the idea of use of bicycles on the campus. However, it was suggested that since the amount involved is large, the service should be e-tendered. Prof. Gad was requested to coordinate with AR(Purchase) initiate the e-tender process.

Action: Prof. Gad, GUTA/AR(Purchase)

## **4. Revisiting repository and incentives upload policy**

OSD, DIQA, Dr Tapaswi brought attention to the current practice of adding publications to the repository and crediting incentives. He pointed out that currently, only those papers that have received their page numbers are added to the repository. However, there are a number of articles that are awaiting for publication (after acceptance of the article and providing DoI). This trend is on the increase. Keeping in mind the current trends in publishing, it was therefore proposed that the DIQA would add articles to the repository as soon as the same has DoI and is available online after editing, without waiting for a volume and/or page number to the same. This would make doing the same work twice, but in the interest of increasing visibility of the research work of University it would be desirable to follow this policy. The updating of the existing record would be undertaken once the article is officially published.

Action: DIQA

## **5. Goa University ranking in NIRF-2019, The Week-2019 and the India Today 2019**

The members were appraised about the rank of the University in NIRF-2019 (93) as compared to the NIRF-2018 (68). It was pointed out that the reduced score in the 'Teaching, Learning and Resources' (TLR) was probably the major cause. But it was perplexing that there was a large

drop in the TLR score. The members were appraised that the computations of the score on this parameter were sought from NIRF secretariat. But NIRF did not respond.

What is even more perplexing is that while the Goa University dropped in NIRF ranks, there is an improvement in the rank with other ranking agencies (The Week and India Today).

#### **6. Research Collaborations by the authors from Goa University**

DIQA's OSD undertook an internal study of Goa University authors collaborating with other organizations during 2014-2018. The results of this study supported the principle of 'more the authors from other countries better the citations'. The Vice-Chancellor suggested to bring this study to the notice of the Goa University faculty.

Action: DIQA

#### **7. Visibility of the Goa University faculty members on select research platforms**

DIQA also undertook an internal study on the visibility of the faculty members on academic social network platforms (Google Scholar Profile, ORCID, Mendeley and ResearchGate). It was pointed out that there was a very low presence of the faculty on these platforms. This might affect the 'attention score' as computed by agencies like Altmetrics, PlumX that is gaining importance in research arena. Presence of work done by the faculty on these as well as other popular social network platforms (such as Twitter, FaceBook) would not only bring the visibility of the individuals but also the organization as a whole. The Vice-Chancellor suggested to bring this study to the notice of the Goa University faculty.

Action: DIQA

#### **8. Website matters:**

The members were informed about the new data sets that are on the website since last meeting – Faculty awards, Patents and MoUs, the profile pages for the recently formed schools, etc. Vice-Chancellor suggested that the scanned copy of the MoUs be placed on the website.

Action: DIQA

#### **9. Collection of data for AQAR-2018-19 from Departments/ Administrative sections/ Directorates, etc. and from PBAS: Update**

The members were informed about the likely delay in making AQAR and other reports since the sought information is not arriving from the respective departments. 17 departments, 7 sections/ directorates are yet to provide information in spite of a reminder and there are only 17 faculty members who filled in PBAS forms. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his dissatisfaction on the matter. He instructed DIQA to inform his office and they would follow up with HoDs.

Action: Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat

#### **10 & 11. Brief on Pre-NAAC meetings and NAAC Accreditation activity: Progress report**

It was felt necessary to continue with the meetings of HoDs and coordinators as in the last year to validate and finalize the data that is required to be submitted to NAAC. The Director, DIQA would issue the plan for meetings and work with the NAAC coordinator.

Action: DIQA

## **12. Progress on hiring the Social Media Consultant**

The members were briefed that applications have been screened by the screening committee and the minutes have been sent for the approval of the competent authority.

Action: Goa University Administration

## **13. Any other items**

Dr. Nandita de Souza raised her concerns on news reports that GU is introducing courses on Astrology, etc. These are in her consideration not scientific area of knowledge and therefore need to be carefully considered. The Chairperson explained the background of creating the new School and the varied kinds of areas the school would focus on including languages. He pointed out the need for better understanding of such knowledge systems and the importance of incorporating them as programmes of study so that those who are misrepresenting these branches can be critiqued by a well-founded academic programme. On her request, Dr. Nandita de Souza's observations are being minuted.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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Director, DIQA

**Action taken on the items discussed in 21 February 2019 DIQA/IQAC meeting**

Item	Action taken
Revise policy document on (a) no special incentives of corresponding author if there are more than one corresponding author in an article, (b) incentives to be computed in terms of points instead of an amount, points be converted to amounts at the prevailing formula of conversion (currently, Rs.1000/point)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revised circular was issued and added to the circulars file (available on incentives page at <a href="http://info.unigoa.ac.in/incentives.html">http://info.unigoa.ac.in/incentives.html</a>)</li> <li>• Tables changed to indicate points</li> <li>• Computations for multiple corresponding authors incentives as per new formula from the date of meeting</li> </ul>
Finance section to budget a line for the incentives scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A budget line has been created and part of overheads is being transferred to increase the quantum of funds for RIF.</li> </ul>
Undertake sensitization programmes on campus about publishing in scholarly journals (covered by Scopus/Web of Science)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations are ready and will be run during first semester of 2019-20</li> </ul>
50% of the institutional overheads from projects be used to build a corpus for RIF under Part III and the approval of the Finance Committee for this proposal be obtained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matter under discussion</li> </ul>
Preparations for NAAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pre-NAAC assessment exercise was conducted during 26-28 February 2019 followed by meetings with faculty (13 March) and student representatives (22 March) to identify best practices and SWOC analysis.</li> </ul>
Hiring Social Media consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post advertised, applications screened by screening committee and placed for approval of competent authority</li> </ul>
Website certification and AMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMC has been processed. Certification is underway</li> </ul>
Student Satisfaction Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action due at the time of student feedback at the end of first semester (2019-20)</li> </ul>
Revive committee for grass cutting and plantation on the campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plantation is underway</li> </ul>
Policy framing on Students with learning disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A committee has been formed recently</li> </ul>
Emeritus/ Adjunct Faculty on the campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Statute for appointment of Adjunct Faculty is with the Government for approval</li> </ul>

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