

Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance
GOA UNIVERSITY
Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Minutes of the DIQA Committee Meeting held on 12 August 2021 at 3:45 pm

A meeting of the Advisory Committee of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (DIQA) was held on 12 August 2021 at 3:45 pm in physical mode at Council Hall following all SOP's of COVID19.

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson
2. Dr. Nandita de Souza, External member
3. Shri Kirit Maganlal, External member
4. Finance Officer
5. Controller of Examinations
6. Head, Computer Centre
7. Director, Directorate of Extra-Mural Studies & Extension Services
8. Director, Directorate of International Cooperation and Exchange
9. Director, Directorate of Digital Learning and Initiatives
10. Director, Directorate of Research Development & Resource Mobilization.
11. Director, Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations
12. President, Goa University Teachers Association
13. Director, DIQA/IQAC, member secretary
14. Director, Director of Internships, Incubation and Industry Partnership

Prof. Kaustubh R.S. Priolkar (a member of NAAC Steering committee) Dean, SPAS, Dr. Milind Mhamal, Asst Librarian were invited for the meeting. Shri Avinash Kumar (External Expert), Officiating Registrar and President of PGSU were unable to attend.

The Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of DIQA, welcomed the members for offline meeting and expressed the happiness over the attendance of members for the meeting in spite of current pandemic. He then requested the Member Secretary to proceed with the agenda of meeting. It was informed to the house that there are two important agenda of the meeting which are follows:

1. Approval of AQAR of 2019-2020
2. Information on submission of Self Study report (SSR) to NAAC

Member secretary (Director, DIQA) informed the house that DIQA office have made the AQAR 2019-2020 report based on the information collected from University faculty and administration and it will be filled in the prescribed online format of NAAC on its website. It was informed to the house that it is mandatory to submit approved AQAR of 2019-20 by 31st August 2021 in order to complete NAAC application. It was also informed that University has already submitted Self-study report (SSR) along with relevant data of the previous five years. Member secretary sought permission of the Chair to present the highlights of AQAR 2019-20 and SSR data to the members. Accordingly, the presentation was made by member secretary on the above two reports.

After the presentation, Chairman requested Prof. MK Janarthanam, NAAC,

Coordinator and Director, DDLI to brief on the NAAC submission process and the status to the members. Prof. Janarthnam informed that SSR is already submitted on 21st June 2021 to NAAC and he also explained the reason for delay in the submission. He informed that the most of the suggestions made by the NAAC peer team during the 3rd cycle have been fulfilled by the University and the evaluation of the SSR data submitted for the period 2015 to 2019 is currently under process. He added that it is mandatory to submit AQAR of 2019-2020 before 31st August 2021 to further speed the process of NAAC evaluation and therefore it should be placed here for approval. He expressed the difficulties in collection of all data and compiling the same due pandemic. Chairman then requested Professor Kaustubh Priolkar who was also involved in preparation of NAAC document to share his views on the NAAC application process. Prof. Priolkar informed that that 98 % of the students admitted in the University have answered their final exams. He also mentioned that the quality of research papers published has increased and the large number of papers have been published in peer-reviewed journals listed in Scopus/WoS/UGC care. He was also informed that University has created an entry level supercomputing facility - Param Shavak which will help the faculty members and students interested in computational studies.

The members appreciated the efforts put in by the NAAC coordination committee and IQAC to complete the SSR of the University even during the pandemic and processed for submission. One of the external member, Dr. Nandita de Souza stressed on the need of improving the facilities for all disabled students and they should be provided with appropriate assistance in answering their exams. Controller of Examination, Prof. Anuradha Wagle informed that the exam section has taken measures appropriate actions in this directions and provided scribes, extra time for answering, etc as per the existing GU ordinance. Director, DRDM, Prof. Gad informed that under the green initiatives, University is making efforts to start E-cycle service on campus very soon and the process got delayed due to pandemic. He informed that this facility will be in place after pandemic is over.

Mr. Maganlal observed that the student enrollment in the value added programs for 2019-2020 has decreased and efforts should be made to attract more students in future. He also noticed that the faculty strength is less compared to the sanctioned positions. Chairman informed that for many years the faculty recruitment could not take place and in only 2018, 18 backlog posts were filled. Due to concentrated efforts of the University, the State Government have permitted the University to fill all vacant posts as well as sanctioned new posts for many programmes started on campus. All these posts were advertised and many faculty appointments are done even during the pandemic. The process of filling the remaining posts is on and very soon more faculty positions will be filled. It was also informed that the sanctioned strength of the faculty positions on the Campus has gone up from 184 to 255 during his time. Mr. Maganlal also observed that the University still dependent on the Government resources and suggested that green initiatives like use of solar energy should be encouraged in the institution. Chairman informed that University has already begun this process and solar panels are installed and connected to the grids. This initiative has resulted in 30% less power consumption from external sources. The University plans to install Solar panels on all its buildings and the power consumption from the grid is expected to reduce further. Mr. Maganlal raised issue of making the campus disabled friendly. In this regard, Chairman informed that campus buildings are about 80% disabled friendly. Wherever possible, the old buildings are equipped with ramps and lifts and the work is presently on. Some of the old buildings like Administrative block, have

design restrictions and it is very difficult to make it disabled friendly as per the expert's opinion. It was informed that all new buildings which are constructed now have been equipped with disable friendly infrastructure. Dr. de Souza suggested that the University should consider introducing sign language courses on Campus. The house accepted the suggestions of both external members.

The house unanimously approved the AQAR 2019-2020 and the SSR of the University and thanked NAAC Coordinator and his team for submission of the application for reaccreditation (4th Cycle) of the University to NAAC and expressed happiness as the NAAC evaluation process has started.

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Any other matter

1. NIRF ranking of 2020 and The Week rank 2021

DIQA appraised the members of the NIRF rank of Goa University which has increased from 93 in 2019 to 81 in 2020. The detailed report was presented. The members suggested that efforts should be in lacking areas to improve the rank. The members congratulated the University for improving the rank and keeping the rank within 100 for consecutive five years. DIQA also informed members about the 40th rank of the University among the best education institutions in India in the survey conducted by The Week.

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2. With permission of Chair, Member Secretary informed the members that the tenure of Chairman and the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Varun Sahni will get over on 18th August, 2021, and in this regard a resolution placing on record all the services put in by Professor Sahni during his tenure as Vice Chancellor for the improvement of University and IQAC may be accepted. Member Secretary thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his constant encouragement and timely advice and suggestions to IQAC. All members expressed their views on the contributions made by Prof. Sahni as the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of IQAC for the betterment of University and wished him all success in the future.

No further matters were placed for discussion. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and esteemed members.

Director, DIQA
(Prof. Sunder N. Dhuri)
Member Secretary

Vice-Chancellor
(Prof. Varun Sahni)
Chairperson