

Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA/IQAC)
GOA UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the IQAC Committee meeting held on 01/11/2022.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee of IQAC was held under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor on 01/11/2022 at 3.00 pm in the Council hall, Administrative building, Goa University.

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Registrar
2. Finance Officer
3. Controller of Examinations
4. Prof. Pranab Mukopadhyay
5. Head of Computer Centre
6. Director, Directorate of International Cooperation and Exchange
7. Director, Directorate of Digital Learning and Initiatives
8. Director, Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
9. Director, Directorate of Research, Development & Resource Mobilization
10. Director, Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations
11. Chairperson, Goa University Teachers Association
12. President, Post Graduate Student's Union
13. Ms. Rohini Gonsalves, External member
14. Mr. Milind Anvekar, External member
15. Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance, Member Secretary

Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members and there after requested the Member Secretary to take up the agenda of the meeting for discussion.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting.

Member Secretary informed that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022 were circulated to the IQAC members and were approved. He requested to confirm the minutes, and the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda 2: Internal Repository for Dissertation/ Internship reports.

Member Secretary informed that in AQAR metric 1.3.4: The percentage of students undertaking field and research/internship projects, it is mandatory to provide certified copies of the project report in the form of soft copy on the University website/server. Currently, there is no mechanism to retain the soft copies of the reports with the library. Therefore, IQAC needs help adding this information to the yearly AQAR of the University. In this context, the member secretary suggested having a separate internal access repository for dissertations/internship reports. The repository links can be directly then given in the AQAR submission. The committee deliberated on this matter and accepted the proposal. Chairperson suggested that once the viva-voce exam is over, the soft copies of reports should be collected from the respective schools and added to the repository. Members indicated the Ph.D. thesis plagiarism rules could apply to PG dissertation reports.

Action: DIQA/AR-PG/Schools

Agenda 3: Conduct of activities at University level for NAAC reports.

3a. Member Secretary informed that currently there are few career counselling activities happening on campus and there is no uniformity in the way they are conducted by

the schools. In order to streamline the conduct of such activities and to cover more students, IQAC suggested that a Career Bureau Cell (CBC) could be formed under the Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations (DSPAR). This cell would be responsible for the conduct and monitoring of activities centrally. CBC will keep the records and provide the data with documents to DIQA when required. The increase in such activities will primarily help University in AQAR metric 5.2.1. Dir-DSPAR informed that his office has already taken the matter for implementation. The committee deliberated and approved the formation of CBC.

Action: DSPAR

3b. Member Secretary informed that in AQAR criterion 3.4.2: The institution provides incentives to the teachers who receive state/national/international recognitions/awards. The University could take this initiative for AY 2022-23. Registrar suggested Dir-DIQA put up the proposal with details for approval. Members felt this could be a good initiative.

Action: DIQA/General Administration

3c. Member Secretary informed that in AQAR metric 5.9.3, the capacity and skill enhancement initiatives, the number of activities conducted at the University level are less, and this number has to increase. Members suggested that respective schools/divisions could conduct such activities. The Chairman said that the Goa University Campus students Union also should organize such events and increase participation.

Action: DSW / Respective Schools/ GUCSU

3d. Member Secretary informed that in AQAR metric 7.1.10, the annual awareness program on the code of conduct for the students, teachers, administrators, and other staff needs to be conducted in AY 2022-23 as such activities are essential. Chairman instructed DSW/DR-DTT to complete an orientation program for the students admitted to AY 2022-23. In coordination with DIQA, the general administration will conduct various activities for the remaining stakeholders in AY 2022-23.

Action: DSW/DR-DTT/General Administration/DIQA

3e. Member Secretary informed that under AQAR criterion 3.1.5, University creates facilities like a business lab, moot court, theatre, and art gallery, which are currently not there. The committee deliberated on the facilities and suggested that a business lab in GBS could be properly designated/labelled. Chairperson informed that the Law discipline could create a moot court once it is functional. Members suggested that the language disciplines like Konkani may check out the possibility of making an Art Gallery. Action: GBS/ Konkani Discipline / DIQA

3f. Member secretary informed that AQAR metric 6.5.2, there is a need to submit Academic Administrative Audit (AAA) of the University, and University should start the proper mechanism for the same. In the lack of such reports, University loses the AQAR scores. Member secretary suggested that AAA may be conducted in the fifth cycle of NAAC at least twice. The committee deliberated and resolved that DIQA may check the status of AAA in other universities and develop proper guidelines/formats.

Action: DIQA

Agenda 4: Update of Alumni Association Activities

Member secretary informed that the metric 5.4.1. and 5.4.2 of AQAR is for Alumni engagement (through activities and contributions), where University lost the score in NAAC. He suggested that University should evolve a strategy to meet the requirements of NAAC.

Dir-DSPAR presented the progress made by DISPAR so far and informed that the re-registration of the University Alumni Association is under process. He mentioned that currently, only SCS has a registered association CDFAA. He proposed to add a small contribution from immediate passing students of the University in the convocation form/challan as an alumni membership fee. He informed that the advisory committee of DISPAR will come out with a proposal on this matter and submit it to Hon. VC. The committee suggested that DSPAR could organize regular meetings of alumni and find out other ways by which alumni could be engaged, thus helping University in some matters. Members indicated that prominent alumni holding top positions in industry /academia /R&D/administration etc. should be invited to the first alumni meet. They could become life members and assist University as per the University's requirements.

Action: DSPAR

Agenda 5: Outreach/Extramural activities in adopted/other villages.

Member Secretary informed that under metrics 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, and 3.6.4 the number of activities organized was less for AY 2021-22. He suggested that University conduct more such activities to secure a full score in this metric. Dir-DUBA informed that many such activities are in the plan to be organized in the adopted villages by various coordinators of UBA. Dir-UBA also mentioned that several committees are made besides subcommittees to look after the extension activities. She informed that under the Swachh Bharat Student Internship program, registrations are increasing yearly. The students are involved in themes like water management, waste management, green energy management, and marine farming. Chairperson mentioned that it is necessary to initiate Goa-centric projects that solve Goan Community's problems.

Action: DUBA

Agenda 6: Update on various rankings.

Member secretary presented a table of update on various rankings of previous year announced recently. He informed that DIQA has submitted University data for the seventh Chapter of NIRF in Feb. 2022 and the ranking results were announced in July 2022. He mentioned that in NIRF 2022, the Goa University ranked in the rank Band 101-150. In 2021, University had scored 38.96 which led to 96th Rank. However, this year there was little decrease in score to 37.12 that the University to move to 101-150 rank band. It was noted that in five parameters of NIRF, Goa University has improved its score in Teaching, learning & Resources parameter from 48.86 in 2021 to 50.26 for 2022. In parameter 2 Research & professional practice, University has also improved from 15.05 in 2021 to this year 15.81 in 2022. However, in the other three parameters namely Graduating outcomes, Outreach & inclusivity, & Perception, the scores went slightly to the lower values in 2022 compared to the data of 2021. It was further informed that Graduate outcome is considered on the University Examinations of PG and PhDs. It was noted that since there was massive recruitment in the preceding years, the most of the faculty members were new and on probation as result they were not recognised PhD guides. Besides this lacuna, there are teachers without PhD and they will take at least 4-5 years to complete their PhD. This data has also affected the ranking in this parameter. The many of the first-generation teachers who spent 30-35 years' in teaching and research were superannuated during this time and the PhD graduate outcome got substantially reduced. The pandemic situations further affected the ranking as the academic calendar including examinations were disturbed. Member secretary informed that the student's enrolment from other states and foreign countries were less in 2021 which led to lowering of score in Outreach & inclusivity parameter. In the last

parameter of Perception, since NAAC grading was under process and grade was not awarded, the scores were further slightly dropped down. It was felt that University will have similar trends in next 4-5 years and lots of improvements will be there as new teachers who will gain sufficient experience, attract the research funding through research and consultancy projects, will become eligible PhD guides, they will publish research papers and apply for IPRs. Based on the report of DIQA, Chairperson invited suggestions from the members for further improvements of NIRF ranking. Committee deliberated and felt that Goa University is young University and has potential to retain its ranking in coming years. Dir-DRDM informed that his office has initiated RIF scheme for the IPR activities from last year and every year 10 proposals are selected for 50 RIF points. He mentioned that there is good response to the scheme and very soon the results will be seen. Chairperson informed that University encourages its faculty to publish in quality journals for which University has started RIF from 2018 onwards. He also informed that he asked each faculty to publish minimum one research article in Scopus/WoS / UGC care listed journals which will help the improvement in ranking. He also mentioned that many of the new faculty members are encouraged to write research projects to various funding agencies. The external member suggested that University should encourage more tie-ups with industries and make academia-industry platform for various benefits including placements and CSR funding to University. Member secretary mentioned that University has to start more executive / corporate training programs to improve some score. It was also felt that with implementation NEP -2020 at postgraduate level and inclusion of compulsory dissertation/ internship skill components, University further will enhance its research output and employability.

Member Secretary informed that University also applied for India Today Ranking and Goa University is ranked 23rd in India among the Government Universities in 2022. In addition to this Outlook care magazine has ranked Goa University at 35th in the country in 2022. He mentioned that University had submitted its data for QS Asia ranking and the results were presented. It was informed that overall rank of University was 551-600 and in the Southern Asia Goa University secured 145th rank. Goa University performed among top 73 % Universities and ranked at 211 wrt to faculty to student ration. The QS Asia ranking has highlighted Goa University as very strong in research. After the deliberation's members felt that research out has to increase in all the disciplines. Committee appreciated the efforts taken DIQAC office in data collection, compilation and submission.

Action: DIQA

Agenda 7: AOB

Dir-DRDM put up a proposal in support of a green energy audit to give one electric vehicle for each school with ownership and maintenance. He said that would be useful for the internal movement of files from one office to another.

Secondly that Pune and Assam University have implemented evaluation scheme for PhD, all evaluations are online and that we should also have such scheme. It was informed that we could relook into this.

A member suggested that Goa University should have its own press where University can publish its own documents like budget.

An external member inquired if University has functional MOU's. The Member Secretary informed that presently University has 48 active MOU's and are available at Goa University website. It was suggested that DSPAR will take initiatives to have MOU with IT companies in association with computer science discipline.

One member requested to use waste water or gardening activities and was agreed by the Committee.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.

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Director, DIQA
Member Secretary

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Vice-Chancellor,
Chairperson

Action taken on the items discussed in meeting held on 25th May 2022

Item	Action taken
1. NAAC Assessment & Accreditation result	Appeal was Submitted on DVV
2. Inclusion of NEP preparedness in the AQAR of AY 2021-2022 and NAD registration	Item was reported. Ordinance on NEP 2020 implemented for PG level is in place
3. Reporting of the Submissions to various agencies AQAR 2020-21, NIRF-2022, QS ranking, India Today, The Week Survey, AISHE, AIU survey.	Item was reported.