

Minutes of the INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC) Meeting

held on 27.10.2017, 10.00 a.m.

at

Seminar Hall – III, Convention Centre, BSAU



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held on 27^{th} October 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Seminar Hall – III, Convention Centre, B.S. Abdur Rahman University.

Agenda of the meeting:

- Minutes of previous meeting & Action Taken Report
- Curricular Aspects
- Teaching, Learning and Evaluation
- Research, Consultancy and Extension
- Infrastructure and Learning Resources
- Student Support and Progression
- Governance, Leadership and Management
- Achievement of KPI's by Departments / Schools
- Plan of Action 2017-18

The following members were present:

S.No.	Name	Designation	
1.	Prof. Sahol Hamid Bin Abu Bakar	Vice Chancellor	
2.	Ms. Nikath M Hamza	Director, HR / FTA / PR	
3.	Dr. M.S. Haji Sheik Mohammed	Dean (Academic Affairs) & Coordinator of IQAC	
4.	Dr. Syed Mohamed Abdul Majeed	Director (Admissions)	
5.	Mr. Shah Abdul Kader	Deputy Registrar (Finance)	
6.	Mr. C. N. Suresh Babu	Deputy Registrar (Students)	
7.	Mr. S. Shuja Ahamed	General Manager, FIP	
8.	Dr. Vasanthi Padmanabhan	Dean (School of Infrastructure)	
9.	Dr. S. Kaja Mohideen	Dean (School of Electrical & Communication Sciences)	
10.	Dr. S. Rasool Mohideen	Dean (School of Mechanical Sciences)	
11.	Dr. P.S. Sehik Uduman	Dean (School of Social Sciences and Humanities)	
12.	Dr. I. Raja Mohamed	Dean (Academic Research)	
13.	Dr. P. K. Jawahar	Dean (Student Affairs – Male)	
14.	Dr. S. Hemalatha	Dean (School of Life Sciences)	
15.	Ar. G. Jayalakshmi	Dean (Crescent School of Architecture)	
16.	Mr. Sujit Jacob Tharakan	President, Alumni Association	
17.	Mr. PMJF Lion R. Thamil Selvan	Zone Chairman, Lions District 324 A6	
18.	Ms. V. Nivedita (Student)	II year student, B.Tech. Biotechnology	
19.	Dr. K. Vipinendran (Parent) ₁	Associate Professor, College of Engineering, Anna University	



The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor. He presented the overview of the agenda of the meeting. He also highlighted the various steps taken by the University for maintaining discipline and quality in Education. He emphasized that

- Quality of teaching is the focus of the University.
- Ethics and integrity are the order of the day.
- Students are to be taught about selection of study material and study methodology.
- Discipline is given utmost importance. Wearing of ID cards, punctuality to classes and labs are monitored.
- Fellowship and funding for projects are provided for the researchers and faculty members. This shall be overseen by a committee constituted for this purpose.
- Efforts are initiated for making Crescent University a 5S campus.

Minutes of previous meeting & Action Taken Report:

The minutes of the previous meeting was confirmed and approved. The action taken report on the same was also deliberated and approved.

The salient deliberations of the meeting are as follows:

1) Curricular Aspects

➤ The revision of PG Curriculum and Regulation in 2016 and UG Curriculum and Regulation in 2017 were discussed. All these revisions were done keeping in mind the industry needs and to enhance employability of students.

Proposed initiatives:

Revision of syllabus and Conduct of Board of Studies

- UG curriculum and syllabi are revised in July 2017. Further amendments can be made in the curriculum and syllabi to suit the industry needs.
- Another round of Board of Studies is to be conducted in December 2017 by the departments to fine tune the curriculum & syllabus contents of 3rd and 4th semester of all B.Tech. programmes (except B.Tech. Bio-Technology). The syllabus content has to be thoroughly revised / modified to meet the industry requirements.
- Elective courses can be added to the PG programmes based on the recent technological advancement. If required, syllabus content of the existing courses also can be modified.

Plans for New Programmes

- A new Masters programme in M.Pharm. Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and Management is proposed.
- German language Level I and Level II can be offered as Value Added Course. These courses can be offered in the evening after regular hours.
- M.Sc. Chemistry can be offered as part-time programme.
- B.Sc. Mathematics can be offered with a nominal fee structure to attract students.



2) Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

> Innovation

- Affiliate faculty members are inducted in each department and school.
 These faculty members handle one or two credit courses and also offer quest lectures or short term courses.
- At least one course is offered as Project Based Learning in a semester.
 Project Based Learning is appreciated by students. More industry related projects can be given to students.
- Peer Assisted Learning is also introduced to enhance learning of weak learners.
- Choice Based Credit System is introduced. Such courses are offered as evening courses.
- Regulation of all programmes facilitates students to study MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) courses and transfer of credits. Students are encouraged to learn courses online offered by SWAYAM portal, NPTEL, COURSERA and other such platforms.
- CEO & Leadership Training and Social Entrepreneurship are the new courses included in all the B.Tech. programmes.
 - CEO & Leadership Training must be a practical, activity-oriented course. Activity based components such as Group discussions; Case Studies should be given in the syllabus. It is suggested that the syllabus can be modified to make it more practical.
 - Social Entrepreneurship course should also be made practical and activity oriented. It was noted that the conduct of Two-day workshop for the teachers by Prof. Razmi Chik, Asst. Vice-Chancellor, Malaysian Academy of SME and Entrepreneurship, Malaysia was useful. But emphasized to have more such orientation programmes for the faculty handling the course.
 - Government projects like Swacch Bharat Scheme offers opportunity in societal projects with huge employment potential. Students can be given exposure to such projects through the Social Entrepreneurship course. They must also be encouraged to participate in club activities organized for social cause.
 - Industry Internship is made mandatory in all UG programmes. This would give students the necessary exposure to work place conditions.

Monitoring

- Classroom activities are monitored by Registrar, Dean and Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, HODs and School Deans.
- 3 Class Committee Meetings are conducted per semester to discuss the attendance details, academic performance and discipline matters of students.
- Student feedback on Course Teachers and effectiveness of courses are collected in 2 levels every semester.



- Student discipline Related issues: Inviting suggestion for improvement.
 - Strict rules should be imposed for maintaining discipline among students.
 - Hostel gates should be closed by 9.00 a.m. to control late coming to classes.
 - Students not wearing ID cards may be fined an amount of Rs.50/.
 - Students, especially first year students who do not have driving license should not be allowed to come to university by bike.
 - Dress code is to be imposed. Students can be allowed to come in ethnic wear once in a year.

Evaluation

- Question papers have been restructured for both UG and PG programmes.
- Revisions have been made in the conduct of Continuous Assessment Tests (CAT). According to Regulation 2017 only two CATs are to be conducted per semester and provision for Substitute exam is given for any one CAT.
- Provision for Supplementary examination for students of final year and students with less credit is given in Regulation 2017.
- Internal mark of a course is not to be considered as valid after two attempts.
- Steps are to be taken to strengthen DAAC.
- Overall results of the first year students are found to be less. Suggestions were invited to overcome sort out this problem.
 - Students find switching over from school learning to self learning difficult. They should be encouraged to take up self-learning and peer assisted learning.
 - Question bank can be provided to students.
 - Journal club can be formed for encouraging students to write and to make presentations. Positive aspects should be highlighted and any criticism should be given as scope for improvement.

3) Research, Consultancy and Extension

Existing System

- Micro funding to students projects is offered through A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Innovation Center.
- Research fellowship is awarded to deserving candidates.
- Research incentive is awarded to faculty members to encourage them to pursue research related activities like paper publications, funded project and sponsored research.

Extension

 Students are encouraged to take part in extension activities such as NSS, YRC and Rotaract.



- Students do a lot of social activities through Crescent Blood Donors club.
- Literary Club and Crescent Creative Stroke (Arts Club) are functioning to encourage students to take part in creative and artistic activities.
- Centers such as Apple iOS Application Centre, Innovation Centre and Entrepreneurship Development Cell are created to motivate students to take up innovative project, transforming ideas into products and patent the product / venture in to business model through incubation cells.

Proposed initiatives

- Seed money of Rs.50,000/ to Rs.1,00,000/ can be allotted to faculty members for executing innovative research project.
- Student mentoring system from 3rd year of study can be introduced. A group of students can be attached to a faculty member of their choice. In the 4th year, those students can take up a project under the mentoring of the faculty member. This will result in quality publication / student start-up/ patent filing.

4) Infrastructure and Learning Resources

> Infrastructure: Work in progress

- Architecture Building and Ladies hostel are in completion stage.
- Automation of Academic and Administrative process is in progress.

> Infrastructure: Proposed Plans

 A 7-floor Academic Block and an International House are proposed to be built. Academic block will serve as classrooms for all the programmes. International House will accommodate an office for International Collaboration and Affairs and accommodation facilities for foreign students and faculty members.

Learning & Research Resources: Proposed Plans

- Central Instrumentation facility is proposed for enabling collaborative and inter-disciplinary research activities. This will also facilitate optimum utilization of available resources.
- In this regard, the Dean, Academic Research is asked to form a team to take survey of available instruments in all the labs and their utility.
- University shall have one or two Technical Officers to maintain / repair the instruments / equipments on need basis.
- The space available in the Nano Centre can be used for starting this Central Instrumentation Facility.
- Available instruments / equipments can be listed out and displayed in the University website under the office of Dean Academic Research to facilitate research scholars to identify and utilize the resources.



5) Student Support and Progression

Curricular Activities – Support

- Merit scholarship is awarded to all deserving candidates.
- Department / School wise societies are already in function.
- Student chapters in professional bodies also exist.
- Various events and activities are mentioned in the Academic calendar and the same is uploaded in the website.
- Orientation programme is organized for the first year students to introduce them to the University's system, rules and regulations.

Curricular Activities – Progression

- Class Advisors are allotted for each class and they take care of the overall administrative function of the class.
- A group of 20 students is attached to a Faculty Advisor to facilitate proper guidance for students both personally and academically.
- Parents Teachers meeting is organized at least once in a semester to ensure transparency in monitoring the performance of students.
- History Card is provided to all students from which a consolidated report of the student can be obtained.
- Centre for International Affairs is established to help students in guiding them for taking up higher studies and jobs abroad.

> Co-curricular Activities – Support

- The students are given opportunity to interact with the Vice Chancellor directly through VC connect programme.
- Professional Counsellor is available on campus for giving personal guidance to students.
- As per the norms of UGC, Anti-ragging Cell is functioning in the campus to avoid ragging in any form inside and outside the campus.
- Women Sexual Harassment Cell and Grievance Redressal Cell are established to curb any form of harassment to girl students or female staff members.
- Students are encouraged to participate in Sports and Cultural activities.

> Co-curricular Activities - Progression

- Placement and Training Cell gives training to students for interviews and provides placement opportunities.
- Incubation Centre is proposed to be established in the near future.
- Coaching for competitive exams is given by some departments. Other departments have also proposed to train their students for GATE.



6) Governance, Leadership and Management

- A separate office for Human Resource Management and Personal Relations (PR) is established. The PR office takes care of branding and perception of the University.
- Industry Institute Interaction Cell is established to enhance better relationship with Industry and to improvise the academia in line with industry.

> Alumni Office

- A separate Alumni Office is established and is functioning inside the campus.
- A platform for alumni has been launched and will be shared with faculty members who can go through the portal and give feedback for further improvements. A faculty representative from each department can be delegated for monitoring the enrolment of final year students.
- Parents of alumni can be invited for a day's meet as a part of annual alumni events, which can also improve admission of the university.

Green Initiatives by the Estate Office: Scope for improvement

- Additional solar power plant is proposed to be implemented in the campus.
- Rain Water harvesting system is to be designed and implemented in the campus.
- Certificate for Green building is being issued to staff quarters and ladies hostel. Certification of the same for other buildings is also proposed.

7) Innovations and Best Practices

> Innovations – Existing

- Apple iOS Development Centre and Dr. A.P.J Innovation Centre are established to promote innovation and creativity among students.
- Interdisciplinary elective options are offered to the students to widen their knowledge spectrum.

Innovations – Proposed

 Departments have been asked to motivate the students to come up with startup companies by working along with faculty mentors for prolonged period.

Best Practices – Existing

 Project Based Learning and Peer Assisted Learning are incorporated in teaching – learning process.

Best Practices – Proposed

Industry internship is made mandatory for all UG and PG students.



8) Plan of Action 2017-18

- Departments and Schools are working on holistic plan in the following University Transformation parameters which are proposed to achieve excellence in the Internal Quality Assurance performance indicators. This will also result in overall development of the University as well as for the enhancement of the faculty members. Plans are chalked out to improve the following areas:
 - o Admission
 - Affiliate faculty
 - Fund generation
 - o Research publication
 - o International collaboration
 - MOOC
 - Teaching by research scholars
 - o Organizing conferences and seminars
 - Industry-Institute interaction
 - o Alumni connect
- ✓ A six month review on the Performance of various departments / schools on the University Transformation Parameters was presented. All the IQAC committee members satisfied with the progress made by the departments / schools in this regard.

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Internal Quality Assurance Cell - Meeting

Attendance Sheet

Date and Time

: 27.10.2017 at 10.00 a.m

Venue

: Hall No III, Convention Centre, BSAU

Agenda

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- 7) Innovations and Best Practices
- 8) Plan of Action 2017-18

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