

GOA UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the Advisory committee of Internal Quality Assurance (IQAC)

A meeting of the Advisory Committee of IQAC was held under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Vice-Chancellor, on 7th December 2023 at 3.00 p.m. in the Council Hall, Administrative Block, Goa University.

Following IQAC members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Harilal B. Menon, Vice Chancellor, Chairperson
2. Prof. Vishnu S. Nadkarni, Registrar
3. Shri Ashok Chodankar, Controller of Examinations
4. Dr. Harip Khanapuri, Director, Directorate of International Cooperation and Exchange
5. Prof. Kaustubh R. Priolkar, Director, Directorate of Digital Learning and Initiatives
6. Prof. Jyoti Pawar, Director, Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
7. Dr. Rupesh Patre, Director, Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations
8. Shri Ramrao Wagh, President, Goa University Teachers Association
9. Shri Sanjay Bandokar, Head of Computer Centre, Assistant Registrar (Public Relations)
10. President, Goa University Campus Students Union.
11. Prof. Sunder N. Dhuri, Director, DIQA/IQAC, Member Secretary

On behalf of President, GUCSU at no. 10, Ladies Representative, (LR) of GUCSU attended the meeting. Other members could not attend the meeting. Asst. Reg-PR (DTT) Mr Shashikant Morajkar and Asst. Librarian, Ms Shambhavi Joshi were invited for the meeting.

Chairperson/Hon. Vice Chancellor welcomed all members for the second meeting and thereafter requested the Member Secretary to take up the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the DIQA/IQAC meeting held on 30th August, 2023.

Member Secretary informed that the minutes of meeting held on 30th August, 2023 were circulated to all the members. As there were no comments/suggestions/changes received from the members, they may be confirmed. Chairperson and all members confirmed the minutes.

Agenda 2: Discussion on following items (i-iii):

i) More Courses on Indian Knowledge system

Chairperson felt that there is need of having more courses related IKS in School of Sanskrit, Philosophy, and Indic studies and other language schools. He mentioned that a certificate course in Sanskrit will start from the next year and it will be taken by full time faculty. There is need of such courses as promote IKS as per NEP 2020. There was a suggestion to offer Vedic mathematics course for the students as it adds some interest in them. Prof. Jyoti Pawar informed that an instructor is already conducting such courses for some of the batches in the University.

ii) Experimental learning:

Chairperson informed that experimental learning is an important component of any course and it should be more application oriented in which a practical knowledge can be

provided to the students which the students can apply solve their day today problems. The experimental learning would help students to understand on how to create the primary data and its importance. Chairperson added that the actual process of an output should be known by the students when they do research in the form of a project or dissertation. Prof. Priolkar mentioned about practical sessions which are being conducted at School of Applied and Physical Sciences and helping students to understand theory courses more effectively. Shri Ramarao Wagh also felt that more such courses are required in order to equip the students with sufficient skills. He also suggested that there should be beyond the classroom activities which would provide the practical knowledge on farming in villages of Goa. The member secretary mentioned that the Swachh Bharat Students Internship (SBSI) scheme of Goa University which actually gives opportunity for students to participate in the villages as part of their studies. The students registered for SBSI are exposed to panchayat system, gram sabhas and other community engagement services. Prof. Jyoti Pawar further added that the University had instituted awards for the best interns under SBSI and there was lot involvement of students and teachers in this Scheme. Chairperson felt that more such courses could be offered of such types which can be given to students over and above their regular credits.

iii) MoU with various professional organizations for design of skilled courses:

Chairperson informed that there is need of skill courses which can be offered across all disciplines. He suggested that a proper mapping of skills required by the industries in Goa could be taken up to understand the exact need of industries. He informed that there is a plan to organise workshop with industry personnel in order understand exact need of skill component. Dr. Harip informed that one organisation had approached us for MOU and further dialogues are going on. Chairperson suggested to get dynamic organizations on board when it comes to MOU's, as every year there should be sufficient number of activities should be done.

Agenda 3: Talks on AI based Application for various knowledge disciplines:

Chairperson opined that Artificial Intelligence is becoming important and popular in day to day life, and the proper awareness to the students is a need of hour. He suggested to hold lectures / seminars on this by inviting good resource persons. Prof. Jyoti Pawar mentioned that her School recently organised conference on AI developments where in the students and faculty as well as industry people had participated. She accepted that more such activities are required in the area of AI. It was felt that fewer faculties attend programmes conducted by the disciplines in the Schools. Chairman mentioned that schools are amalgamated by bringing the disciplines of commonness and any activity happening in the School cannot of a particular discipline but it is of a School. It was informed that any activity organised should be shown as School activity, no need to mention the name of the discipline on the flyer etc. It was felt that all the teachers of School when they don't have lectures or other duties shall attend such programmes of the Schools. The Deans may instruct all PD's and Vice-Deans of their Schools to attend such School activities. It was suggested to issue a circular mentioning that no approval will be granted for the proposal under the banner of particular discipline. It was resolved that workshops/seminars or any other activity organised by a particular discipline should highlight activity as School and not of any discipline.

Agenda 4: Activities conducted and planned by DSPAR and DICE:

Dr. Rupesh Patre presented a brief report of his directorate on the activities organised in AY 2022-23. He mentioned that the activities which they conducted fall into two categories: Skill development training and Career Guidance programmes. He mentioned that the various activities and placements drive were conducted in the AY 2022-23 and students were benefited from these activities. Through placement drives about 226 students were placed while about more than 140 students went for higher studies. The revival of Goa University Alumni Association registration is process and will be completed soon. He informed that an Alumni Meet is planned on 23rd Dec. 2023 wherein the distinguished alumni will be a Chief Guest. He further informed that career counselling cell under DSPAR has organised the lectures by outside experts on various competitive exams. He informed that DSPAR is organising a two days' workshop on Soft Skill training for final year students on 21-22nd Dec. 2023. The proposal for conducting the coaching for UPSC examination to Goa University students who aspires to become IAS officers has been initiated and details will be informed later. He also informed that massive placement drive is planned in association with Labour and Employment Dept of Govt. of Goa in May 2024. It was suggested to find a mechanism to track the students who are passing out from University as this data is very useful for NAAC. Committee felt that a tremendous development has taken place in the area of placement and career counselling and committee congratulated Dr. Rupesh and his team for their work.

Dr. Harip Khanapuri briefed on the activities carried by Directorate of International Cooperation and Exchange. He informed about the participation in Mobile 22 Orientation Programme of University of Porto under Erasmus+ framework. He also participated in workshop-Cum-Annual Meeting of Mandarin Teachers 2023 in association with Taiepei Economic and Cultural Centre. He mentioned about Heritage visit for Taiwanese delegates to Old Goa sites with Shri. Sanjeev Sardesai from Hands-on-Historians taken up by his office. He mentioned that the Staff (teaching and administrative) mobility under MoU (Outbound) has been taken place. Chairman suggested to try more functional MoUs with good international universities/ institutes for academic and research exchange, collaborations, internships, mobility of students of dissertations etc. It was felt that in order to attract international students that effective advertising of Schools and programmes has be done.

Agenda 5: Green Initiatives on campus (best practices):

Chairman opined that University need to formulate a best practice on Green initiatives and requested the members for their valuable thoughts / suggestions. A member suggested a centralized car parking at some place at entrance point and exit points and from their onwards using electric vehicle as a mode of transport all. It was informed that there is one electric two-wheeler vehicle available and purchase of few more is in process. It was felt that the cost of four-wheeler vehicle is high and at this moment it won't be possible as most of the funds are utilized and committed for creating infrastructure for the School buildings and other projects. A member suggested to try for an option of purchasing the electric vehicle under CSR grants. Prof. Gad in his email noted that a committee is constituted to plan the documentation of Flora, Fauna and Avians on campus and de-centralized power consumption/monitoring. The data created needs to be published by Goa University and in this regard his office has proposed to constitute a committee to frame the guidelines regarding University press and channelize the Green Initiatives of campus. Chairman informed that campus has huge biodiversity and proper care and maintenance has be to done and for this SBSB shall take lead and strategies the campus biodiversity as the best practice.

6. The e-initiatives proposed by Administration

Chairman informed that very shortly University adopt e-office file process and in this direction, Hon Chancellor and Governor will formally inaugurate the same on 14th Dec 2023. Then after it will be implemented at University. Shri Sanjay Bandokar, Head, Computer Centre informed that all the requirements pertaining to the e-office like creating of user ID's providing passwords are completed and trainings are completed. He informed that advanced training sessions were conducted for all staff. The SOP after discussion with Finance Officer is in process for circulation. Only ID's of contract staff are to be created and will done shortly. Chairman requested all members to adopt the e-office at their Schools and offices effectively.

7. Institutional Research Project Scheme:

Member Secretary put up proposal of Institutional Research Project Scheme, where it was proposed to provide some financial aid for research projects of faculty. Chairperson mentioned that University already has Seed Money Scheme for early career teachers and many proposals are coming to him for approval. He further mentioned that if new scheme is required we have to work out the feasibility and benefits to University. Member Secretary suggested that such scheme in long run will benefit the faculty and also to improve research output of University which essential for NAAC and NIRF. Registrar mentioned that although this idea is good but involves lot of funds for implementation and currently it will be impossible to adopt the Scheme. It was suggested that DRDRM may work out a concrete proposal and feasibility of Scheme and process for deliberations and framing of a policy. It was resolved that DRDRM would submit a clear proposal.

8. Activities conducted by IQAC and future plans

Member Secretary briefed house on various activities conducted by Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA). Few selected activities were noted. i) Training workshop was conducted for the newly recruited Non-Teaching Employees of Goa University on 18th July 2023. ii) Two-Day workshop on Social Sensitization: organized by MPS, Goa State Commission of Persons with Disability in collaboration with DDKSSSBS and DIQA on 29th & 30th Nov. 2023, iii) Electoral Literacy Cell is created under DIQA. The activities planned were mentioned; i) Orientation cum Workshop on "Dissertation Reporting: Do's and Don'ts on 14th Dec. 2023; State Level Workshop Under AISHE in Feb. 2024, Workshop on OBE implementation for University Faculty with NEP Cell in Feb. 2024. He also briefed on various rankings for which University was ranked. In THE ranking, it was noted that University is ranked 1501+ in the world while the national rank is 78 for the first time. The highest rank of 582 was obtained in Teaching parameter. In QS Asia ranking, Goa University has been ranked at 601-650 in Asia while in India, the University is ranked at 94. Further, in Southern Asia University was ranked at 189. Lastly, he mentioned that Goa University has been first time ranked by QS sustainability ranking.

9. AOB

AOB-1: Problems faced by students on campus

In the absence of President, Goa University campus students Union, the ladies representative attended the meeting and brought to notice the following issues faced by the students:

- i) Machine of sanitary disposal is not working properly in many schools.
- ii) Water filters in many schools are not working and there is no maintenance done.

- iii) No maintenance in Boys and Girls washrooms in many schools, specially Block B.
- iv) Network issue in many classrooms and not getting Wi-Fi connection which effects online classes.

In this regard the Head of Computer Centre while informing the technical reasons mentioned that some routers do not provide range in some corners, and also due antivirus. It was resolved that all issues will be processed to the concern offices for taking necessary action.

Chairman placed on record the valuable contributions and inputs of outgoing external members as their term gets over on 12th Dec. 2023. Committee thanked all the external members for their participation and deliberations in the meetings of IQAC and helping the University.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.

Prof. Sunder N. Dhuri,
Member Secretary, Dir-DIQA

Prof. H.B. Menon,
Chairperson & Vice Chancellor

Action taken on the items discussed in meeting held on 31082023

Item	Action taken
1. Discussion on Skill Based Courses	Initiated through DSPAR/ DEMS and Schools
2. Briefing on the Report of a Committee formed by MoE on Transformative Reforms	Presented to NAAC committee and detailed policy awaited from NAAC
3. Reporting of NIRF/India Today Ranking for 2023	Shortfalls and improvements are discussed in NAAC committee.
4. AOB 1: Setting up a dedicated Moodle or similar Learning Management Systems	DDLI has taken initiatives
5. AOB2: Waste management and green initiatives.	Solid Waste management is set up