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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, Prof. H. B. Menon, on 29th May 2024 at 3.00 p.m. in the Council Hall, Administrative Block, Goa University.

Following IQAC members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Vishnu S. Nadkarni, Registrar
2. Prof. Kaustubh R. Priolkar, Director, Directorate of Digital Learning and Initiatives
3. Prof. Jyoti Pawar, Director, Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
4. Prof. Pranab Mukhopadhyay, Member
5. Dr. Harip Khanapuri, Director, Directorate of International Cooperation and Exchange
6. Dr. Rupesh Patre, Director, Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations
7. Dr. Digamber Porob, Incharge, Director, Directorate of RDRM
8. Shri Sanjay Bandokar, Head, Computer Center.
9. Dr Ajay R. Gaude, External Expert, Senior Scale Officer of Goa Civil Services.
10. Shri Damodar Kochkar, External Expert, Ex-President, Goa State Industries Association
11. Prof. S. N. Dhuri, Director, DIQA/IQAC, Member Secretary
12. Prof. V. M. S. Verenkar, NAAC coordinator (Special Invitee)
13. Prof. B. P. Sarath, NEP cell coordinator (Special Invitee)

Dr. Alaklnanda Shringare, AISHE coordinator, and Asst. Librarian Mrs. Shambhavi N. Joshi were invitees.

Hon. Vice Chancellor welcomed all members for the last meeting of AY 2023-24 and requested the Member Secretary to take up the agenda.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the DIQA/IQAC meeting held on 24th April 2024.
The member secretary informed us that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2024 were circulated to all members, and there were no corrections suggested by any of the members. Therefore, the minutes were approved.

Agenda 2: Briefing on the requirement of the data for uploading on the UGC UTSAH portal
The member secretary initiated the discussion by highlighting the requirements of providing the data to the UGC UTSAH portal in accordance with NEP 2020. He requested AISHE Coordinator Dr. Alaknanda Shringare to present a detailed report of requirements based on ten thrust areas of the UTSAH Portal:
- Multidisciplinary and Holistic Education
- Digital Empowerment and Online Education
- Skill Development and Employability
- Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
- Capacity Building of Teachers for Quality Education
- Governance and Autonomy

- Accreditation and Excellence
- Equitable and Inclusive Education
- Promotion of Indian Languages and Indian Knowledge System
- Internationalization of Education

Dr. Alaknanda Shringare explained each thrust area and its sub-points. She suggested the actions needed to meet the UGC UTSAH Portal thrust areas. She further suggested that the University has directorates dedicated to different works that can be aligned to separate cells within the directorates so that we can accordingly meet the requirements of the UTSAH portal. Dr. Alaknanda informed that the Portal asks for the details of the grants received from pass-out international students as Alumni under the Alumni Cell. Dir-DSPAR, Dr. Rupesh suggested that his office works on placements and alumni-related matters. Hence, a separate cell for international alumni could be formed under DSPAR, which will coordinate with the DICE office. It was agreed by the members.

The chairman felt that the Research Advisory Committee of DRDRM is the same as the Research Advisory Council, and if necessary, it can be modified accordingly. The Registrar suggested that, wherever applicable, such changes could be made, and if they are not required, we can continue with the current structure and reply on the UTSAH portal. Prof. Sarath Chandran added that the emphasis of NEP implementation is focused on the UTSAH portal. He informed that whatever new initiative the University implements as per NEP should be reported on the UTSAH portal.

Dr. Harip expressed difficulty obtaining data on some of the activities conducted under MoUs and outside of MoUs as the same is, at times, not routed through DICE. Such data had to be collected through personal interaction with the concerned teachers. Prof. Priolkar suggested marking a copy of the email to the Hon. Vice-Chancellor or Registrar in order to streamline the process of receiving timely reports to DICE and IQAC, which will make it compulsory for the school or discipline to submit the report. The Registrar asked to provide a draft of the requirements of the directorates with respect to the activities held. Hon. Vice-Chancellor further added that a guideline about the needs of the directorates should be issued to all the schools. With respect to the Professor of Practice, the Hon. Vice Chancellor said that the new guidelines will be issued soon. Prof. Pranab Mukhopadhyay said that we can register the institution using the Professor of Practice portal. He also said that retired teachers can teach freely, to which the Registrar said that the Executive Council didn't agree to free service and requested to pay on paper.

Hon. Vice-Chancellor suggested putting up a note with a proposal and necessary action to be taken by the concerned office. It was resolved that all necessary requirements of the UTSAH portal be aligned as required.

AISHE Cell / Respective Directorates/ Schools/ Admin. Sections

Agenda 3: Briefing on requirements of OBE implementation.
The member secretary mentioned that for the smooth implementation of OBE, the university needs to have a policy in place. The OBE has to be implemented across all programmes both undergraduate and post-graduate. Prof. Pranab mentioned that NAAC looks seriously on implementing OBE, and therefore, as quickly as possible, the University needs to adapt the same. The member secretary requested that NEP Cell coordinator Prof. B. P. Sarath brief the members of IQAC on OBE. Prof. B. Sarath Chandran said that he had attended a meeting of NEP 2020 as

an NEP coordinator, wherein the suggestions were made to have PO and PSO mapped with COs, and a workshop may be organized to sensitize faculties on NEP 2020. He further mentioned that a committee has been constituted to formulate a policy on OBE, and one meeting has already been conducted. Dir-IQAC informed that his office has already collected the POs and PSOs for all programs, and they will be placed in the next meeting of the OBE committee for necessary inclusion in the policy. He also mentioned that we must follow a top-to-bottom approach when executing the OBE policy. He mentioned that in the last OBE meeting, the committee suggested revising the vision and mission of the University so that it is appropriately reflected in the mapping process of PEOs, POs, PSOs, and COs. Prof. Sarath said that once this policy is approved, the workshop will be conducted for all faculty members for its implementation. The chairman requested that the NEP Cell coordinator, Prof. Sarath, formulate the policy as soon as possible and place it for approval.

<div align="center">Action: NEP Cell / DIQA office</div>

Agenda 4: Briefing on various Ranking

Director, DIQA, provided a briefing on the various rankings of Goa University. He presented details of the comparison between Goa University and other NIRF-ranked universities in THE Asia University ranking. It was highlighted that while some universities ranked higher than Goa University in the NIRF rankings, they were ranked below Goa University in other rankings. He mentioned that we have to improve scores in the research publications, enrolment of international students, collaborations, research projects, faculty with PhD, revenue generation through corporate training, certificate programs, executive programs, and consultancy projects, then we will be ranked higher. He also provided insights into rankings by other reputable organizations such as Times Higher Education and Week, shedding light on Goa University's performance relative to other institutions in these rankings.

He further briefed on the various decisions taken by the IQAC committee meetings in the AY 2023-24 and the actions taken on the decisions. External Member Dr. Ajay Gaude mentioned that most of the students are not aware of the GPSC exams, and they need to be made aware of them. He also added that there are several schemes by the Government of India to get UPSC and GPSC coaching, and the same may be provided to the students. Dr. Rupesh replied by saying that the University is in the process of providing training to Goan aspirants for the UPSC examination. He also mentioned that a few sessions were conducted for students on different competitive exams, including GPSC, and more such activities are planned in the next AY 2024-25. Dr. Ajay Gaude, an external member, suggested that facilities for differently abled people should be made available in the infrastructure, and the Registrar explained that the new buildings have all the infrastructure facilities needed for them.

Dir-DIQA placed the IQAC calendar before the committee for the academic year 2024-25, which was approved by the house. After considering the suggestions put forth by the members, it was unanimously agreed to designate the last Friday of the quarterly month for the IQAC meeting. However, acknowledging the potential conflict with the Academic Council meeting scheduled on the same day, it was decided that, in such instances, the IQAC meeting will be rescheduled to the preceding Thursday.

<div align="center">Action: DIQA office/ DSPAR</div>

Agenda 5: Review the policy to recommend new journals to the UGC CARE list

Director-DIQA explained that there is a need to review the policy to recommend new journals to the UGC CARE list. The chairperson said that there is a need for the policy basically for language journals as Scopus/WOS doesn't have journals for regional languages. It was resolved that except for the Konkani language, as there are not many journals, the rest of the subjects must strictly comply with the Goa University policy of recommending Journals to the UGC-Care list. Hon. Vice-Chancellor suggested that the current policy may be circulated to all the members and collect inputs on further strengthening it. The Registrar mentioned that there was a request from the colleges to conduct FDP and replied that UGC has to grant permission rather than University.

Action: DIQA office

Agenda 6: Briefing on R&D projects and Patents

Dir-DIQA briefed upon the research projects and patents for three years and stated that there has been a significant increase in the sanctioned research projects. However, more patents need to be filed in the coming years. He mentioned that two of the members of IQAC, Prof. Nadkarni and Prof. Gad, have been granted Patents recently. It was suggested that awareness workshops on IPR be conducted frequently to enhance the participation of faculty and students in IPR activities.

The chairperson requested Dir-DIQA to brief the committee on the IDP workshop held in New Delhi. Dir-DIQA informed that the discussion took place among nine enablers. He mentioned that while most of the things we have included in our IDP, the focus is on creating a fundraising cell that could be emphasized to improve revenue generation. He suggested introducing new certificate courses, which will enable stakeholders to get extra qualifications and skills and, in turn, will generate revenue for the University. Dr. Ajay mentioned that many of the officers of the Government of Goa get training from GIM. He suggested that Goa University may start innovative programmes on a payment basis, and such a proposal could be sent to the Government requesting to nominate officers for such programs. Hon. Vice Chancellor suggested that certificate courses can be given to Government employees and corporate training for which the Government or the company can pay the University. He informed the committee that he would have a meeting with the deans of schools to make the decision on starting new certificate programs.

Action: DRDRM / DIQA office / Schools

AoB: There were no AOBs for discussion.

The chairperson thanked all the members for their participation and deliberations in the meetings.

Prof. S. N. Dhuri,   Prof. H.B. Menon,
Member Secretary, Dir-DIQA   Chairperson & Vice-Chancellor

Action taken on the items discussed in the meeting held on 24/04/2024

Item	Action Taken
Academic Administration Audit	The draft is placed for approval by AC
AQAR Approval	AQAR prepared and submitted to NAAC
Goa University as MERU	Reporting item
UNIGOA Pathshala	A separate tab is created on the website
E-office Implementation	Reporting item
Goa University Incubation Policy	Reporting item