

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the DSPAR meeting was held on 4th March 2024 at 3.00 pm at the Registrar office chamber, Goa University.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. V. S. Nadkarni (Registrar)
2. Dr. Rupesh Patre (Dir-DSPAR)
3. Dr. Arvind Haldankar (Chairperson, Career cell-DSPAR)
4. Coordinators of the School: Dr. Priya D'Costa, Dr. Narayan Parab, Dr. Marlon Sequeira, Dr. Rupesh Kunkalkar, Dr. Rupali Bhandari, Ms. Poorwa Naik, Mr. Yugank Naik, Ms. Rajavi Naik

Other coordinators (Ms Prachi Prabhu and Mr. Vinod Kankonkar) could not attend meeting due to prior commitment.

Registrar welcome all the members and requested Dir-DSPAR to take up the agenda for the discussion.

Dir-DSPAR shared the agenda of the meeting and presented various activities of the DSPAR undertaken for the year 2023-2024. The following points were discussed.

1) Student Placement

- a) Dir-DSPAR informed that, DSPAR in association with Schools organizes placement at the respective school/programme as per request of the recruiters. He further mentioned, DSPAR frequently communicate students about internship/job opportunities for registration. However, very less number of the student apply for the positions (eg, DSPAR organized job fair (coordinated by Dr. Narayan Parab) on financial sector for 100 nos managerial post, open for all programmes, and only 25 numbers attended for the interview).

Further he presented placement data 2022-23 school/programme wise and requested all the coordinator of the Schools to focus on improving their student's placement.

Registrar mentioned that placement of the student may be improved by providing proper orientation to the Part-II students (final year students). He suggested, coordinator/members to provide necessary guidance to the students to apply for the jobs, internship, PhD programmes, career seminar/workshop etc, or may invite resource person if require for the same. This initiative may enhance internship/job placement at respective schools.

- b) Registrar also suggested to build Alumni network of the respective programme to improve student placement, here with the help of the alumni you may know vacancies available at different organization. Dr. Arvind mentioned that he invited United Breweries to GU for the placement through his contacts.
- c) Some of the coordinator requested to add member to the placement team for smooth functioning of placement activities at the school.

Action: Coordinators (along with members)

2) Alumni meet

Dir-DSPAR thanked members for their support in organizing Annual Alumni meet of the Goa University 2023 and inform that enthusiastic responses were received from Alumni about the meet with some minor improvement that will be incorporated for

coming annual meet 2024. He requested to encourage respective school/programme esteemed alumni to register for life member of Goa University alumni association by paying membership fee of Rs, 1000/- (link details are on GU website).

He further informed that donation request letter signed by Hon'ble VC will be sent to some of the prominent alumni to contribute to Goa University Alumni Association (GUAA) account that will be used to support student centered activities at Goa University.

Registrar suggested to finalise date of the annual alumni meet atleast 6-7 months before, this may increase overall number of participants for the meet.

Registrar and Dir-DSPAR requested all the coordinators to continue to conduct alumni activities School/programme wise in the form of Alumni meet, Talk, seminars etc. which would facilitate engagement and interaction between the alumni and schools/students.

Action: Coordinators (along with members)

3) Job Portal

Dir-DSPAR informed DSPAR would create Job portal on the University website, which would help student to apply directly for the different positions.

Registrar mentioned terms and conditions for the job portal on the GU website to be placed for approval to ensure transparency and clarity for all parties involved for job portal.

Action: Dir-DSPAR/Coordinators

4) Career Counselling Cell

Dr. Arvind Haldankar shared different activities conducted for the benefits of the students, sessions on GPSC, UPSC, BARC, awareness of competitive exams, workshop on soft skill programme, aspire to inspire, etc., which are aligned with requirements of the NAAC. He further mentioned coaching for UPSC aspirants are in plan for the Goan students in collaboration with coaching institute.

Action: Chairperson of Career Counselling Cell

5) MOU

Dr. Arvind Haldankar mentioned that DSPAR has signed three MoU's with Be-Mahika Pvt. Ltd., Rubicon Pvt. Ltd. and Bodhi academy to support students centered activities at Goa University.

6) Dir-DSPAR mentioned that for smooth functioning of DSPAR activities, below are the coordinators responsible for different activities in coordination with Dir-DSPAR.

- a) Placement at school/programme (Coordinators/Members)
- b) Job Portal on GU website for Recruitment (Dr. Rupali Bhandari)
- c) Placement/Internship
 - i) Management (Dr. Narayan Parab and Team).
 - ii) Science: (Dr. Delicia Baretto and Team)
 - iii) Social Sciences/Arts/Humanity: (Ms. Poorwa Naik and Team)
- d) Industry-Academia Linkages (Dr. Priya and Team)
- e) Alumni activity School/Prgrammewise (Coordinators/Members)
- f) Annual Goa University Alumni Meet (Dr. Narayan/ Dr. Pinky and team)
- g) Increase number of Alumni members of GUAA (Ms. Rajavi and team)
- h) Financial assistance/student centered support from Alumni (Dir-DSPAR)
- i) Career counselling activities (Dr. Arvind Haldankar).

j) Seminar/workshop (Dr. Marlon/Dr. Rupesh K/Team)

The meeting ended with thanks to all members.



(Dr. Rupesh Patre)
Director, DSPAR