IQAC Meeting Minutes

The following members were present:

1. Dr. P. Venkat Rangan, Vice-Chancellor, IQAC Chairman
2. Swami Abhayamritananda Puri (Pro-Chancellor), Honorary Chairman
3. Dr. K. Sankaran, Registrar
4. Prof. C. Parameswaran (Director CIR)
5. Shri. Venugopal (Director HR)
6. Dr. Prem Nair, Medical Director
7. Swami Sankaramritananda Puri, Director, School of Ayurveda
8. Br. Vishwamrita Chaitanya, Director, Bangalore Campus
9. Br. Devidasa Chaitanya, Director, Amritapuri Campus
10. Dr. U. Krishnakumar, Director, ASAS Kochi
11. Br/ Anantananda Chaitanya, Director, Mysore Campus
12. Shri. I B Manikantan, Director, Chennai Campus
13. Dr. R Dhandapani, Controller of Examinations
14. Dr. Shanti Nair, (Dean, Research)
15. Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan (Dean, Engineering)
16. Dr. V S Somanath (Dean, Management)
17. Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology)
18. Dr. Maneesha Ramesh (Dean, International Programmes)
19. Dr. Krishnashekar Achuthan (Dean, PG Programs)
20. Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar (Associate Dean, Amritapuri)
21. Dr. Kishore Pillai (Associate Dean-Management)
22. Dr. S N Jyothi (Principal, Amrita School of Engineering, Amritapuri)
23. Dr. P Shankar (Principal, Amrita School of Engineering, Chennai)
24. Dr. SriNarayanan Devanathan (Principal, Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore)
25. Dr. (Col) Vishal Marwaha (Principal, School of Medicine)
26. Dr. R. Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry)
27. Prof. K T Moly (Principal College of Nursing)
28. Dr. M. Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
29. Dr. P. Sureshkumar (Principal, School of Agricultural Sciences)
30. Dr. V M Nandakumaran (Principal, Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Amritapuri)
31. Dr. Rekha Bhatt (Principal i/c, Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore)
32. Dr. A V Shyam (Chairperson, Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore)
33. Dr. P. Manoj (Chairperson, Management, Mangalore)
34. Prof. Sunanda Muralidharan (Chairperson, Management, Kochi)
35. Dr. Rajiv Nair (Chairperson, Management, Amritapuri)
36. Dr. Raghu Raman (Director, IQAC, Amrita Center for Accreditations, Rankings and Eminence) - Convener and Secretary

Under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Venkat Rangan, Vice-Chancellor, the Annual IQAC meeting was coordinated by Convener and Director, IQAC, Dr. Raghu Raman. The meeting started with a prayer. Dr. Raghu Raman extended a warm welcome to the Institute Level IQAC Representatives from all Campuses and Schools of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.

**Item #1: SSR Submission for NAAC Cycle 3 Accreditation**

All Schools of Amrita were requested to be prepared for DVV clarifications and also for the upcoming Peer Team Visit. SSR was submitted to NAAC on 20th March 2020.

**Item # 2: Institution of Eminence**

It was informed that we have received a letter of Intent (LoI) from MHRD. The next step is to sign the MoU and follow the instructions in the LoI

**Item #3: Quality Initiatives in Teaching-Learning (AACSB & OBE)**

- AACSB International announced that Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has earned accreditation for its Amrita School of Business
- Dr. Raghu Raman, IQAC Director has briefed Amrita’s successful implementation of Outcome Based Education (OBE) for B.Tech and B.Pharm programs. The following points were also discussed during the meeting:
  - DAAC’s continuous monitoring of OBE implementations
  - OBE Workshop at Amrita School of Arts & Sciences benefitted around 100+ faculties
  - Amrita’s participation in OBE Curriculum mapping and measurement for AICTE Short-Term Training Program (STTP)

The following institutions were benefited from the knowledge exchange and sharing of best practices of IQAC of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham for various Faculty Development Programs (FDP) and Short Term Training Programs (STTP) supported by AICTE

- Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
- Sree Narayana Guru College, Coimbatore
- Sri Krishna College of Technology, Coimbatore
- Kalaighar Karunanidhi Institute of Technology, Coimbatore
Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts & Sciences, Coimbatore
Saintgits Institute of Management, Kottayam, Kerala
Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology, Kochi, Kerala

Over 600 faculty were trained on various IQAC aspects like IQAC best practices, OBE philosophy, OBE curricular mapping, OBE documentation, DAAC, etc

**Item #4: AMPLE Platform for OBE**

- The IQAC Director briefed about Amrita’s initiative “Take your university online with Amrita’s AMPLE Platform” during the meeting.
- 500+ faculty pan-India benefited from this IQAC initiative with 2 workshops

**Item #5: OP Jindal Global University Senior Administration Team visited Amrita**

on 21st January 2019, a senior administration team from O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana, comprising Dr. Y.S.R. Murthy, Registrar, and Dr. Indranath Gupata, Controller of Examinations, visited Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. They studied the best practices of Amrita in Academics, Research, Corporate, and Industry Relations (CIR) and IQAC. Team observations and feedback were shared with the IQAC team during the team.

**Item #6: Amrita Rankings & Quality Recognitions**

Presentations regarding Amrita’s Rankings & Quality Recognitions were given by the IQAC Director during the meeting. Highlights of the presentations:

- ISO 9001 Certification
- NIRF - Medicine ranked 5th
- NIRF - Pharmacy ranked 15th
- Atal Ranking 2020 - Report submission - Major Indicators For Rankings
- THE rankings - 141 in the BRICS, 164 in Asia, 202 in Young Universities, 434 in Medical
- THE Impact rankings - 101-200 in SDGs 3 and 17

**Item #7: Research Performance 2019 - 20 & Targets for Academic Year 2020 - 21**

- For the academic year 2020-21, research performance of schools were analyzed for key ranking parameters like papers, citations, papers with zero citations, number of internationally collaborated papers, and then key ranking ratios like Papers/Faculty, Citations/Faculty, h5-index, etc
- Target setting for 2020 - 21 was discussed with every school requested to submit data by 31st July 2020

**Item #8: Amrita’s participation in International conferences**

- Dr. Raghu Raman (Director IQAC) at 8th World-Class Universities Conference, Shanghai
- Amrita Presentation at 9th World Engineering Education Forum (WEEF)
Plans to launch an Online program, as well as Certificate Courses were discussed in the meeting, which is to be implemented in the following academic year. IQAC was asked to conduct SWOC and recommend a set of online degree programs to be launched.

Meeting ended with Shanti Mantra.

Pranams

Respectful regards

Dr. Raghu Raman
Director, IQAC
Director, Amrita Centre for Accreditations, Rankings & Eminence