

## Minutes of the meeting of IQAC Committee held on 15.12.2023

**Venue : IQAC Committee Room**

**Time : 2.30 pm**

**Date : 15.12.2023**

### **Members Present:**

1. Prof. M.V Narayanan, Vice Chancellor -Sd/-
2. Dr. Unnikrishnan.P, Registrar-in-Charge -Sd/-
3. Dr. T Mini, IQAC Director -Sd/-
4. Dr. Yamuna K , Professor, Department of Vyakarana -Sd/-
5. Dr. Sangeetha Thiruval P.P. Asst.Professor,Department of Malayalam -Sd/-
6. Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj, Asst. Professor, Department of Social Work -Sd/-
7. Dr.Sheethal.S.Kumar, Asst. Professor, Department of Sociology -Sd/-
8. Dr.Niveditha Kalarickal, Asst. Professor, Centre for Comparative Lit. -Sd/-
9. Dr.Shanthi Nair,Professor,Department of Hindi -Sd/-
10. Dr.Saju.T.S,Associate Professor,Department of Geography -Sd/-
11. Sri. Sukhesh K Divakar, Joint Registrar -Sd/-
12. Ms. Athulya Raj, Research Scholar (Sahitya) -Sd/-

### **Members attended through Online Mode**

1. Dr. K. M. Sheeba, Professor, Department of History
2. Dr. Pushpadasan Kuniyil, Asso.Professor, RC Koyilandy
3. Dr. G Chandravadana, Asst.Professor, RC Ettumanoor
4. Dr. Arun Jaganathan, Asst. Professor, RC Ettumanoor

Dr. T Mini, Director IQAC welcomed the members to the meeting. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting. The Director detailed the agendas of the meeting. The committee assessed the overall progress of activities made in connection with submission of AQAR.

## **Agenda - I**

### **Review of resolutions of previous meeting of the IQAC Committee**

(a) Decided to direct the convenor of the committee constituted for improving the criteria of NIRF - Research and Professional Practice to convene a meeting at the earliest and to provide a report regarding the FCRA registration modalities.

(b) Considering the tight schedule and strenuous work of the Departments in connection with the introduction of Four Year UG programme in the coming academic year itself, the committee resolved to recommend to postpone the Academic and Administrative Audit to next year.

(c) The committee opined that the Energy and Waste management Audit has to be taken up by the University more seriously as the management and disposal of waste is not carried out in a proper way. The committee resolved to recommend the University Engineering Section to take necessary steps for waste management and also for Energy Audit.

(d) The Committee resolved to direct the Section Officer, Finance & Accounts Section to report on the status of implementation of the decision of IQAC in the last meeting and to submit a detailed report on the progress of NIC Software implementation in the University. Also to direct the Administration sections (A, B & C) to complete the modalities of UNISPARK and to submit a report on the progress of the same.

## **Agenda II**

### **Discussion on NAAC peer team recommendations for the Quality Enhancement of the Institution.**

The committee made a detailed deliberation on the following recommendations of the NAAC peer team for Quality Enhancement of the University. The opinion and suggestion of the committee is noted against each.

- 1. General Sanskrit Department may focus on the multidisciplinary of Sanskrit by way of offering new programs in open mode in order to enable students of other institution as well as other streams to earn their credits through these courses.**

- With the introduction of FYUG programme and ABC the Departments may be able to focus on multidisciplinary of Sanskrit and the students from other Departments and institutions will be able to earn credits through the courses offered by Sanskrit Departments. In order to widen these avenues the

University has instituted a Centre for Online Learning to offer courses in online mode.

**2. Special Scholarships may be provided to the students who get admission into Shastric Studies.**

- Presently the university is offering Scholarships to the students admitted to Sanskrit UG Programmes. The committee observed that with the introduction of the Four Year UG Programme, the students may be able to avail scholarships for four years and thereby comply with the NAAC team suggestion to a larger extent. The committee suggested to extend the scholarship for One year PG also and to entrust Academic C section to take further steps in this regard.

**3. Performing Arts, Fine Arts and Painting or Visual Arts departments may be encouraged by sanctioning sufficient number of positions.**

- Sanctioning of positions may not be feasible for the time being as it requires the approval of the State Government

**4. The University must publicize the SamaVeda recordings through the website and archive it in DLI or NIC for future use.**

- The University has already initiated the endeavour to digitize and publicize the Samaveda recordings and Koodiyattam visuals.

**5. The university must make efforts to attract foreign students for Sanskrit Learning apart from other states of India. For this some attractive schemes may be planned to get such admissions.**

- The university should explore the possibility of publishing the admission notification and the profile of University/Departments at national and international level utilizing the scope of online social digital media platforms for cross border publicity. Committee recommended that all the Sanskrit Departments must coordinate hand in hand to come up with new ideas for attracting foreign students to learn Sanskrit language. Timely updation of the University website is also necessary for the students and the scholars to get acquainted with the various programmes and courses offered in our University.

**6. The unutilised land of a sub center may be put in use by establishing a center of learning in 64 Art forms of India.**

- Considering the University's present financial situation, the committee deferred the discussion.

**7. HRDC for Sanskrit Learning may be established in one of the campuses.**

- The proposal to institute a Centre for Advanced Sanskrit Pedagogy by procuring RUSA Phase III fund is under the consideration of the University.

**8. The Department or Faculty of Education may be established with necessary staff positions to create new brand teachers and conduct teachers training.**

- The procedural formalities to start Four Year BEd programme is underway.

**9. Sufficient Non-teaching positions may be created to enhance and strengthen the administrative support system.**

- Creation of Non-teaching positions requires the concurrence of the State Government. Administration B section may be directed to take further necessary steps and submit a report on the further progress in this matter.

**10. Encourage and support the incubation and start ups in the university campus with the support of CSR and Alumni support.**

- At present University level K-DISC and the Career Guidance Cell is providing adequate training programmes for the students. Considering the special nature of the programmes offered in the University, workshops have to be conducted to brainstorm the student community and to evolve their ideas to end up in startups in the related academic programmes. Dr. Jose Antony, Professor, Dept of Social Work and Nodal Officer, KDISC is entrusted to submit creative proposals regarding the same.

**11. Develop Open Courses under MOOC on Indian Knowledge in Modern Context. These blended courses must be offered by Traditional and Modern Faculty together**

- Centre for Online Learning is already on its way to cater the requirement of developing Open courses.

**12. The university may modify its system of Examination and Evaluation by adopting Completely continuous Internal Evaluation by the Department Faculty.**

- The introduction of FYUG programme will revamp the entire academic activities and thereby it will modify the Internal Evaluation by the Department Faculty.

**13. Develop International School of Shankara Studies in a big way with the Public Private Participation mode.**

- The University has already instituted the International School for Sree Sankaracharya Studies (ISSS). The committee recommended to entrust the core committee constituted for the Office of International Affairs in order to submit a detailed report regarding the possibility of Public Private Participation mode.

**14 The University Shall create sufficient hostels for research scholars with a provision of single occupancy. For that funds can be mobilized from state Govt and other sources.**

- The committee observed that the University is providing ample hostel facilities to the students admitted to various programmes. However single occupancy for research scholars must be considered. The committee suggested to submit proposal before the Government to allocate funds under the RUSA and state plan schemes.

**15. The Institution shall create a friendly environment for Sanskrit Studies, where students and teachers are able to use Simple Standard Sanskrit medium for teaching and learning process.**

- Committee resolved to entrust the HoDs of Sanskrit Sahitya, Vyakarana, Vedanta, Nyaya and General departments to coordinate and devise a methodology to promote the use of Simple Sanskrit as medium for teaching and learning process.

**16. A brief introduction of major dance forms of India like oddissi, manipuri should be included in academic discourse.**

- The Committee suggested to direct the HoDs of Mohiniyattom and Bharathanatyam departments to explore the possibility of including a brief introduction of other dance forms of India in academic discourse.

### **Agenda III**

Committee observed that the number of teaching faculty using the Academic social media platforms like LinkedIn, Academia.edu, Research Gate, Vidwan etc are so meager. All the teachers have to be well equipped to use these platforms for the Academic enrichment. Considering this, the committee suggested to conduct a workshop for teachers on various information and communication technology platforms and their possibilities in the present scenario. The committee recommended to entrust the Public Relation officer to submit proposals regarding the same.

### **Agenda IV**

For publicizing and showcasing the Academic activities conducted, the University has to upgrade the status in various Social media platforms like Facebook, You tube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn etc. Public Relation Officer is entrusted to update all the academic activities periodically to these social media platforms and to open official University accounts in those platforms where University is not active.

### **Agenda V**

Dr.T.Mini informed the meeting that she would like to step down from the position of Director,IQAC and requested the Vice Chancellor that she be relieved from the position of IQAC Director w.e.f 31.12.2023.

Meeting came to an end at 4.00 pm.

**Sd/-**  
**Dr M V Narayanan**  
**Vice Chancellor**