

B.S.ABDUR RAHMAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Estd.u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

Action Taken Report on

Minutes of

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

(IQAC) Meeting

held on

03.09.2014, 2.30 p.m.

at

Seminar Hall – III, Convention Centre, BSAU



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Date: 30-01-2015

The meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held on 3rd September 2014 at 2.30 p.m. in the Seminar Hall III of the Convention Centre, B.S Abdur Rahman University. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor. He presented the overview of the agenda of the meeting. The following are the action taken based on the minutes of IQAC meeting.

S.No	Contents / Deliberations	Action Taken
1	NAAC Report The NAAC team visited B.S. Abdur Rahman University during 8 th to 10 th April 2014, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Anil K. Bhatnagar, former Vice Chancellor, and Pondicherry University. B.S. Abdur Rahman University was awarded with 'A' grade by NAAC. The NAAC committee has suggested a few recommendations for quality improvement of BSAU. Inorder to implement the recommendations, the following points were discussed one by one.	Noted.
	• Attract highly qualified and experienced faculty Already qualified and experienced faculty from foreign countries like USA, etc. was recruited as faculty members in the School of Life Sciences. It was resolved to give priority to recruit highly qualified and experienced faculty for all other programmes in the coming years.	Noted.



It was also resolved to appoint faculty by invitation from reputed institutions in India and abroad.	
Create additional positions especially in humanities & sciences and start relevant and need based courses in these areas	
The following science and humanities courses were included as a core course in the curriculum of all B.Tech. programmes of our University.	Noted. Efforts initiated to start ne programmes from the Academic Year 2019 16.
• Keep pace with modern technological and scientific advancement It was resolved to utilize the newer technology for teaching, learning process like animation, simulation, etc. It was also decided to enhance the utilization of ICT facilities, Smart boards, etc.	Noted. Efforts initiated to purchase 5 numbers of LCD projectors and to provid smart board in Seminar Halls of Engineerin departments.
• Prioritize International research collaborations It was resolved to review the functioning of MoUs signed with foreign and Indian institutions and activate the research collaborations and other tasks envisaged in the MoU.	Noted. Director (International Collaboration initiated work in this regard. Respective HOD /Deans were informed to review the status an functioning of existing MoU's.



 Introduce Pedagogic reforms to encourage more creativity among new generation of faculty members It was resolved to introduce pedagogy reforms through Faculty Training Academy (FTA) of B.S. Abdur Rahman University. Further, pedagogy reforms like role play, case studies, thrust area based quiz programme, industry standard experiments, etc. will be given priority to enhance teaching learning process. It was resolved to conduct more workshops and training programmes to introduce pedagogy reform through FTA of BSAU. 	Noted. To inculcate new teaching pedagogies, FTA organized two programs in the Odd Semester 2014-15.
 Generate more funds from different agencies for the requirements It was decided to encourage faculty members to submit project proposals funded by various agencies. Further, it was decided to encourage submission of inter-disciplinary projects. 	Noted. Faculty members were encouraged to submit core / inter-disciplinary funded project proposals. Many proposals were submitted to the various funding agencies viz. SERB, DBT, CSIR, ICMR, UGC-DAE CSR, DRDO, AYUSH etc. during the ODD semester 2014-15.
• Procure and ensure proper use of state-of-the-art instruments / facilities It was resolved to utilize all state-of-the-art instruments and other facilities available in all the departments as a common facility for all the departments in the Institution. For the effective utilization of the equipment, it was resolved to recruit skilled Technicians to operate and	Noted.



maintain the equipment.

• Facilitate more number of teachers to participate in National and International seminars and conferences

It was resolved to motivate the faculty members to participate and present research work in National and International conferences, obtaining travel grants from funding agencies and from the University grants.

• Enhance the Quality of Research including publications in refereed journals and institutionalizing consultancy and collaborative activities

It was decided to enhance the activities of the Centre for Research and Consultancy to target more funded projects both from Government Agencies and R&D centre's of industries to promote research in cutting edge areas.

It was resolved to concentrate more on collaborative research, joint publications and joint research proposals both within the country and abroad. It was further resolved to enhance the activities of all the MoUs signed by the University through the respective department. Further, it was decided that the faculty members already recruited and who do not possess Ph.D. degree should register for Ph.D. immediately to enhance the research culture.

• Establish some Centres of Excellence

It was resolved to enhance the functioning of "Centre for Energy Research Studies" of B.S. Abdur Rahman University. It was decided to constitute a committee to identify core groups in the areas of energy, polymer research, Electronics & Communication, Computer Science &

Noted. HODs and School Deans were informed to motivate the faculty members to attend National / International conferences by obtaining travel grant from funding agencies.

Noted.

Noted.

HODs and School Deans motivated the faculty members without Ph.D. to register for the same during the upcoming Ph.D. admission.

Noted.

Efforts initiated and core research groups to work on contemporary research areas were identified by various departments.



	 Application Development, Mechatronics, Robotics, Civil Engineering and Life Sciences so as to carryout interdisciplinary research. Attract foreign students It was decided to get approval from Chairman, Board of Management to give more importance for admitting students from other countries. It was decided to create infrastructure facilities like hostel, etc. to suit the requirements of foreign nationals. 	Noted.
2	Value Added Programme It was decided to launch all value added programmes approved for the different departments from 1 st October 2014.	Noted. Many value added programmes were organized during the ODD semester 2014-15.
3	Establishment of a Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Training (CIIT) Vice chancellor informed that, if Innovation and Incubation are professionally facilitated though training and guidance, some of the projects and patents can even spin off into industry through effective entrepreneurship models. This Centre will also utilize the services of Government Organizations, Industries, Laboratories and other the voluntary organizations to promote entrepreneurship. The Centre shall also invite projects of challenge from industries for development by the various engineering and sciences disciplines of the University. Hence, it was resolved to establish Centre for Incubation, Innovation & Training (CIIT) in B.S.Abdur Rahman University. The concept can be split into two centres and concept paper be prepared for discussion.	



`4	Root-cause analysis for the poor performance in Semester End	
	Exams	
	Vice Chancellor informed that all HODs / Deans should analyze the root	Noted.
	cause of the poor performance of the students to improve the outcome of the Teaching / Learning process. Students and their parents are to be informed about their academic performance and attendance. Dr. V. Sankaranarayanan, Director (Univ. Proj) suggested in his letter to IQAC, that all the students should be informed after each Continuous Assessment Test so that remedial action can be taken against those students who performed poor in the Continuous Assessment Test (CAT). It was resolved to arrange SMS facility to give information regarding the performance of all students immediately after Continuous Assessment Tests I, II and III to their parents. Vice Chancellor suggested some honorarium to the Class Advisors who are engaged in giving SMS, to cover up the cost and extra efforts.	HODs / School Deans were informed to meticulously analyze the results at the end of every semester and come out with courses for which root cause analysis has to be conducted based on the result performance as compared to normally expected result. SMS was sent to parents at the end of CAT I and CAT II examination indicating percentage of attendance during the period of study and marks scored by the student in the CAT in various courses. An exclusive in-charge was nominated to monitor the sending of SMS to parents in time after the CAT.
5	Enhancement of Teaching, Learning process	
5	It was resolved to enhance the utilization of e-resources by the staff members. It was decided to modify the outcomes of each course suitably as per the syllabus framed. The process of teaching method for theory and lab courses are to be changed as per the outcome mentioned in the syllabus. Vice Chancellor informed Dr. Abdul Majeed, HOD, Polymer and library-in charge to arrange workshop for the proper utilization of learning resources available in the library by all staff members. Vice Chancellor also suggested to develop a broad Question Bank for each course covering the entire syllabus utilizing the services of internal faculty and outside experts. Dr. V.M. Periasamy, Pro Vice	Noted. Efforts initiated.



	Chancellor is nominated as Chairman for developing the question bank for all courses offered in the University.	
6	Progress of NBA activities Dr. V.M. Periasamy, Pro-vice Chancellor gave the detailed information about the progress of submission of self assessment report to NBA. As per the directions of our Vice Chancellor, various activities in connection with the NBA Accreditation of our Post Graduate Programmes were initiated. Based on the guidelines and norms of NBA Accreditation, the relevant details for the following five PG programmes were uploaded in the website of NBA in first phase of accreditation. M.Tech. (Structural Engineering) M.Tech. (Structural Engineering) M.Tech. (Computer Science Engineering) M.Tech. (Communication System) The processing fee of Rs. 14,60,680/- were paid and subsequently e-Self Assessment Report of the above mentioned programmes were successfully uploaded in the NBA website and awaiting the dates for the expert team's visit. Following is the list of second batch of PG programmes identified for NBA Accreditation by our university. M.Tech. (CAD - CAM) M.Tech. (VLSI & Embedded Systems) M.Tech. (Information Technology) The processing fee of Rs. 14,60,680/- is already paid and the final copy	
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	of the e-SAR is also kept ready for uploading into the e-NBA website. Once the NBA allows to upload, the e-SAR of these five programmes will be uploaded.	
	For the third batch of PG programmes identified for NBA Accreditation,	
	the core committee is scrutinizing the Self Assessment Report's of the	
	following four PG Programmes. M.Tech. (Electronics & Instrumentation)	
	□ M.Tech. (Software Engineering)	
	□ MBA	
	Once the second batch of e-SAR is uploaded in the e-NBA website,	
	the fee for the third batch will be paid and subsequently, the SAR's will	
	be uploaded	
7	Any other matter	
	Vice chancellor informed about the benefits of registering Ph.D. by the	
	staff members of the University. He also requested the HODs / Deans	Noted.
	to inform those staff members who have not registered for Ph.D so far	
	to register at the earliest. Otherwise their services cannot be continued	
	in B.S.A.U.	

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