

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality Advisory Committee (QAC) for IQAC held on 17.05.2022 at
12.00 Noon in the ICSSR Mini Conference Hall, OU Guest House, Osmania University**

Members Present:

1. Prof. D. Ravinder	Vice-Chancellor, O.U.	Chairman
2. Prof. P. Laxminarayana	Registrar, O.U.	Member
3. Prof. B. ReddyNaik	OSD to VC	Member
4. Prof. G. Malleshham	Dean Development & UGC Affairs	Member
5. Prof. P. Naveen Kumar	Director Infrastructure	Member
6. Prof. B. Srinagesh	Controller of Examination	Member
7. Prof. T. Mrunalini	Director, EMRC	Member
8. Prof. SriramVenkatesh	Principal, UCE	Member
9. Prof. K.G. Chandrika	Dean, Faculty of Management	Member
10. Prof. C. Ganesh	Principal, UCASS	Member
11. Prof. B. Veeraiah	Principal, UCS	Member
12. Dr. V. Appa Rao	Director, UFRO	Member
13. Prof. M. Vijjulatha	Principal, UCW, Koti	Member
14. Prof. G.B. Reddy	Director, PGRRCDE	Member
15. Dr. D. RamankrishnaDevaki	Life Science Pvt. Ltd. CEO, Kamineni	Member
16. Dr. Vijay Kumar	General Secretary, Alumni Association, UCE	Member
17. Dr. J. Upendar	Nodal Office, Statistical Cell	Member
18. The I/c. Finance Officer	Osmania University	Member
19. Prof. M Srinivas	Director, IQAC, OU	Member Secretary
20. Prof. R. Nageshwar Rao	Former Director, IQAC, OU	Special Invite
21. Prof. V. Uma	Former Dean Faculty of Science	Special Invite

The Director IQAC, Prof M.Srinivas has initiated the QAC meeting of IQAC by welcoming all the members and special Invites. On the advice of Chairman of QAC and Vice-Chancellor, OU, Prof. D Ravinder, the Director IQAC has briefly introduced the IQAC activities after its Re- constitution in April 2022. He has a given a brief presentation explaining the IQAC set up, activities and the process of Accreditation and the peer committee reports after NAAC visit and the institute's compliance and future plan of action for the next 2 years.

After going through the activities since 2020-2021, the committee primarily focussed on the suggestions / recommendations of NAAC peer team committee during their visit in the year of 2024.

1. **Peer committee suggestion:** Vacant teaching and other supporting staff positions should be filled.

QAC Recommendations: The Chair Person IQAC and Vice- Chancellor O.U, informed that the process of filling up the support teaching staff, and the State Govt. has already been initiated. The committee has also reiterated that 1:1.5 (Teaching vs.Non-Teaching) ratio to be maintained.

2. **Peer committee suggestion:** More project based research fund be procured in Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Education and Management.

QAC Recommendations: The committee felt that there is a need to encourage and motivate the faculties of Arts & Social Science, towards formulating Research Projects. The committee suggested the possibility to establish, Research centre to monitor these activities, so that more projects proposals can be submitted and to procure more projects on par with the projects getting sanctioned to the faculty of science.

3. **Peer committee suggestion:** Energy conserving measures should be strengthened including solar energy based power.

QAC Recommendations: The committee suggested the IQAC to find ways to approach the concerned nodal Govt. Agencies to establish a solar power based projects as OU has adequate space for the construction of such projects. In this regard the Director, Office of the Infrastructure, may be directed to initiate the process and keep QAC informed with developments happening in this regard.

4. **Peer committee suggestion:** More skill and job oriented courses should be started. New courses such as Architectural Engineering, Environmental Engineering as well as in fine arts, music and painting to reflect the regional culture.

QAC Recommendations: Committee thoroughly discussed on this aspect and came to the conclusion that more number of industry oriented courses should be introduced in tune with requirements of industry along with Skill oriented courses. The syllabus can be designed at Board of Studies of the concerned departments. This includes introduction of new online courses such as MOOCS, SWAYAM etc., in addition to the above mentioned engineering courses. The Committee also felt the need to introduce more number of outcome based courses.

5. **Peer committee suggestion:** Number of seats in present courses especially in sciences and engineering faculties should be increased.

QAC Recommendations: The committee has felt that along with recruitment of both teaching and non-teaching staff, the seats can be enhanced to meet the current requirements, and the Chair person has informed the decision of SCHE to enhance the no. of seat under National Integration Quota by 20%.

6. **Peer committee suggestion:** Some large faculties like arts and science should be split into smaller faculties for better academic and administrative management.

QAC Recommendations: The committee has also recommended the introduction of school concept that includes the School of Life Science, School of Earth Science, School of physical sciences, and School of Management after through discussion at different quarters.

7. **Peer committee suggestion:** Vision document for next 20 years should be planned and implemented.

QAC Recommendations: The preparation of vision document for the next 10 years needs to be done after due consultation with all the concerned authorities, faculties, departments in a holistic manner.

8. **Peer committee suggestion:** Strengthen the collaborative efforts in R&D with higher educational institutions.

QAC Recommendations: The efforts are been initiated by Osmania University to go ahead with several applications of projects proposals and a good number of MoUs are being signed with various organisations in the area of R & D. The Director IQAC Should get the entire R & D activities compiled periodically and close monitoring is absolutely essential.

9. **Peer committee suggestion:** IQAC should made proactive:

QAC Recommendations: (a) It is proposed to take the self-appraisal report from each of the faculty members. This report includes the research articles, scholar's research work, projects, patents, responses towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). and (b) to make more proactive, the Director, IQAC should be included as Member of the Standing committee.

10. **Peer committee suggestion:** The faculties of ICT enabled smart and interactive class room's needs to be further strengthened.

QAC Recommendations: The process has already been initiated as the University Data Centre has already commenced & functioning.

11. **Peer committee suggestion:** Adequate funds for maintenance of buildings must be provided.

QAC Recommendations: As rightly pointed out by the NAAC peer committee, necessary process will be initiated by discussing this aspect in appropriated bodies.

12. **Peer committee suggestion:** Effective online feedback mechanism should be obtained from all stake holders.

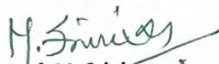
QAC Recommendations: The QAC has accepted the peer committee suggestion and the director IQAC has informed that the necessary steps for obtaining the online feedback has been initiated.


13. Furthermore, the QAC also discussed the following

- a. The QAC committee also resolved to recommend introducing of skill based courses/curriculum to strengthen the both written and oral communication skills of the students.
- b. As suggested by NAAC peer team, the University to put all necessary efforts to improve the NIRF ranking from the present state.
- c. IQAC should establish a practice of Academic and Administrative Audit as per the guidelines of regulatory bodies and need to discuss in the appropriate meetings of departments/colleges/administrative department.
- d. To have a green campus, all the college principals should identify the location for wet & dry dust bins.
- e. The QAC has recommended that seven core teams have to be formed for a preparation of 7 criterion of AQAR. and has to submit by online after the approval from Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University
- f. QAC also suggested that the documentation of the all activities at individual / department / faculty / college levels, must be maintained effectively so that during the NAAC accreditation and inspection of expert team would have the information available on hand.

- g. The QAC has brought to the notice of the IQAC that University should have administrative academic audit maintained at all the level from 2017 onwards for withstanding the closure of institutions during the pandemic period.
- h. The QAC also opined that energy audit, gender audit, and green audit report should be taken up and report must be available with the IQAC, in consultation with authority of Osmania University.
- i. The QAC also recommended that appointment of adjunct professors in University will add great value to the institution and it will not financial burden the University and the quality would be enhanced.
- j. The QAC member also suggested that Porsche Committee should be constituted in every department for prevention of sexual harassment of women at work places. A separate IPR policies & Startup policies should formulated that will help the University in a big way.
- k. The QAC also recommended that the University technological incubation center should be strengthened following the guidelines of Govt. of India.
- l. The QAC also expressed the opinion that University should encourage the private partnership programs and make them as collaborators for filing patent, and research formulating projects which involves obtaining financial support from government and private funding agency.
- m. The QAC also recommended that sensitisation and creating awareness about the NAAC accreditation among the stake holders, should be made by IQAC involving a series of meeting of IQAC with Principals/Heads/Faculty member etc., to make them conscious of their roles and duties and help the administration to prepare a vision document.
- n. The IQAC should recommended a formulation for creating specific policies like e-base management, startup policies etc., for the University management in a holistic manner.

Finally, the meeting concluded by vote of thanks by Prof. M. Srinivas, Director, IQAC.


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