

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell  
CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore**

Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Council, held on Tuesday, 6th September 2022, at 10:30 am in the Board Room, Ground Floor, Central Block, Bangalore Central Campus of the University.

**In the Chair:** Dr Fr Abraham V M, Vice Chancellor

**Members Present**

Dr Fr Abraham V M - Vice Chancellor: Chairperson  
 Dr Fr Jose C C - Pro-Vice-Chancellor  
 Prof. Chandrasekharan K A - Director, IQAC: Secretary  
 Dr Anil Joseph Pinto - Registrar  
 Dr Johny Joseph - Controller of Examinations  
 Dr Kennedy Andrew Thomas - Professor, School of Education  
 Dr Balachandran K - Professor, Computer Science and Engineering (Attended Online)  
 Dr Fr Viju P D - Professor of Psychology, (Attended Online)  
 Dr Fr Jossy P George - Associate Professor of Computer Science ((Attended Online)  
 Dr Kavitha D - Associate Professor of Professional Studies  
 Dr Veerta Tantia - Assistant Professor of Commerce  
 Dr Fr Benny Thomas - Director, Admissions ((Attended Online)  
 Mr Vijayan M S - Joint Managing Director, RESIL Chemicals Pvt Ltd ((Attended Online)  
 Mr Jugnu Uberoi - President, Christ University Alumni Foundation  
 Mr Arya Dilip Shirke – Student Representative, BBA

**Invitees Present**

Dr John Joseph Kennedy - Dean, School of Arts and Humanities  
 Dr Tony Sam George - Dean, School of Social Sciences  
 Dr Tomy K Kallarakal - Dean, School of Commerce, Finance and Accountancy  
 Dr Iven Jose - Dean, School of Engineering and Technology  
 Dr Joby Thomas – Dean, Bangalore Yeshwanthpur Campus ((Attended Online)  
 Dr Somu C S - Director, Strategic Planning and Implementation (Attended Online)  
 Dr George Thomas C - Dean, School of Sciences  
 Dr Jain Mathew - Dean, School of Business and Management  
 Dr Jyothi Kumar – Dean, Bangalore Bannerghatta Road Campus ((Attended Online)

**Leave of Absence**

There was no leave of absence.

**Declaration of Quorum:** The Secretary declared that all the members were present and requested the Chairperson to conduct the meeting.

He also informed the Council that Dr Charles J A, Associate Director of IQAC, resigned due to his relocation to Chennai.

Dr Fr Abraham V M, Vice Chancellor, began the meeting with a silent prayer. He welcomed all the Council members and invitees present in the meeting. The Council took up the matters on the agenda.





## Matters on the Agenda

### 1. To consider and approve the minutes of the 27th meeting of the IQAC Council held on 01 June 2022 and to consider matters arising thereon.

Mr Jugnu Uberoi, President of the Alumni Association, suggested adding in the minutes the photographs of the IQAC members attending the meeting in the boardroom, along with the names of members attending the meeting. Prof. Chandrasekharan K A said that the photographs can be shared separately with the members but will not be part of the minutes in the minute's book.

Dr Anil Joseph Pinto said that the supporting documents, including the slides, presented at the meeting, will be recorded and documented along with the minutes of the meeting and the photographs can be filed along these documents as approved by the Chairperson.

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the IQAC held on 01 June 2022 as circulated with the Notice as "Annexure A" was duly reviewed and approved.

### 2. To take note of the status of the AQAR 2020-21

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A informed that the AQAR 2020-21 was submitted at the NAAC portal on 03 August 2022. He also informed that the AQAR 2020-21 was accepted without any comments or clarifications by NAAC on 29 August 2022.

### 3. To take note of the status of AQAR 2021-22

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A informed the Council that the preparation of AQAR 2021-22 was in progress, and the University would submit the AQAR within the due date of 31 December 2022, unless the due date is extended by NAAC.

### 4. To consider the report of the Faculty Development Programme-I, 2022

Dr Kennedy Andrew Thomas informed that the faculty development programme was held on 6,7,8,9,11 July 2022 on emerging needs, based on the Self Study Report (SSR) submitted to NAAC and the preparations for the Peer Team Visit. He said the objectives of the programme were briefed to the faculty members by the resource persons, including Prof. Jayasankaran, Quality Advisor. He said that the FDP Programmes were conducted as per the schedule, during the five days:

- Day 1: Institutional level presentations - Quality Initiatives
- Day 2: Presentation by Deans to their respective schools
- Day 3: Holistic Education and Development Training Programme
- Day 4: Departmental level work - Preparation of Reports
- Day 5: Departmental level work - Preparation of Reports

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A said that the FDP Programme went on very well as planned. At the end of the programme, the departments prepared the draft presentations for presenting to the Peer Team. A review team reviewed the draft presentations along with the HOD and faculty of individual departments, and the departments were working on the suggestions of the review team.

### 5. To review the Plan of Action for 2022-23

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A shared the plan of action based on the inputs from the departments. The following suggestions for plan of action were reviewed and discussed by the members:

- a) Implementation of NEP 2020





- b) Develop Strategic Plan 2023-28
- c) Strengthen the Data Management System and digitization of activity monitoring and reports
- d) Restructuring the Teaching Learning Enhancement Cell (TLEC), for effective contribution to NAAC criteria 1 and 2
- e) Strengthening the IQAC further for effective implementation of quality initiatives
- f) Restructure the Academic and Administrative Audit, to provide validated data for the preparation of AQAR
- g) Improving the performance in NIRF and other Rankings
- h) NBA Accreditation of Management programmes
- i) Review the role of centres to improve the effectiveness

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A stressed the need to restructure TLEC with a dedicated Director or Dean. He said that TLEC should give feedback and guidance on curriculum design, and teaching-learning processes to the departments to improve the quality initiatives of Criteria 1 and 2.

He suggested creating better coordination between IQAC and its different units.

He said that NAAC grade and NIRF ranking are important for the existence of the institution, hence there should be more focussed effort to improve the NIRF ranking.

Dr Jain Mathew said that the pre-qualifier of NBA of MBA programmes had been approved on 03 September 2022, and Self-Assessment Report (SAR) would be submitted within 60 days.

Dr Iven Jose suggested including the 'Quality of Research' and 'Research funding' in the plan of action.

Mr Vijayan M S suggested improving Industry and Institution collaboration. He suggested starting some programmes using incubation facilities and involving industries. Industries could join with faculty for research which would build a more robust startup culture within the institution.

Mr Jugnu Uberoi requested that an appeal be sent to the Corporates/Alumni through the Registrar, stating the type of funding and areas for collaboration. Prof. Chandrasekharan K A suggested constituting a sub-committee to draft the proposal, which can be reviewed in the next meeting. He proposed Dr Iven Jose to lead the sub-committee, with two other members co-opted by him.

Dr Johny Joseph informed that Dr Suparna Kar had been appointed as Associate Director of TLEC with a team of 20 plus faculties representing most of the departments across the campuses with him as the mentor for the TLEC. Prof. Chandrasekharan K A suggested the TLEC focus on criteria 1 and 2 of NAAC and present quarterly reports during the council meeting. Dr Johny Joseph accepted the suggestion and said that henceforth, TLEC reports would be submitted during the council meeting.

Dr Anil Joseph Pinto informed the plan to restructure the Centre for Research and Development as per the UGC guidelines and plans to strengthen the Centre for Service Learning. He suggested mapping NAAC Criteria metrics to various centres with a mandate to improve University achievements in the metrics mapped, and he suggested mapping the activities to





satisfy the NAAC and NIRF requirements. He also requested the Deans to send the suggestions on quality initiatives to the IQAC and that the IQAC could take a decision on their inclusion.

#### **6. To review the progress of the NAAC Assessment and Accreditation process**

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A informed the Council on the progress in the NAAC Accreditation of the University. IIQA was submitted on 16th February 2022, and SSR was submitted on 6th May 2022. DVV process was completed on 16th June 2022, and prequalification was announced on 17th August 2022. He informed that the University had proposed three slots (28-30 Sep, 12-14, 18-20 Oct) for the Peer Team Visit, and was awaiting confirmation from NAAC.

He informed that the following committees were formed to take care of various aspects of Peer Team Visit:

1. Core Committee to draft the PTV schedule
2. Campus preparation
3. Criteria-wise, Display and Exhibition in reporting room
4. Presentation by VC
5. Presentation by Deans
6. Presentation by HoD
7. Interaction with the Board of Management
8. Interaction with the IQAC Director and IQAC Council Members
9. Interaction with the Registrar and the Finance Officer
10. Interaction with Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Parents
11. Visit to Centres, Offices
12. Cultural Programme by Students
13. Assisting in Report preparation (by Peer Team) and exit meeting

#### **7. To take note of the progress with the Academic Audit**

Dr Somu C S, Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation, briefed on the status of the academic audit. He informed that the audit reports for the academic year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 had been submitted. The audit for 2020-21 was in the final stage of completion, and the final report is expected by 15th September 2022. Dr Anil Joseph Pinto suggested reworking the audit instruments to align with NAAC requirements and other key ranking agencies in the forthcoming years.

#### **8. To take note of the status of the Strategic Plan 2018-23**

Dr Somu C S - the Director, briefed on the status of the strategic plan. He informed the Council that the Strategic plan period 2015-18 has been completed, and the strategic plan 2018-23 was in progress.

#### **8a. To review the preparation of Strategic Plan 2023-28 with the suggested timeline**

Dr Somu C S, informed that the revision of goals for 2018-23 will be done from 15 December 2022 to 15 Jan 2023; the team will analyse the plans submitted by the departments. He informed that the team plans to have external experts from Industry and other institutions to fine-tune the strategic plan. He informed the council that the new strategic plan would be implemented starting in February. He suggested revising the strategic plan period from 5 years to 3 years, as it is a long duration for the departments to focus on.

#### **9. Take note of the position of the University and its programmes in various rankings**

Dr Anil Joseph Pinto informed that when Fr Abraham V M took charge as Vice Chancellor, he had set two important goals as his priorities, one was to improve the "University Rankings"





and the second was "Building Research", and he had delivered on both fronts. He informed the council that, for the first time, the University was ranked within 100 in NIRF University category and hoped to improve the ranking in future. He also informed the NIRF ranking of other programmes: Law 16, Management 72, Engineering 189 and overall 101-150. He appreciated and thanked the leadership provided by the Fr Vice Chancellor, and strategic initiatives of the Director, Center for Research, Dr Fr Joseph Varghese leading to the one of the fastest growth in publications in recent years in the country. He also acknowledged and expressed gratitude to Dr Alex Joseph and Ms Shyni Gilbert for their collation and submission of data for NIRF.

Dr Anil Joseph Pinto briefed on the "Times Impact Ranking" declared on 27 April 2022, and he said there is considerable improvement in the Institution's performance. He also briefed on the Rankings of various Institution programmes, including India Today - MDRA "The Best Colleges of India" Survey 2022, HANSA research 2022, and ICARE Rankings 2022.

#### 10. Other Matters

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A briefed on the aspects of the interaction of the peer team with IQAC members.

1. Action taken on the recommendations of Peer Team in the previous cycle.
2. Recommendations of IQAC and status report
3. SWOC Analysis (of the institution)
4. Future five-years perspective plans

He mentioned that IQAC should concentrate mainly on the following metrics.

- 6.5.1 - Two practices institutionalized as a result of IQAC initiatives - TLEC, Center for Academic and Professional Support (CAPS)
- 6.5.3 - Quality Enhancement initiatives successfully implemented in the academic and administrative domains.

#### A) Recommendations from the previous cycle:

Prof. Chandrasekharan briefed on the recommendations made by the previous peer team; the members should be familiar with the status of compliance with the recommendations.

#### B) Points for discussion with IQAC (Extract from guidelines to Peer Team)

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A informed that the Peer Team may ask the following questions during the institution visit.

- Acting on the first peer team report (as shown in 'A' above)
- Feedback from parents, teachers and students
- Interactions with potential employers in the concerned region
- Identifying new research areas suitable to local and regional needs
- Surveys for need-based and customized programmes
- Yearly External Academic and Administrative Audit of the Department by the Academic peers
- Suggestion for augmentation of Infrastructure from parents, teachers, students and alumni.
- Documentation of activities of the Institution
- Plans to generate resources
- Optimum utilization of the institution infrastructure
- Optimum utilization of resources from funding agencies

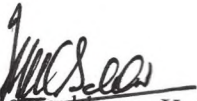




### 11. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Mr Jugnu Uberoi informed of the medical camp organised from 5th to 7th September 2022 by the Christ University Alumni Foundation on the campus with free vaccination to all faculty, students and staff of the institution. Dr Anil Joseph Pinto appreciated Mr Jugnu Uberoi's contribution and commitment to the institution. Mr Vijayan M S gave the closing remarks and expressed his happiness with recognition by the external agencies in terms of ranking.

Prof. Chandrasekharan K A informed the Council that the next IQAC Council meeting would be held in December 2022. Fr. Abraham V M briefed on the SSR submission and the NAAC Peer Team Visit and suggested everyone to be positive and confident. He suggested, we consider the Peer Team visit and assessments as a celebration for our Institution. He thanked all the Council members and invitees for their valuable suggestions concluded the meeting.

  
Prof. Chandrasekharan K A  
Secretary

  
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