Quality Assurance Activities
Internal Quality Assurance Unit

Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

Background

➢ Some academics were trained on QA

➢ IQUA was established in mid 2000

➢ IQAU was amalgamated to Academic Development, Planning, Scholarships and Ethics Committee

➢ Wayamba University Internal QA Unit was re-established in 2012

Composition

- Deans, Librarian, 4 Faculty QAU chairpersons, Four Core-members representing the Faculties, Registrar, Bursar, Director SDC

- Report to VC

Aim of IQAU

➢ to promote staff understanding of associated ideology, procedures, processes and systems, including providing support and guidance related to collaborative provision and information and training related to quality assurance and enhancement activities.

Internal Quality Assurance Unit

- Subject Reviews – Departments (100%)
  - www.qaacouncil.lk
- Institutional Review – 2011
- Preparation for next Institutional Review and Programme Reviews - 2014
- Faculty QA Cells – reformed in 2014

ADPSEC / IQAU

- Course planning and approval (validation)
  - Stakeholder consultation
  - Curriculum Development Committee
  - Faculty Board → Senate
  - UGC Standing Committee
- Streamlining other academic procedures
  - External examiners, developing guidelines
  - Feedback of remedial action taken for subject review reports

- Internal peer review – *Faculties*
- Student engagement / feed back – *Centrally by the Dean's Office*
- Monitoring and evaluation – *IQAU / Senate*
- Dissemination of good practices

Proposed Activities

➢ Brain storming sessions on QA √
➢ Collection of data on quality related matters
  - Activities reflecting the mission of the Faculty / Unit
  - New academic programmes initiated (UG and PG)
  - Innovations in curricular design and transaction
  - Inter-disciplinary programmes started
  - Examination reforms implemented
  - Accreditations from professional bodies
  - Initiative towards faculty development programme
  - Total number of seminars/workshops conducted (Please provide a list)
  - Research projects a) Ongoing; b) Completed
  - Patents generated, if any
  - New collaborative research programmes

Some good practices

- Examinations
  - [Appointment of Examiners and Assessors](#)
  - [External Examiners](#)
  - [Examiners' Reports](#)
- Programme approval process streamlined
- Graduate surveys
- Consultation of Stakeholders
- Staff-student consultation committees
- Committees – Higher degrees committee, Research committees, Teaching learning committee
- Mentoring and advisory service – Student portfolio
- Career guidance and counselling
- Staff development programmes
- Other student support services – ICT, English, Welfare, Library

Suggestions

➢ At present – IQAU is just a monitoring body / activities are voluntarily

➢ IQAU should have more recognition and authority / facilities / formalities

➢ There must be regular monitoring of the activities and standards by QAAC or Standing Committee

Thank you