

# Progress of Internal Quality Assurance Activities at SUSL



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# Outline

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# Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of SUSL

- IQAU was established at SUSL in February 2005.
- IQAU- The University's focal point in all QA related activities.
- Members- were appointed by the Faculty Board and the Senate with the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor
- Currently 11 members (Minimum two members from each Faculty)

No	Name	Designation
1	Dr (Ms) S.J.M.N.G. Samarakoon	Chairperson/IQAU
2	Dr. Athula Gnanapala	Member/FMS
3	Mrs. J.A.S. Jayakody	Member/FOG
4	Mr. A.L.C.J. Liyanage	Member/FAS
5	Dr. E.P.N. Udayakumara	Member/FAS
6	Dr. Manoj Ariyaratne	Member/FSSL
7	Dr. A.W. Wijerathne	Member/FAG
8	Dr. H.S.R. Rosairo	Member/FAG
9	Mrs. S.D. Wickramasinghe	Member/FOG
10	Mr. Rohan Abeywickrama	Member/FSSL
11	Mr. Rasika Priyankara	Member/FMS

# Current Activities and responsibilities of the IQAU

- Regular monthly meetings to review the overall progress.
- Sharing of good practices in the university community.
- Proving required recommendations to the Faculty QA cells.
- Setting up guidelines for courses, teacher evaluation, field visit evaluation and peer observation of teaching.
- Coordination with the University Senate with regard to QA issues.
- Assisting with the implementation of the institutional review recommendations.
- Organize awareness/training programmes on QA for the university community
- Assisting in the paradigm shift from teacher-centered to student-centered learning

## Activities of IQAU -SUSL

### **Implemented approved Common Forms for evaluation:**

- Lecturer Evaluation Form
- Peer Observation Form
- Preparation of common format of data analysis and interpretation for the evaluations– in progress
- Preparation field visit and laboratory class evaluation forms– in progress

# **Present Activities of IQAU –SUSL**

**Convene monthly meetings to discuss the following matters:**

- Solving QA related issues of the faculty QA Cells
- Giving final solutions to above issues of the faculty QA Cell
- Finalizing new forms for evaluation at different levels

# **Present Activities of IQAU –SUSL**

**Inclusion of QA issues as a compulsory item in the Agendas of:**

- every Faculty Board  
and
- University Senate



## **Present Activities of IQAU –SUSL**

Quality Assurance Cells established in each Faculty

### **Members of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cells:**

- ✓ Coordinator
- ✓ Dean of the Faculty
- ✓ All Heads
- ✓ A member representing each Department

## Activities/Responsibilities of Faculty QA Cells

- Implementation of evaluations (teacher, course, peer, laboratory, field visit) and analyze the data and provide recommendations
- Teaching and learning resources – assessment and development
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment process-identifying existing gaps and implement guidelines and policies
- Planning and implementation of QA related training for the Faculty staff

# Institutional Review History of the SUSL

- First IR - 2010
- Second IR – June ,2013 (based on the recommendations of the previous Institutional Review Report)

## Overall Judgement:

The Review Team<sup>2013</sup> is of the view that the SUSL can be given an overall judgment of “**Confidence**”

# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW REPORT, 2013

- Strengthening the progress control mechanism in the university through the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC).
- Establishment of a new central library building for the use of all Faculties.
- Expediting the commencement of external degree programmes on Management & Commerce, Agriculture and Applied Science disciplines.
- Allocation of extra physical space for conducting the External degree/courses.

## Challenges faced by the IQAU/Faculty QA Cells

- Instability of representing members from each faculty to the IQAU
- Difficult to get members' cooperation to IQAU
- Implementation of QA activities is very difficult in some faculties
- Lack of awareness of the importance of QA activities among the staff members

## Challenges faced by the IQAU / Faculty QA Cells (contd.)

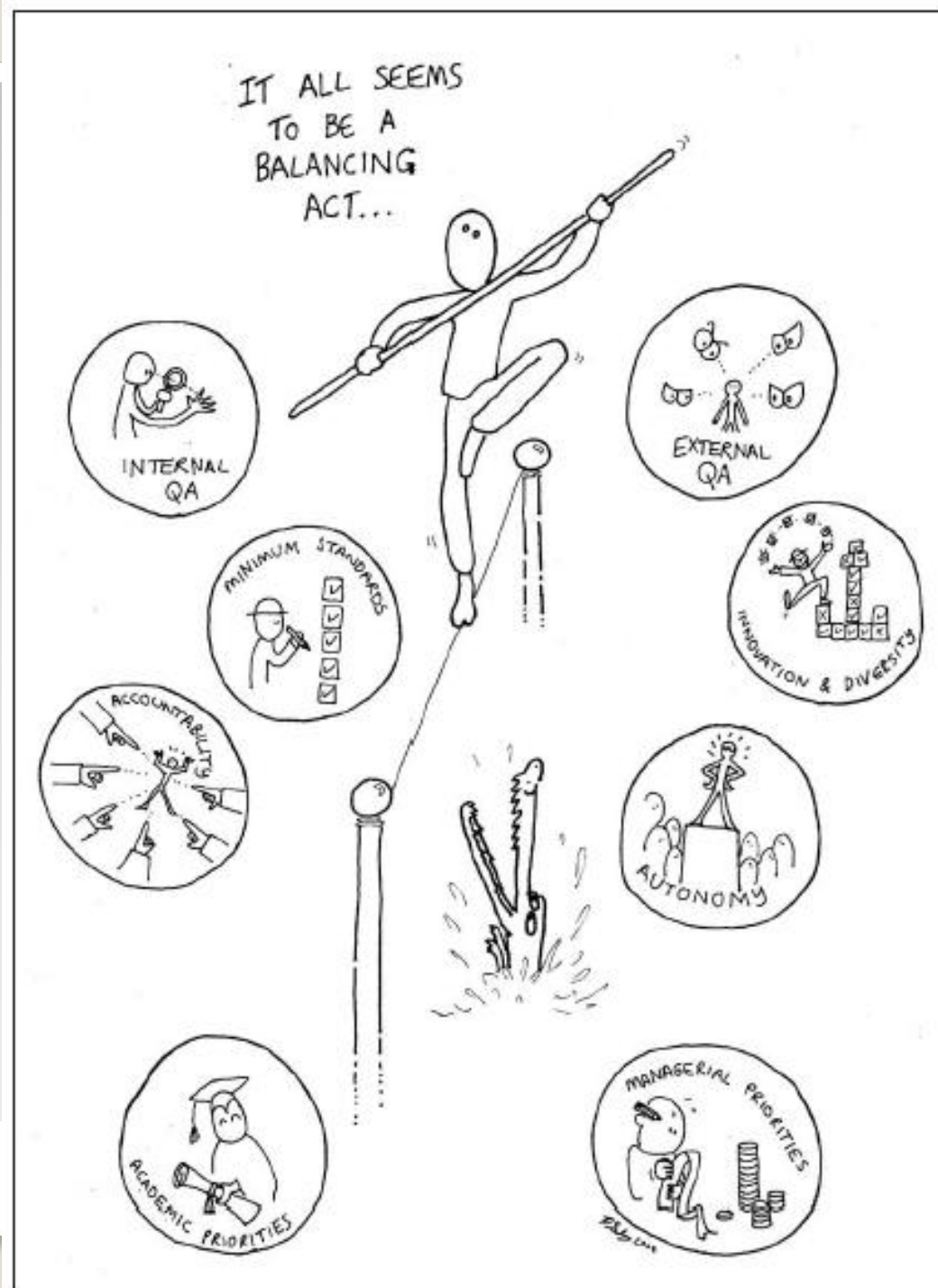
- Lack of awareness with regard to QA process in the university system
- Lack of staff members particularly trained on QA related activities

## Future Outlook

- Introducing a Web-based (online) teacher/course evaluation system.
- Training –pedagogical oriented programmes for the academic staff and quality enhancement training for the administrative staff.
- Expansion of activities and empowering the Faculty QA cells.



In conclusion...



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