





# **INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE at the UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA**

**Presentation to the  
Workshop to Share the Experience on Quality  
Assurance Work of Universities**

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# What is University Education?

***“The fundamental task is to produce educated men and women in the fullest sense of that phrase, men and women who are capable of fulfilling any function in the world that may fall to their lot, citizens of high intelligence, complete moral integrity, and possessing energy, initiative, judgment, tact and qualities of leadership”***

***(Sir Ivor Jennings, 1948)***



# Vision

**Be a Centre of excellence  
in higher education with  
national, regional and  
global standing**



# Mission

University of Peradeniya strives to offer globally recognized knowledge and education to knowledge seekers at undergraduate, Postgraduate and Non-graduate levels and deliver education, training and research programmes by conducting professional and curriculum-based teaching and learning and conduct high quality research for national, regional and global needs whilst maintaining highest levels of efficiency, effectiveness, integrity and transparency in contributing to the development of a knowledge-based society.



# Values

- ***Highest standards of teaching , learning and research***
- ***Academic freedom***
- ***Integrity and transparency in all its functions***
- ***Respect for cultural diversity***



# Quality Assurance Built into the System

- ***Academic Development and Planning Committee system***
  - ***Departmental ADPC***
  - ***Faculty ADPC***
  - ***Senate ADPC***
  - ***Senate***

***All academic programs go through the above review processes.***

***A rigorous and robust process. Minimum 6 months***





# Quality assurance under the QAA

- *Institutional Review conducted in 2003.*
- *Most Departments have completed the subject review. (97%)*
- *Library Review completed.*



# History of Quality assurance Units under the QAA

- *VC's file opened on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2010*
- *No records of establishing QAUs*
- *Attempt to reactivate in May 2012*  
*(Trade union action crippled the attempt)*
- *Attempt to reactivate by requesting nominations from Faculties in March 2013*
- *Reactivation in 2013 December and the first ever meeting of the IQA in December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013*



# **Status of Quality Assurance Units under the QAA**

- ***Agriculture – No IQA Unit, Curriculum Revision Committee carries out the QA activities***
- ***AHS- QA Committee with a member from each of the five degree programs. Meet once in two months. Reports to the Faculty. Subject review and site evaluation by SLMC and College Council in 2011***



# **Status of Quality Assurance Units under the QAA**

- ***Engineering – Subject Reviews done by QAAC and each Department is following up the suggestions.***
- ***Medicine – Committee on Quality Assurance appointed. All except two Departments have completed the subject review. Peer review process underway.***



# **Status of Quality Assurance Units under the QAA**

- **Science**

***Quality Control Unit established on December 5, 2013  
with 22 members representing all Departments.***

***Curriculum Development Committees and Faculty Board  
have performed quality control.***

- ***Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science -  
Faculty Level Quality Assurance Cell was established in  
2004 to assist in the preparation of self evaluation.  
Headed by a Coordinator and a member from each  
Department. Continue after the evaluations and is a  
regular agenda item in the Faculty Board Meeting.***



# **Assessment of Quality assurance Units under the QAA**

- ***No functioning QAA Unit at the University level until now.***
- ***No internal mechanism of communicating SCQAA decisions to the University Community.***
- ***Deans/Heads/staff are not aware of the content of the Institutional Review conducted in 2003.***
- ***Most Departments have completed the subject review.***
- ***No records of follow up actions by the Departments.***
- ***Deans/HODs/even IQA members are not aware of the QAA documents.***



# Status of SLQF

- *SLQF was presented to the VC Advisory Committee*
- *SLQF was presented to the ADPC*
- *SLQF was presented to a Special Meeting of the Senate*
- *SLQF was discussed at Faculty levels*
- *Faculty positions were presented to a Special Meeting of the Senate*
- *SLQF was adopted by PGIA and PGIS*
- *SLQF was not adopted for at Undergraduate level*



# University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka



University	No. of Depts.	No. of Subject/ Programme Reviews to be Conducted	No. of Self Evaluation Reports Received	No. Completed	Judgments/ Reports
Colombo [100%]	40	28+1*	28+1*	29	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Sripalee Campus [100%]	02	02	02	02	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Peradeniya [97%]	72	67	65	54	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Sri Jayewardenepura [100%]	45	36	36	36	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Kelaniya [100%]	45	30	30	30	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute [100%]	01	01	01	01	
Moratuwa [100%]	15	13+2*	13+2*	15	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Jaffna [100%]	41	29	29	29	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Vavuniya Campus [100%]	04	04	04	04	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Ruhuna [100%]	42	26	26	26	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Eastern [100%]	28	23+1*	23+1*	24	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Trincomalee Campus	04	02	-	-	<a href="#">More Details</a>
South Eastern [100%]	09	07	07	07	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Rajarata [100%]	10	10	10	10	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Sabaragamuwa [100%]	14	13	13	13	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Wayamba [100%]	16	16	16	16	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Open University [100%]	19	19	19	19	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Uva Wellassa	06	03	03	03	<a href="#">More Details</a>
Visual & Performing Arts	03	<i>External Quality Assessments will be conducted in 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Cycle - 2011</i>			





# **Suggestions to make Quality Assurance Units effective**

- ***Appoint a Departmental QA Unit under a senior academic***
- ***Appoint a Faculty QA Unit under a senior academic***
- ***Make QA a permanent agenda item of the Senate.***
- ***IQAU to meet at least once a month.***
- ***Preparation of a dossier on QA to be distributed to all Departments***
- ***Integrate the existing system with QAUs***



***Thank you***