**REPORT ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR QAC-UGC TO UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, 2019**

Prof Nilanthi de Silva, Director, QAC-UGC, visited the University of Peradeniya on 20 August 2019 for a series of meetings on quality assurance related activities in the University. Arrangements were facilitated by Prof Prasad Sethunga, Director, Internal Quality Assurance Unit.

The first meeting was held in the **Faculty of Arts**, with Prof OG Dayaratne Banda, Dean, and his team (see Annex 1 for list of attendees) from 9 am to 10 am. The meeting focused on the action plan developed by the Faculty for implementation of the recommendations made in the four reports issued by the QAC following the conduct of programme reviews in 2017. This action plan has already been submitted to the QAC and the UGC Standing Committee on Quality Assurance.

It was noted that significant progress has been made already in implementation of the plan, including a complete curriculum revision. It was noted that about 75% of the proposed activities are to be funded through the grant received by the Faculty from the AHEAD project. The Director QAC requested the Dean to identify the major deficiencies in the three programmes that received D grades (Buddhist Studies, Islamic Studies and Psychology), and to focus on rectifying those shortcomings while implementing the action plan.

It was agreed that the postponed site visit for review of the BCom/LlB programme cluster (SER submitted in 2018) could be conducted on 15 – 18 October 2019, since the review team now proposed by the QAC was acceptable to the Faculty.

The Director QAC visited the office of the Arts Faculty Quality Assurance Cell and briefly met with the office staff.

The next meeting was held in the **Faculty of Management**, with Mr V Tharmathasan, Acting Dean and the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell (see Annex 2 for list of attendees) from 10.15 to 11.15 am. The meeting focused on development of an action plan for implementation of the recommendations contained in the draft report on the review of the BBA Hons degree programme, conducted in 2018. It was agreed that it would be best if the QAC’s formal request for such action plan was made with reference to activities listed in the University’s 5-year Corporate Plan and annual Action Plan.

Members of the FQAC noted that most of the proposed activities are to be funded through the grant received by the Faculty from the AHEAD project. However, it was also noted that the allocation of Treasury funds for implementation of QA related activities was grossly inadequate. Other matters that were discussed included the need to include fall-back options for students who fail to complete requirements for award of the degree; the need to improve the mandatory induction programme for probationary academic staff; and the need to address both product quality and process quality in assessing the quality of a degree programme.

The Director QAC visited the office of the Management Faculty Quality Assurance Cell and briefly met with the office staff.

During the pre-lunch session, the Director QAC visited the **University IQAU office**, and met the support staff. Prof Sethunga made a short presentation on the activities conducted by the IQAU, with particular reference to items listed in the IQAU progress score card.

The Director QAC met with Prof Upul Dissanayake, **Vice-Chancellor**, Prof Parakrama Karunaratne, **Deputy Vice-Chancellor**, and Prof Sethunga, over lunch. A wide range of topics were discussed including allocation of funds for QA related activities and the best means of mobilizing income generated by the university.

In the last meeting for the day, the Director QAC participated in the **28th meeting of the IQAU Management Committee** (see Annex 3 for attendance list) from 2.00 to 3.00 pm. Progress in implementing the recommendations made in the report on the Institutional Review conducted in 2019 was discussed as an agenda item. QA representatives from each of the 9 Faculties reported on their progress, as is the usual practice at every IQAU MC meeting. It was noted that 12 site visits are due to be conducted in 6 Faculties this year, starting with the BSc Physiotherapy degree offered by the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in the last week of August. The Director QAC noted that a meeting with the Deans of the Faculties that are due to undergo programme reviews in 2020 will be held in the first week of September 2019 in the UGC, and the SER writers workshop will be organized by the QAC in November 2019, in order to give ample time before submission of the SERs in the first week of April 2020.

Prof Nilanthi de Silva

Director, QAC-UGC

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**Annex 1. Meeting with the Dean / Arts, list of attendees**

1. Prof O G Dayarathne Banda, Dean, Faculty of Arts
2. Prof Prasad Sethunga, Director IQAU
3. Dr N M Kalugampitiya, Chairperson, FQAC / Arts
4. Ms M D S M Rodrigo, SAB / Arts
5. Pr PK Herath, SAR / Arts
6. Mr W V Lakshman Kumara, AR / Arts

**Annex 2. Meeting with Acting Dean / Management, list of attendees**

1. Mr V Tharmathasan, Acting Dean, Faculty of Management
2. Prof Prasad Sethunga, Director IQAU
3. Dr B A N Eranda, Chairman, FQAC / Management
4. Dr EMASB Ekanayake, Head / Business Finance
5. Dr S Maheswaran, Head/ Operations Management
6. Mr N Agilan, Head / Human Resource Management
7. Dr R H Kuruppuge, Coordinator / Internship
8. Ms R M C Kumari
9. Mr AMASM Bandara
10. Mr TSS Fernando
11. Ms S Yamuna
12. Ms HLM de Silva
13. Ms WA Edirisooriya
14. Ms SP Aryarathna

**Annex 3. IQAU MC meeting, list of attendees**

1. Prof Upul B Dissanayake, Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof SHPP Karunaratne, Deputy Vice-Chancellor
3. Prof Gamini Pushpakumara, Dean / Agriculture
4. Dr MAJC Marasinghe, Dean / AHS
5. Prof OG Dayarathna Banda, Dean / Arts
6. Dr V Tharmathasan, Acting Dean / Management
7. Prof Asiri Abeygunawardana, Dean / Medicine
8. Prof Saluka Kodituwakku, Dean / Science
9. Prof Prasad Sethunga, Director, IQAU
10. Prof J K Vidanarachchi, Faculty of Agriculture
11. Dr Lalani Yatawara, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences
12. Dr N M Kalugampitiya, Faculty of Arts
13. Prof H R D Peiris, Faculty of Dental Sciences
14. Dr M C M Nasvi, Faculty of Engineering
15. Dr B A N Eranda, Faculty of Management
16. Prof K N Marambe, Faculty of Medicine
17. Dr V Sivakumar, Faculty of Science
18. Prof Kavindra Wijesundera, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
19. Prof Ranjith Pallegama, Director, Staff Development Centre
20. Mr UW Rajmal, Deputy Bursar, Capital Payments
21. Ms HATN Amarasena, Secretary / IQAU