

**REPORT ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR QAC-UGC TO
EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA, 2019**

Prof Nilanthi de Silva, Director, QAC-UGC, visited the Eastern University of Sri Lanka on 28 November 2019 to participate in meetings on quality assurance related activities in the University. Arrangements were facilitated by Dr T Prabakaran, Director, Centre for Quality Assurance (previously known as the Internal Quality Assurance Unit).

The first meeting, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, was with the **Senate Subcommittee on Quality Assurance/ Management Committee of the Centre for Quality Assurance**, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof F C Ragel (see Annex 1 for list of attendees).

The Vice-Chancellor made a presentation on the current Strategic Plan (2019 – 2023) of the University. He drew particular attention to the Action Plans for 2019 and 2020, which include reference to the relevant Institutional Review Standard for each activity listed under 4 goals. He explained that this university action plan is now being adopted by each of the 6 Faculties, the Trincomalee Campus and the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, which comprise the EUSL.

During the ensuing discussion, members of the MC sought clarification on several QA related matters, including preparations for EQA reviews in 2020, the need for reviewers with subject expertise, and the documents which have been circulated by the QAC for wider discussion and debate in universities. These include the draft guidance on common grades, grade point values and GPA cut-offs for award of classes; recognition of prior learning and credit transfer; early exit and fall back options. The Director QAC informed those present that the QAC will soon re-open the call for applications from those who wish to train as reviewers, and encouraged all Deans to ensure that at least 2 or 3 members of their Faculty / Institute apply for and undergo training. She also presented the Vice-Chancellor with a copy of the format prepared by the QAC for reporting on the Action Plan for implementation of recommendations made in review reports.

The second meeting took place from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, with the Dean of the **Science Faculty**, the Heads of Dept, and members of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell (see Annex 2 for list of attendees), in the Zoology Department of the Science Faculty. The Dean gave a brief overview of QA related activities in the Faculty, and noted that they have had a HETC QIG grant in the past, and is now the recipient of an ELTA-ELSE grant under the AHEAD operation. Much of the ensuing discussion focused on the forthcoming Programme Reviews in 2020: on how the Faculty should cluster the SLQF Level 5 and Level 6 programmes offered by the 5 departments of study, and the different measures that could be taken in order to prepare SERs and supporting evidence in a manner that truly reflects the efforts of the Faculty to deliver high quality programmes of study.

Many Heads spoke of the difficulties encountered by them when 1st year students are sent to other universities by the UGC, and others sent to replace them after commencement of the academic year, as a result of efforts to fill vacancies.

The next meeting, with the **Faculty of Commerce & Management**, took place from 1.30 – 3.00 pm in the Faculty Board Room (see Annex 3 for attendance). The Head of the Department of Management presented the action taken by his department to implement the recommendations made in the Review Report on the BBA Honours programme offered by his Department, followed by the Head of the Department of Commerce, who described the action taken by his Department to implement recommendations in the Review Report on the BCom Honours programme. The site visits for both reviews took place in September – October 2018. The Dean agreed to finalize their Plan of Action for implementation of review report recommendations, within the overall structure of the University's Strategic Plan, and to submit it in the format requested by the QAC, no later than 31 December 2019.

The last meeting for the day, with **Faculty of Arts and Culture**, took place from 3.00 – 4.30 pm in the Board Room of the Faculty (see Annex 4 for attendance). The Dean made a presentation of the Faculty's synthesis of recommendations made in the review reports on the programmes offered by them [three in 2017 (BA general, BA Honours, Humanities cluster, and BA Honours, Social Sciences cluster) and one in 2018 (B Ed Honours)]; and the actions which have been taken to implement these recommendations. He noted that several recommendations pertain to matters that are the responsibility of the central university administration, and not under the direct control of the Faculty. The Dean agreed to finalize the Faculty's Plan of Action for implementation of recommendations made in the 4 review reports, within the overall structure of the University's Strategic Plan, and to submit it in the format requested by the QAC, no later than 31 December 2019.

The Director QAC requested the Director CQA / EUSL to share the QAC's format for reporting on the proposed Action Plans with the Deans of the Faculty of Management & Commerce, and Arts & Culture.

Prof Nilanthi de Silva

Director, QAC-UGC

29 November 2019

Annex 1. Meeting with the Senate Subcommittee on Quality Assurance

Meeting with Director, Quality Assurance Council, UGC

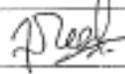
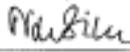
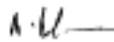
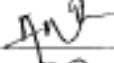
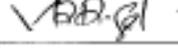
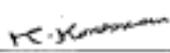
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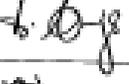
Attendance Sheet

Date : 28.11.2019

Time: 9.30 am

venue: Board room, EUSL

	Name	Designation	Signature
1	Prof.F.C.Ragel	Vice Chancellor	
2	Prof. Nilanthi De Silva	Director, QAC, UGC	
3	Prof. V. Kanagasingham	Rector/Trincomalee Campus	
4	Prof (Mrs) A. Murugathas	Acting Director/SVIAS	
5	Dr. P. Sivarajah	Dean/Agriculture	
6	Mr. M. Ravi	Dean/Arts & Culture	
7	Dr. P. Peratheepan	Dean/Science	
8	Dr A. N. Arulpragasam	Dean/FHCS	
9	Mrs. V.R. Ragel	Dean/Commerce & Management	
10	Mrs. K. Santhakumar	Dean/FCBS,TC	
11	Mr. S. Thadchanamoorthy	Dean/Applied Science, TC	
12	Dr. K. Premakumar	Acting Dean/Faculty of Technology	
13	Snr. Prof. P. Vinobaba	Programme Reviewer	
14	Prof. S. Sutharsan	Programme Reviewer	
15	Dr. P. Elango	Programme Reviewer	
16	Mr. W. J. Jeyaraj	Acting Librarian	
17	Dr. S. Arasaretnam	Director, SDC	
18	Dr. M. Koneshwaran	IQAC Coordinator, FOS	

19	Dr.M.M. Mahusoon	IQAC Coordinator, POA	
20	Mr. K. Mathiseelan	IQAC Coordinator, FAC	
21	Dr.M. Roshini	IQAC Coordinator, FHCS	
22	Dr. N. Rajeshwaran	IQAC Coordinator, PCM	
23	Mrs. K. Sefra Sanjika	IQAC Coordinator, FAS	
24	Mrs. A. Raveenther	IQAC Coordinator, FCBS	
25	Mr. A. Pahirathan V. N. N. N. N.	Registrar	
26	Mr. Fareez Mureez	Bursar	
27	Mr. U. Priyatharshan	IQAC Coordinator, SVIAS	
28	Mrs. V. Pahirathan	Coordinator, Language learning zone	
29	Mr. A. Sujendran	Senior Assistant Registrar/AA	
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Annex 2. Meeting with IQAC, Faculty of Science

Meeting : Meeting with QAC/Director with Faculty HODs & PR 2020 Team
Date : 28th November 2019
Time : 11.00 a.m.
Venue : Board Room, Dept. of Zoology, EUSL

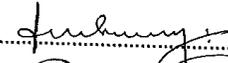
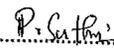
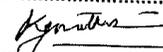
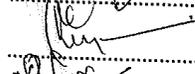
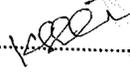
01.	Dr. P.Peratheepan	Dean/Science	..... Adm
02.	Dr. Mrs.C.G.Devadasan	Senior Lecturer	..... Excuse.
03.	Dr.P.R.Fernando	Head/Physics	..... 28.11.2019
04.	Mr.P.Paramathevan	Head/Mathematics	..... M. Siva
05.	Dr.M.Sithambaresan	Head/Chemistry	..... S. Siva
06.	Dr.T.Mathiventhan	Head/Botany	..... R. Koneswaran
07.	Dr. M.Koneswaran	Coordinator/IQAC	..... S. Siva
08.	Prof.P.Vinobaba	Prof. in Zoology	..... A. S. Siva
09.	Prof.S.Thirukkanesh	Prof. in Mathematics	..... A. S. Siva
10.	Prof.A.G.Johnpillai	Prof. in Mathematics	..... Excuse
11.	Dr.(Mrs.) C.Mahendranathan	Senior Lecturer, Gr. I	..... Excuse.
12.	Dr.P.Elango	Senior Lecturer, Gr. I	..... S. Siva
13.	Dr.S.Arasaretnam	Senior Lecturer, Gr. I	..... S. Siva
14.	Mr.K.A.N.K.Karunarathna	Senior Lecturer, Gr. II	..... S. Siva
15.	Mr.T.Sureshkaanth	Asst. Registrar/Science	..... S. Siva
16.	Dr. T. Prabaharan	Director/IBD	..... T. Prabaharan
17.	Prof. Nilashy de Silva	Director/GAC	..... Nilashy de Silva

Annex 4. Meeting with the IQAC, Faculty of Arts & Culture

ANNEX 4

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA
A MEETING WITH HEADS AND CO-ORDINATORS HELD ON 28.11.2019 AT
02.30 P.M IN THE BOARD ROOM, OFFICE OF THE DEAN,
FACULTY OF ARTS & CULTURE, EUSL

Subject : Visit of Director QAC,UGC to EUSL on 28.11.2019

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| 1) Prof. Nilanthi de Silva, Director/QUAC |  |
| 2) Mr. M. Ravi, Dean/Arts & Culture |  |
| 3) Dr. C. Arulmoly, Head/Education & Childcare |  |
| 4) Dr. G. Thillainathan, Head/Social Sciences |  |
| 5) Dr (Mrs). S. Kesavan, Head/Hindu Civilization |  |
| 6) Dr. J. Kennedy, Head/Languages | Excuse |
| 7) Mr. S. K. Shivahaneshan, Head/History |  |
| 8) Mr. K. Mathiseelan, Head/Comp. Reli.& SH |  |
| 9) Mr. S. Jeganathan, Head/Philosophy & VS |  |
| 10) Mr. R. Kiruparajah, Head/Geography |  |
| 11) Mr. S. Chandrakumar, Head/Fine Arts | for S. Chandrakumar |
| 12) Mr. M. H. M. Jaleel, Head/ ^{Arabic} Islamic Studies |  |
| 13) Mr. A. L. M. Mujahid, Head/ ^{Islamic Studies} Arabic |  |
| 14) Mr. K. Shrikarunakaran, Head/ELTU |  |
| 15) Mrs. J. Anton Arulrajah, Co-ordinator/Economics | Excuse |
| 16) Rev.Fr. A. A. Navaretnam, Co-ordinator/Christianity | for Shivahaneshan
Acting |
| 17) Mrs. M. S. J. Mumthaj Sameem, DR/FAC |  |
| 18) Dr. T. Prabhakaran/Director/QAC |  |
| 19) Dr. A. Premkumar/sem teacher | Dept of Philosophy
Vatheswaran |
| 20) Mr. K. Mathiseelan Coordinator, IQAC |  |