

Report on Visit by Director QAC-UGC to University of Jaffna, 2022

Prof. Tilak P. D. Gamage, Director, visited the University of Jaffna on September 23, 2022, for a meeting on Quality Assurance activities at the University. The arrangements were facilitated by Prof. (Mrs.) Meena Senthilnathanan, Director of the Center for Quality Assurance of the University.

The meeting was held as a special meeting of the University Quality Assurance Management Committee (Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance) chaired by Prof. Sivakolundu Srisatkunarajah, Chairman of the Committee and Vice Chancellor of the University, in the presence of the UGC Appointed Council Member, Deans, the Registrar, the Director of CQA, Faculty Quality Assurance Coordinators, the Librarian, the Directors of CODL, UBL, CGEE and Well-being Centre, representatives of the Administrative Staff and the AR of Academic Affairs & Publication Branch. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of maintaining quality education and explained the steps he has taken to create a culture of quality at the University.

Prof. Meena Senthilnathanan presented the activities of the CQA. The Director explained the efforts they have made to produce important documents: the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell Bylaws, the Student Engagement in Quality Assurance Policy, and the Internal Quality Enhancement System and Framework used by the University. The Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance meets monthly and reviews progress in implementing quality assurance activities. In addition, the CQA receives support from higher authorities to operate its activities effectively at the University, especially by providing a prominent location for the CQA to work centrally. Since 2017, a large number of programmes have been reviewed and the University has submitted all action plans based on the recommendations in the review reports. It was noted that significant progress has already been made in implementing the action plans, including a complete curriculum revision. It was also noted that the University has submitted a number of proposals for new degree programmes.

The Coordinators of the thirteen Internal Quality Assurance Cells under the CQA, the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Hindu Studies, the Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Technology, the Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan Faculty of Performing and Visual Arts, Siddha Medicine Unit, Library, and Center for Open and Distance Learning reported their progress at the meeting. Finally, the QAC Director gave a presentation on the future direction of higher education, and the meeting concluded with a discussion on progress on action plans.

It was noted that the General Degree Programme conducted by the Faculty of Arts and the BA Honours Degree programmes in Archaeology, History, Economics, and Psychology received a grade of D, while the BA Honours Degree programmes in Geography, Planning, Home Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Linguistics, Tamil, Sanskrit, English Literature, and Translation Studies received C grades, while the BA Honours Degree programmes in Media Studies, Hindu Civilization, Hindu Philosophy, Philosophy, Christian Civilization, and Drama & Theatre Arts received B grades, and BA Honours in Fine Arts received a A grade. It was noted that the

respective study programmes are taking action to implement their plans as proposed. The Director of QAC requested the IQAC Coordinator/Arts identify the major deficiencies in the study programmes that were graded C and D and focus on addressing these deficiencies in implementing the action plans.

In the 2018 Programme Reviews, the Bachelor of Business Administration Honours received an A grade, the Bachelor of Commerce Honours received a B grade, while the Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours in Art & Design and Music received a D grade, and the Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours in Dance received a C grade.

The Programme Reviews conducted in 2019 include Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours (C), Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences (C), Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing (B), Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery (C), Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (B) and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B).

In 2020, BSc General (offered in two streams, Physical Science and Biological Science), Bachelor of Science Honours (two clusters), Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering (Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical and Process Engineering) were in progress.

The institutional reviews conducted in 2010 and 2014 with the old manual were rated "Confidence" while the review conducted in 2018 with the new manual was rated "B" The Director QAC emphasised the importance of review recommendations and implementing the proposed actions, which are important for the next review.

The Director of QAC noted that postgraduate programmes run by the university will be reviewed within the next five-year cycle and the review plan will be circulated once it is finalised. In addition, a workshop for SER writers will be held as soon as possible to prepare faculties of Graduate Studies for the reviews.

The Director of QAC visited the CQA and had a brief conversation with the CQA Director about the workload handled by the Centre, the facilities available, and plans for further improvements. The Director of QAC was very positive about the progress of QA activities at the University of Jaffna and the support from higher authorities in managing QA activities.

Prof Tilak P D Gamage
Director, QAC-UGC
23 Sep 2022

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE

AGENDAS

Address by the Chairperson of Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance, University of Jaffna. Address by the Director of Quality Assurance Council, University Grants Commission.

Progress Review of

CQA, University of Jaffna

IQAC, Faculty of Science

IQAC, Faculty of Technology

IQAC, Faculty of Engineering

IQAC, Faculty of Arts

IQAC, Faculty of Graduate Studies

IQAC, Faculty of Medicine

IQAC, Faculty of Agriculture

IQAC, Faculty of Hindu Studies

IQAC, Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce

IQAC, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

IQAC, Unit of Siddha Medicine

IQAC, Sir Pon Ramanathan Faculty of Performing and visual Arts

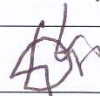
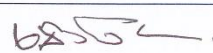



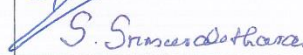

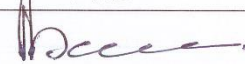


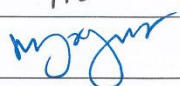
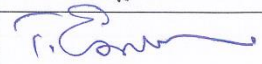
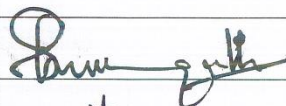
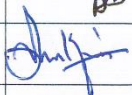
IQAC, Sports Science Unit IQAC, Centre for Open and Distance Learning

IQAC, Library

Discussion

Any other matters

Attendance of Special Meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance to be held on 23.09.2022 (Friday) at 10.00 am in the Board Room of University of Jaffna

No	Name of the Member	Designation	Signature
1.	Prof. S. Srisatkunarajah	Vice Chancellor/University of Jaffna	P ✓
2.	Prof Tilak Gamage	Director of QAC/ UGC	 ✓
3.	Prof.(Mrs.) M. Senthilnanthanan	Director / CQA	P ✓
4.	Prof. K. Suthakar	Dean/ Faculty of Arts	 ✓
5.	Prof. B. Nimalathanan	Dean/ Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce	
6.	Dr. S. Vasantharuba	Dean/ Faculty of Agriculture	AS
7.	Prof. P. Ravirajan	Dean/ Faculty of Science	
8.	Prof. (Mrs.) S.Sivachandran	Dean/ Faculty of Technology	
9.	Prof. S. Kannathanan	Dean/ Faculty of Graduate Studies	
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) S. Srimuralitharan	Dean/ Faculty of Hindu Studies	 S. Srimuralitharan
11.	Mrs. D. Thabotharan	Dean/ Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	
12.	Dr. R. Surenthirakumaran	Dean/ Faculty of Medicine	AS
13.	Dr. K. Pirapaharan	Dean/ Faculty of Engineering	
14.	Mr. S. Ketheeswaren	For Librarian / University of Jaffna	
15.	Prof. G. Mikunthan	Director/ Well-Being Centre	
16.	Dr. R. Vijayakumaran	Director / Staff Development Centre	Ab
17.	Prof. (Mrs.) R. Yogendrarajah	Director/CODL	
18.	Dr. K. Thabotharan	Director/Career Guidance Unit	Ab
19.	Dr. T. Eswaramohan	Director/UBL	
20.	Dr. (Mrs.) S. Mahenthiran Aloysius	Director/SP and MIS Unit	Ab
21.	Prof. (Mrs.) S. Shanmugathas	Director/CGEE	
22.	Mr. K. Ganeshanathan	Director/Physical Education Unit	Ab
23.	Dr. V. Sritharan	Coordinator/IQAC, CODL	
24.	Dr. E. Y. A. Charles	Coordinator/Web and IT	Ab

25.	Mrs. T. Janen	Coordinator/R-Repository Coordinator/IQAC, Library	Th...
26.	Dr. (Mrs.) S.Jeyakumar	Coordinator/RAFA	S...
27.	Mrs. K. Mathan	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Arts	M
28.	Dr. B. Janarthanan	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Engineering	B. Jatta
29.	Prof. S. N. Surendran	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Science	S. N. Surendran
30.	Dr. R. Eeswaran	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Agriculture	R. E.
31.	Dr. K. Guruparan	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Medicine	P
32.	Dr. M. Balakailasanathasharma	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Hindu Studies	EX
33.	Dr. T. Ketheesan	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Technology	S. Ketheesan
34.	Dr. (Mrs.) V. Sathiyaseelan	Coordinator/IQAC, Unit of Siddha Medicine	S. Sathiyaseelan
35.	Dr. (Mrs.) S. Sivasinthujah	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	S. S.
36.	Dr. (Mrs.) S. Vaikunthavasan	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce	S. Vaikunthavasan
37.	Dr. S. Sabaananth	Coordinator/IQAC, Unit of Sports Science	Ab
38.	Dr. S. Raguram	Coordinator/IQAC, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex
39.	Mr. K. Ananthkrishnan	Head/Computer Unit	Ab
40.	Mr. V. Kandeepan	Registrar/University of Jaffna	V. Kandeepan
41.	Mr. K. Sureshkumar	Bursar/ University of Jaffna	Ab
42.	Mr. A. J. Christy	Rep. Administrative Section (Council Nominee)	A. J. Christy
43.	Mr. K. Rushangan	Council Nominee	K. Rushangan
44.	Mr. S. K. Prapakaran	Assistant Registrar/CQA	S. K. Prapakaran

45. Mr. S. Ananthkrishnan.

Manager, UBC - Jaffna

46. S. Navaneetha Krishnan on behalf of Coordinator
IQAC - FHS.