

**REPORT ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR QAC-UGC TO
UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA, 2020**

Prof Nilanthi de Silva, Director, QAC-UGC, visited the University of Ruhuna on 5 February 2020 to participate in meetings on quality assurance related activities in the University. Arrangements were facilitated by Prof Mahinda Atapattu, Director, Centre for Quality Assurance and Ms M Imasha Dilhani, AR / CQA.

The first meeting, from 9.00 am to 10.00 am, was with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Sujeewa Amarasena, the Deans of the Faculties and other members of the **Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance** (see Annex 1 for attendance), in the New Senate Room. The Vice-Chancellor made a short statement on the systems in place for quality assurance in the University. He noted that the University is currently engaged in preparing the SER for Institutional Review during 2020, and ensuring that all the recommendations made during the last IR in 2015 have been implemented. He also spoke about the changes expected during the forthcoming year in academic activities, and the policy documents that have been recently developed or under development at present, including a policy on student engagement.

The Director, QAC-UGC then explained the purpose of university visits, particularly the need for follow up action to implement the recommendations made in Institutional and Programme Review reports. Other matters mentioned during this meeting included the proposed change in the funding mechanism for EQA, the long-term strategic plan of the QAC, and expectations for EQA activities over the next five years. The successful implementation of a MIS system for monitoring the various aspects of academic accountability at the University was highlighted. The Director QAC congratulated the University on this achievement and urged sharing of this good practice with other universities.

The second meeting took place from 10.00 to 11.00 am, with the Acting Dean of the **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mr Saman Udayakantha**, the Heads of Dept, and members of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell of the Faculty (see Annex 2 for list of attendees), in the Old Senate Room. The Faculty Coordinator reported on progress in implementing the Action Plan developed by the Faculty following review of the BA (Special) and BA general degrees offered by the Faculty in 2017. It was noted that the curriculum has undergone extensive revision since then, and the new revised curriculum has been approved by the Senate very recently. It will be introduced to the next intake of students in April 2020. 40% of the new curriculum is dedicated for development of soft skills and other broad general skills.

The Faculty coordinator also noted that several other recommendations in the review reports have been implemented, some of it with funding from the AHEAD Operation. The Director QAC requested that a progress report on implementation of the Faculty's Action

Plan, be submitted to the QAC through the Director CQA. Other issues that were discussed included the need for guidance on credit transfer and student exchange, on early exit qualifications and fall-back options, and on staff development in relation to QA. Members of the Faculty pointed out the difficulties of arranging industrial trainings/internships, especially with regard to finding the time for it on the curriculum. The Director noted that for the BA Hons students, the 6-credit research component remains mandatory. Students have been given option to select either to do a research or to engage with internship.

The Faculty coordinator noted that mechanisms have been set in place for getting regular student feedback on course units, and on teachers, as well as for the conduct of student satisfaction surveys. However, institutionalization of peer review has been slower. Director QAC suggested that they get Dr Prasad Sethunga's assistance to develop feedback forms.

The next meeting, with the Deans of the Faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Science, Technology, Fisheries and Marine Science & Technology, and Engineering and the respective FQACs took place from 11.15 am to 12.00 noon in the Board Room of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science & Technology. The Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences re-iterated a previous request for exemption of their degree programmes from review in the current cycle, as the Faculty was established as a separate entity only recently. The Director QAC said that she will submit a memo to the UGC in this regard. A request was also made to allow academic staff who are in Senior Lecturer Gr II to participate in programme reviewer training, with the understanding that they are not eligible for appointment as programme reviewers. The Director QAC agreed to accommodate this request.

The Dean of the Engineering Faculty highlighted the fact that their programmes have international accreditation under the Washington Accord, and requested that the QAC should consider exempting them from the university-wide EQA process. The Director QAC explained why this was not possible in the current review cycle, but also said that it could be taken into consideration in deciding on changes to the review process and guidance developed for the 3rd EQA cycle which will commence in 2022. However, for this year, they will submit one SER for all 3 specializations offered by the Engineering Faculty. In response to a question from a Faculty member, the Director QAC said that it may not be possible to include reviewers with expertise in all 3 relevant specializations because of the lack of trained reviewers from Engineering Faculties.

The Director QAC queried a recent letter from the Dean of the Faculty of Science, regarding their intention to submit only a single SER this year, which would cover the Level 5 BSc degree programme, the Level 6 BSc Honours degree with all specializations, as well as the Computer Science degrees at Levels 5 and 6. The Dean explained that this decision was made because all except 37 standards are common to all of these programmes of study. The Director QAC noted the need to appoint additional reviewers for this cluster review. Faculty

staff requested appointment of at least one reviewer each with expertise in the Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Computer Science.

The last meeting for the day was the **Deans of the Faculties of Management & Finance, Agriculture and Medicine** and their FQACs, also in the same Board Room. The Dean Faculty of Management & Finance noted that they have prepared a draft Action Plan for implementation of review recommendations, which is based on the University's Corporate Plan. It will be submitted this month for Senate and Council approval, and then sent to the QAC ahead of the 30 April deadline. Other matters of concern included mechanisms for credit transfer, and development of early exit qualifications and fall-back options.

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture noted that site visits for two of the degree programmes offered by the Faculty have been concluded, and the third is ongoing at present. No problems were encountered in conduct of the site visits. The Chairman FQAC inquired about the possibility of obtaining international accreditation for the Agriculture faculty programmes. The Director QAC stated that it may be possible to get the APQN Quality Label, and she would make enquiries about how that might be done.

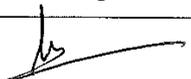
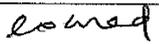
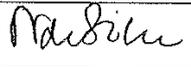
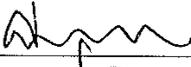
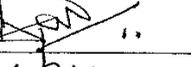
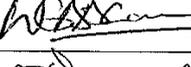
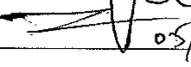
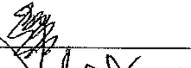
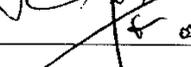
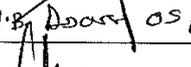
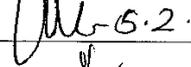
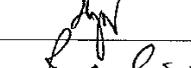
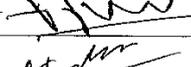
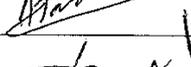
The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reported that the site visit for review of the MBBS degree programme was completed about a fortnight ago, and that they await receipt of the draft report. The FQAC Chair noted that Criterion 3 is of little relevance to the MBBS degree programme. However, the Director QAC responded that it would be of relevance when the Faculty revises or re-designs its MBBS degree programme

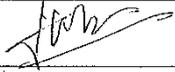
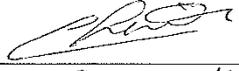
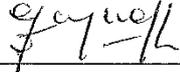
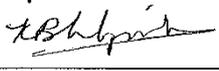
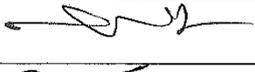
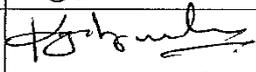
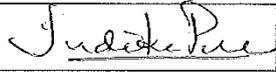
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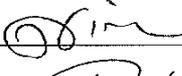
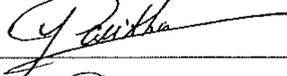
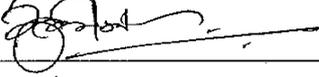
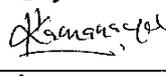
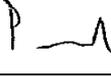
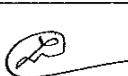
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06.	Prof. Vasantha Devasiri	Dean/ Faculty of Medicine	
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09.	Prof. P.A. Jayantha	Dean/ Faculty of Science	 05/02/2020
10.	Prof. Upali Pannilage	Dean/ Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	
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12.	Dr. T.S.L.W. Gunawardana	Dean/ Faculty of Management & Finance	 05/02/2020
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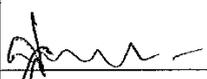
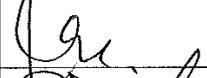
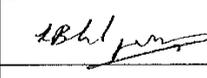
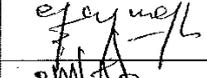
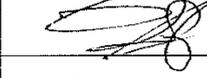
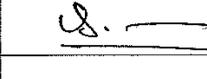
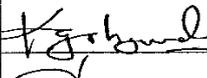
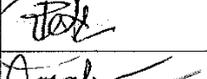
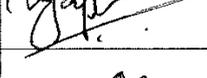
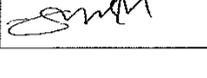
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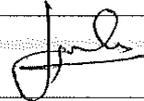
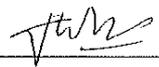
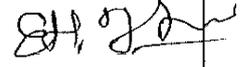
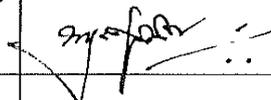
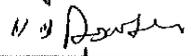
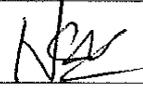
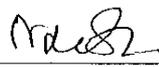
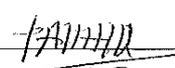
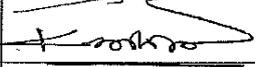
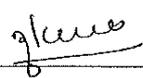
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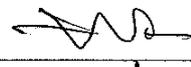
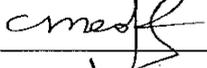
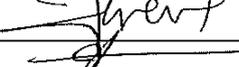
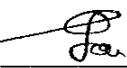
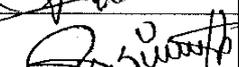
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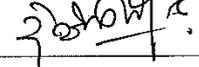
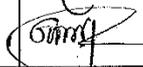
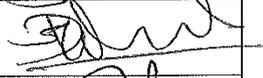
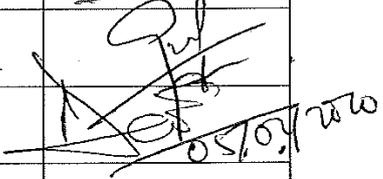
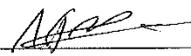
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A. A. Herath	IQAC / FMST	
D. Kumara	Member/SER Quality Comm. DMME	
K. G. H. Gunawardana	Head / Eng. Tech.	
D. S. De Silva	Snr. lecturer (Eng.)	
N. Yapa	Senior Lecturer / Sci.	
W. Anurath	Senior Lecturer / Science	

Name	Designation	Signature
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H.C.C. Weerasinghe	Coordinator IQAC Associate Professor / Lecturer	
E.M. Jayasinghe	Senior Lecturer, DCSE, Faculty of Engineering	
H.P. Jayasinghe	Dean Engineering	
H.B. Asandhi	Dean / DMST	
W.D. Dharmaratne	Dean Technology	
M.R. de Silva	DQA	
M.S. Dilhani	AR / CQA	
R.A. Mathurapala	Professor of Limnology & Water Technology (Cell number)	
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K.R. Gamage	Senior Lecturer / Faculty of PMST	

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Nayana Jayarathna	Head Paediatrics, F.O.M. Kapitiya	
MK Wanniarachchi	Chair / IQAC - Mgt	
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