

IQAC MEETING- 14-12-2018

PROCEEDINGS

The IQAC meeting was held at 10 am on 14-12-2018 in the conference Hall. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis, Principal presided over the meeting.

The following members were present: Dr A.M. Narahari, Rev. Fr Melwyn Lobo SJ, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, Mr Harsha Paul, Prof. Abdul Rahiman, Dr Rio D Souza G L, Mr Gerard Peter Colaco, Dr Prakash Pinto, Dr Gerald Santhosh D Souza, Dr M N Venugopal, Rev. Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, Dr Richard Gonsalves, Dr Alwyn D Sa, Dr John E. D Silva, Dr Chandrashekhar Shetty T. Dr Norbert Lobo, Dr Adarsh M H, Dr Loveena Lobo, Dr Ronald Nazareth, Dr Vincent Mascarenhas. The following members were unable to attend: CA Kiran Vasanth, Dr Sucharitha Suresh, Rev. Fr Pradeep Anthony SJ, Ms Rajani Suresh, Dr Jayaprakash Gowda, Ms Rita D Costa.

The meeting started with a prayer led by Rev. Fr Melwyn Lobo, the Finance Officer. Rev Fr Principal welcomed the members of the new IQAC team for the term 2018-2020, with a special reference to the expert Members: Dr Abdul Rahiman, Prof Venugopal, Mr Gerald Colaco, Dr Santhosh D'Souza, Dr Prakash Pinto, Dr Rio D'Souza

The agenda was taken up for discussion

1. Minutes of the IQAC meeting held on March 20, 2018

Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, IQAC Coordinator read the minutes of the meeting held on August 28, 2017. The minutes were approved.

2. Follow-up action :

The IQAC Coordinator made a presentation of various developments and also the steps initiated for implementing the suggestions given in the previous meeting.

The members appreciated the excellent progress achieved by the college in recent years. They also expressed their satisfaction about the various initiatives taken by the college in improving the overall quality based on parameters set by NAAC and other regulating agencies. It was suggested to add regular PhD students under the total number of students. It was also suggested to have IPR-Gender Equity Cell.

Dr Vincent Mascarenhas made a presentation about the MOUs entered with various international, national and local institutions. He explained the activities under various MOUs which are functional. It was also mentioned that the college would make efforts to have MOUs with eastern countries including Japan, Singapore, etc. It was suggested that research component is very important especially when the institution is on the threshold of becoming a deemed-to-be University.

The presentations with follow-up action taken were approved.

The external members made various suggestions:

Dr Abdul Rahiman:

1. The college should prepare the teachers so that they are mentally ready with a positive thinking on developing research.

2. Research component will have a higher weightage in assessing and grading a University.
3. Teaching and research should be the focus of teaching-learning process
4. Prepare teachers for PhD guide-ship required once you become University

Prof Venugopal:

1. MOUs with international universities will provide thrust for research.
2. It is desirable to focus research only on certain identified areas and not on all areas.
3. Identify the teachers with research aptitude and encourage them for engaging in research. The teaching assignment could be reduced to such teachers.
4. There are many agencies at the national level for funding good projects.
5. Joint research with international universities will help in getting funds from the concerned universities.
6. Incentives could be provided for good researchers and have more fulltime researchers
7. Multi-Institution research to be explored.

Dr RioDsouza:

1. Applied research in general could be better as basic research is difficult due to teaching assignment.
2. Social extension under UnnatBharathAbhiyan will provide better opportunity to reach out.
3. Technology based new courses could be started as the institution is autonomous. Technology enabled teaching could be tried to the extent possible.

Mr Gerard Colaco

1. Programmes launched should be sustaining. The attention should not be deviated. Effective follow-up actions are to be taken.
2. There is huge potential in Service Industry. Skill-based and Interest-based learning is important.
3. Mangalore should be seen as a city of opportunities. Youngsters need a lot of skills and entrepreneurship.
4. App based networking to have better contacts with new faces should be the priority. The Alumni can be strengthened by maintaining contacts. Such Apps could also be downloadable by everyone. Database of entrepreneurs to be created

Dr Gerald Santhosh D'Souza:

1. The College needs the focus on developing sports infrastructure in a big way. A few steps have already been initiated in this direction.
2. College should think of a sports complex. Since there are space constraints, vertical constructions to be planned.

3. College could come up with a Sports Laboratory which provides scope for offering consultancy services.
4. The college could connect with other institutions with regard to sports. A research project can be taken up to make a study of ranking of colleges in sports.
5. The centenary ground is not conducive for sports under the present conditions with pebbles and unevenness. Laying turf may be planned.

Dr Prakash Pinto:

1. A mentoring Cell may be started in the proposed Civil Services academy of the college.
2. The mentoring cell should be open for all students.

It was informed that the Civil Services Academy will be housed in Gonzaga School. The classes would begin in May 2019. Coaching would be offered on all three phases-Preliminary, Final and Personality Test in different batches.

The IQAC Coordinator brought to the notice of the members the future plans of the college which included the following:

- a. The institution will start an academy for civil services in the name of St Aloysius Institute of Civil Services.
- b. CBCS system will be introduced to UG programmes from the next academic year-2019-20.
- c. An innovative industry integrated B.Com batch will be started from the next academic year. Similarly the proposal of offering Psychology subject as an optional subject in Science streams is under consideration.
- d. There is a proposal to start integrated B.Ed programmes.
- e. School system will be introduced under the Deemed University set up.
- f. Creating Innovation Cell and Placement promotions are in the process. A job fair is planned in February 2019.
- g. College will come out with coffee table books on Flora and Fauna of the college. Similar book is also being prepared to present the college effectively.
- h. Training programmes are being organized for developing the teachers.

Rev Dr Praveen Martis appreciated the active participation of expert members. He promised that the suggestions offered would be considered seriously.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr Naveen Mascarenhas.

Naveen Mascarenhas
Coordinator, IQAC