# Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Tezpur University Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 (Wednesday) Time: 04:00 PM Mode: Google Meet

#### **Members present**

Chairperson, Ex-officio Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor, TU Ex-officio Member Prof. D. K. Bhattacharrya, Pro Vice-Chancellor, TU Prof. M. K. Sarma, Dean, Academic Affairs, TU Ex-officio Member Prof. Farheena Danta, Dean, School of H&SS, TU Ex-officio Member Prof. Debajit Hazarika, Dean, School of Sciences, TU Ex-officio Member Prof. Papori Baruah, Dean, School of Management Sciences, TU Ex-officio Member Ex-officio Member Prof. Niranjan Karak, Dean, Research & Development, TU Dr. B. Das, Registrar, TU Ex-officio Member Ex-officio Member Dr. L. Boral, Controller of Examinations, TU CMA Dr. Braja Bandhu Mishra, Finance Officer, TU Ex-officio Member Prof. S. S. Sarkar, Director, TLC, TU Ex-officio Member

Dr. P. Anbarasan, Department of MCJ, TU

Dr. S.I. Singh, Department of CSE, TU

Shri Vijay Bagaria, CMD, T&I Pvt. Ltd., Tezpur

Dr. Dev Vrat Kamboj, Director, DRL, Tezpur

Member

Prof. Debendra Chandra Baruah, Director, IQAC, TU Ex-officio Member Convener

## **Leave of absence was granted to**(who could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable reasons):

Prof. Smriti Kr. Sinha, Dean, School of Engineering, TU
Prof. Dhanapati Deka, Dean, Student's Welfare, TU
Ex-officio Member
Dr. R. K. Doley, Director, CID, TU
Ex-officio Member
Mr. H. Saikia, Joint Registrar (GA), TU
Ex-officio Member

Prof. Utpal Sharma, Department of CSE, TU

Prof. Gautam K Borah, Department of English, TU

Prof. Pankaj Baruah, AAU, Jorhat

Member

Ms. Gita Upadhyay, Member, BoM, Tezpur University

Prof. (Dr.) Karuna Hazarika, Principal, TMCH, Tezpur

Member

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was organized using video conferencing mode. The business commenced with welcoming note from Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor and Chair of TU IQAC. As directed by the Chair, the Director, IQAC presented the agenda for the meeting. The observations/recommendations/decisions on the agenda items are reported below.

#### Agenda item No. IQAC/2022-001/01

### Agenda: Action taken report of previous meeting of IQAC held on 07/07/2021

Action Taken Report (ATR) presented by the Director, IQAC is discussed in detail. Salient observations/decisions for each item of the ATR are as below:

#### i) Incentives for Faculty members vis-à-vis Best Researcher Award

Decisions: Guideline for Best Researcher Award is being prepared and ready for execution. Meeting suggested to include Professor and Associate Professor as one level whereas Assistant Professor as a separate category.

Actions: PVC/DAA

ii) A workshop on financial procedures be organized for Faculty members holding projects and awareness about updated Financial regulations for purchasing among all Stakeholders.

Decisions: The workshop remains pending due to the present Covid-19 pandemic situation. IQAC recommends to organize the workshop vide online mode during the month of February 2022.

Action: FO

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#### iii) Administrative Audit of Research Projects

Decisions: IQAC express its satisfaction on successful completion of the administrative audit of research projects. Statement of assessment of Internal Quality of Sponsored Research Projects has been prepared and submitted for approval of the Competent Authority. The audit exercise is one of the Best Practices of the University.

Action: Dean, R&D

iv) A brief report highlighting the notable ratification/relevant modifications for on-line modes of academic activities during the pandemic situations.

Decisions: IQAC meeting expresses happiness over the continuous quality monitoring of the academic activities carried out during pandemic. A designated committee appropriately revised the modality for assessment in online teaching learning processes which was subsequently ratified by the Academic Council vide resolution no. AC.38/2020/1/3.16.

Actions: PVC/COE

#### v) Academic repository platform

Decisions: IQAC express its happiness over the augmentation of the e-learning resources by Faculty members. University provides necessary tools and devices like speaker, microphone and webcam to all the Faculty members so that the quality of the development/deliberation of the e-contents is maintained. State of the art audio-video recording facilities are also developed. IQAC also express its satisfaction on increasing numbers of in-house e-contents developed by the Faculty members which are accessible in University website.

Actions: PVC/DAA

#### vi)Stakeholders Feedback/Mentoring

Decisions: IQAC express its satisfaction on the entire process of collecting, analyzing and uploading of the stakeholders feedback reports on the respective Departmental web pages.

IQAC appeals all the Deans of Schools to apprise the Departments to upload their feedback reports on their respective Departmental WebPages.

Actions: PVC/COE

#### vii) Preparation for AQAR 2021

Decisions: Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2021 is ready for submission. The house recommended the document for submission.

Action: Director, IQAC

viii)E-Governance: Extending the existing provisions of Project Management Software to include the generation of e-copy of UC/SoE

Decisions: The coverage of e-governance has been increased in recent times, primarily due to introduction Samarth. IQAC is expecting provision of E-copy of UC/SoE in near future.

Action: FO

#### ix) Re-introduction of the concept of Quality Circle in hostels

Decisions: Due to non availability of the Students and closure of the Hostels on account of pandemic, the work on *Quality Circle* remain pending and therefore, the agenda is deferred to the next IQA Meeting.

**Action: DSW** 

Agenda item No.

IQAC/2022-001/02

#### Agenda: Preparation of the 4th Cycle of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation

Decisions: IQAC expresses its satisfaction on submission of the Self Study Report to NAAC. Preparation for the forthcoming NAAC Peer Team Visit has been started.

Action: Director, IQAC

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Agenda item No.	item No. IQAC/2022-001/03	
Agenda: Re-constitution of the IQA Committee		
Decisions: Re-constitute the IQA Committee has been initiated.		
Actions: Director, IQAC/Registrar		
Agenda item No.	IQAC/2022-001/04	
Agenda: Any other business		
Agenda: The matters discussed and related decisions under AOB are as below:		
certain procedure of		The matter is thoroughly discussed. It is reported that specific guidelines for providing Score related to development of E-contents are being prepared while the quality standard for publications, as desired by UGC, has already been regularized and will be ratified through the AC.  Actions: PVC/CoE
Report on GARP		With permission from the Chair, Director, IQAC apprise about organizing the awareness and sensitization programme on Good Academic Research Practices among the Research Scholars and Students of TU at the Departmental level.  Action: Director, IQAC
Awareness intoxicated sub	against stance	IQAC noted gladly the initiatives of the Department of Social Work, Tezpur University for supporting "Counseling Centre for Preventing Unhealthy Behaviour (CC-PUB)" and "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan: A Step to Build Abstemious Society Through Community Intervention and Promoting Healthy Habits". IQAC desires proper dissemination of related information and mass awareness, especially among the student's community.  Action: DAA

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(D C Baruah) Director, IQAC (Vinod Kumar-Jain) Vice-Chancellor & Chairman, IQAC