



KANNUR UNIVERSITY

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Minutes of the meeting (Online via Google Meet)of the Reconstituted IQAC on
28/05/2020, 10.30 a.m

Members Present

1. Prof.Gopinath Ravindran (Vice Chancellor), Chairman, IQAC.
2. Dr. Joby K Jose (Director, Research Directorate)
3. Dr. Sunil Kumar.R.K(Director, IT Cell)
4. Dr. Radhakrishnasn. M.K. (Development Officer)
5. Dr. K. Gangadharan
6. Dr. A.Sabu
7. Dr. Bindu. A
8. Dr. V.A. Wilson
9. Dr. U. Faisal
10. Dr. N. Sajan
11. Smt.Sisira T.K
12. Dr. V. Sivadasan
13. Sri. C. Jayachandran
14. Dr. P.T.Raveendran (Pro Vice Chancellor), Coordinator, IQAC

Discussions and Decisions

The meeting began at 10.30 a.m with a brief welcome address by the Pro Vice Chancellor, also the newly appointed Coordinator, IQAC. Thereafter Prof. Gopinath Ravindran, Vice Chancellor addressed the members of the newly constituted IQAC, especially the external members inducted in to the Committee. Explaining about the relevance of the IQAC, he underlined the major role expected to be played by IQAC in Kannur University in the days to come. Vice Chancellor stressed the importance of going on online mode of all the operations of the University, especially the administrative works and other student services. This would greatly improve the speed, credibility and transparency of the University functioning, he added. He stressed the immediate need to impart teaching and learning on online mode in the context of the present scenario. For this, the teachers and students have to be prepared to reorient their attitudes and approaches towards teaching and learning. There has to be the right mind set and preparedness on the part of the teachers to prepare online teaching materials and also to upload such materials on the University web portal so that students can access the learning materials as and when required. Vice Chancellor noted that, in the foreseeable future, some sort of blended learning is inevitable and therefore, teachers and students have to be geared up accordingly. IQAC has to plan and organize programmes of intradisciplinary in nature. IQAC can also take a lead role in arranging training programmes / workshops to make the students and research scholars aware of the ways and techniques of data scanning, search of online materials for being used in their study and for research purposes. The importance of forging industry academic interactions was also hinted by the Vice Chancellor in his introductory address.

The Pro Vice Chancellor then took up the agenda items one after another for discussion and deliberations as follows.

- i) Reference to the pending works of IQAC, PVC stated that, it was essential that all the subgroups entrusted with IQAC related tasks, carry out and accomplish the tasks on a time bound manner conforming to the deadlines stipulated. The status of the work in progress in respect of the various IQAC policy document preparations was then reported in the meeting.
- ii) Regarding the preparation of a calendar of forthcoming events of IQAC, the IQAC Coordinator, presented an outline of the schedule of lecture programmes meant for the research scholars in the month of June 2020 as listed below.

Programme I : (10/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m)

Topic of Lecture: Identifying Research Problem and Formulating Hypotheses for a research study

Resource Person: Prof. Sathya Sunder Sethi, IIT, Madras.

(Dr. U.Faisal, Dept. of Management Studies to coordinate the Programme)

Programme II and III (16/06/2020 & 17/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on each day)

Topic of Lecture: Reference Management Softwares and Bibliometric Analysis for Scientific Research

Resource Person: Dr. Denoj Sebastian, Associate Professor, Dept. of Life Sciences, University of Calicut.

(Prof. K.Sreejith, School of Life Sciences to coordinate the Programme)

Programme IV (18/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m)

Topic of Lecture: Research Design

Resource Person: Dr. Sethu, Dept. of Physical Education, Manonmaniam Sundernar University, Tamil Nadu.

(Dr. Anil Ramachandran will coordinate the Programme)

Programme V (22/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m)

Topic of Lecture: Scientific Writing

Resource Person: Dr. M. Nasser, Director of Research and Professor of Zoology, University of Calicut.

Programme VI (26/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m)

Topic of Lecture: Plagiarism and related issues

Resource Person: Dr. Vinod. V.M, Assistant Librarian, Central Library, University of Calicut

Programme VII (30/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m)

Topic of Lecture: Philosophy of Science

Resource Person: Dr.Sajeev. T.V, Senior Scientist, KFRI, Trichur.

(Dr. Prasad .P.K to coordinate the Programmes, V to VII)

Programme VIII (24/06/2020-10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m)

Topic of Lecture:Literature Search

Resource Person: Prof. G.M. Anil Kumar, Dept. of Chemistry, M.G. University, Kottayam

(Dr. Baiju K Vijayan, Dept. of Chemistry to coordinate the Programme)

The Committee considered and approved the above schedule of online lecture programmes in the mode webinar series via Google Meet to be conducted for the benefit of the research scholars in the University.

Observations / Suggestions from the members.

Dr. K. Gangadharan suggested that apart from the above Programmes, a programme exclusively for the students of Social Sciences and Humanities also need to be organized. Dr. Gangadharan agreed to submit a detailed proposal in this regard to IQAC.

Dr. A. Sabu pointed out the importance of collection of necessary data and updation of the data base concerning the various departments and also regarding the academic accomplishments/ research outputs/publications of the faculty members. It was stated by Dr. Sabu that, such a data base will help the University /IQAC to retrieve the necessary data as and when required and communicated to different Governmental Agencies/funding Agencies/KSHEC etc without delay. Dr. Sabu stressed the importance of quality publications to come from teachers. For this, University should always insist upon publishing in peer reviewed journals with high impact factor by the faculty members. This will enhance the visibility of Kannur University among the academic community across the globe. It was also pointed out that University should have a clear cut policy and procedure while sanctioning funds

to teachers for taking up innovative research projects. There has to be a rigorous screening of research proposals received from the teachers by expert committee and only the best rated research proposals as recommended by the committee should be considered by the University for funding.

It was suggested that Kannur University should consider seriously and take steps to establish an IPR cell in the University.

Dr. Joby K Jose endorsed all the suggestions of Dr. A. Sabu.

Dr.V. Sivadasan stressed the need to have a concerted effort to improve the standards of Kannur University on all fronts. He underlined the fact that teachers are the leading force in the University and therefore, steps have to be taken to organize orientation programmes to improve their quality and skill sets. He also suggested that University should also plan and organize webinar series, inviting eminent scholars and well known academic to give lectures for the benefits of the teachers and students alike. There has to be an academic ambience in the University promoting critical thinking and constructive debates.

Sri.C. Jayachandran pointed out the importance of developing the employability skills of passing out students from the University. For this, he suggested that there has to be a strong industry University linkage on a continuing basis. He promised to identify accomplished persons from the industrial sector, who would give lectures to the students of Kannur University. Sri.Jayachandran promised to offer any help and support to the University in this regard.

Dr. N. Sajan gave a broad overview about the post COVID era and how the University should be prepared to cope up with such a changed scenario. He emphasized the importance of having a quality research journal published by the University on a regular basis. He stressed the need for identifying certain best practices to be followed and practiced by Kannur University for the benefit of it's stakeholders. What is very important according to Dr. N. Sajan is that there has to be a concerted effort from everybody to institutionalize the best practices in Kannur University.

Pro Vice Chancellor, proposed vote of thanks and the online meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m.

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Vice Chancellor.