

Venue: Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University

A meeting of all the members of IQAC was convened on 14-3-2012 at 4.00 p.m.

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. R. B. Mankar (Chairman)
2. Dr. M. A. Dabhade (Invited Member from Administration)
3. Prof. V. P. Jawanjale (Internal Member - Senior Teacher)
4. Prof. A. W. Kiwelekar (Internal Member - Senior Teacher)
5. Dr. H.A. Mujawar (Internal Member - Senior Teacher)
6. Dr. G. M. Deshmukh (Invited Member from Administration)
7. Prof. S. R. Sutar (Internal Member - Senior Teacher)
8. Dr. M. Sadaiah (Internal Member - Senior Teacher)
9. Dr. R. P. Kate (Invited Member from Administration)
10. Dr. H. N. Warhatkar (Invited Member from Administration)
11. Lt. M. P. Bhagat (Invited Member from Administration)
12. Shri. S. P. Vaidya (Invited Member from Administration)
13. Dr. V. G. Sargade (Member Secretary)

Following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. P.V. Vijay Babu
2. Dr. P.K. Brahmanekar
3. Dr. P.K. Katti
4. Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar
5. Dr. S. M. Pore
6. Dr. L.N. Singh
7. Dr. Neeraj Agrawal
8. Shri. V. S. Chavan
9. Prof. V. J. Kadam
10. Prof. A.P. Shesh
11. Dr. V. J. Bansod

Following points were discussed and decisions were taken:

Item No. 1: To take a review of pending tasks

- It was noticed that following tasks are yet to be completed:
 - a. Getting feedback from all the stakeholders
 - b. Preparation of AQAR.
- All the concerned were requested to arrange for completing these tasks at the earliest possible.

Item No. 2: To know the status of the implementation of the Best / Innovative Practices

- As decided in the previous meetings, each department should come up with at least two best / innovative practices.
- It was advised to arrange the faculty meeting in the respective Departments for evolving the best / innovative practices through brainstorming.
- Dr. V. G. Sargade will send the relevant documents (available on the website of NAAC and NKC) to all the members.

Item No. 3: To activate TEQIP-II project

- It was told that the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) of TEQIP-II must be read carefully by all the concerned to ensure proper execution of TEQIP-II.
- The Coordinators and Nodal Officers were once again advised to conduct meetings and act upon various requirements demanded by State Project Facilitation Unit.

Item No. 4: To discuss about improving the employability of the UG students

- It was emphasized that appropriate measures must be taken for improving the employability of the UG students.
- The employability should be improved in terms of both quantity and quality.
- It was suggested that each Department must take special initiatives to improve the skills and competence of the students so as to make them more employable.

Item No. 5: To explore the possibility of creation of special facilities for minority-dominated region

- It was informed that there are funds available for the creation of special facilities for minority-dominated region.
- It was decided to explore the possibility of getting funds to create such facilities at our University being located in the minority-dominated region.

Item No. 6: To discuss about preparing the proposals for Centre of Excellence (CoE) under TEQIP-II

- In TEQIP-II, it is proposed to establish total 30 CoEs in the country with funding of Rs. 5 Crores each.
- It was decided that our University must send around two/three proposals for getting CoE.
- The Concept Paper on CoE should be prepared and presented by the following senior-most faculty members in the 12th IQAC meeting:
 1. Dr. P. V. Vijay Babu
 2. Dr. P. K. Brahmankar
 3. Dr. M. S. Tandale

They are advised to form three interdisciplinary research groups for this purpose. This activity should be regarded as a matter of top priority. A healthy competition among the potential researchers for preparation of proposals for CoE can evolve better options.

- It was advised that following points should be taken into consideration while preparing the proposal:
 - a. Interdisciplinary and collaborative research with non-conventional, innovative theme
 - b. Deliverables like:
 - i. Faculty and student exchange programme with good foreign University.
 - ii. No. of National/International Conferences/Seminars that can be arranged in that area of research
 - iii. No. of publications in the reputed National/International Journals/Conferences
 - iv. No. of Patents that can be filed
 - v. No. of Chair-Professors secured from Industry
 - vi. No. of MoUs with industry/academia within India and abroad
 - vii. No. of innovations expected to be commercialized.

Item No. 7: To discuss about the preparation of a Three-year Development Plan of the Department

- All the Heads of the University Departments were asked to prepare a 3-year Development Plan of their Departments. All the Heads of the University Departments will present their plans on 11th May, 2012 (tentative) before the Executive Council.

Item No. 8: To decide about revising the Syllabii for all the M. Tech. courses

- It was decided to undertake the revision of syllabii for all the M. Tech. courses.
- The revised syllabii will be effective from the next academic year starting from July, 2012.

Item No. 9: To discuss about increase in the In-take capacity of the M. Tech. Courses

- All the HoDs' of the concerned Departments were asked to proceed for increasing the In-take capacity of their M. Tech. courses from 18 to 30 with the approval from AICTE.

Item No. 10: To decide about Fellowships to M.Tech. and Ph.D students

- It was informed that the M.Tech. students (Non-GATE) and Ph. D scholars will be offered fellowships from TEQIP-II funds.
- These fellowships will be offered on the following conditions:
 - a. Publication of at least one paper in the refereed International Journal (Impact Factor more than 1) for M. Tech students
 - b. Publication of at least three papers in the refereed International Journals (Impact Factor more than 1) for Ph. D scholars.
- Registrar will issue a detailed notification regarding the eligibility and other conditions applicable for these fellowships as per the guidelines of TEQIP – II from NPIU/SPFU.

Item No. 11: To form Curriculum Development Cell (CDC)

- It was decided to form a CDC in our University.
- The CDC will be comprising of the following members:
 - i. Dr. P. V. Vijay Babu (Convener)
 - ii. Dr. M. S. Tandale
 - iii. Dr. V. G. Sargade
 - iv. Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar
 - v. Dr. K. Vadirajacharya
 - vi. Dr. S. R. Bhagat
 - vii. Prof. A. W. Kiwelekar
 - viii. Prof. S. R. Sutar

Item No. 12: To discuss about Finishing School

- Prof. P. K. Brahmankar will present elaborate information about the finishing school in the next IQAC meeting.

Item No. 13: To inform about the Autonomy to the Departments

- Hon. Vice-Chancellor has already delegated powers to the Heads of the Departments regarding most of the academic, administrative, and financial decisions to be taken at Department Level as per the provisions of the University Act and MCSR and the guidelines given by Government of Maharashtra, AICTE and UGC from time to time.
- Hon. Vice-Chancellor told that now the autonomy will be granted to all the Departments as per the provisions in the Act in a staged manner with the approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. 14: To decide the revised schedule of IQAC Meetings

- The upcoming meetings of IQAC will be held on the working Saturdays at 3.00 pm from May 2012 onwards to ensure the presence of all the members.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

The next meeting will be held on 17th April, 2012.

Dr. V. G. Sargade
Member - Secretary