

**PROCEEDINGS OF IQAC MEETING HELD ON 21.09.2016 AT CONFERENCE
HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Members Present:

1. Prof. C.R. Tripathy, Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University	Chairperson
2. Prof. B. Satpathy, Chairman, PG Council, Sambalpur University	Member
3. Dr. M. Muthukumar, IAS, Registrar, Sambalpur University	Member
4. Dr. S.K. Swain, Controller of Examinations, Sambalpur University	Member
5. Prof. (Mrs.) P.K. Mishra, Dept. of Chemistry, Sambalpur University	Member
6. Prof. S.K. Sahu, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Sambalpur University	Member
7. Prof. A.K. Mohapatra, Department of English, Sambalpur University	Member
8. Prof. B. Maharana, Dept. of Lib. and Information Sciences, Sambalpur University	Member
9. Prof. P.K. Naik, Department of Life Sciences, Sambalpur University	Member
10. Prof. B.B. Pati, Department of Electrical Engineering, VSSUT	Member
11. Dr. N. R. Satapathy, Director, SUIIT, Sambalpur University,	Member
12. Dr. D. K. Mahalik, Dept. of Business Administration, Sambalpur University	Member
14. Sj. H.N. Nayak, RO, State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur	Member
15. Mr. S.P. Rout, Deputy Registrar, Sambalpur University	Member
16. Er. S.K. Mohanty, Asst. Engineer, Sambalpur University	Member
17. Sri C. Sahu, INSPIRE Fellow, Dept. of Environmental Sc., Sambalpur University	Member
18. Prof. Shreerup Goswami	Member Secretary -cum- Director, IQAC

At the outset Member Secretary-cum-Director IQAC, Prof. Shreerup Goswami welcomed all the members of the Cell and presented the observations of NAAC Peer Team, which visited during 3rd-6th August, 2016 as enumerated in Peer Team Report. A thread bare discussion was made on all the observations.

1. Members of IQAC requested the University authorities and Government to take necessary steps to fill up all the vacant positions of teaching and non teaching staff.

The Vice Chancellor informed that the sanction of the Department of Higher Education as well as Department of Finance, Government of Odisha is essential for filing up of each vacant post. However, after getting the approval of Government, University has already advertised 16 posts and the scrutiny of the applications are going on. For rest of the posts the Government has already been approached to accord necessary permission.

Furthermore, members of IQAC urged up on the Vice Chancellor to have at least 1 Professor, 2 Readers and 3 Lecturers (6 teaching positions) in each of the Departments to qualify UGC norms for applying financial assistance under UGC DRS/SAP programme. The Government may be informed with the list of such departments of the University.

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which do not have the minimum faculty strength of 06 to be eligible to avail such central grants.

2. The IQAC discussed various aspects to increase the industry-academia collaboration in the university. The following proposals were agreed.

- (i) The local industries shall be invited at regular intervals for interaction, placement, research collaboration and designing curriculum.
- (ii) An Industry-Interface Cell with the following members under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Sahu, Director, SRIC shall be constituted.

1. Prof. A.K. Das Mohapatra, Department of Business of Administration
2. Prof. P.K. Naik, Department of Life Science
3. Sri H.N. Naik, RO, State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur
4. Prof. S.R. Mohapatra, Department of Law

3. The IQAC suggested the Vice Chancellor to appoint a Placement Officer for the University immediately.

The Vice Chancellor informed that after retirement of the Placement Officer; Dr. T.K. Das, Reader, Department of Business of Administration has been assigned to coordinate the placement activities of the University. Recently, the Department of Higher Education has sanctioned one post of Placement Officer on regular basis, which is likely to be filled up shortly. However, during this transition period, Prof. P.K. Behera, Director, Students' Welfare will take the initiative with Dr. T.K. Das, the Placement Officer I/C to provide training to students on soft skills, communicative English, interview etiquette, group discussion etc. to take steps so as to enhance their scope of employability.

4. The Members of IQAC suggested for inter-departmental collaboration through interdisciplinary research and organization of inter- and intra- departmental seminars, conferences, symposia, workshops.

The Vice Chancellor informed that two Central Research facilities are coming up separately one for Science and other for Social Science & Humanities for inter departmental research, which will augment to this effort. Further, The Chairman, P.G. Council was requested to help organizing inter- and intra- departmental seminars,

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conferences, symposia, workshops and to draw a common academic calendar for this purpose.

5. The IQAC requested to institute following Research awards for the best performing Department, Teacher and Research Scholar for their outstanding contribution in research every year in two separate faculties namely, 1. Science 2. Humanities & Social Sciences to encourage the research activities in the University.

1. Best Department
2. Best Young teacher (below 40 years)
3. Best Senior teacher (above 40 years)
4. Best Research Scholar

The Vice Chancellor also agreed the above proposal. The following sub-committee with the following members was constituted to devise (a) duration of research for consideration of award (b) application format, (b) guidelines for award, (c) marking pattern and (d) format of certificate of award.

1. Prof. (Mrs.) P. K. Mishra, Department of Chemistry, Chairman
2. Prof. D.P. Ojha, Department of Physics
3. Prof. Ashok Kumar Mohapatra, Department of English
4. Prof. Bulu Maharana, Department of Library and Information Science
5. Prof. S.R. Mohapatra, Department of Law
6. Prof. P.K. Naik, Department of Life Sciences

The aforesaid sub-committee was also requested to submit its recommendations on the above subjects within 10 days so that the awards can be presented during the forthcoming Foundation Day to be held in the month of January, 2017.

6. The IQAC also suggested for opening up of three new PG Departments namely Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Sanskrit and Education on self financing basis. It was also suggested to start a Centre of Foreign Languages Studies(French, German, Chinese, Spanish etc.) with outside funding.

The Vice Chancellor informed that the University will apply to UGC and Government for sanction of posts for the aforesaid Departments and request them for funding to establish these departments with required infrastructures under 13th Plan period. It was suggested that the University should request Foreign Embassies for

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instituting certificate and diploma courses with financial and man power support with foreign funding.

7. The IQAC also suggested to strengthen e-Governance of the University.

The Vice Chancellor informed that a separate annual Budget Head of Rs.50 lakhs will be created to support e-Governance of the University. Similarly, a separate Head for Legal expenses will also be created with allotment of Rs.4 lakhs. Provision may be made in the ensuing supplementary budget estimate of the University with syndicate approval.

8. In view of the observation NAAC Peer Team and the introduction of CBCS courses in the University, it was proposed that all the departments with a minimum strength of 4 faculties be asked to opt for Autonomy from the next academic session (June 2017). The Vice Chancellor informed that the matter of autonomy will be placed in the Syndicate meeting to be held on 23rd September, 2016.

9. The members also suggested to provide compulsory computer training to all the ministerial and technical staff of the University.

The Vice Chancellor informed that such training programmes will be rendered through HRDC in a regular interval, which will help in the ongoing office automation process.

10. The IQAC also suggested to open new foundation, applied and vocational courses on self financing mode.

The Chairman, PG Council suggested to introduce a market oriented self financing course on Agri-Business in the Department of Business Administration in collaboration with OUAT, Chipilima. Further, it is resolved that other PG Departments be asked to submit such proposals for similar certificate/ diploma/regular PG programmes.

11. The IQAC stressed up on submitting more sponsored research proposals by the faculty members.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

S. Goswami
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Member-Secretary

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