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Minutes of the 14th IQAC Meeting held on 26th March, 2024 at 10.30 am in Conference Room 105, A2 block, Amity University Maharashtra, Mumbai

1. The 14th meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Amity University Maharashtra, was held on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The on-campus meeting was conducted at A2, Conference Room 105. Prof. (Dr). A.W. Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, and Chairman of IQAC, AUM, chaired the meeting.
2. The agenda items for the 14th IQAC meeting and minutes of the 13th IQAC were circulated earlier to all the members.
3. A list of the IQAC members and invitees (Hols) who attended the IQAC meeting is given below.

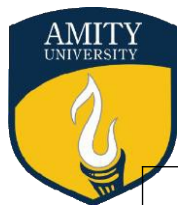
S. No.	Name of the IQAC Member	Designation
	Prof. (Dr). A W. Santhosh Kumar	Vice Chancellor, Chairman IQAC
	Dr H S Vyas	Registrar
	Prof. (Dr) Sunil Dhaneshwar	Dean IQAC & Accreditations & I/C ASAS
	Prof (Dr) Penna Suprasanna	Dean (Research) & Director -AIB
	Prof Dr Bhawna Sharma	I/C Director ABS
	Dr. Manoj Devare	Professor & Offg. Hol - AIIT
	Dr Nima Jerri John	Asso. Professor & Hol ASCO & ASF

Invitees - Hol's / HOD / Coordinators)

S.No.	Name	School
1.	Dr. Supriya Nene	ASAP
2.	Dr Suneela Dhaneshwar	AIP
3.	Dr. Manjiree Vaidya	ASL
4.	Dr. Sanjay Govind Patil	RICS
5.	Mr Mohammed Adil	CII-Amity School of Logistics

List of In-Absentia members for the meeting

S. No.	Name of the IQAC Member	Designation
	Prof Dr Shrikant Charhate	Pro VC & I/C Dean Academics & I/C director ASET
	Prof Dr Jayshankar Variyar	Pro VC
	Prof Dr Vijay Singh Dahima	Deputy Pro VC
	Prof Dr Gautam Gavali	DSW & Director AIBAS
	Prof Dr Bhawana Chanana	Director ASFT
	Prof Dr Gigimon V S	Director ALS
	Dr Divya Pandey	I/C Hol AITT
	Mr Bhuvanesh Gauda	ASFA
	Ms Meera Pandurang Limaye	I/C AILA



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	Mr Sandeep Premdas Gundeti	Dy CoE
	Dr. P S Sali	Director (Academics), RBEF
	Mr. Nixon Joseph	President & COO – SBI Foundation (Nominee of Local Society)

The agenda points were discussed in a sequence. The detailed discussion that ensued and the deliberations made by the members have been recorded in the following points.

After obtaining permission from the **Vice-Chancellor (VC), Prof. Dr. A.W. Santhosh Kumar Chairman - IQAC**, Prof Dr Sunil Dhaneshwar, Dean IQAC proceeded with the agenda for the 14th IQAC meeting at AUM and the first quarterly IQAC meeting for the year 2024.

Prof Dr Sunil Dhaneshwar welcomed the members of the IQAC and presented his opening remarks.

Agenda No. 13. 1: Welcome Note by Prof Dr. Sunil Dhaneshwar , Dean IQAC and Accreditation

Dr. Dhaneshwar welcomed all the members of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and informed the members about the nomination of two new members Prof Dr Jayshankar Variar Pro VC and Prof Dr Vijay Singh Dahima, Deputy Pro VC to AUM IQAC.

Agenda No. 13.2: Dean IQAC invited Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. A.W. Santhosh Kumar, Chairman of the IQAC for his guidance.

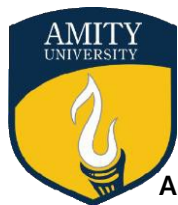
Prof. Dr. A.W. Santhosh Kumar emphasized the importance of IQAC in general and quality in academic, administrative, and research activities in particular. He highlighted the necessity of conducting research audits, academic audits, faculty performance reviews, and HOIs performance reviews. He suggested quality of education and research at AUM should be bestowed with utmost importance and with high standards. He emphasized upon conducting mega events and international conferences.

Agenda No. 13.2.1: Ratification of the minutes of the previous IQAC Meeting held on 27th December 2023

The minutes were circulated to all the members in advance and since no observations were raised by the members the ratification of the 13th IQAC meeting minutes was completed.

Agenda No. 13.3: Quality Improvements on Teaching Learning Processes of the Individual Schools

All the schools' Heads of Institutions (Hols) presented a brief overview of their school's activities during the period of 1st January 2024 to 20th March 2024.



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Amity Law School: Dr. Ravina Parihar presented the data for ALS on behalf of Dr. Gajmon V S

Director. There were no activities related to Publications, Projects Ongoing or Projects Submitted, Achievements & Awards of Faculty and students and Consultancy and MoUs.

Hon. VC was very upset and asked the faculty to focus on all these very important aspects for a y institution. He also suggested to conduct Moot Court activity in Aug/Sept 2024.

Amity School of Engineering & Technology: As Prof. Dr. Shrikant Charhate, I/C Director-ASET/AIT was on leave Dr Deepa Parasar presented the achievements for the specified period. The ASET faculty published 14 research papers and they also received 5 research awards. She further informed that ASET has ongoing Research projects worth Rs 1.13 crores. There are 49 registered Ph.D. students. VC Sir complimented ASET faculty for this very good progress and suggested to conduct a FDP on artificial intelligence and focus on increasing admissions, increase Ph.D. admissions and increase number of faculty.

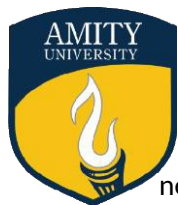
Amity Institute of Behavioral & Allied Sciences: Prof Dr Gautam Gawali was on leave and so Dr Jyoti presented a brief report after permission from Hon. VC Sir. AIBAS faculty has published only one research paper and have not submitted any research projects for funding. Hon. VC informed Dr Jyoti to convey Dr Gawali that AIBAS needs improvement in terms of research publications and funded research projects. He pointed out that there was no mention of activities of the counselling Centre nor the newly inaugurated Cog labs.

Amity School of Fashion Design & Technology: Ms Neha Suradkar presented the school report since the Dr Bhawna Chanana was on leave. The ASFDT faculty has published four research papers. The faculty received 4 awards/recognitions and students received 16 awards ((Catalogue shoot, Ramp Walk, Music Video Shoot, YouTube video shoot, Celebrity Styling, Influencer in collaboration with Betty Barclay Fragrances, Kho-Kho Girls- 2nd & 3rd Position, Best Defender, Poetry Anthropology). Hon'ble VC was not happy with the progress made by faculty and emphasized on improvement, he pointed out that no mega event has been organized by ASFTD in last one year. He further advised that focus on increasing admission related activities.

Amity Institute of Biotechnology: Dr. Penna Suprasanna, Director of AIB presented the school report. The faculty members published a total of 18 research papers in journals and submitted 11 project proposals. Six research projects worth Rs 331 lacs are ongoing. There are 19 research guides but only 43 research students registered for Ph.D. Hon'ble VC stressed on increasing admissions for Ph.D. and publications in proportion to number of faculty working at AIB and increase faculty productiveness.

Amity Institute of Pharmacy: Prof (Dr.) Suneela Dhaneshwar, Director of AIP, presented the report about the inauguration of new AIP laboratories. The faculty members have communicated three research papers and submitted one research project for funding. Hon. VC advised to create Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences so that Ph.D. students can be registered at AIP. The faculty specialization be considered for starting Ph.D.

Amity School of Architecture and Planning: Dr. Supriya Nene, Director of ASAP, presented the school report. 4 faculty and one student presented research papers in an International Conference ICISDG 2023 this quarter and have not submitted any research project for funding. 1 student received "Special Mention award" for her paper presentation in ICISDG 2023 conference. One MOU has been signed between ASAP and Rotary & Inner Wheel Club, Panvel, on 17th January 2024. They conducted 5 events. Hon VC commented that faculty contribution is very less and



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needs focused efforts to increase admissions related activities. Established vide Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, and recognized under section 2(f) of UGC Act

Amity School of Applied Science: Prof Dr Sunil Dhaneshwar I/C HoI of ASAS, presented the report. The faculty members published three research papers in Scopus indexed journals. Five research

proposals have been submitted, One ongoing research project is worth Rs. 30.0 Lakhs. One Ph.D. student has received **WISE fellowship**, and one PG student has received **Indian Academy of Science (IAS) Summer Research Fellowship** 28 research scholars are registered for Ph.D. Three students and one faculty have received awards and recognitions. Hon'ble VC advised the faculty to improve the number of publications, patents, funded projects and focus on increasing admissions. He further advised increasing periodical interactions with the faculty.

Amity Institute of Information Technology: Dr. Manoj Devare, HOI, presented the report. He informed 2 research papers have been published by faculty. One research project is ongoing and one has been submitted. One MoU has been signed with IdeaForge Technology Ltd. The faculty received 5 awards/recognitions and 2 students have received awards. VC Sir commented that AIIT needs improvement with respect to publications, patents and projects. He further observed that there was a lapse on the part of Dr Manoj in following up with Ph.D. coordinator in getting faculty approval as Ph.D. supervisors.

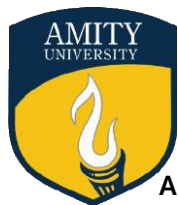
Amity Business School: Dr. Bhawna Sharma, Off. HoI ABS, presented the report. The ABS published only 2 research papers, and one research proposal was submitted. Additionally, the school organized 1 event. VC Sir was not happy with the number of research papers published and advised significant improvements. He further advised to focus on our international programs SAP and 3C to increase admissions. A one day seminar to promote these programs amongst students should be conducted. VC Sir also observed that ABS students are not wearing their uniforms and HoI should make it compulsory for the students to wear uniform on the designated days.

RICS School of Built Environment: Dr. Sanjay Patil, HOI of RICS-SBE, presented the school report. The faculty has published 6 research papers in Scopus indexed journal and 6 research papers are under review and received one consultancy project and signed one MoU. Additionally, the school organized 10 events. The faculty received 2 and students received 3 awards. Hon VC commented that RICS needs to focus on induction of new faculty and increase admissions.

Amity School of Communication & AFS: Dr. Nima John, Acting HOI, presented the school report. The ASCO faculty published three articles in Scopus-indexed journals and conducted three events. Hon VC commented that their performance is poor and they must improve. Dr Nima must follow up on completion of the studios as approved by Hon. Chancellor Sir.

Amity Institute of Liberal Arts: Dr. Deepak Havaladar, Off. HOI of AILA is on extended medical leave and the i/c faculty Ms Mera Limay did not report for the meeting. Hence there was no presentation by AILA.

Amity Institute of Travel and Tourism: Dr. Divya Pandey was on leave and Mr presented the school report. Hon VC commented that they need improvement in terms of publications, funded research projects, faculty and student achievements.



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Amity School of Fine Arts: Ms. Shweta Koli presented the school report since the Hon VC was on leave. The faculty has no publications, no existing or submitted research projects, no consultancy. Hon VC commented that their performance is very poor and needs very significant improvement.

Amity School of Languages: Dr. Manjiree Vaidya, Head of the Amity School of Languages, presented the school's progress report. The school organized 5 events. The faculty has written one book

chapters and seven research papers in conferences. The faculty and students have received 3 awards each. They have no ongoing or submitted research projects. Hon VC commented that they need improvement but appreciated good publications.

Amity - CII School of Logistics (CII-SOL): Mr. Mohammed Adil, I/C of CII, presented the school's progress report. Hon VC commented that their progress was good but need to improve publications and projects and conduct activities in general to increase admission in all the three schools – CII, RICS and ABS.

Agenda No. 13.5: Quality Improvement in Academic Activities: As I/C Dean Academics Dr Shrikant Charhate was on leave, his presentation was presented by Dr. Sunil Dhaneshwar after taking permission from Hon. VC. The I/C Dean Academics presented various academic activities undertaken namely NEP implementation, maximize the utilization of LMS, regularization of study tours etc. Hon VC observed that the study tour duration should not be very long and proper outcome should be kept in mind.

Agenda No. 13.6: Quality Improvement in Student Welfare Functions:

Dr Gautam Gawali, DSW was on leave and had not submitted his presentation to Dean IQAC or any other Dean. The presentation of DSW was not held.

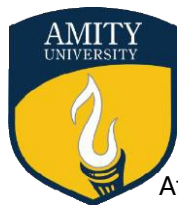
Agenda N. 13.7: Quality Improvement in Research Activities

Dr. Penna Suprasanna, I/C Dean of Research, presented the AUM research progress report. The AUM faculty published 143 publications out of which 118 are in Scopus indexed journals, they have 26 books/book chapters. The faculty has filed 2 patents, patents published is three and granted patents are 4 and 4 copyrights have been granted. \$ new MoUs' have been signed. VC Sir commented that the publication and patent number must be improved and faculty must write research proposals for funding. He further stated that faculty and Hols' must develop Industry connect to increase employment chances of our students.

Agenda No. 13.8: Quality Improvement in the Examination Function:

Mr. Sandeep Gundeti, Dy CoE was on leave and he had not deputed Assistant CoE to make presentation, hence there was no presentation from Examination Office.

Agenda No. 13.9 Any other point with permission of Chair:



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After all the presentations, the forum was opened for further discussion. The Chairman of IQAC and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of quality improvement and discussed future steps to bolster academic strength. He stressed the points mentioned below and urged the Hols to prioritize them:

1. The faculty must focus on meeting the targets for publications, increasing patents, write research proposals for funding from different funding agencies.
2. The HOIs should increase the number of functional MoU's and have MoU's with industry.
3. The quality of the Ph.D. coursework should be improved.
4. Schools must have student chapters or Association chapters of professional bodies of their respective disciplines.
5. Each school to finalize their annual reports.
6. Dean Academics should focus on LMS, extra lectures, out of classroom learning and novel pedagogy to be introduced at AUM.
7. Each school should plan to publish a magazine or newsletter.
8. A separate IQAC meeting will be held for non-teaching departments, including the Registrar office, admission, hostels, administration, HR office, IT and CRC, and their heads should make presentations on the IQAC aspects.

Prof. Dr. Sunil Dhaneshwar Dean IQAC delivered the vote of thanks, and the meeting concluded with the permission of the Chair.
