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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Minutes of Meeting of 47th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting
Held "Online – Webex" on 02.05.2024, from 3:00 pm
In Chair: Dr. G. P. S. Varma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, KLEF

The 47th Advisory Committee Meeting by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KLEF was held on 02.05.2024.

Dr. G. P. S. Varma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, KLEF chaired the meeting. Dr. Varma, in his foreword, welcomed all attendees and appreciated rigorous efforts put in by the IQAC and all functionaries, in submitting the SSR-Cycle 3 to NAAC on 29th April 2024. He informed the members that the Student Satisfaction Survey has already commenced, which will be followed by DVV later this month. After this, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor handed over the proceedings to Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean (Quality) to continue further and take up the agenda for the meeting. The Dean-Quality commenced the meeting by once again welcoming the members.

Discussion on Agenda Items:

The Agenda Items for discussion are given below.

A. Reporting Items:

1. IIQA Approved on 1 March 2024. Status of NAAC 3rd Cycle Data submission.
2. Status of NIRF Rankings 2024.
3. Report on Recent achievements of KLEF (Rankings)

B. Agenda Items:

1. ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 22-12-2023
2. Postponement of 2-day National Conference on Quality Issues to July 2024
3. Enhancing ERP functionality to streamline report generation for diverse needs.
4. KLEF Calendar of Events 2024-25.
5. Any other item, with the permission of chair.

Reporting Item 1: Status of NAAC 3rd Cycle Data submission

The Dean (Quality) recalled the words of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in this regard and informed the members that IIQA was approved on 1 March 2024. SSR for NAAC 3rd Cycle was submitted on 29 April 2024. Two external experts verified and vetted the documents before they were uploaded in the NAAC Portal. Student Satisfaction Survey has already commenced which will be followed by DVV later this month. He thanked the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and all functionaries for their and dedicated efforts in this process.

Reporting Item 2: Status of NIRF Rankings 2024

The Dean (Quality) informed the members the status of the prestigious NIRF-2024 Rankings:

Data Submission   : Completed

Data Verification   : In Progress

Data Clarifications   : Completed

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that all data except the placement-related info have been verified and hoped that KLEF would achieve good NIRF Rankings this year. He congratulated Dr. M. Kameswara Rao for his commitment and continuous timely completion of the ranking data process.

Reporting Item 3: Report on Recent achievements of KLEF.

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that KLEF obtained the following Rankings since the last Meeting.

➤ **India Today Rankings 2024 – 2nd Rank (among Indian HEIs)**

The following table depicts the details of the marks scored since 2018 and how KLEF improved it ranking from 9th to 2nd in the last 5-6 years.

Year	Overall Rank	REG	ARE	ILE	PLD	CPP	OS	P. S.	Total Score
2023	**2**	149.6	172.3	143.9	95.1	142.7	703.6	836.9	1540.5
2022	3	139	158	139.6	87.8	141	665.4	810.4	1475.8
2021	6	138.7	150.7	130.7	119.6	136.6	676.3	808.8	1485.1
2020	7	144.2	156.7	128.2	112.5	139	680.6	786.9	1467.5
2019	6	142.7	146	129.1	74.7	137	629.5	784.7	1414.2
2018	9	118.5	146.8	115.3	53.2	125.5	559.3	707.6	1266.9

Legend:

REG   – Reputation & Governance

ARE   – Academic & Research Excellence

ILE   – Infrastructure & Living Experience

PLD   – Personality & Leadership Development

CPP   **–** Career Progression & Placement

OS   **–** Objective Score

PS   **–** Perceptual Score

> ➤ **THE-Asian University Rankings 2024: 401-500**

As a matter of fact, KLEF slipped from 251-300 in 2023 to 401-500 during 2024.

The Dean (Quality) informed the members of the following reasons for this fall in this ranking. The table below shows the scoring pattern of KLEF in 2023 and 2024:

Asia University Rankings 2023: methodology	Score (2023)	Asia University Rankings 2024: methodology	Score (2023)
Teaching (the learning environment): 25% Reputation survey 10% Staff-to-student ratio 4.5% Doctorate-to-bachelor's ratio 2.25% Doctorates-awarded-to-academic-staff ratio 6% Institutional income 2.25%	20.3	**Teaching (the learning environment): 24.5%** Teaching reputation 10% Staff-to-student ratio 4.5% Doctorate-to-bachelor's ratio 2% Doctorates-awarded-to-academic-staff ratio 5.5% Institutional income 2.5%	26.9
Research (volume, income, and reputation): 30%. Reputation survey 15% Research income 7.5% Research productivity 7.5%	12.0	**Research environment: 28%.** Research reputation 15% Research income 6.5% Research productivity 6.5%	13.6
Citations (research influence): 30%	68.4	**Research quality: 30%.** Citation impact: 7.5% Research strength: 7.5%. Research excellence: 7.5%. Research influence: 7.5%	==54.4==
International outlook (staff, students, and research): 7.5% International-to-domestic-student ratio 2.5% International-to-domestic-staff ratio 2.5% International collaboration 2.5%	17.2	**International outlook: 7.5%** Proportion of international students: 2.5% Proportion of international staff: 2.5% International collaboration: 2.5%	21.5
Industry income (knowledge transfer): 7.5%	37.2	**Industry: 10%** Industry income: 5%, Patents: 5%	==16.6==

As could be seen, KLEF scored lower marks in 2024 under Citations (68.4 to 54.4) and under Industry income (37.2 to 16.6). The number of papers published under Q1 Journals could be the reason for lower score under Citations; similarly non-commercialization of KLEF patents has resulted in lower score under Industry income.

Agenda Item 1: ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 22-12-2023.

The ATR on the last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 22-12-2023 is as follows:

✓ Initiation of accreditation process of AMBA, AACSB   : Initiated

The Dean (MHS) shall explain the status of this initiative at the end of the meeting.

✓ Gender Audit & Green Audit   : Completed

Dean (SA) organized Gender audit of the campus once in two years and Dean (P & D) got the green audits performed by a reputed agency, which is certified by NABCB.

✓ Encourage KLEF faculty to publish articles covering the 17 UN SDGs and Quality in Online Education   : Initiated

Some of the KLEF faculty started publishing articles covering the 17 UN SDGs. However, publishing articles covering Quality in Online Education is yet to commence.

✓ Botanical name plates for trees   : Initiated

There are about 5000 trees in the Green Fields campus and the process of providing name plates containing Botanical names of individual trees has begun.

Agenda Item 2: Postponement of 2-day National Conference on Quality Issues to July 2024

The Dean-Quality informed the members that the 2-day Conference was supposed to take place during February-March every year; it was postponed due to the hectic task of SSR-Cycle 3 Submission, which took place on 29th April 2024. He suggested organizing this rescheduled Conference, IAQHEI-2024 during the 1st – 2nd weeks of July 2024. Exact dates shall be decided later this month.

Agenda Item 3: Enhancing ERP functionality to streamline report generation for diverse needs.

The Dean-Quality informed the members that IQAC would like the ERP to have the following facilities for making the monthly audits less cumbersome:

➢ Department IQAC Monthly report generation in ERP.
➢ Provision for recording IQAC Audit comments by auditors and forwarding to respective functionary.
➢ Provision for functionary to give compliance.

This would save considerable amount of time besides providing necessary data to the top management at the click of a button.

Agenda Item 4: KLEF Calendar of Events (CoE) 2024-25.

The Dean (Quality) informed the members of the status of the KLEF Calendar of Events 2024-25.

Constitution of Committee for CoE: AY 2024 – 2025   : Completed
First meeting of CoE Committee   : Conducted
First Draft of CoE: AY 2024 – 2025   : In Progress

The Registrar, Dr. K. Subba Rao informed the members that the first draft of the KLEF Calendar of Events (2024-25) shall be ready in the next 2-3 days and will be circulated to all functionaries for their review and suggestions. He also recalled the shortfalls of availability of data felt by the NAAC Core Team while preparing the SSR for the recently submitted Cycle-3 of NAAC Accreditation and requested the Dean-Quality, who is also the Convener of the Committee, to put in additional effort to ensure that no important event is omitted from the Calendar of Events.

Agenda Item 5: Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
Accreditation process of AMBA, AACSB

The Dean (MHS) explained the status of the above initiative as follows:
(i). AMBA Accreditation: The process has been initiated.

(ii). AACSB Accreditation:
Regarding this, the Dean (MHS) informed the members that the KLUBS has initiated the process of obtaining accreditation by another prestigious by agency, EQUIS, which is a comprehensive quality review system for business and management schools. The EQUIS stands for The European Quality Improvement System, which is the accrediting body of the European Fund for Management Development (EFMD) and is dedicated to raising the standard of management education worldwide. EQUIS Accredited Business Schools in India include top IIMs like IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Kozhikode, and Indian School of Business (ISB), to name a few.

The meeting was adjourned with the Registrar thanking the Chair and members for their cooperation.

To: All the Advisory Committee Members   **Dr. K. Ramakrishna**
Cc: IQAC File   **(Dean-Quality)**