Minutes of the Meeting of IQAC held on 08.04.2024 at 03:30 PM in the IQAC Conference Hall

Members Present:

1. **Prof (Dr) C.T. Aravindakumar, Vice Chancellor (in the chair)**
2. **Prof (Dr) Jayachandran K, Registrar**
3. **Prof (Dr) Robinet Jacob (Director, IQAC)**
4. **Dr. Sylas V. P (Joint Director, IQAC)**
5. **Sri. Biju Mathew (Finance Officer)**
6. **Dr. C.M Sreejith, (Controller of Examination)**
7. **Prof (Dr.) Beena Mathew (SCS), Member, IQAC.**
8. **Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan (SILT), Member, IQAC.**
9. **Prof. (Dr.) R Harikumaran Nair (SBS), Member, IQAC.**
10. **Prof (Dr.) Sajimon Abraham (SMBS), Member, IQAC.**
11. **Prof (Dr.) Saji Mathew (SOL), Member, IQAC.**
12. **Dr. Toney K. Thomas (STS), Member, IQAC.**
13. **Dr. Roshna Varghese, SMBS (Special invitee)**

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all the members. The suggestions and shortcomings the NAAC peer team pointed out during the 4th cycle of the NAAC Peer Team visit held on 05-07 March 2024 were discussed in the IQAC meeting. Accordingly, a detailed review of each criterion was done. The action taken report of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved followed by the detailed discussions on the agenda.

The following decisions were taken in connection with the **Post NAAC Accreditation quality initiatives of Mahatma Gandhi University**

Criterion – 1 : Curricular Aspects:

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

- Implementation of 4+1 Honours programmes in the campus as per the NEP 2020 and State Gov. guidelines.
- The courses on Basic Law Principles as well as Art Heritage in the revised curriculum as per the NAAC peer team report.

Criterion – 2 : Teaching, Learning and Evaluation :

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

- To design a new Software for OBE curriculum.
- University established eight teaching schools during the last few years, hence it is resolved to recommend creation of new teaching posts subject to Govt. concurrence, as per the work load study report of IQAC.

- To start new UG/PG Engineering & Technology Programmes in the campus as per the recommendations of the NAAC peer team. Resolved to explore the possibility of restarting Engineering programmes in the University Engineering College at Muttom Campus to comply with the NAAC recommendations.
- To establish a new School of Advanced Design Studies considering the academic and industrial needs.

Criterion - 3 : Research, Consultancy, Extension and Innovation

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

- To enhance the Seed Money grant to the newly appointed teachers as per the UGC Guidelines.
- To enhance the Incubation facilities and to achieve the goal of having 500 startups in a period of 10 years which includes faculty startups too as per Faculty Startup Policy.
- High Performing Computing facilities to be expanded to all schools and centers.
- To maximize the number of Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship like Navakerala Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
- Publication workshops in collaboration with prominent publishing houses to be conducted along with Academic Writing Cell and entrusted Dr.Subila K.B., SCS and Dr.Tijo Thomas, SMBS for organizing the same.
- Centralized consultancy portal to be developed.

Criterion - 4 Infrastructureand Learning resources

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

1. To build more hostels including dedicated graduate hostels.
2. To facilitate separate chambers for faculty members.
3. Indoor sports and games facilities along with construction of swimming pool.
4. To build infrastructure for 4+1 Hons. Programmes including a cluster of classrooms, dedicated Labs etc.
5. To facilitate Graduate hostels on rent for during the initial phase of 4+1 Hons. Programmes.
6. To build more Teachers Quarters for augmenting residential facilities in the campus.
7. Resolved to form a team of external experts for review of IT Resources (Software Review, Hardware Review, Networking Review) followed by preparation of a vision document comprising of the following.
   a. Managerial Perspective
   b. Integration of resources (ERP).
   c. Faster Services.
   d. Resource Mobilization
   e. Increased Visibility.
   f. Block chain based high security certification.
   g. Exploring the possibility of block chain based paperless exams.

8. Resolved to facilitate 2nd phase renovation of the University Library .
9. To build an International Centre as a one-stop office for international student activities.
10. Resolved to recommend allocation of more funds for procurement of e- Resources.
11. Resolved to promote further, reuse of all resources including furniture for optimum utilization of resources.
12. Resolved to enhance the quality of facilities and services in the University Guest House.
13. Resolved to pave block tiles in the designated parking areas in front of the administrative buildings.

Criterion 5 – Students Support and Progression

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

- Resolved to strengthen Placement Cell with engagement of a full time Placement Officer.
- Resolved to entrust HOD's/ Directors of Schools/ Centres to maintain up to date placement data.
- Resolved to conduct Campus Alumni Day every year and to establish Alumni Cell in the campus.

Criterion 6 – Governance Leadership and management

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

- Resolved to apply for QS Ranking 2024 onwards.
- Resolved to establish International Branch Campuses in Middle Eastern Countries considering the educational needs of the diaspora.
- Resolved to come up with Resource Mobilization strategies with focus on Online degrees and Skill Development Programmes. Also resolved to achieve the goal of having 50,000 students in the Online stream in 10 years.
- Resolved to update Institutional Development Plan (IDP) of the University to ensure benchmarking and for setting goals for optimal performance in core areas of operation.
- Resolved to conduct Mock visit in University teaching departments every year as a preparatory activity for NAAC accreditation and for benchmarking of Schools/ Centres.
- Resolved to collect a Half-Yearly progress report of all schools and centres through online mode.

Criterion 7 – Best Practices

Resolved to recommend implementation of the following as post NAAC accreditation quality initiatives of the University:

- Resolved to achieve the goal of being a 100% Solar powered university in the next 10 years.
- Resolved to ensure regular cleaning of solar panels to optimize power production.

- Resolved to ensure regular checkup and connecting of all buildings to the University rainwater harvesting system.
- Resolved to actively promote Waste management programme' Nirmalam MGU' to a higher level through formation of faculty-student startup, diversified products and a dedicated sales outlets.
- Resolved to promote indigenous species of plants and trees in the campus and phase by phase removal of invasive plant species which are harmful.
- Resolved to explore the scope for receipt of CSR funds to promote infrastructure, academic, incubation and research activities.

The meeting concluded at 05:00 PM.

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DIRECTOR, IQAC

Dr.Aravindakumar C.T.
VICE CHANCELLOR