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INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Minutes of the 1st IQAC Meeting

Date / Time: 13 August 2019 / 2.30 PM – 04.00 PM

Venue: Board Room (3rd Floor), Vellore Campus

Members present:

1. Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Vellore Campus)
3. Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor (Chennai Campus)
4. Dr. K. Sathiyarayanan, Registrar
5. Dr. V. Palani, Genewin Biotech, Bangalore
6. Mr. M.R. Ravi Sankar, Advocate, Vellore
7. Mr. S.M. Kannan, Alumni Representative
8. Mrs. R. Vimala, Parent
9. Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick Director RAAC
10. Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC
11. Dr. S. Renuga Devi, Assistant Director, IQAC
12. Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director RAAC
13. Dr. G. Jayaraman, Dean, Academics, Vellore
14. Dr. Mohan Ganesh, Controller of Examinations, Vellore
15. Dr. Sugumar V, Deputy Controller of Examinations, Chennai
16. Dr. P. Ramesh Babu, Dean, Academic Research, Vellore
17. Dr. Z.C. Alex, Director, Sponsored Research, Vellore
18. Dr. M.R. Ghalib, On behalf of Director, International Relations, Vellore
19. Dr. Priti Talwar, On behalf of Director, Students Welfare, Vellore
20. Dr. V. Samuel Rajkumar, Director, Placement & Training
21. Dr. B. Murali Manohar, Director, Librarian
22. Dr. S.K. Sekar, Director, Estates
23. Mr. C.S. Mohan Kumar, Assistant Director, Systems
24. Mr. K. Baskar, Chief Finance Officer
25. Dr. P. Jagadeesh, Professor, School of Civil Engineering, Vellore
26. Dr. T. Shankar, Associate Professor, School of Electronics Engineering, Vellore
27. Dr. R. Thirumalaivasan, Associate Professor, School of Electronics Engineering, Vellore
28. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Assistant Professor, School of Advanced Sciences, Vellore
29. Dr. Arockia Selva Kumar, Assoc. Professor, School of Mechanical and Building Sciences, Chennai

Leave of Absence:

1. Dr. G.L. Samuel, Professor, IIT Madras
2. Mr. R. Ashok Ranjith, Cognizant Technology Solutions
3. Mr. S. Naveen Kumar, Tata Consultancy Services
4. Dr. Madhan Mohan, ABB, Chennai
5. Dr. P.K.Manoharan, Additional Registrar
6. Dr. Kalyani Desikan, Dean, Academics Research, Chennai
7. Dr. Sabumon P.C, Dean, Sponsored Research, Chennai
8. Dr. R. Padmanabhan, Director, Students Welfare, Chennai
9. Dr. Angeline Gautami Fernando, Asst. Professor (Sr.), VIT Business School, Chennai
10. Ms. Shivani Priya, Student Representative
11. Mr. S. Nithin, Student Representative
12. Mr. Ruchir Saraswat, Student Representative
13. Ms. Pelluri Sai Ramya Meghana, Student Representative

Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Vice Chancellor, VIT welcomed the members of IQAC. He highlighted the following in his introductory remarks:

1. **HackerRank & CNBC –“Coders for tomorrow”:** VIT ranked among the top three universities in the Asia-Pacific region based on the skills that employers seek in the IT sector.
2. **NOVEL scheme:** The scheme ‘NO VITian will Ever be Left behind (NOVEL)’ is for the slow learners, by providing special coaching to the students to help them complete the course within the stipulated period.
3. **To raise the level of 3 year programmes on par with B.Tech. Programmes:** Faculty will teach based on the capability of the students which includes academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. We hope to reap the benefit in the next two or three years.

Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC made a presentation on the activities of IQAC. The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC Minutes of Meeting held on 5th December 2018
2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions
3. Status of Institution Plan 2018-19
4. Institution Plan 2019-20
5. Academic Calendar of VIT 2019-20
6. Proposed activities of IQAC 2019-20
7. IQAC activities since the last meeting
8. Annual Quality Assessment Report 2018-19
9. Suggestions from VIT-IQAC for quality enhancement
10. Any items with the permission of Chairperson

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 15.05.2019

Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.

2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions

S. No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
1	Students satisfaction on lab and infrastructure need to be improved which is currently around 88%	The schools have taken steps to augment the infrastructure in the lab by adding new equipment and instruments in FY 2019-20 budget
2	An option may be given to students to write exam in digital mode or hard copy mode.	Vice Chancellor informed that for a student with genuine reason is allowed to give exam in hardcopy mode and it is taken care.
3	Catalogue of activities/services to society to solve societal problems	CSRD to give comprehensive periodic report to the Registrar
4	Bring in social impactful projects and measure its outcomes as part of the output of TARP course	<p>School Deans are requested to study the impact of socially relevant impactful projects as part of TARP course. Some of the projects carried out by students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Biological degradation of Coir waste Processing fish waste into plant fertilizer Production of nitrogen rich manure from organic waste using Azospirillum sps. Bio preservatives from plant and microbial extracts Restoration of historic dome by retrofitting using traditional materials and techniques. Plastic waste as a partial replacement of aggregates for concrete Construction of concrete canoe using light weight concrete Study of Traffic Flow Characteristics and Intersection Geometry for Suggestion of Remedial Measures to Reduce Traffic Congestion at Chitoor Bus Stand Intersection in Vellore. Automated Paralysis Healthcare System Vehicle Security and Safety System Smart Medical Assistance and Dispensary System Segregated Pesticide Distributor etc.,
5	Include International Relations office representative for IQAC meeting	Included International Relations office representative for IQAC meeting
6	Communicate the CAT marks and FAT marks to parents	O/o Academics communicates the marks to the parents
7	Publish the important research output in regional language for public access	Important research output of VIT is published in regional newspapers and social media

3. Status of Institution Plan for the year 2018-19

Presented and noted by the members.

4. Institution Plan 2019-20

Presented and noted by the members.

5. Academic Calendar of VIT 2019-20

Presented and noted by the members.

6. Proposed activities of IQAC 2019-20

Presented and noted by the members.

7. IQAC activities since the last meeting

Presented and noted by the members.

8. Annual Quality Assessment Report 2018-19

Presented and noted by the members.

9. Suggestions from VIT-IQAC

1. Create an ecosystem for the students to gain part-time work experience.
2. Alumni network to be strengthened
3. Monitor social media comments about VIT
4. Provision to be made to read VIT Website in other languages
5. Feedback can be made online
6. Conduct awareness programme on traffic rules and road safety
7. Law School should focus on grooming the students to be practicing lawyers

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC .



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Deputy Director, IQAC

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INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Minutes of the 2nd IQAC Meeting

Date / Time: 11 December 2019 / 11.00 am – 01.30 pm

Venue: Ruby Hall- Admin Block (7th Floor), Chennai Campus

Members present:

1. Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor (Chennai Campus)
3. Dr. P.K. Manoharan, Additional Registrar
4. Dr. V. Palani, Managing Director, Genewin Biotech, Bangalore
5. Dr. Ashok Ranjith, HR-Talent Acquisition, CTS
6. Dr. G.L. Samuel, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IITM
7. Dr. V. Palani, Genewin Biotech, Bangalore
8. Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC, Vellore
9. Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC, Chennai
10. Dr. S. Renuga Devi, Assistant Director, IQAC, Vellore
11. Dr. M. Murugan, Assistant Director, IQAC, Vellore
12. Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director RAAC
13. Dr. G. Jayaraman, Dean, Academics, Vellore
14. Dr. Nayeemullah Khan, Dean, Academics, Chennai
15. Dr. Sugumaran V, Deputy COE, Chennai
16. Dr. Kalyani Desikan, Dean, Academics Research, Chennai
17. Dr. Zachariah C Alex, Director, Sponsored Research, Vellore
18. Dr. P.C. Sabumon, Director SPORIC, Chennai
19. Dr. S. K. Sekar, Director, Estates, Vellore
20. Dr. R. Sreenivasan, Asst. Director, International Relation, Vellore
21. Dr. R. Padmanabhan, Director, Students Welfare, Chennai
22. Dr. Priti Talwar, Asst. Director, Students Welfare, Vellore
23. Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Asst. Director, Placement, Vellore
24. Dr. V. Anantha Krishnan, Asst. Director, Placement, Chennai
25. Dr. K. Chitra, Assistant Director, IQAC, Chennai
26. Dr. Gunabalan, Assistant Director, IQAC, Chennai
27. Dr. Arockia Selva Kumar, Assoc. Professor, SMEC, Chennai
28. Dr. P. Jagadeesh, Professor, School of Civil Engg., Vellore
29. Dr. Arokia Selva Kumar, Asso. Prof., SMEC, Vellore
30. Dr. Thirumalaivasan, Asso. Prof., SELECT, Vellore
31. Dr. T. Shankar, Asso. Prof. SENSE, Vellore
32. Dr. Mohan Kumar C M, Asst. Director, Systems, Vellore
33. Mr. S. Baskar, Chief Finance Officer
34. Mrs. R. Vimala, Stakeholder Representative
35. Mr. S. Nithin, Student Representative
36. Ms. Pelluri Sai Ramya Meghana, Student Representative

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1. Dr. S. Narayanana, Pro Vice Chancellor, Vellore
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3. Mr. M. R Ravi Sankar, Advocate, Vellore
4. Mr. S. M. Kannan, Alumni Representative
5. Dr. Madhan Mohan, ABB, Chennai
6. Dr. S. Mohan Ganesh, CoE, Vellore
7. Dr. Murali Manohar B, Director, Library, Vellore
8. Dr. S. Balakrishnana, Asst. Prof. SAS
9. Dr. Angeline Gautami Fernando, Asst. Prof (Sr.), VITBS
10. Mr. Ruchir Saraswat, Student Representative

Dr. V.S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro-VC, Chennai Campus, welcomed the members of IQAC. She reinstated that VIT has been recognized as an Institution of Eminence by Government of India.

Vice Chancellor, Dr. Anand Samuel highlighted the following in his introductory remarks:

1. Appreciated the NAAC team members of Vellore and Chennai for their untiring efforts towards the data collection for NAAC.
2. A panel constituted for filing of patents has taken a leap forward and the number of patents filed has increased drastically in the last 6 months.
3. Raman Research Award is extended to UG and PG students also apart from research scholars.
4. On addressing the traffic problems faced by VIT Chennai faculty members, he announced that 50% of house rent will be borne by university, if their house is located within 5 km radius of VIT Chennai. This would enable the faculty members to work for a longer time in the university campus.
5. It is happy to note that VIT is leading among all other institutions in terms of number of publications, however many private universities are closely competing and to keep ourselves abreast the Dean academic research was asked to circulate the number of publications per teacher during every month.
6. He informed that new labs were inaugurated at Vellore campus and Anechoic chamber was one among them which will be a pride of the university. Based on the suggestion from academic council member, Fintech lab was also created newly and the facilities will be shared with VITBS, Chennai.
7. An executive MBA program is being planned for the forthcoming academic year.
8. Three online programs were ready to start-up during this academic year, however AICTE has advised to run a regular course too rather than online alone.
9. He suggested complete digital mode to be followed for all activities at VIT.

Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC made a presentation on the activities of IQAC. The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC Minutes of Meeting held on 13th August 2019
2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions
3. IQAC activities since the last meeting
4. Recent awards/recognitions received by VIT
5. Analysis of Quality circle meeting - Fall 2019-20
6. Student feedback analysis – Fall 2019-20

7. Review of Research Publications
8. Submission of data for NIRF 2020
9. Preparation for NAAC reaccreditation
10. Suggestions for enhancing the new initiatives proposed
11. Any other items with the permission of Chairperson

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 13.08.2019

Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.

2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions

S. No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
1	Alumni network to be strengthened	a. Presently there are 33 International and 18 Domestic chapters b. VITAA Chapter coordinators have been informed to conduct chapter meetings regularly and to interact more often with the alumni members in their chapter through Whatsapp and other social media c. Starting new International and Domestic Chapters for effective networking d. Invite Alumni to campus for interaction with the students for sharing their knowledge and expertise
2	Monitor social media comments about VIT	Outreach department monitors the social media comments
3	Provision to be made to read VIT Website in other languages	To be considered
4	Conduct awareness programme on traffic rules and road safety	a. Students' Welfare Office organized programs like road safety awareness to increase the awareness among students. b. Local authorities were invited to sensitize the students about road safety on student council inauguration day programme c. International students were given briefing on traffic rules and road safety d. Through the clubs and chapters activities, students made road safety videos
5	Law School should focus on grooming the students to be practicing lawyers	Barring the law graduates who have joined as Associates in Law firms and those who have got admission to higher education to pursue their LLM, rest of them have joined the legal profession by enrolling themselves as advocates

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates in Law Firms - 20 Students • Higher studies in Abroad - 08 Students • Higher studies in India - 05 students • Students enrolled as advocates - 66 Students
6	Create an ecosystem for the students to gain part-time work experience	For research scholars, Teaching Research Assistantship scheme is in place but for graduate and post graduate students there is no provision on part-time work

3. IQAC activities since the last meeting

Presented along with snapshots and noted by the members.

4. Awards and Recognitions

Awards: Institutes of Eminence (IoE) status and International Rankings – 2020 including QS World University Ranking (801-1000), QS Asia University Ranking (228), Times Higher Education World University Ranking (801-1000), FICCI award for “Excellence in enabling research environment”, AICTE (Clean & Smart Campus Award-2019) and Swachh Campus Ranking 2019 of Higher Educational Institutions.

Recognitions: Certificate of appreciation from Royal Society of Chemistry – 2018-19, Certificate of Appreciation from AICTE for the significant contribution in Jai Shakti Abhiyan.

New labs established and recent MoUs were presented

The members appreciated the lead role played by IQAC in getting national and global visibility through rankings and recognition

5. Quality Circle meetings and Student feedback

QCM statistics, Student feedback analysis on course, faculty, theory and laboratory, infrastructural facilities were presented and noted by the members.

6. Review of Research Publications

Analysis of Scopus indexed publications, Thomson Reuters publications (with Impact factor), total citations and mean citation index, h-index were presented.

Promotion of research at VIT is initiated through enhancement of fellowship, Raman Research award, and Post-doctoral fellow schemes

7. Submission of data for NIRF – 2020 and preparation towards NAAC reaccreditation

Presented and noted by the members

8. Suggestions for enhancing new initiatives in 2020-21

1. Bringing in focus on Product development, Sustainability and Innovation in to the curriculum
2. Enhancing undergraduate & postgraduate research
3. Increasing the international research collaborations

4. Formation of Technology Park
5. To attract more international faculty and students
6. Establishing industry sponsored research laboratory
7. Commercialisation of IPs generated
8. Enhancing International networking
9. Enhanced Alumni Engagement

The following suggestions were received on the above points from the external expert members and student representative of IQAC .

- Prepare a problem statements depository from in-and-around the campus/community which will enable the students to take up as a project and provide solutions
- Increase number of course-era courses
- Decrease the aptitude for placement by increasing the aspiration for doing research
- Formation of Technology Park. Bring in more companies into it. DBT sponsors for oxygen park (release of oxygen through bamboo).
- For alumni engagement, online interaction was suggested. Incentives may be given in the form of dinner coupons or tourism packages.
- For TARP and capstone project – more time may be given for problem seeking. PAT and Dean academics may work out on this issue of timeline.
- Get genuine feedback alone, even if few students could give the same. Need not force everyone to give their feedback.
- Many food vendors may be included to meet the thirsting demands of the students.
- Alcohol, Nicotin consumption may be monitored and action may be taken if there is any behavioural issues.
- Lapsed MoUs to be renewed

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC.



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Minutes of the 3rd IQAC Meeting

Date / Time: 29 May 2020 / 11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91863290693?pwd=S2xvdHdtM0lMNkIbUdCN21uY1VLQT09>

Members present:

1. Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Vellore Campus)
3. Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor (Chennai Campus)
4. Dr. K. Sathiyarayanan, Registrar
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38. Mr. Ruchir Saraswat, Student Representative
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Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Vice Chancellor welcomed the members of IQAC and briefed about initiatives taken by VIT for online line teaching-learning during this pandemic.

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2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions
3. IQAC activities since the last meeting
4. Recent Achievements (Rankings/Awards)
5. Review of Academics, Publications, Sponsored Research & Students' Placement
6. Suggestions from VIT-IQAC : i. Quality assurance in online teaching-learning and evaluation; ii. Emerging opportunities amid Covid
7. Any other items with the permission of Chairperson

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 11.12.2019

Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.

2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions

S.No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
1	Prepare a problem statements depository from in-and-around the campus/community which will enable the students to take up as a project and provide solutions	Schools have taken initiatives to collate the problems in-and-around the campus. This will be given to the students as projects in the coming semesters
2	Increase number of online courses	VITOL has taken steps for development of 100 online courses for Fall Semester 2020 - 2021
3	Decrease the aptitude for placement by increasing the aspiration for doing research	Students are encouraged to participate in mini projects such as through various -athon activities, TARP course, capstone project and FTRI for doing research
4	Formation of Technology Park. Bring in more companies into it	Steps have been taken to construct a new building for establishing Technology Park, VIT, Vellore

S.No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
5	For alumni engagement, online interaction was suggested. Incentives may be given in the form of dinner coupons or tourism packages	In the month of April and May, 17 Webinar Sessions have been organized by VITAA by inviting alumni as speakers. Alumni association takes care of travel and local hospitality for the prominent alumni members who are invited to the campus
6	For TARP and capstone project – more time may be given for problem seeking	The schools have taken steps to introduce capstone projects in VII semester for in-house projects. PAT internship projects are given by the Industry and evaluated by them. They give sufficient time for problem solving.
7	Get genuine feedback alone. Need not force everyone to give their feedback	It will be implemented from the forthcoming academic year.
8	Many food vendors may be included to meet the thirsting demands of the students	Feedback on existing food vendors have been collected in April 2020 through LMS.
9	Alcohol, Nicotin consumption may be monitored and action may be taken if there is any behavioural issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness programmes conducted by Students' Welfare office • Through the hostel staff continuously monitored • If any issue then referred to disciplinary committee
10	Lapsed MoUs to be renewed	Schools Deans and Centre Directors are allotted MoUs to follow up and renew the elapsed MoUs

3. IQAC activities since the last meeting

Presented along with snapshots and noted by the members.

4. Recent Achievements (Rankings, Awards)

- Institutional Information on Quality Assurance (IIQA) submitted in February 2020 and was approved by NAAC.
- India Today-MDRA Best University Ranking data submitted in February 2020.
- Institute of Eminence (IoE) Readiness report submitted in March 2020.
- QS World Ranking, BRICS and ASIA Ranking data submitted in March 2020.
- Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking data submitted in April 2020.

Awards: International Rankings – 2020 QS World University Rankings by Subject – EEE and Chemical Engineering (301-350), Computer Science and Information Systems and Mechanical (401-450), Chemistry (450-500) and Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject – Computer Science (301-400).

The members appreciated the lead role played by IQAC.

5. Review of Academics, Publications, Sponsored Research & Students' Placement

- Analysis of Scopus indexed publications, Thomson Reuters publications (with Impact factor), total citations and mean citation index, h-index were presented.
- Promotion of research at VIT is initiated through enhancement of fellowship, Raman Research award, and Post-doctoral fellow schemes
- Sponsored Project details and Students' Placement data were presented.
- Recent MoUs signed to various universities were presented.
- VIT's contribution for COVID-19 relief were presented.

6. Suggestions from VIT-IQAC

The following suggestions were received from the external expert members and student representative of IQAC.


- Mr. Naveen Kumar, TCS suggested to make sure that **Digital detox** doesn't occur due to online classes- both student and faculty to be guided to overcome the stress / fatigue experienced by them.
- Mr. Ashok Ranjan, CTS suggested to use the Pareto principle- Invest in 20% of MoU's which result in meaningful RoI's (80% returns). Present the status in Board of Management and Board of Studies and decide on the MoU's that has to be actively pursued.
- Dr. Samuel, IIT, Madras suggested to focus on Quality of online delivery – to overcome criticisms from the students and parents.
- Mr. S.M. Kannan, Alumni representative suggested that training the teachers to deliver online courses is the need of the hour. Look for ways and means to make the course delivery interesting
- Mr. Madhan Mohan suggested that institute to be thoughtful while using online mode for teaching-learning and evaluation.
- Mr. Ruchir Saraswat, Student representative said that one good faculty who can effectively communicate can deliver online lecture for all batches instead of many faculty offering the same course.
- Mr. M.R. Ravishankar, Lawyer suggested to ensure transparency in evaluation schemes.
- Invite Professors from other Universities (MoU's) to conduct classes through online.
- Mrs. Vimala parent representative requested the institute to talk to the employers who have recruited students this academic year through campus interview and ensure the jobs of students.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC.



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