

Proceedings of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) meeting

A meeting of the Institute Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held on September 30th, 2019 at 12.30 pm in the Board room of the Director and the following members were present.

1. **Dr. A.K. Singh-Chairman**
2. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal- Dean, IARI
3. Dr. Anil Sirohi-IARI Alumni Association
4. Mr. Ratnesh Kumar, Joint Director (Administration & Registrar)
5. Mr. Pushpinder Kumar-Chief Administrative Officer
6. Dr. K.M. Manjiah, Associate Dean
7. Mr. V.R. Srinivasan-Comptroller
8. Dr. R.K. Jain-Special invitee
9. **Dr. (Mrs.) M. Jayanthi-Member Secretary**

Dr. A.K. Singh, Joint Director (Research), Dr. J.P. Sharma Joint Director (Extension), President, (PGSSU), Mr. N.S. Sipani and Mrs. Krishna Yadav could not attend the meeting. **Dr. M. Jayanthi**, Member secretary introduced IQAC and mentioned that for performance evaluation, assessment and accreditation and quality up-gradation of institutions of higher education, the NAAC had proposed that every accredited institution should establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as a post-accreditation quality sustenance measure. She made a presentation on IQAC, its requirements and the model IQAC at JNU. She also presented the guidelines and the report formats and explained about the input data that was required.


This was followed by elaborate discussions and the following points emerged for immediate action.

1. In view of the recent guidelines from NAAC, the revision for the composition of IQAC was suggested with inclusion of senior most HOD and senior most Professor and an office order needs to be brought out. **(Action: Joint Director Administration)**
2. One Young professional shall be recruited for the entries that were to be made in required format of IQAC. PME Cell to initiate action for YP's and entry of data on priority. **(Action: Member Secretary, IQAC)**
3. IQAC meetings proceedings and activities needs to be displayed on the website as per their guidelines. Permission was granted to have a space in the website of IARI for IQAC. **(Action Member Secretary, IQAC/Dr. A.K. Mishra, AKMU)**
4. **Dr. R.K. Jain** mentioned about the recommendations of the NAAC. He read out the recommendations of the NAAC and following was decided:

S.No.	Recommendations of NAAC	Action Taken
1.	Mainstreaming the CBCS of the institute through credit transfer linked semester system as per UGC/ICAR norms.	Associate Dean mentioned that this was discussed in the last Academic Council meeting but was not agreed upon. However Chairman desired to discuss on this prior to the Academic council meeting and take a decision on this.

2.	Rationalize the Ph.D. Program without discrimination between IARI fellowship candidates and externally funded project fellows by allowing them to register at IARI instead of elsewhere.	Chairman suggested to the Dean to form a committee for discussing this important issue. (Action: Dean)
3.	Promotive strategies to fast track commercialization of R&D products and technologies.	This aspect is being taken care of by ZTM and ITMU
4.	Strengthening of alumni association and developing a visiting professor/adjunct professor scheme	IARI Alumni website should be made functional within 15 days. A corpus fund to be built through IARI alumni activities and an IARI foundation could be created. 80-90% funds of such programs shall go to IARI Alumni for creating facilities in IARI. Committee for getting funds to IARI to be constituted and Election to IARI Alumni posts to be finalized. (Action Dr. Anil Sirohi, MOHR)
5.	Appointment of full time Registrar Dean student's welfare, Controller of Examination, Director physical education	Chairman suggested to the Dean to form a committee for discussing this important issue. (Action: Dean)
6.	Efforts to get NABL accreditation for all labs providing testing and analytical services.	Only one lab i.e. the Pesticide Residual Lab has got NABL accreditation. But other labs also to initiate action on this aspect. (Action: Concerned HoD's)
7.	Introduction of Post doc fellowship to retain and attract national and international talent	It has been recently initiated and recently introduced
8.	Strengthening of extension activities and training of post-graduate students for building competence, skills and to transfer the technology to farmers	Chairman mentioned that this massive programme of MGMG is taking care of the extension activities. However, students can be also included in these activities. (Action: Nodal officer MGMG)

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and members by the Member Secretary.


Signature of Chairman


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