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3.3.1(9) Incubator cell facility



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Proceedings of the 1st Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell meeting held on September 12, 2021 in Academic Council Room, Eternal University

A meeting regarding establishment and development of Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell centre at Eternal University was held on September 12, 2021 at 11:30 am in Academic Council Room in the presence of the following members:

1. Dr. N. P. Singh 2. Dr. Sunil Kumar 3. S. Ravinder Singh	Chairman Co-ordinator Member		
		4. Dr. Kamal Kishore	Member

This meeting was chaired by Dr. N. P. Singh, Chairman of the "Entrepreneurship & Incubation" committee. Meeting started with formal introduction of the committee members. For the establishment and smooth functioning of the Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell, the following agenda has been discussed thoroughly:

1. To define Objective and Vision: As per Dr. N. P. Singh, the vision and objective of the cell must be reflected and we must have to define vision and objective of the cell. To make the theme clear, in this regard, S. Ravinder Singh suggested to prepare charter first so that vision and objective of the same will be formulated accordingly.

2. Infrastructure Requirement: According to Dr. Sunil Kumar, to establishment and smooth functioning of the same, initial requirements be listed for defined infrastructure of the cell. In this respect, Dr. N. P. Singh suggested to identify the need and the same will be placed to Hon'ble Pro.Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for further action.

3. Expand committee with Subject Matter Pool from faculty and students: As per the suggestions of Dr Kamal Kishore, more members from Agriculture & Renewable energy must be included in this committee. Along with that, Dr. Sunil suggested to add students from Student Innovation Club which ensures the participation of active students in Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell activity. In the same discussion, a subject matter pool in which experts from each department may be included so that innovative ideas from students may be processed and translated.

4. Inclusion of Minor in Entrepreneurship: According to S. Ravinder Singh's proposal, a minor may also be the part of this Entrepreneurship activity from next session so that we can

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provide more systemic foundation to this discipline and also provide competitive advantage to our students.

5: MoU with Educational and Technical Institutions: In this respect, Dr. N. P. Singh suggested for MoU with other universities and industries so that faculty and students may get more exposure in application-based research and related activities.

6. Case writing & bringing up our transformational stories: S. Ravinder Singh suggested for case writing & bringing up our transformational stories after discussion it was decided to be included in the charter.

7. Communicating the vision to our faculty and students: Everyone unanimously agreed with the importance of communicating the Entrepreneurship vision. Unless the vision is articulated clearly and enough development mechanisms are built-in, the program may not be effective. Towards this purpose, webinars, and faculty development programs would be initiated.

Summary:

- Innovation & Incubation Charter will be created to outline the objectives and vision
- Identify of infrastructure requirements and present these to Pro VC and VC offices
- Expansion of committee to include representation from Agriculture, Renewable Energy, Engineering and other disciplines.
- Formation of Student Council & Subject Matter Pool
- Creating awareness & orientation about Entrepreneurship with Faculty Development Programs, Hackathons, Guest Lectures & Workshops
- Inclusion of Minor in Entrepreneurship from next session. A proposal may be drafted concerning this.
- Identification of opportunities for our students and faculty to visit other Universities/industries so that we build the presence and imbibe some learning from other expert
- Importance of Case writing & bringing up our transformational stories was discussed and was decided to be included in the charter

Action Plan:

- Create the charter and send for committee review- Ravinder Singh
- Identify Infrastructure needs and share with Committee for collective inputs- Dr Sunil
- Extend the Core group as follows: (Action on : Chairman, Incubation cell as per the recommendations from Pro VC Office)
 Core Group



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- Adding a member from Agriculture
- Adding a member from Renewable Energy/Physics

Student Council

 At least one from each of Agriculture, Basic Sciences, ACET, MBA and Education department

Subject Matter pool

- One from each department who can take active role to review the ideas, thoughts and come up with ideas
- Create engagement proposal for Dr Amarpreet Singh Ghura & share for committee and Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor Sir's Review Ravinder Singh
- Create a faculty development program on Entrepreneurship and determining the feasibility with Dr Ghura- Ravinder Singh
- Get an email created: innovation@eternaluniversity.edu.in email id and share the credentials with the committee members- Dr Sunil
- Guest Lectures/Webinars for Introduction to Entrepreneurship by Dr Amarpreet Singh Ghura- Ravinder to discuss the availability, agenda and share with Dr Sunil.
- Akal Academy Connect: An an outreach initiative by incubation cell, we plan to invite the girl scholars of Akal Academy, Baru Sahib who underwent a recent entrepreneurship bootcamp for presenting their ideas of change & will be running a competition for best presented idea by panel of "Faculty & Volunteers Judge Panel" and will be open for public voting.
- Sarbat da Bhala- Problem Solving sessions: Establishing Ideathons with crossdisciplinary setting. Format will be workshop based. - Ravinder Singh to formulate the structure.
- Techshilla.org- Our first venture to be incubated. Details need to be shared.-Ravinder Singh
- Monthly Cross-disciplinary learning and sharing meetup : "Samvad" where each department every month will present about a certain topic, practice and invite discussions. This will promote cross-disciplinary collaboration and also generate insights for solving problems and fostering innovation via shared best practices. A calendar is planned with events planned ahead of time. Teachers and students from all departments will be invited. Action on: Dr Sunil & Dr. Kamal
- A note for action of each department to provide the following(A google form may be created and circulated):
 - Unique differentiator of your Department/College
 - How are you performing "Value Based Education" ? Provide specific practices



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- Your proud moments: Describe the most compelling problem of the world or community, which was solved by your department in the last 2 years?
- Do you have an identified high-impact problem worth solving? Does it require industry, other universities to collaborate with your department? Feel free to call out any specific universities\organization after proper identification and gap to be discussed.
- Would you like your department to be among the flag-bearers of entrepreneurship initiative at Eternal University, BaruSahib? If your answer is yes, you & selected nominations may be invited to be part of the special cohort for getting trained in an Entrepreneurship Coaching program.
- What would you like to feature in the Eternal University website?

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Dr. N. P. Singh (Chairman, Incubation Cell)

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(Pro-Vice Chancellor, Eternal University)

(Vice Chancellor, Eternal University)



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INCUBATION CELL "SARBAT DA BHALA" CHARTER

Eternal University, Baru Sahib under the aegis of The Kalgidhar Trust, aims to create **rural & social transformation** via value-based scientific education.

We recognise Entrepreneurship as a value which offers the best hope of creating equitable societies thereby sustaining the underserved regions and communities as a whole. It is our further belief that nurturing women entrepreneurship will accelerate the much-needed reforms in addressing critical societal and environmental problems.

We have demonstrated consistently in the past with our Village adoption and through various community outreach programs that we have the capacity and required value system in place to take the next leap in the journey of transforming the communities around us. Therefore, to promote sustainable entrepreneurship, Eternal University is establishing an incubation and entrepreneurship cell with an objective to nurture problem solvers, socialpreneurs & innovators driven by sustainability as a core tenet.

We subscribe to the framework of UN SDG(<u>https://www.undp.org/</u>) as it resonates with the ideology of "Sarbat Da Bhala" (May all prosper) so, we will derive inspiration from the SDG toolkit and assess the merit of the supporting ventures under the SDG framework. And it is for this reason, we would like to refer to our Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell as "Sarbat Da Bhala" Lab.

The charter recommends to focus on following areas in the formative years of the Sarbat Da Bhala lab:

- 1. Create Awareness and basic education workshops to initiate University Students and Faculty onwards for developing the "Entrepreneurial Mindset"
- 2. Provide necessary infrastructure for a dedicated space which includes computers, workstations, access to internet
- 3. Create a financial pool to incubate ideas aligned with UN SDG 17 goals
- 4. Create structured curriculum for educating entrepreneurship across the discipline and make necessary changes to adopt it as a minor
- 5. Identify opportunities for partnership with the Govt/Non-Govt agencies supporting entrepreneurship and sustainable development.

So, in order to support the incubation and future entrepreneurship, Eternal University will be securing a grant from our founding Trust "The Kalgidhar Trust "towards supporting this cause of sustainable development.

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