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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Proceedings of the 16th IQAC meeting held on 05/07/2024 at 10:00 AM in the Governing Body Room of the University.

Following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Vice Chancellor | - Chairman |
| 2. Dr. A. S. Ahluwalia, Pro Vice Chancellor | - Co-Chairman |
| 3. Dr. T. S. Banipal, Dean Academic Affairs | - Vice Chairman |
| 4. Dr. Nasib Singh | - Director |
| 5. Dr. Ajar Nath Yadav | - Deputy Director-cum-Member Secretary |
| 6. Dr. Neelam Kaur | - Management Nominee |
| 7. Dr. N.P. Singh, Dean Research | - Member |
| 8. Dr. S. K. Chauhan, Additional Registrar | - Member |
| 9. Dr. Purvi Luniyal, Dean ACA & SS | - Member |
| 10. Dr. Mehmooda Regu, Principal ACN | - Member |
| 11. Dr. Raina Bhatia, Principal, ACE | - Member |
| 12. Dr. Yogeeta Thakur, DSW | - Member |
| 13. Dr. Tusshar Mahajan, Additional COE | - Member |
| 14. Mr. Balraj Singh, Director Admissions & Placement | - Member |
| 15. Dr. Harpreet Kaur | - Member |
| 16. Dr. Kamal Kishore | - Member |
| 17. Dr. Puneet Negi | - Member |
| 18. Dr. Neelam Thakur | - Member |
| 19. Dr. Manjinder Kaur | - Member |
| 20. Dr. Meenakshi Gupta | - Member |
| 21. Mr. T. Muthukumaran | - Member |
| 22. Dr. Neelam Kumari | - Member |
| 23. Dr. Naresh Kumar | - Member |
| 24. Ms. Rampreet Kaur (Ph.D. Scholar) | - Member |

Members who couldn't attend

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| 1. Mr. S. C. Gosh (Director UCRC) | - Member |
| 2. Ms. Rupinder Kaur | - Member |
| 3. Ms. Achhada Ujalkaur Avatsingh | - Member |

AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda items along with relevant documents were circulated among the members on 25th June, 2024.

ITEM - 1: Review of the previous meetings and action taken thereof.



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ITEM - 2: Agenda for the 16th IQAC Meeting

Dr. Ajar Nath Yadav Member Secretary IQAC welcomed the worthy Vice Chancellor Dr. Davinder Singh Dr. AS Ahluwalia PVC, Dr. Nasib Singh Director IQAC, Deans, Directors and the members of the IQAC. He asked for permission from the worthy Vice Chancellor to start the Proceedings of the 16th IQAC meeting.

Dr. Nasib Singh thanked the Vice Chancellor for the support and implementation of the agenda that was discussed in the last meeting. Dr. Singh asked Member Secretary to continue with the review of the last proceedings.

ITEM - 1: Review of the previous meetings and action taken thereof.

15.1 Issuance of Rules/Guidelines for Master's Students

Dr. SK Sharma highlighted the urgent need to develop guidelines for Master's students, referring to an earlier Academic Council decision (79/15/2022). Dr. SK Chauhan emphasized aligning these guidelines with existing rules and incorporating them into the Student's Guide-2021 with clear sections and subsections. Dr. Nasib Singh assured the house that all matters would be resolved soon.

15.2 Proposal for 11th Convocation

Dr. Nasib Singh stressed finalizing the date for the Eleventh Annual Convocation, tentatively set for May 12, 2024, to allow proper planning. Dr. SK Chauhan suggested considering the overlap with Centre Government elections and proposed nominating an inspiring Chief Guest for the event. Final decisions on the date and Chief Guest will follow further discussion.

15.3 Implementation of UGC Guidelines on University-Industry Linkage

Dr. Nasib Singh emphasized implementing UGC guidelines focusing on establishing sustainable university-industry collaborations under NEP 2020. Dr. SK Chauhan proposed making a 2-4 credit internship program mandatory for undergraduate programs and formalizing the position of Professor of Practice to integrate industry expertise.

15.4 Eligibility Criteria for Courses (2024-25)

Dr. SK Chauhan underscored the need to create and finalize a detailed eligibility framework for admissions to all programs approved for the 2024-25 academic session. He stressed circulating the criteria among stakeholders for input and consensus to streamline the admissions process

15.5 Modifications in BA (Hons) Music Course Structure

Dr. Purvi Luniyal proposed moving "Human Values" and "Environmental Sciences" to the 1st and 2nd semesters to balance academics and extracurricular. Additionally, "Compulsory Punjabi" and "Compulsory English" should be unified under a single course code and syllabus. The house agreed to implement these changes.

15.6 English Syllabus Modifications

Dr. Ambika Sharma highlighted the need to streamline English syllabus course codes for BA Humanities, BA (Hons) Music, and B.Sc. (Hons) Psychology to address overlaps. Merged course codes were approved for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th semesters, ensuring uniformity across programs.



15.7 MA English Course Structure Approval

Dr. Ambika Sharma reported that the Master Research Paper in the MA English program is now optional, as approved in a recent Board of Study meeting. Feedback from other universities will be incorporated to align the course with best practices.

15.8 Course Approval for Academic Session 2024-25

Dr. SK Chauhan informed that course demands for 2024-25, including existing and newly proposed ones, have been approved by HP-PERC Shimla. Steps will be taken to ensure their effective implementation.

15.9 Annual Report for Academic Session 2022-23

Dr. SK Chauhan announced that the 15th Annual Report (August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023) is ready and will be printed before the next Board of Management meeting.

ITEM - 2: Agenda for the 16th IQAC Meeting

16.1. Discussion of guidelines for “Awarding Meritorious Teacher” and “Non-teaching Staff” during Annual Convocation:

Dr Nasib Singh informed the house about the planned awards for "Meritorious Teacher" and "Meritorious Non-teaching Staff" to be presented during the Annual Convocation. These awards will recognize exceptional contributions to the university's academic and administrative excellence.

He stated that detailed guidelines for eligibility, selection, and evaluation would be framed with the Hon'ble Chancellor's approval to ensure transparency and merit-based recognition. Once finalized, the awards will be incorporated into future convocations to honor outstanding individuals and inspire excellence among staff members.

Action: CoE & Registrar Office

16.2. Discussion of guidelines for award of “Dr. Jasjit Balwant Atwal MD Fellowship” to the PG students in the field of Nutrition, Nursing, Public Health and Education:

Dr. Nasib Singh informed the house that guidelines for the prestigious "Dr. Jasjit Balwant Atwal MD Fellowship" for postgraduate students in Nutrition, Nursing, Public Health, and Education will be developed under the Hon'ble Chancellor's guidance. These guidelines will outline the eligibility, selection criteria, and award process to ensure deserving students are recognized for their academic and professional potential.

Action: CoE & Registrar Office

16.3. Discussion for revised rules/guidelines for the Master Students:

Dr. Nasib Singh informed the house that revised rules and guidelines for Master's students will be developed in accordance with the provisions outlined in the **Student's Guide 2021**. The framework for Master's thesis evaluation, along with the processing of honorarium bills for external examiners, will be managed by the Deans of the respective colleges. Additionally, plagiarism checks and related charges will be overseen by the Librarian, as recommended by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Once finalized, these updated guidelines will be incorporated into **Annexure-3** of the **Student's Guide** for ease of reference and implementation.

Action: CoE



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16.4. Discussion for admission of Ph. D. students for the Academic Session 2024-25 on the basis of existing rules:

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the house that, effective from the academic session 2024-25, the UGC has introduced new guidelines for Ph.D. program admissions. These guidelines mandate the **NET qualification** as a prerequisite, replacing the university's internal entrance test. The house unanimously agreed that these directives should be seamlessly integrated into the university's existing regulations to ensure proper implementation and compliance with UGC standards.

Action: Dean PGS and Director Admission

16.5. Discussion of guidelines for admission of foreign national students from the Academic Session 2024-25:

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the house that, clear and comprehensive guidelines should be established for the admission of foreign national students starting from the Academic Session 2024-25. These guidelines will help streamline the admission process, ensure transparency, and provide a clear framework for evaluating and admitting students from abroad. Additionally, the importance of addressing specific requirements for foreign students, such as visa regulations, language proficiency, and accommodation, was emphasized to facilitate their smooth integration into the university system.

Action: Office of the Vice Chancellor

16.6. Discussion for revision of syllabi of eleven PG programmes and five Ph.D. programmes of DKSGACA as per BSMA committee Recommendations/ NEP-2020/ICAR.

It was informed by the Dean, DKSGACA (Pro-Vice Chancellor) that the following 11 Master's and 5 Ph.D. curricula be revised in accordance with the BSMA Committee recommendations, Education Division, ICAR, New Delhi, and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:

(a) M.Sc. (Ag) in Agronomy, Entomology, Genetics & Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology, Soil Science, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension Education, and M.Sc. Horticulture (Vegetable Science), (Fruit Science), (Floriculture and Landscaping), and M.Sc. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology.

(b) Ph.D. programs in Agronomy, Entomology, Genetics & Plant Breeding, Horticulture (Vegetable Science), and Molecular Biology & Biotechnology.

Action: Dean DKSGACA & CoE

16.7. Discussion of Course structure and syllabi for new Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) course of Akal College of Engineering & Technology as per NEP, 2020

(a) BCA (3 Years) degree programme for sponsored students.

(b) BCA (Hons. with Research) (4 Years) for Eternal University Students

Dean, ACET Prof. Ahluwalia informed that for the Academic Session 2024-25, a new course, Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), will be introduced and requires approval with an intake of 120 students, as per the approval from HP-PERC Shimla. The course will be offered in a dual-mode format: one for the Navgurukul Sri Badrika Ashram sponsored



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students and another for students admitted directly by the University. In this regard, the following two syllabi will be developed:

- BCA 3-year degree program for the sponsored students.
- BCA (Hons. with Research) 4-year program for Eternal University students.

Action: Dean ACET & CoE

16.8. Discussion for re-structuring the UG programmes as per National Education Policy (NEP)-2020

Dean ACEC&M informed the house that the following 10 UG programmes will be proposed to meet the requirement of restructuring the curriculum as per National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 for which University had already approached to HP-PERC Shimla to issue an amendment to the existing nomenclature of these approved UG Programmes.

Sr. No	Existing Nomenclature	Nomenclature to be revised as
1	B. Sc. (Hons) Economics	B. Sc. (Hons with Research) Economics
2	B. Com (Hons)	B.Com. (Hons with Research)
3	BBA	BBA (Hons with Research)
4	BA Humanities	B.A. (Hons with Research) Liberal Arts
5	BA (Hons) Music	B.A. (Hons with Research) Music
6	B. Sc. (Hons) Psychology	B.Sc. (Hons with Research) Psychology
7	B. Sc. Medical	B.Sc. (Hons with Research) Life Sciences
8	B. Sc. Non- Medical	B.Sc. (Hons with Research) Physical Sciences
9	B. Sc (Hons) Microbiology	B.Sc. (Hons with Research) Microbiology
10	BCA	BCA. (Hons with Research)

Action: Dean ACEC&M, and CoE

16.9. Discussion of the following items of Akal College of Economics, Commerce and Management: Dean of Akal College of Economics, Commerce & Management informed that the following curriculum will be presented in next ACM for approval and the implementation from the Academic Session 2024-25.

- The course structure of M. Com with and without thesis.
- The complete course structure & syllabi of B. Com (Hons) for the batch 2023-24 as per NEP-2020
- The complete course structure & syllabi of BBA for the batch 2023-24 as per NEP-2020
- The complete course structure & syllabi of MBA (Business Analytics) from 2023-24 onward
- The complete course structure & syllabi for first year of Academic Session 2024-25 of B. Com (Hons. with Research) as per NEP-2020
- The complete course structure & syllabi for first year of Academic Session 2024-25 of BBA (Hons. with Research) as per NEP-2020
- General Elective (GE) courses of Economics, Commerce & Management as per NEP-2020

Action: Dean ACEC&M, and CoE



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16.10. Discussion of the following programmes of Akal College of Arts & Social Science as per NEP 2020 for the first year of Academic session 2024-25: Dean of Akal College of Arts & Social Sciences informed that the following curriculum will be presented in next ACM for approval and the implementation from the Academic Session 2024-25.

- (a) B.A. (Hons. with Research) Liberal Arts (with combination of English, Punjabi, Psychology, Economics, Political Science and History Subjects)
- (b) B.Sc. (Hons with Research) Psychology
- (c) B.A. (Hons with Research) Music

Action: Dean ACA&SS & CoE

16.11. Discussion of UG programmes Syllabi of Akal College of Basic Sciences as NEP 2020 for the first year of Academic session 2024-25:

Dean of Akal College of Basic Science informed that the following curriculum will be presented in next ACM for approval and the implementation from the Academic Session 2024-25.

- (a) B. Sc. (Hons. with Research) Physical Sciences
- (b) B. Sc. (Hons. with Research) Life Sciences
- (c) B. Sc. (Hons. with Research) Microbiology

Action: Dean ACBS & CoE

16.12. Discussion for the approval for SEC, AEC & VAC courses as per NEP 2020 at University level.

Dean of Academic Affairs informed the house that, in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the university will propose a comprehensive list of **Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)**, **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)**, and **Value-Added Courses (VAC)**. It was decided that the respective colleges will take responsibility for preparing detailed syllabi for these courses. Additionally, the syllabi must include appropriately assigned course codes to ensure consistency and proper documentation.

Action: All Deans & CoE

16.13. Formation of Research & Development Cell (RDC) of Eternal University (Reporting Item).

Dr. Tusshar Mahajan strongly emphasized the importance of establishing a dedicated Research & Development Committee (RDC) within the university. This committee would play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of research excellence, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration across various academic departments. The establishment of the RDC is seen as a critical step in aligning the university's research initiatives with national and global trends, while also supporting the professional development of faculty members and students alike.

Action: VC Office

16.14. Status report on the second cycle of NAAC Accreditation (Reporting item)

Dr. Nasib Singh, Director of IQAC, informed the house that the Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) for the second cycle of NAAC accreditation will be submitted by 20th June 2024. He highlighted three specific queries raised by NAAC: first, a discrepancy



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in the number of courses listed on the website; second, concerns related to online distance education; and third, the submission of four Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs). Dr. Singh assured the house that all three issues will be promptly addressed and resolved prior to the submission of the final report to NAAC.

Action: Director IQAC

16.15. Admission status for the Academic Year 2024-25 (Reporting item)

The Admission Coordinator provided an update to the house regarding the latest registration status of students for the Academic Session 2024-25. It was also discussed that faculty members and Heads of Departments (HoDs) from each department will actively assist in the admission process, following the guidelines set by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Action: Director Admission

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the Hon'ble members.

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(Member Secretary)

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