

Proceedings of the meeting of the IQAC held on 8th Sept. 2012 at 11am in the Conference Room (first floor) of the Central Administrative Building, Visva-Bharati.

Members & Invitees Present:

1. Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, Chairperson, IQAC and Upacharya
2. Dr. S. N. Ojha, Coordinator, IQAC
3. Prof. B. M. Deb, IISER, Kolkata, External Member
4. Prof. Nirmalangu Shu Mukherjee, University of Delhi, External Member
5. Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta, Calcutta University, External Member
6. Prof. G. Subbiah, Member
7. Prof. Rameshwar Prasad Mishra, Member
8. Prof. Gopal Chandra De, Member
9. Prof. Somnath Chakraborty, Member
10. Prof. Indrani Mukhopadhyay, Member
11. Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member
12. Prof. Debasish Bhattacharya, Member

Invitees:

1. Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Adhyaksha, Rabindra-Bhavana
2. Prof. Samit Roy, Proctor
3. Prof. Onkar Prasad, Adhyaksha, Vidya-Bhavana
4. Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh, Adhyaksha, Palli Samgathan Bhavana
5. Prof. Benudhar Chinara, Adhyaksha, Vinaya-Bhavana
6. Prof. Arun Kumarr Ray, Adhyaksha, Siksha-Bhavana
7. Prof. Harish Chandra Mishra, Adhyaksha, Bhasha-Bhavana
8. Prof. Ashok Bhowmik, Adhyaksha, Kala-Bhavana
9. Dr. Subodh Gopal Nandi, Librarian
10. Dr. M.M. Mitra, Registrar, Visva-Bharati
11. Dr. S. N. Bhattacharya, Assistant Registrar (Academic and Research)

Officials:

1. Sri Sadananda Show, PA to Coordinator, IQAC
2. Sri Shyam Sundar Das, Office Asst., IQAC

Professor Puspajit Mandal (member), Professor Nanda Dulal Mukherjee (member), and Sri Ashok Mahato, Deputy Registrar (Establishment) could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

Opening Remarks by the Upacharya:

The Upacharya welcomed the external members of the IQAC and referred to the underlying quality themes of holistic education in this unique institution, such as provision for nurturing the talent from primary to tertiary level and inclusion of fine arts, music, culture and literature in most of the curricula and the learning ambience. Though the university is progressively making infrastructural arrangements and admission policies to attract students from across the country and even beyond

the national borders, there does exist a certain degree of incongruity relating to student strength from outside the state. He cautioned that the student composition should attain the national outlook at the earliest but adherence to the quality benchmarks should be practiced with greater rigour.

The Upacharya expressed his dissatisfaction over the recent turmoil relating to admission in B.Ed. course of Vinaya-Bhavana. He apprised the members of the delay in publication of the result for admission into B.Ed., late commencement of classes, the anomalous ratio of internal and external intake, misleading media report on the increase in intake from 100 to 200 seats and subsequent chaos in the Bhavana. The external members remarked that spate of incidents were incongruous with the holistic ideals and objectives of this institution and this is in contrast to the long standing reputation of Vinaya Bhavana as one of the best in the country. The Principal, Vinaya-Bhavana offered some suggestions and was requested to prepare a proposal to ensure the quality of education in consonance with the recommendations of the HLC and send it the Academic Council through the respective Board of Studies.

The meeting took up the agenda items for discussion, as follows:

1. Report by the Coordinator, IQAC:

The Co-ordinator, IQAC outlined that the objectives of the IQAC are to assure and enhance the quality in the performance of academic and administrative functions. The Cell is also assigned to collate and corroborate the self-appraisal reports under Career Advancement Scheme. The last meeting of IQAC with external members was held on 24th March, 2012 and in between, three more meetings with the local members of IQAC were held on 18th May, 20th May and 15th July, 2012 to follow up the actions arising out of the first meeting of the IQAC and to prepare the modus operandi to clear the cases of promotion of the eligible faculties under CAS 2010 scheme. The operational scheme for processing of CAS applications has been prepared and approved by Academic Council. He mentioned that the meeting of the IQAC needs to be held at regular interval of three months. In addition to the above meetings, a series of meetings of the sub-committee formed by IQAC were held to scrutinize API scores of the applications sent by the Bhavana level screening committees. As suggested by the external members, it was agreed that the operational measures should be taken up and decided in the meeting of the local members. It was also agreed that the evaluation of PBAS scores for all categories should be done jointly by the Bhavana-level committee(s) and IQAC so as to maintain transparency, minimise the chances of error, bias and processing delay. This will also ensure completion of processing within the stipulated time frame of three months.

2. Consideration and approval of PBAS proforma for Library personnel:

The draft of modified PBAS proforma for library personnel, as submitted by the Librarian, and circulated among members and Adhyakshas much earlier through e-mail was placed in the meeting for consideration and approval.

As a measure of quality, the members opined that the Library should progressively design and incorporate more and more IT-based solutions and should strengthen the functioning of Sectional Libraries under the overall control of the Librarian.

On the basis of a reference made by the Librarian, it was recommended that the Establishment Section should pursue the old cases of CAS of Library personnel and finalise it at the earliest.

After a thorough discussion, it was decided that the proposed PBAS proforma for library personnel be reviewed by a sub-committee of IQAC to incorporate appropriate professional parameters and remove any ambiguity. Arising out of discussion, it was suggested that the above committee may explore the possibility of setting up a Department of Library and Information Science.

3. List of Journals and publishers to be categorised for API scoring:

The list of journals, as relevant for API scores under III category, and as forwarded by departments of Bengali, Persian, Urdu, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Assamese, Hindi and Odia, were placed by the Adhyaksha, Bhasha Bhavana for recommendation to Academic Council. The lists were found to be of exhaustive nature and hence it was opined that the list be trimmed and shortlisted. Accordingly, a subcommittee to do the short-listing was recommended with the following members - Professor B M Deb and the Adhyakshas of Bhasha-Bhavana, Kala-Bhavana and Sangit-Bhavana. The subcommittee will also consider list of journals and publishers for fine arts and music, dance & drama. It was urged that the subcommittee should conclude its proceedings at the earliest to enable processing of the CAS applications from Kala-Bhavana, Sangit-Bhavana and Bhasha-Bhavana. The Upacharya shall chair the meeting and the Coordinator shall be member-secretary of the subcommittee. It was further decided that these list of journals would be considered for API scoring as a short-term measure till a list with ISBN/ISSN registration is collated and compiled. All Japanese and Chinese Journals published in Japan and China would be taken into account for API scoring.

4. Report relating to processing of CAS applications:

Professor P. K. Ghosh, Adhyaksha, PSV and Chairman, Sub-committee for collation of PBAS scores, IQAC, placed for consideration a list of faculty members who were found eligible after scrutiny of their applications for promotion/stage-upgradation under CAS.

It was also recommended that the letters of invitations may be accepted for API validation for participation and presentation in a seminar, workshop, symposium or a similar event provided it is submitted by the applicant along with some corroboration such as book of abstracts, visual records etc.

After careful scrutiny of the list, the list of eligible faculty members was recommended for next level of administrative processing as per UGC regulations 2010. It was further decided that the Coordinator, IQAC shall convey to the respective Adhyaksha of the Bhavana about the applicants who could not yet be recommended by the IQAC Sub-committee. The Adhyaksha of the Bhavana shall invite the concerned applicant to submit requisite documents in support of their claims for PBAS evaluation to the office of the IQAC to enable the checking and verification of the API score to be done in agreement with the reports of Bhavana level screening committee.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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