

Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Council of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) held on Monday, 01st August 2023, at 3.00 pm in the Board-room, Ground Floor, Central Block, Bangalore Central Campus of the University.

In the Chair: Dr Fr Joseph C C, Vice Chancellor

Secretary: Dr Alex P Joseph, Director, IQAC

Members Present

Members and Invitees were present as per the attendance list.

Leave of Absence

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

- Dr Fr Jossy P George
- Dr Fr Lijo Thomas

New Members

Name	Designation, Department, Campus	Rule
Dr Fr Viju P D	Member, CHRIST Trust	2.D.1.e
Mr Tanvir Singh	Director, Human Resources, Prodapt Solutions Pvt Ltd.	2.D.1.f
Mr Joseph Saibi C T	Chief Accounts Officer	2.D.1.c

Declaration of Quorum

The Secretary announced that the attendance at the meeting met the necessary quorum requirement, thereby allowing the proceedings to commence. Following this declaration, the Secretary invited the Vice Chancellor to officially convene the meeting.

Dr Fr Joseph C C, the Vice Chancellor, initiated the session with a moment of silent prayer. Extending a warm welcome to the recently appointed members, he then delegated the discussion of agenda items to Dr Alex P Joseph, the Council Secretary.

Matters on the Agenda:

1. To consider and approve the minutes of the 30th Meeting of the IQAC Council held on 27th March 2023 and to consider matters arising thereon.

Council approved the meeting minutes held on March 27, 2023, as circulated with the Notice in "Annexure A".

2. To consider and approve the action taken report.

Dr Alex P Joseph, Director, IQAC requested Deans to update the Council about the progress made in the area of research as suggested during the 29th Council meeting. Dr Jain Mathew, Dean, School of Business and Management outlined the School's strategies to boost Bloomberg lab utilization and research paper publications.

Dr Iven Jose, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, expressed gratitude for seed funding, highlighting collaborations and an upcoming cybersecurity lab. Dr George Thomas C, Dean, School of Sciences, emphasized on joint research by faculty and students.



Ambassador Venu Rajamony proposed a central body, possibly a Dean of Research, to streamline research. He stressed elevating faculty engagement through conferences, recognizing scholarly contributions, and equal acknowledgment of research and teaching.

3. To take note of the Progress of the New Strategic Plan.

Dr Georgy P Kurien briefed the Council about the preparation of the new strategic plan 2023-26, which aligns with the vision, mission, and core values of the University. He informed the Council that the proposed focus areas were identified through a consultative process involving key stakeholders, faculty members, administrative staff and students. This comprehensive approach ensures a collective and inclusive formulation of the strategic plan, fostering a sense of shared ownership and commitment among the University community.

4. To take note of the Faculty Development Programme and other training programmes for the academic year 2023-24.

Dr Kennedy Andrew Thomas, Director Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum, presented a comprehensive report on the Faculty Development Programme organised from 26 June to 1 July 2023. Dr Louis George, Director, Staff Development College, presented an overview of the planned activities for the upcoming academic year. Dr Sangeetha R, briefed the council about the upcoming National Seminar on Institutionalizing Quality Culture in Higher Education Institutions Organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC). The overarching goal of this initiative is to enhance the quality culture and overall performance of educational institutions.

5. To take note of Industry Collaborations, Placements, and Internships.

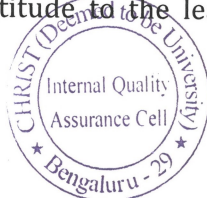
Dr Viju P D, Pro Vice Chancellor, gave an insight into the draft UGC guidelines on Sustainable and Vibrant Industry Linkage. He mentioned that the suggested initiatives are followed at the University for a long time but should be made more formal from now on. Mr Tanvir Singh shared his thoughts on the new guidelines and how the University could use this opportunity to bring out the best in academia and industry. Mr Vijayan M S mentioned that there should be a structure for the students and staff to share their knowledge with the industry to bring out innovation.

6. To discuss Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness to be considered for the next NAAC Accreditation.

Dr Fr Joseph C C, Chairperson, informed the Council that the concept 'SDG aligned Curriculum' will be considered as Institutional Distinctiveness for the next cycle of NAAC accreditation. Dr Alex P Joseph, the Director of IQAC, requested the Council's insights regarding the practices of the University that could be identified as 'Best Practices' for the next cycle of NAAC Accreditation. Following this, Dr Anil Joseph Pinto, the Registrar, put forth the idea of conducting a thorough faculty consultation to formulate a robust best practice framework. The Chairperson, Dr Fr Joseph C C, expressed support for this proposal and encouraged the Director, IQAC to initiate a survey among faculty members to gather input on Best Practices.

7. To take note of the AQAR 2021-22 submission and progress of AQAR 2022-23 preparation.

AQAR 2021-2022 was successfully submitted on 27 July 2023. Director, IQAC expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the leadership team of the University and all



Departments, Centres and Offices for the support extended to IQAC. He also acknowledged the commendable efforts of the IQAC Coordinators across various campuses and the dedicated staff of the IQAC office. Dr Vineeth V provided an update on the ongoing preparations for AQAR 2022-23. He informed the Council that the ERP module was being modified to facilitate the streamlined uploading of AQAR 2022-23 documents.

8. To take note of the status of the University in various rankings

Dr Anil Joseph Pinto, Registrar, presented the various rankings achieved by the University as conferred by different reputed organisations. In the NIRF India Rankings 2023, the University secured 67 position in the University category, 100 in the Overall Category 13, 60 and 101-150 in Law, Management, and Engineering respectively. He acknowledged the contributions of former Vice Chancellor Dr Fr Abraham V M, Dr Fr Joseph Varghese and Dr Alex P Joseph and team for the improvement in rankings. He also mentioned the achievements of the University in various other rankings including Times Higher Education Impact Rankings and India Today Rankings.

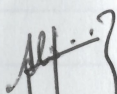
9. Any Other Matter with the permission of the chair

Mr Jugunu Uberoi emphasized the imperative for improved management and presentation of documents related to diverse processes and activities within the University. This would facilitate informed decision-making and enhance the overall visibility of the institution.

Dr Joseph C C, Vice Chancellor, mentioned about the unique initiatives undertaken from the current year:

- a. Vignette Windows - The forum for story telling is constituted with the objective to create visibility and awareness about the University's past and present through various narratives
- b. Digital Mission - To ensure students are imparted with essential and advanced digital skills. This initiative of the Department of Computer Science is being introduced across campuses.
- c. Write Right - An initiative of the Department of English and Cultural Studies to impart professional and academic writing skills to students across the University.

The meeting came to a close with Dr Alex P Joseph, Secretary of the IQAC Council, expressing gratitude in the form of a vote of thanks


Dr Alex P Joseph,
Secretary




Dr Fr Joseph C C
Chairperson

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