Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences held on 19 April, 2023, 3:30 PM



Venue:

Conference Room- Kautilya

The meeting was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor and the following members were present:

#### I Head of the Institution

Chairperson Prof. Atul Khosla, Vice Chancellor

#### **II Administrative Officers**

Member Brig. (Retd.) Sunil Mehta Member Mr. Mohan Dutt Sharma

#### **III Teachers**

Member Prof. Bhaskar Goel Member Prof. Deepak Kapoor Member Prof. Dinesh Kumar Member Prof. Indu Rihani Prof. Kesari Singh

Member Prof. Manju Jaidka Member Prof. Pardeep Singh Member Prof. Ram Prakash Dwivedi Member Prof. Rohit Goyal Member Prof. Saurabh Kulshrestha Member

Prof. Virender Rihani Member Prof. Y.S. Negi Member Dr. Kamalkant Vashisth

Member Mr. Vipin Pubby

## IV Members from the Management

Member Mr. Vishal Anand, CFO, Shoolini University Member Mr. Ashish Khosla

## V Students and Alumni

Member Ms. Divya

Member Mr. Vishal Sharma

## VI Employers/ Industrialists/ Stakeholders

Member Mr. Munish Sharda, Future Generali CEO Member Mr. Vivek Atray (Ex-IAS)

#### VII Coordinator IQAC

Prof. Sunil Puri Mrs. Varsha Patil Mr. Shubham Verma Ms. Pooja Thakur

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The chairman took charge and, after ascertaining that the requisite quorum was present, welcomed the members to the meeting.

The committee members further discussed the action taken on the earlier decisions of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and reviewed their implementation. The final draft of the 28<sup>th</sup> proceedings was also presented to the members and was considered approved

#### Agenda 1: Proposal for 'Code Yoga Bootcamp' for CSE Students

Prof. Bhaskar Goel, Head of School (HOS), School of Core Engineering, proposed a tailored bootcamp for students pursuing Computer Science and Engineering (CSE). The bootcamp would focus on integrating the disciplines of coding and yoga. Prof. Goel elucidated to the members that amalgamating coding and yoga principles can offer a distinctive and comprehensive approach to augmenting technical proficiencies while nurturing the overall well-being of the students.

Subsequently, a suggestion was introduced by Prof. Pankaj Vaidya, the Head of School (HOS) of the Yogananda School of AI, Computer, and Data Science, who was serving as a special invitee to the discussion, advocating for the inclusion of rigorous coding sessions within the bootcamp. These sessions would facilitate the acquisition and practical application of programming languages, algorithms, data structures, and software development techniques.

This notion garnered widespread approval among the majority of the members, leading to a resolution that the 'Code Yoga Bootcamp' shall be orchestrated during April. The Chairman expressed profound appreciation for the ingenuity and allure of this concept. The Chairman perceives this initiative as a pivotal step towards fostering technical skill enrichment, self-awareness, and comprehensive growth among the CSE students.

### Agenda 2: Proposal for Global Pacts for Student and Faculty Exchange

Prof. R.P. Dwivedi, Director of the Office of International Affairs, put forth a proposal to engage in the signing of global agreements for student and faculty exchange in July 2023. This strategic initiative is poised to be a pivotal step towards nurturing international cooperation and enhancing the educational journey for both students and faculty members. Such agreements invariably entail collaborative efforts between educational establishments from diverse countries, creating avenues for students and faculty to partake in studying, teaching, and conducting research on foreign shores

The Chairman, along with the attending members, warmly embraced the proposition. Subsequently, the Office of International Affairs received the mandate to formulate a comprehensive plan intended for presentation to the Vice Chancellor's office. The objective is to facilitate further deliberation on the matter.

The Chairman emphasized the profound significance of such endeavors. These initiatives play a pivotal role in preparing students and faculty to excel in a globally interconnected world. They foster a genuine appreciation for diverse cultures and contribute to academic excellence that transcends geographical boundaries.

# Agenda 3: Shoolini Business School to collaborate with village women's self-help group

Ms. Poonam Nanda, Dean of Student Welfare (DSW), informed the corium of an informal collaborative initiative with "She Haat," a women's self-help group located in Nahan, Himachal Pradesh, India. This collaboration aims to work with women from various villages, namely Baag Pashog, Darhar, Ser Bharal, Ooghat, and Gandhain, in the Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh, India.

Ms. Nanda elaborated further to the members that this endeavor holds the potential to empower women within the village. It would grant them access to educational avenues, skill enhancement, and training opportunities provided by the business school. Moreover, this initiative would also serve to sensitize MBA students, fostering their ability to collaborate effectively within teams for broader societal goals.

By joining forces with "She Haat," we aim to not only uplift women in the village through education and skill development but also to instill a sense of social responsibility and teamwork among our MBA students. This collaborative effort stands to create a meaningful and impactful synergy between the self-help group and our business school.

The chairman and the attending members expressed their admiration for the endeavors of Ms. Nanda and her team in consistently pursuing various social initiatives. They warmly welcomed this proposed idea. Furthermore, a suggestion was put forth to involve the law school, thereby providing legal assistance and support and raising awareness about fundamental rights.

This initiative harmonizes seamlessly with the fundamental principles of social responsibility and community engagement that lie at the heart of Shoolini's values. It reflects a commitment to making a positive impact on the community while fostering a sense of shared responsibility among its members.

## Agenda 4: Proposal to Co-Host the International Conference of Agriculture Museums

Prof. Y.S. Negi, functioning as the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, introduced a comprehensive proposal for the co-hosting of an International Conference of Agriculture Museums. This visionary initiative is set to serve as a dynamic platform, uniting esteemed global experts and stakeholders. The conference is scheduled to take place from October 13th to 15th and is planned to be hosted at the esteemed Shoolini University campus, situated amidst the serene surroundings of Solan, Himachal Pradesh. After this, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, will continue the conference on its campus from October 16th to 18th.

The inaugural phase of this upcoming conference, set within the premises of Shoolini University, will facilitate a profound exploration of the evolutionary trajectory of agriculture and agroforestry in the Himalayan region. The core focus will be dedicatedly directed towards adapting to the prevailing environmental challenges and formulating sustainable models within this context. This particular segment of the conference aims to effectively shed light on the profound significance of the agricultural practices and agroforestry traditions that are inherently woven into the fabric of Himachal Pradesh. In accomplishing this, the conference intends to encapsulate the very essence of the region's rich agricultural heritage.

The consensus prevailing among the esteemed members underscores the resonance and potential effectiveness of this proposal. In light of this collective accord, it is thus resolved that

the co-hosting of the International Conference of Agriculture Museums is anticipated to be realized in the forthcoming month of October. This collaborative endeavor is poised to emerge as a pivotal event, fostering an effortless exchange of knowledge, promoting fruitful collaborations, and significantly advocating for the preservation of agricultural heritage and the advancement of sustainability on a global scale.

# Agenda 5: Proposal for a Seminar on Empowering Women with the Support of NCW

Ms. Poonam Nanda, Dean of Student Welfare, DSW, proposed a seminar on empowering women with the support of the National Commission for Women (NCW). A proposal was put forth to center the theme of the seminar around women's empowerment, gender equality, and the pivotal role played by the National Commission for Women in advocating for and safeguarding women's rights. The suggestion garnered unanimous consensus, underscoring the significance of addressing these critical topics.

It was subsequently decided that the seminar would be convened in June 2023. In this context, it was proposed that Ms. Delina Khongdup, a member, of the National Commission for Women, be invited as the esteemed Guest of Honor. This selection was met with agreement, highlighting the individual's eminence and relevance to the seminar's focus.

The seminar's content and discussions will serve as an invaluable platform for further conversations on women's empowerment, gender parity, and the National Commission for Women's vital contributions to upholding women's rights.

## Agenda 6- Approval of AQAR

Ms. Varsha Patil, Coordinator IQAC, presented the AQAR for the year 2021-2022 to the members. The members reviewed the performance of the university in various NAAC parameters and after due discussion, it was considered approved. It was further directed to present the report in the forthcoming governing body meeting for final approval before submitting it on the NAAC dashboard.

The chairman extended congratulations to the researchers of Shoolini University for their outstanding achievement. Shoolini University has secured a position among the top 200 global institutions in THE Impact Rankings 2023. This accomplishment underscores the university's unwavering dedication to creating a positive influence on society and the environment. The university's commendable endeavors across multiple domains, including research, sustainability, and community involvement, have significantly contributed to its impressive placement on this esteemed list. Furthermore, the IQAC has been tasked with preparing for NAAC Cycle II.

As there was no other matter to transact, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair,

(Prof. Sunil Puri)

**Member Secretary** 

Confirmed

Vice Chancellor