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Minutes of 8th meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Minutes of eighth meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), HBNI held at Council Hall, HBNI, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai on November 19, 2020 is as follows:

Present:

1.	Prof. P. R. Vasudeva Rao	Vice Chancellor, HBNI	Chairman
2.	Prof. P. D. Naik	Dean, HBNI	Member
3.	Prof. D. K. Maity	Associate Dean, HBNI	Member (Through Video)
4.	Shri Sandeep K. C.	Ph.D. Student, HWD, BARC	Member (Through Video)
5.	Prof. S. Laskar	Nodal Officer, TMC	Member (Through Video)
6.	Dr. (Smt.) Anshu Singhal	SO/G, HBNI	Invitee
7.	Prof. Arup Banerjee	Dean Academic, RRCAT	Invitee (Through Video)
8.	Prof. A. K. Dureja	Associate Dean, HBNI	Member Secretary

Members who could not attend:

1.	Prof. G. Ravikumar	Head, SIRD, BARC	Member
2.	Prof. S. Mukhopadhyay	Head, Seismology Division, BARC	Member
3.	Shri Vishnu Prasad S	Registrar, IMSc	Member
4.	Shri A. K. Narang	Head, HRD & KM, HWB	Member
5.	Mrs. Neena Bopaiah	Principal, AECS No.-5, Mumbai	Member
6.	Dr. B. Chandrasekar	Registrar, HBNI	Invitee

M.1: Welcome address and opening remarks by VC, HBNI

Vice Chancellor welcomed all the participants to the meeting and indicated that IQAC is an important forum for getting new suggestions to improve the quality of imparting

education and administrative matters. VC informed the cell that some of the members have either superannuated or transferred to outside DAE Units. He added that the cell can be augmented to have some more members from other DAE units to have more interaction and introspection. In view of current scenario, he suggested that the policy for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) needs to be framed and submit to the department for approval. Further he added that the framework available with other government institutions e.g. IITs, NITs, can be taken as the reference for evolving the framework. He recommended to evolve the academic calendar for various courses to be offered in the coming year so that students can plan their coursework better. In view of the pandemic, he advised to have all the online HBNI courses to be made available on HBNI website. He made a remark regarding change in normal employee-student and student ratio over the years at HBNI. Now as the percentage of normal students pursuing various academic programmes has crossed 70% of total students, the cell needs to devise a suitable mechanism to facilitate employability of these graduating students in the industry. He also shared his observations regarding popularity of webinars being conducted by HBNI and appreciated its viewership. These webinars are helping HBNI to improve its visibility & perception in the academic world.

M.2: Analysis of Alumni Data by Dean, HBNI

Prof. Naik, Dean, HBNI presented data on PhD outgoing students from June 3rd to November 17th. Out of total 109 students, 43 are DAE employees, 29 are pursuing post-doc, 4 are serving in academic institutions, 6 are working in industry, 12 are looking for suitable opportunities and 15 are silent to our query. It was proposed to have data of the alumni of HBNI in a structured manner which would be helpful for orienting the resources for better employment avenues.

Prof. Banerjee suggested to have a bridging fellowship to support students after submission of thesis till the award of degree.

M.3: Discussion on new value-added courses

Prof. Naik informed that currently 22 value-added courses being offered at Central Office and CI / OCC. He elaborated on the importance of these courses towards the employability of the students. He also informed that Research Methodology being a common subject to all the research scholars would be offered at Central Office so that students at all the CI/OCC can take advantage of this course.

M.4: Discussion on feedback received from outgoing students by Dr. Anshu Singhal

Dr. Anshu Singhal presented the feedback obtained from outgoing students. Most of them are Doctoral students. Most of the students are satisfied with the academic infrastructure of the institution. They strongly agreed with the contents of the courses



offered, curriculum, capabilities of faculty members and teaching, research facilities, ICT facilities etc. Most of the alumni agreed to strongly recommend other students to enroll for academic programs of HBNI. Some of the students raised issues about ragging. VC pointed out that we should have zero tolerance for ragging. He informed the cell that as soon as a case of ragging comes to his notice, he has referred the case to Director of the concerned CI/OCC for the necessary action. Some of the students had issues with hostel, mess and recreational facilities provided. The cell opined that the issue of ragging should be dealt strongly.

M.5& M.6: Introduction of faculty lecture programme by Dean, HBNI and Discussion on HBNI Research Students' Forum

Prof. Naik suggested to introduce a faculty lecture programme. This will give an opportunity to the faculty member to describe about the research facilities available in his/her lab, the avenues for collaboration, etc. On similar lines, VC also proposed to have a Research Scholars Forum, so that students get an opportunity to showcase their research work through webinars and get the feedback from other faculty members/ students/ fellow researchers. He suggested Prof. Maity to lead this forum on behalf of Central Office, HBNI.

M.7: Discussion on enrichment courses for non-teaching staff members of HBNI through ATI

The cell opined that the non-teaching staff at HBNI should also be enriched through various courses being organized by ATI. Courses on Excel, preparing Noting, Work ethics, Team building could be arranged for the staff which would help them in carrying out day-in day-out activities.

M.8: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

As there were no more items, the meeting concluded with thanks to the chair and all the members and invitees.

