





Impact of Self-Assessment Process at University of the Punjab for the Improvement of Quality of Education: A Case Study

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Introduction



- Quality assurance refers to "systematic, structured and continuous attention to quality in terms of quality maintenance and improvement
- Quality assurance in higher education is crucial in a country's strategic plans to enhance competitiveness and to meet international standards
- Self-Assessment is a process to assess yourself by yourself to maximize the performance

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- Self-assessment is done through Quality Enhancement Cells under the guidelines of Higher Education Commission, Pakistan in Pakistani Universities, but no research was carried out for the effectiveness of this process
- In this research University of the Punjab is taken as a case study to know the impact of self-assessment process



Purpose of Study

- To study the impact of self-assessment process at University of the Punjab
- To investigate the effect of Teacher's evaluation for the improvement of quality of higher education at Punjab University
- Teachers, students and head of departments are involved in this study

Quality Assurance in Higher Education of Pakistan

- To ensure the quality education in Pakistani higher education institutes quality assurance agency (QA) was established in Higher Education Commission
- These cells are working under the guidelines of QA
- A significant improvement in higher education system is observed after the establishment of these cells

Self-Assessment



Self-Assessment Process

- The quality of academic departments of a university is checked through Self-Assessment Report (SAR) that is prepared by using Self-Assessment Manual (SAM) provided by HEC
- Rollowing steps are involved in self-assessment process
- Department forms the Program Team (PT) that will be responsible for preparing Self-Assessment Report (SAR)
- SAR must contain, mission, objectives, course outline, facilities available, about faculty and expected outcomes of the program

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- QEC reviews / ensure the documentation.
- Assessment Team (AT) forms in consultation of Director Campus & HODs. Rector approves final nomination.
- QEC / QA submit executive summary to the Rector

Self-Assessment Cycle



Self-assessment is a continuous an ongoing process



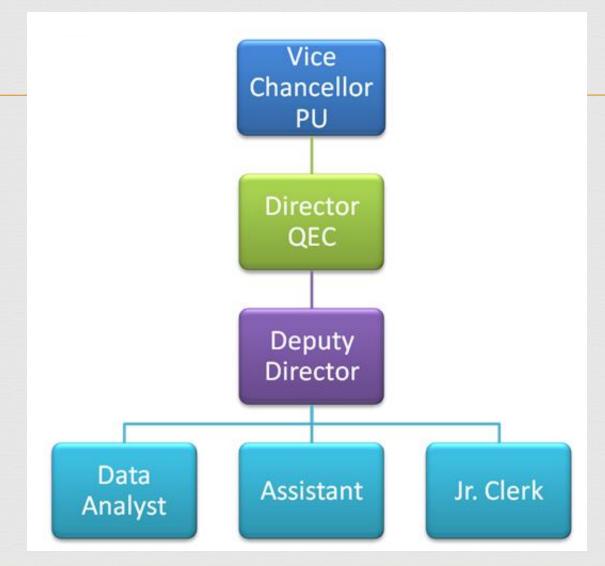
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QEC at University of the Punjab



- QEC was established at University of the Punjab in 2006
- All the departments are now under the umbrella of QEC
- QEC is achieving all the targets set by QA,HEC and has been maintaining its place in "W" category (highest category) in annual HEC ranking

Organogram



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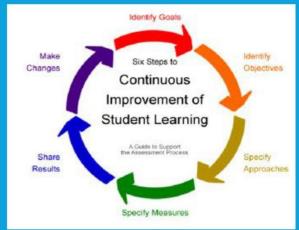
SELF ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

QEC initiates SA through the dean one semester prior to the assessment Department forms the PT that will be responsible for preparing SAR QEC reviews the Documentation within one month NO SAR Complete YES The Vice Chancellor / Rector forms the AT in consultation with the concerned dean based on the recommendation of the QEC QEC plans and fixes AT visit The AT conducts assessment and presents its findings to QEC, Dean, PT and dept. faculty The QEC submits an executive summary to the Vice Chancellor / Department prepares implementation plan as in table A.2 Follow up of the implementation plan by QEC

Figure - 1: Self Assessment Procedure

IMPACT OF SELF ASSESSMENT





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Quantitative approach was used and feedback of teachers, students and HODs was taken.

Findings of Study

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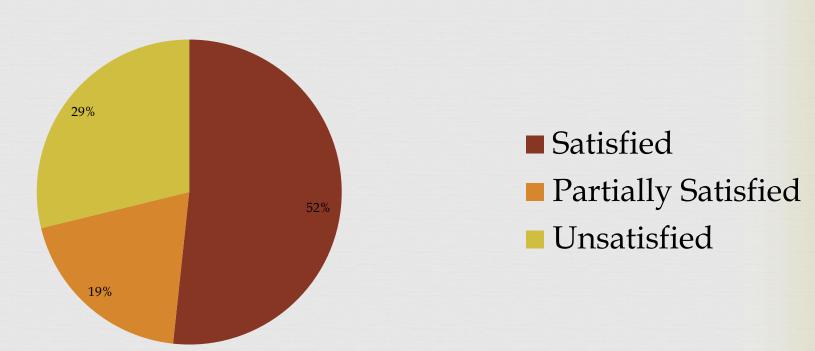
Self-Assessment Process

- 19% are satisfied but want improvements in selfassessment procedure
- ≈ 29% do not find this process helpful for the improvement of quality of education in university

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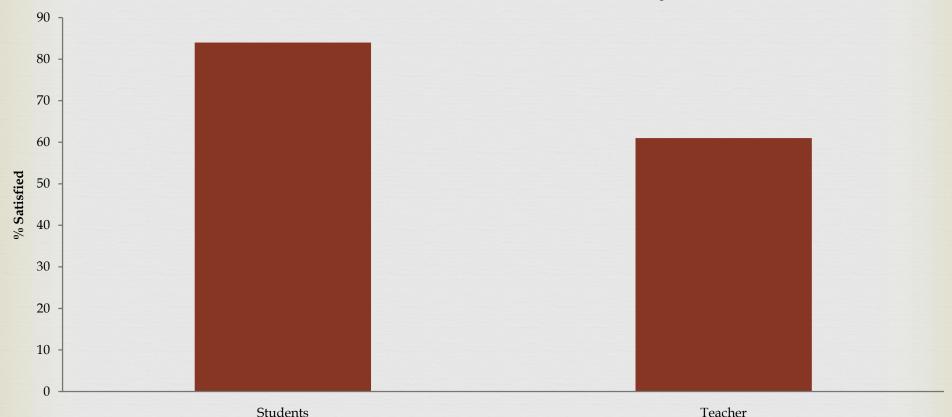
Teachers Evaluation

- ≈ 82% HODs are in the favor of this survey
- ≈ 84% students want this survey to be conducted in their department

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Teacher Evaluation Survey



Conclusions

- Majority of students and teachers are in the favor of self –assessment process and teacher evaluation survey
- Some reservations are also there for these processes
- Self-assessment process should continue in universities to enhance the level of quality education in Pakistani universities

