

Progress of and Plans for Quality Assurance in Universities

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1. Progress of activities from 30th January 2016 – 24th March 2016

1.1. Institutional Review of Universities using new Institutional Review Manual

1.1.1. Eastern University of Sri Lanka

Institutional Review Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka submitted by the review team had been accepted by the Eastern University. Finalized Review report has been submitted to the QAA Standing Committee on 24th March 2016. Soft copy of the Review report will be submitted for uploading to the QAA website upon receiving approval from the UGC.

1.1.2. University of Peradeniya

Institutional Review of the University of Peradeniya was conducted from 29th February – 4th March 2016. Below listed seven members accepted by the University of Peradeniya and approved by the QAASC /UGC served in the Review panel.

Prof. (Ms.) Rohini De A. Seneviratne (Chair)	}	Trained and experienced Institutional Reviewers
Prof. G. S. Widanapathirana		
Prof. Morley de Silva		
Prof. (Ms). Kumudu Wijewardene	}	Newly trained reviewers with experience in Subject/Programme Review
Prof. K.R. Ranjith Mahanama		
Prof. P. Hewage		
Prof.(Ms). Janitha Liyanage		

Draft Report of the Institutional Review was received on 23rd March 2016. On the same day it was forwarded to the IQAU Director and the Deputy Vice Chancellor of University of Peradeniya for perusal.

1.1.3. University of Colombo

As directed by the QAASC /UGC at its 74th meeting, copies of the Self-Evaluation report submitted by the University of Colombo containing 25367 words were sent to below listed members of the review team accepted by the University of Colombo and approved by the QAASC /UGC.

Prof. Nimal Gunawardena (Chair)	}	Trained and experienced Institutional Reviewers
Prof. B.L. Tennekoon		
Prof. N. Dangalle		
Prof. (Ms). Chitra Ranjanie	}	Newly trained reviewers with experience in Subject/Programme Review
Prof. P. Hewage		
Prof. (Ms). D. Lekamge		
Prof. S.H.P.P. Karunaratne		

Chairperson and another member of the review panel informed the QA Consultant of their inability to use the submitted SER for review as it has not been written in compliance with the guidelines and specifications given in the IR Manual.

In response, IQAU Director of the University of Colombo re-submitted a revised version of the SER consisting 12000 words written in compliance with the guidelines. Revised SER was accepted by the

review panel. Institutional Review of the University of Colombo was conducted from 14th March – 18th March 2016.

1.2. 'Manual for Review of Undergraduate Study Programmes of Sri Lankan Universities and Higher Education Institutions'

A total of 306 copies of the Manual had been issued to the Universities, Reviewers, UGC, and the Ministry of Higher Education during the past two months, making the grand total number of manuals issued since launch to 950.

1.3. Revision of Subject benchmark Statements

All relevant information and documents on formulation of the following Benchmark Statements were handed over to the Director/QAAC for continuation:

Mathematics & Statistics

Botany

Draft benchmark statement submitted by the Benchmarking Committee in *Nursing* after the meeting held on 25th November 2015 was handed over to Director/QAAC for continuation of the activity.

2. QA activities planned for April 2016

2.1. Institutional Review of Universities using new Institutional Review Manual

Contract of the QA consultant with the HETC will be completed by 30th April 2016. As advised by the WB Mission (in view of the appointment of Director/QAAC), activities of the QA Consultant during the remaining period will be limited to completion and submission of Institutional Review Reports of the Universities of Peradeniya and Colombo.

A detailed report on all QA activities in Universities conducted with HETC assistance by the QA consultant during her tenure will be submitted to the next QAASC.