

**REPORT ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR QAC-UGC TO
SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA, 2020**

Prof Nilanthi de Silva, Director, QAC-UGC, visited the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka on 5 March 2020 to participate in meetings on quality assurance related activities in the University. Arrangements were facilitated by Prof Chandramali Jayawardana, Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Centre.

The first meeting, from 10.00 am to 11.30 am, was with the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof Athula Gnanapala, the Deans of the Faculties and other members of the **Management Committee of the Internal Quality Assurance Centre** (see Annex 1 for attendance), in the Board Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Office. The Acting VC conveyed the excuses of the Vice-Chancellor Prof Sunil Shantha who had to attend an important meeting in Colombo. The Director QAC explained the purpose of her visit, following which Prof Jayawardana made a presentation on the QA systems and practices at SUSL. It was noted that the IQAC By-Laws are to be amended in the near future in compliance with recommendations in UGC Circular 9/2019. During the ensuing discussion, matters that are mentioned included funding for QA activities, including external reviews; the feasibility of adopting online feedback systems to be used by students; and the need to permit universities to develop pathways for early exit / fall-back options in their programmes of study. The Dean / Agriculture suggested, based in their recent experience with programme review, that in assigning reviewers, subject experts from Tier 1 universities should be assigned to Tier 2 universities, and *vice versa*, to prevent bias in reviewers from universities that compete with each other for students. Other matters that were discussed included the possibility of compiling a record of best practices observed in relation to each of the review criteria during Institutional Reviews; and the possibility of facilitating degree programmes to obtain ISO 9001 certification from the Sri Lanka Accreditation Bureau. The Director QAC agreed to explore these possibilities.

The second meeting took place from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, with **the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences**, Prof Udaya Ratnayake, the **Dean of Faculty of Geomatics**, Prof H M I Prasanna and the members of the Faculty QA cells, including 2 student representatives. During this discussion, the need for support staff was highlighted, and possibility of assigning a Scientific Assistant to each Faculty QA Cell was suggested. The Dean / Geomatics stated that their SER will include a cluster of 5 specializations, and requested a panel of 5 reviewers. The Dean / Applied Sciences stated their intention to submit 4 SERs and requested appointment of reviewers as follows:

1. Sport Science & Physical Education cluster: 3-member panel
2. Food Science and Natural Resources cluster: 4-member panel
3. Physical Sciences cluster: 5-member panel
4. Computing & Information Systems: 3-member panel

Student representatives spoke of the need for greater support for student research projects which are a mandatory part of their Honours degree programmes, especially for opportunities to disseminate their findings and progress to higher studies. Members of the FQAC queried the manner in which programmes that receive A grades are recognized and rewarded. Two suggestions were made in this regard: that such programmes should receive financial support to obtain international accreditation; and that the UGC Admissions Handbook should carry the information.

From 12.30 to 1.00 pm, the Director QAC visited the IQAC offices to observe facilities.

The next meeting, with the **Acting Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages**, Prof Priyanath and members of the Faculty QAC took place from 1.30 to 2.30 pm in the Board Room of the Faculty. The Faculty QA Coordinator noted that the Action Plan for implementation of recommendations in their 2 review reports was submitted in 2018 to the QAC. It was noted that the Faculty has received an AHEAD project grant to support activities based on review recommendations. The early adoption of curricula that enable students to develop their English and IT competencies, and a mandatory internship was highlighted. The student representatives spoke of the close relationship between students and staff in their Faculty, and the absence of ragging in their university.

The last meeting for the day was with the **Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies** and members of the FQAC, in the Board Room of the Faculty of Management Studies. The Faculty QA Coordinator made a presentation which described how the Faculty, immediately after PR site visits met for a 2-day workshop to develop an integrated Quality Management System for their Faculty. The Faculty was able to obtain AHEAD project funding to implement this activity. The Action Plan to implement review recommendations has been developed according to the QAC recommended template and will be submitted shortly for approval by the Faculty Board, Senate and Council. A request to support international accreditation, in recognition of the A grades received by all programmes of study offered by the Faculty, was re-iterated. The need to emphasize and give greater weight to the role of research in quality assurance activities was also highlighted.

Prof Nilanthi de Silva
Director, QAC-UGC

5 March 2020

Annex 1.

Attendance Sheet
19th Management Committee Meeting
Internal Quality Assurance Centre (IQAC)

Date : 05.03.2020

Time : 10.00 am

Venue : Board room of the Vice Chancellor's Office

No	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Prof. Nilanthi De Silva	Director / Quality Assurance Council / UGC	
2.		Member / Quality Assurance Council / UGC	
3.		Member / Quality Assurance Council / UGC	
4.		Member / Quality Assurance Council / UGC	
5.	Prof. M. Sunil Shantha <i>Deciding</i>	Vice Chancellor	
6.	Prof. J.M.C.K. Jayawardana	Director / IQAC	
7.	Prof. H.M.S. Priyanath	Dean / Faculty of Graduate Studies	
8.	Dr. M.M.P. Sumith	Dean / Faculty of Agricultural Sciences	
9.	Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake	Dean / Faculty of Applied Sciences	
10.	Dr. H.M. Indika Prasanna	Dean / Faculty of Geomatics	
11.	Prof. W.K. Athula C. Gnanapala	Dean / Faculty of Management Studies	
12.	Prof. Nirmalee Wickramaratne	Acting Dean / Faculty of Medicine	- as -
13.	Dr. W. Manoj Ariyaratne	Dean / Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages	- as -
14.	Dr. A.D. Ampitiyawatta	Dean / Faculty of Technology	
15.	Mr. V.D. Kithsiri	Registrar	
16.	Mrs. T.N. Neighsoorie	Librarian	
17.	Mr. K.A.R.S. Jayakody	Bursar	
18.	Prof. S.T.C. Amarasinghe	Acting Director / Staff Development Centre	- as -
19.	Dr. Ruwini K. Mutucumarana	Coordinator / Faculty of Agricultural Sciences	- Ex -
20.	Dr. E.P.N. Udayakumara	Coordinator / Faculty of Applied Sciences	
21.	Dr. M.D.E.K. Gunathilake	Coordinator / Faculty of Geomatics	
22.	Dr. Sampath Wahala	Coordinator / Faculty of Management Studies	
23.	Dr. Amal Wageesha	Coordinator / Faculty of Medicine	- as -
24.	Dr. U.P. Lekamge	Coordinator / Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages	
25.	Dr. K.R. Koswattage	Coordinator / Faculty of Technology	
26.	Mrs. M.P.G. Silva	Secretary / IQAC	
	<i>C V Z Imbulade</i>	<i>Deputy Registrar - UUPA Ph.D - researcher</i>	

Annex 2.

Attendance Sheet

Meeting with the Members of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell
of Faculty of Applied Sciences & Faculty of Geomatics

Date : 05.03.2020

Time : 11.00 am

Venue : Board room of the Vice Chancellor's Office

No	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Prof. Athula Gnanapala	Actg. / VC	
2.	Prof N. R. de Silva	D QAC	
3.	Dr. H.M.I. Perera	Dean / Geomatics	
4.	Dr EPN Udayakuma	QAC FAS	
5.	ALG Udaya	FQAC / FAS	
6.	Dr Saman Kewawita	RSQAC / Geomatics	
7.	Dr. H. Dixithura	SUGEO / Geomatics	
8.	Dr. M.D.K. Gunathilaka	Faculty of Geomatics	
9.	B. T. G. S. Kumara	FAPASC / CIS	
10.	A. A. Y. Abayasinghe	AR / FAS	
11.	H. H. K. N. Dharmasiri	AR / Geomatics	
12.	Sadeera Bandara	FQAC / FAS	
13.	AAL Madhusani	SSPE / FAS	
14.	L.R.M.D. Wicaramathilaka	SSPE / FAS	
15.	K.M.Somawathne	Actg Head / FST	
16.	D S Munasinghe	senior lecturer (QA member) SUGEO / Geomatics	
17.	J. A. S. Jayakody	Senior Lecturer	
18.	Prof JMCK Jayasinghe	Director / QAAC	
19.	prof. Udaya Rathnayake	Dean / FAS	
20.	Prof Chandana Udawatta	Professor in chemistry	
21.	Dr EPN		
22.	R.H.P.P.S. Deeptha	Student Representative FAS	
23.	LB.S.R.B. Jayasuriya	Student Representative FAS	
24.	P.H.K. Priyakanthi	Staff management Assistant	
25.	S.A.A.C.K Hemachandra	Technical officer	
26.	C.S. Weerabasinghe	Student Representative FOG	
27.	M.G.S.Nethsara	Student representative FOG	
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Annex 3.

Attendance Sheet
Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages
Meeting With Director QAC , Dean/Heads/Faculty Quality Assurance
Co-coordinator & Members

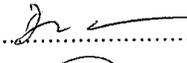
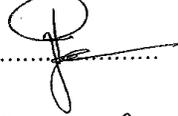
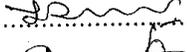
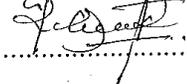
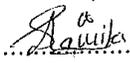
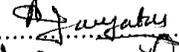
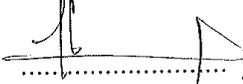
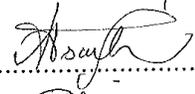
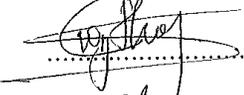
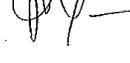
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	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Prof. Nilanthi Renuka de Silva	Director, QAC	<i>Nilanthi</i>
2.	Prof. H.M.S.Priyanath	Associate Professor	<i>H.M.S.Priyanath</i>
3.	Dr. Upul Lekamge	Coordinator, FSSL	<i>Upul</i>
4.	Dr. M.A.C.S.S. Fernando	Act. Dean, FSSL Head, Dept. of Eco. & Stat.	<i>(M.A.C.S.S. Fernando)</i>
5.	Dr. K.V.D. Edirisooriya	Head, Dept of GEM	<i>K.V.D. Edirisooriya</i>
6.	Mr. S.K. Handaragama	Head, Dept of Soc. Sciences	<i>S.K. Handaragama</i>
7.	Dr. R.G.S. Rathnayake	Head, Dept of Languages	<i>R.G.S. Rathnayake</i>
8.	Dr. K. S. N. Prasangani	Head, Dept. of ELT	<i>K. S. N. Prasangani</i>
9.	Mrs. R.P.S. Hemalatha	Senior Lecturer Gr. I, Dept of Soc. Sciences	<i>R.P.S. Hemalatha</i>
10.	Dr. J.K.C. Dissanayake	Senior Lecturer Gr. I, Dept of Languages	<i>J.K.C. Dissanayake</i>
11.	Mrs. E.M.T.K. Senevirathne	Senior Lecturer Gr. II, Dept of GEM	<i>E.M.T.K. Senevirathne</i>
12.	Mrs. B.M.L.R.K. Basnayake	Senior Lecturer Gr. II, Dept. of ELT	<i>B.M.L.R.K. Basnayake</i>
13.	Mr. N.C. Weerathne	Lecturer (Probationary), Dept. of Eco. & Stat.	<i>N.C. Weerathne</i>
14.	Mrs. Y.S. Chandrasekara	Convener Assistant Registrar, FSSL	<i>Y.S. Chandrasekara</i>
15.	Mr. Chamith Bandara	Technical Officer	<i>Chamith</i>
16.	Ms. Ishani Perera	Management Assistant	<i>Ishani</i>
17.	Ms. D.V. Liyanapathirana	Student (14/SL/157)	<i>D.V. Liyanapathirana</i>
18.	Ms. W.K.A. Pavithra Janani	Student (14/SL/120)	<i>W.K.A. Pavithra Janani</i>
20.	Prof. J.M.C. Jayasinghe	Director / QAAC	<i>J.M.C. Jayasinghe</i>
21.	Mr. A.P. Jana		

Annex 4. Meeting with the Dean and FQAC members of the Faculty of Management Studies

MEETING.....with FQAC staff and the Director QAC/UGC
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES
 ON 05/03/2020.....

Name	Signature
Prof. Arhula Granapala	
Prof. Nilantri de Silva	
Prof. D. A. G. Dayaratne	
Dr. Rangan Shalika	
Dr. L. R. S. Menike	
Mrs. J. A. R. C. Sandarukani	
Ms. P. M. Shamika	
Mrs. Yoganjana S. Menike	
Mrs. A. L. Jayalake	
Dr. N. P. G. S. S. Naotun	
Ms. I. M. Katuwandeniya	
Ms. A. W. Thiranagama	
Mrs. A. W. G. C. N. Wijethunga	
Mr. I. A. Ekanayake	
Dr. H. P. R. Priyancara	
Prof. J. M. C. J. Saam	