

Workshop on Progress Review of Internal Quality Assurance Units of State Universities

University Grants Commission

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- **University:** *THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA*

- Director of IQAU: Prof. Thusitha Jayasooriya
- Date of Establishment:
 - A senate approved QA committees from 2004 – 2013.
 - IQAU (expanded QA) from April 2013 – Oct. 2015
 - New IQAU – since October, 2015



Faculty QA Cells

Faculty	Date of Establishment	Coordinator
Engineering Technology	January, 2010	Dr D A R Dolage
Natural Sciences	November, 2011	Dr Chathurika Karunanayake
Education	December, 2011	Dr W M S Wanasinghe
Humanities and Social Sciences	February 2015	Dr Champika Liyanagamage
Health Sciences	August, 2015	Mrs A V P Madhavi
*Academic Division of the Centre for Educational Technology and Media	January, 1993	Dr B G Jayatilleke



Activities on Quality Assurance Completed (up to 15.03.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity (University/Faculty)	Objective	Period/ Dates of Activity
<i>Obtaining approval of Curricula of new / revised programmes of study from the Curriculum and programme review committee, OUSL</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>assess academic standards of admission / exemption requirements , course delivery methods , assessment etc. of programmes of study.</i>	<i>From November, 1987 onwards</i>
<i>Preparing QA guidelines for developing Student centered self-instructional learning material for courses</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>provide effective learning materials enabling learners to understand course contents on their own.</i>	<i>From 1995, revised several times thereafter</i>

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Name of Activity	Responsible Entity (University/Faculty)	Objective	Period/ Dates of Activity
<i>Preparing procedural manual for CA test, FE, Grading / selection / practical tests</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>assess the standard for examination procedures and quality of learner assessment across faculties.</i>	<i>2000, latest version 2013</i>
<i>Conducting examinations according to the guidelines in the procedural manual for examination work .</i>	<i>All faculties</i>	<i>monitor the standard for examination procedures and quality of learner assessment across faculties.</i>	<i>2000 onwards</i>

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Name of Activity	Responsible Entity (University/Faculty)	Objective	Period/ Dates of Activity
<i>Collecting Student feedback on day schools</i>	<i>All faculties</i>	<i>improve- quality of course delivery at day schools .</i>	<i>Since 2014, across all faculties.</i>
<i>Collecting Student feedback on courses</i>	<i>All faculties</i>	<i>improve quality on course materials / course delivery/ assessment methods.</i>	<i>Practiced since 2004</i>
<i>Conducting Staff training sessions on - Day schools based on approved guidelines.</i>	<i>Faculties of Education, HSS and Natural Sciences.</i>	<i>improve quality of course delivery at day schools .</i>	<i>Since 2010</i>

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<i>Conducting Peer assessment academics (internal / visiting)</i>	<i>Faculties of Education, Natural Sciences and Health Sciences</i>	<i>provide guidance while -motivating-staff in teaching.</i>	<i>Since 2010</i>
<i>Implementing work Norms for teachers</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Make academic aware about their academic obligations in serving the institution.</i>	<i>Implemented from April 2004.</i>
<i>Conducted two Institutional reviews , 19 Subjects reviews and a library review based on the earlier guidelines by UGC</i>	<i>University , all faculties and Library</i>	<i>Streamline quality procedures in all operations and achieving high academic standards in teaching learning. assessment etc.</i>	<i>Subject and library reviews were completed by 2009 and the 2nd IR in 2014</i>

Activities on Quality Assurance Proposed (after 15.03.2016 and till 31.12.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity (University/Faculty)	Objective	Proposed Period/Dates
<i>Restructuring courses to be aligned with SLQF.</i>	<i>All faculties</i>	<i>develop relevant attributes in graduates that will lead to their career advancement within and outside Sri Lanka.</i>	<i>Within two years since Jan 2016</i>
<i>Modifying Curriculum to comply with Washington Accord requirements.</i>	<i>Faculty of Engineering Technology</i>	<i>raise the standards of the Engineering Technology degree and to get the accreditation by the respective authority</i>	<i>Within two years since Jan 2016</i>

Activities on Quality Assurance Proposed (after 15.03.2016 and till 31.12.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity (University/Faculty)	Objective	Proposed Period/Dates
<i>Implementing Performance appraisal for academics</i>	<i>All academics in the university</i>	<i>assist academics to achieve their performance targets.</i>	<i>Before the end of 2016</i>
<i>Instructions to academic staff on evaluating course delivery</i>	<i>All faculties</i>	<i>use the feedback obtained from students in the revision of courses effectively.</i>	<i>Before the end of 2016</i>

Best Practices of IQAU (3 best)

- * Adoption of university wide QA procedures developed at CETMe to maintain the quality standards of all learning material, ie print, online, OER etc. across faculties.*
- * Monitoring of progress of faculty QA cells and providing support in quality assurance procedures.*
- * Assisting in developing the Strategic Management Plan of the 2016 - 2020 and Monitoring its implementation.*



Constraints faced by IQAU (3 most pressing)

- * Lack of full time staff involved in QA activities within the university prevents the implementation of QA policies and practices to the full potential within the expected time period.*
- * Commitment among staff in maintaining QA standards is varied.*
- * Limited student interest in providing constructive feedback on courses and programmes of study.*



Thank you !

